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(54) **Device for forming a closure between fabrics and/or other materials**

(57) Fastening systems include one or more fastening members, sliders, stop blocks and/or top stops. Fastening members described include a variety of features, including structures associated with the head portion,

transition portion, and tail portion. Sliders include friction reducing structures and locking features. Stop blocks provide bottom stops for various articles, and serve to anchor a fastening member. Top stops provide a containment structure for limiting slider travel.

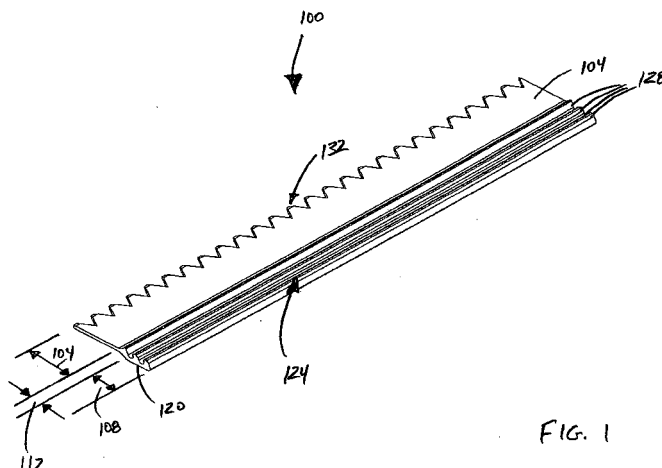


FIG. 1



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**LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION  
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1. claims: 1-7

Fastening system with first and second fastening members comprising tractioning features

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2. claims: 1, 8-12

Fastening system with a stop block comprising a rotatable brake

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3. claims: 1, 13, 14

Fastening system with a stop block comprising first and second block members fixed respectively to first and second fastening members

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