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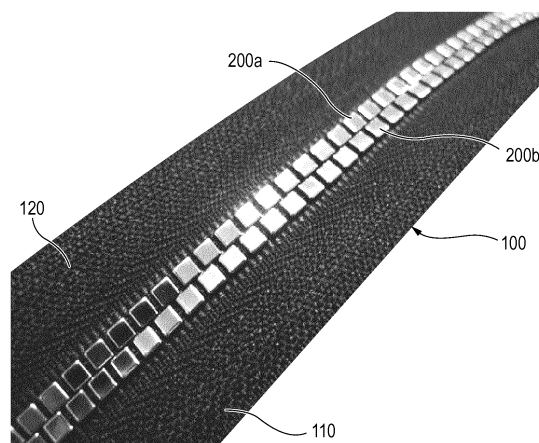
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(54) **Coated slide fastener and method of preparation**

(57) The present invention relates to a slide fastener stringer comprising a first tape comprising a first edge, the tape further comprising a cord extending along the first edge of the tape; and wherein the tape further comprises a row of coupling elements located along the first edge of the tape and fixed thereto about the cord in a manner enabling the coupling elements on the tape to interdigitate with coupling elements on a second analo-

gous tape; and wherein each coupling element comprises a first surface and wherein a decorative layer is applied to the first surface of at least one coupling element; and wherein a protective layer is applied atop the decorative layer and extends over and beyond the decorative layer to contact a region of the at least one coupling element not covered by the decorative layer and to a method of preparing same.

FIG. 2





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