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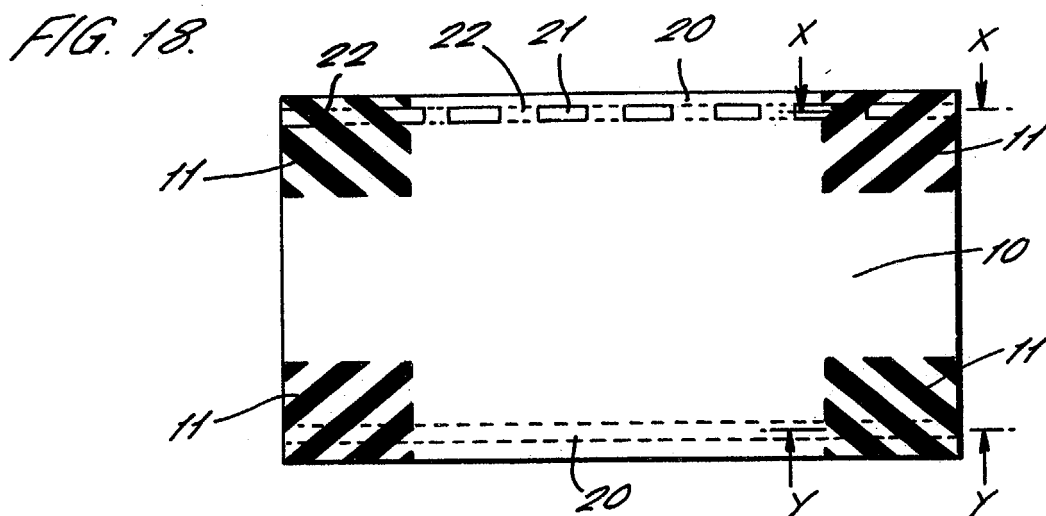
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(54) **Improvement of the strength of paper sheets**

(57) The invention relates to improvements in paper, and in particular to the use of watermarks and security elements for strengthening paper sheets and documents made therefrom. The invention therefore provides a sheet having at least four corners and at least four sides

joined at said corners, wherein corner reinforcing watermarks are provided at each of said corners. An elongate security element is at least partially embedded within the sheet along and close to an edge of each of at least a pair of opposing sides.





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