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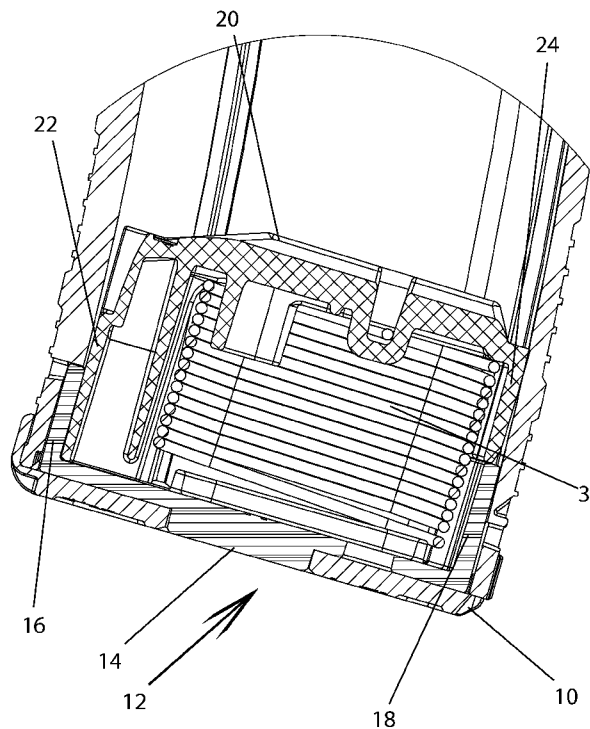


FIG. 5

(57) **Abstract:** A new interface for a magazine follower (20) and floor plate (10) is used to provide greater stability to the round stack and a more sturdy system overall. The floor plate (10) is designed with two opposite legs, the rear (24) being shorter than the front leg (22) so as to facilitate travel throughout the magazine and clearing of accumulated dirt and debris. The floor plate (10), in one embodiment, utilizes a lock plate (12) that is shaped and sized to become a shoe for the compressed spring (3) and associated follower (20). In an alternate embodiment, the floor plate (30) itself serves the purpose and, with provided teeth (36, 38), directly fastens to the magazine casing (2) at notches (6, 8) manufactured in the magazine casing for that purpose. Other enhancements to the magazine include at least one matrix of divots (5) to provide a paint surface, an over-insertion stop and lower rear geometry to aid in clearing debris and grit.



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