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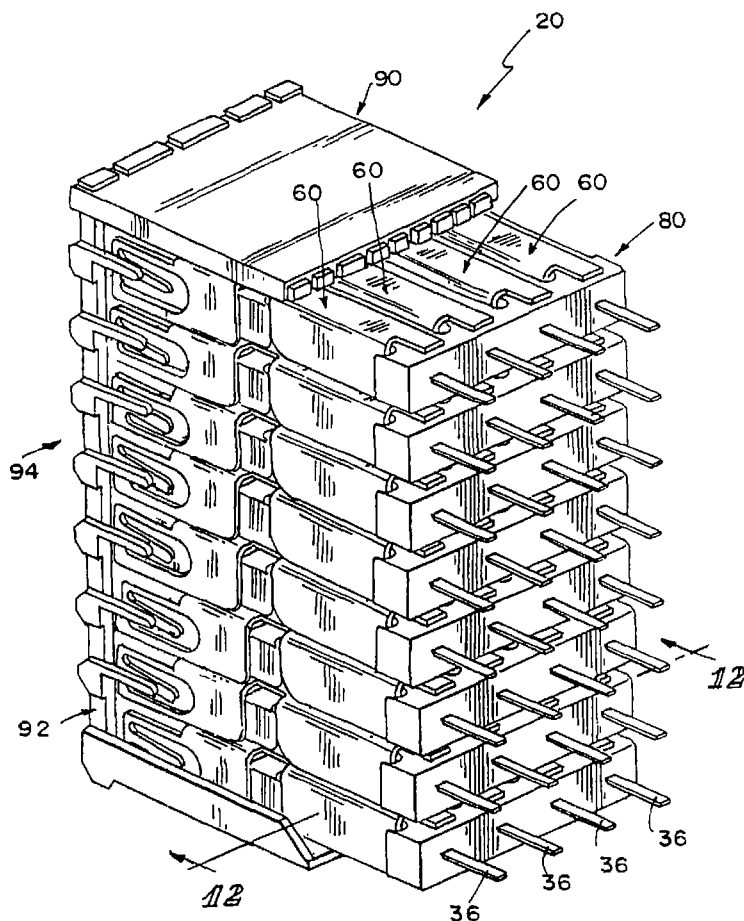
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(57) Abstract: A connector (20) includes a plurality of horizontally spaced contacts (30) arranged in a row with each contact (30) having a forwardly extending contact portion (32) configured to engage a corresponding contact in a mating connector, an intermediate portion (34) and a rearwardly extending tail portion (36). An insulative housing (50) encases the intermediate portions (34) of the contacts (30). The housing (50) has horizontally spaced, vertical slots (52) between the contact intermediate portions (34). A shield (60) is provided for each contacts (30). Each shield (60) has a vertical flange portion (62) for insertion into a vertical slot (52) and an upper horizontal portion (64) extending along and above the intermediate portion (34) of the adjacent contact (30). The insulative housings (50) with contacts (30) and shields (60) assembled therein are configured to be inserted into horizontally extending slots (92) in a front cap (90).



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