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(54) **Stud member for a snap fastener**

(57) An improved back-male assembly for snap fasteners comprises a cap for covering the surface of the head of the back-male assembly and having an up-turned edge on the opposite surface of the web, for co-operating with a corresponding portion of the base of

the fastener male assembly, for holding a material flap it is fixed to, thereby eliminating any needs of using a reinforcement washer, while allowing the covering cap to be quickly and simply applied to the exposed portion of the back-male assembly head.

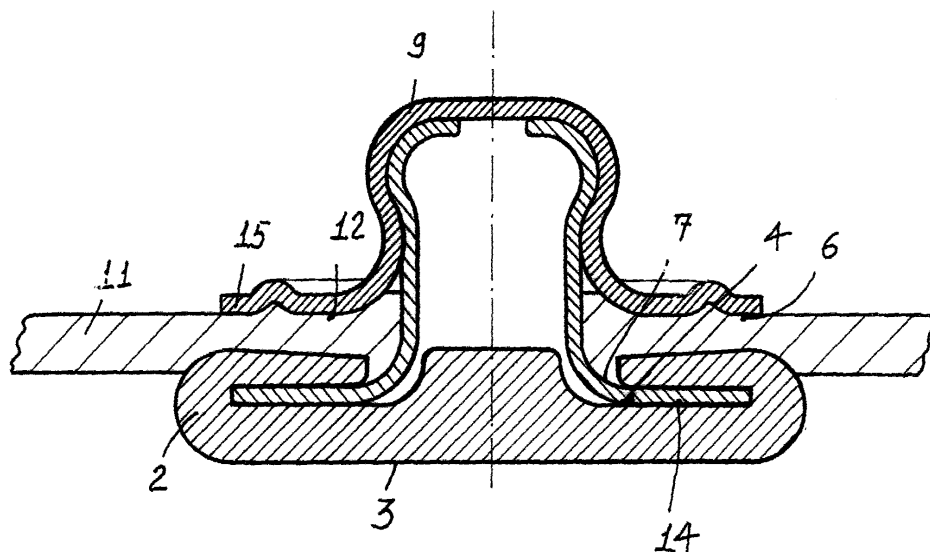


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