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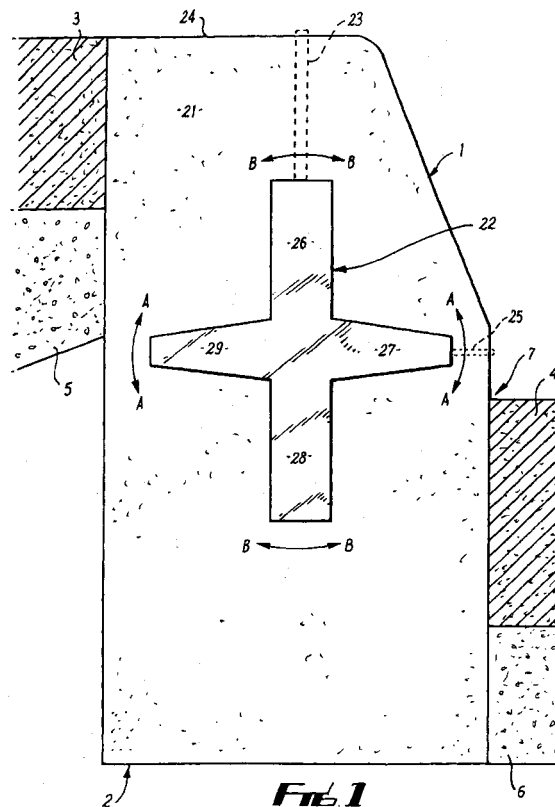
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(54) **A spacer and method of ensuring a gap between kerb stones**

(57) Kerb stones 1 by their nature are heavy and unwieldy articles which are difficult to accurately manipulate and align. Nevertheless, it is desirable to provide a predetermined gap between adjacent end edges of kerb stones for drainage and expansion. This problem is further exacerbated when higher rates of kerb stone laying are required. A spacer 22, 31, 41, 52, 62, 82 is provided having significant radial components to ensure that an accurate gap is provided between adjacent kerb stone 1 edges. The spacer members take the form of typically a cross in order to ensure accurate spacing in the crossed axes X and Y as the two kerb stone edges are brought together. Typically, a spacer is secured to one kerb stone edge and then brought into abutment with an adjacent kerb stone edge to ensure accurate alignment and spacing. Possibly, a dangle or positioning tag 23 is provided to ensure appropriate location upon the kerb stone edge.





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