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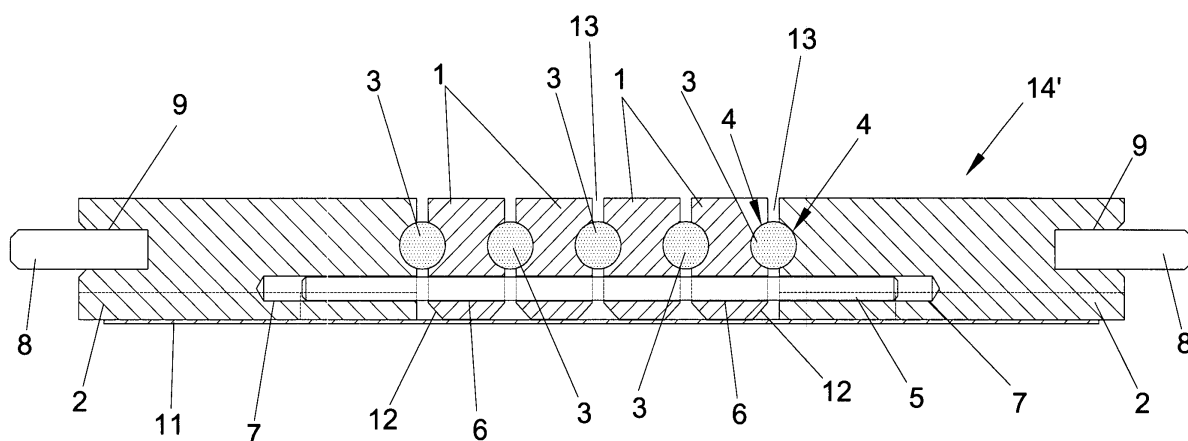
(54) **Dilation joint for flooring**

(57) It relates to a dilation joint (14,14') for flooring designed to be placed between the tiles (10) that make up a flooring.

It is characterised in that it comprises sections (1,2) which are close to each other and whose opposing faces include channels where elastomeric elements (3) are fitted that maintain the narrow separation between said sections, further including means (5) for joining said sec-

tions that allow movement thereof during the dilation of the flooring.

Another feature of the invention is that the end confluence sections of the dilation joints include centred notches, in such a way that when juxtaposing said end portions in the confluence areas and in the crossing areas of the dilation joints, small gaps are generated in which additional parts are inserted.



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FIG. 3



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1. claims: 1-6

Dilation joint for flooring according to claim 1, features of the dilation joint itself.

2. claims: 7-12

Dilation joint for flooring according to claim 1, features of additional parts for the crossing areas of dilation joints.

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