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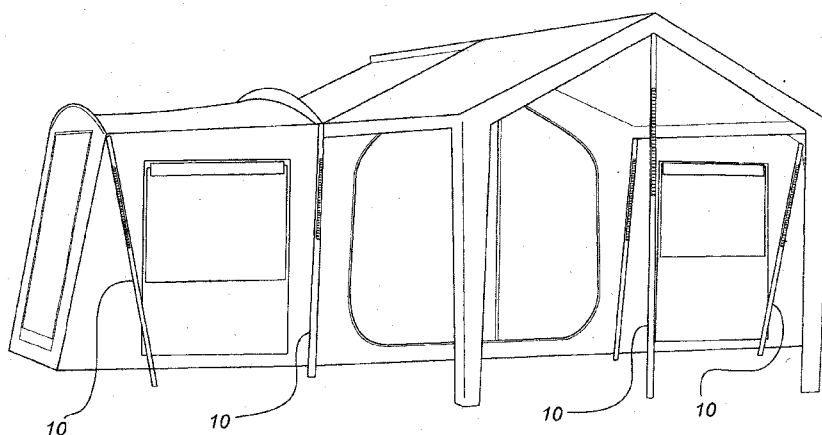


FIG. 10

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an illumination device comprising an elongated support element (10) with an illumination source (20) integrated therein. Preferably the elongated element is collapsible, telescopic or resiliently flexible. It may comprise a plurality of sections (11, 12) which are adapted to reciprocate between a retracted configuration and an extended configuration. The device is particularly suitable for temporary or collapsible structures such as tents, umbrellas, awnings, shades or the like.