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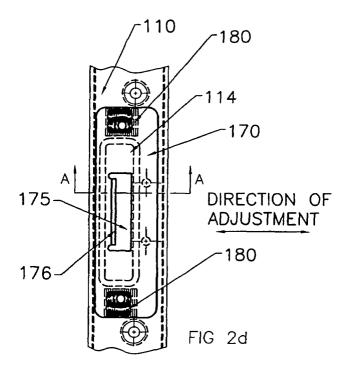
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(54) Keep and lock assembly and keep for receiving locks

(57) A keep rail 110 having a plurality of keeps 112, 114, 116 for engagement with respective portions of the door lock 122, 124, 126. The keeps 112, 114, 116 are arranged symmetrically with respect to a central axis of the keep rail which is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the keep rail. Thus the keep rail can be used on both left and right handed doors or windows by rotation

of the keep rail about its axis of symmetry.

Also disclosed is a keep rail 200 having one or more keeps 202, 204, 206 and a plurality of slots 210, 212, 214, 216 through which elongate fixing means such as screws can be inserted. This makes it possible to fix the frame to the structure of the building after the keep rail has been mounted to the frame, even though the keep rail covers most of the frame.





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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-9

keep and lock assembly; door or window; or kit of parts wherein an elongated keep rail with a plurality of keeps symmetrically arranged with respect to a central (transversal) axis of the keep rail.

2. claims: 10-21

A method and keep rail wherein the keep rail comprises one or more slots through which elongate fixing means can be inserted for fixing the keep rail to a structure of a building

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