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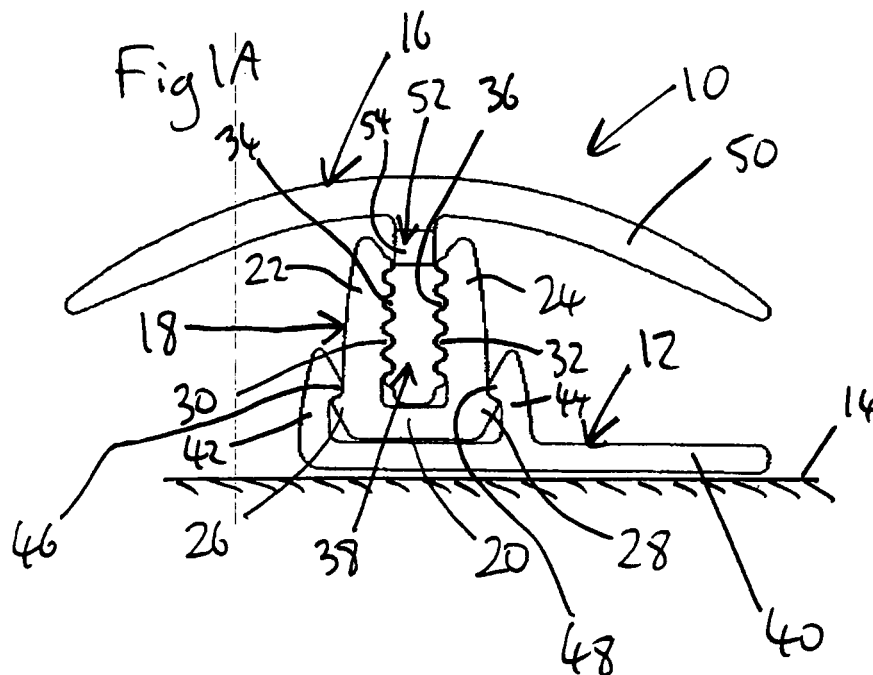
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(54) **Engaging Assembly for a Floor Covering**

(57) An engaging assembly (10) for a floor covering comprises an elongate first engaging member (12) for engaging the floor and an elongate second engaging member (16) for engaging the floor covering. The engaging assembly further includes a connecting member (18)

comprising first and second securing formations (26, 28, 30, 32) to co-operate with the first and second engaging members respectively and secure the first and second engaging members thereto, thereby connecting the first and second engaging members to each other.





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1. claims: 1-11

An engaging assembly according to claim 1, features of the connecting member referring to its height; features of the securing portion of the first engaging member and the first securing means of the connecting member concerning their mutual connection.

2. claims: 12-29

An engaging assembly according to claim 1, features of the securing portion of the second engaging member and the second securing means of the connecting member concerning their mutual connection.

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