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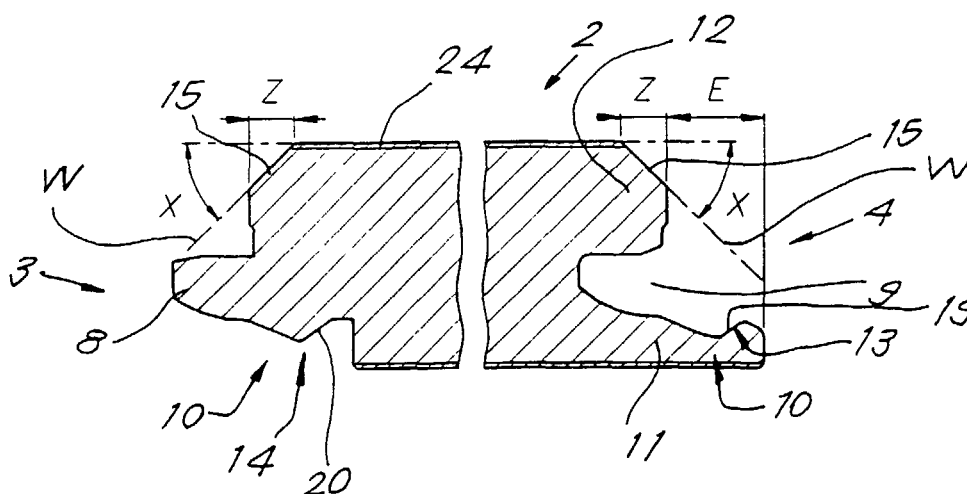
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(57) **Abstract:** Floor covering consisting of hard panels (2), whereby these panels (2) are provided, at least on two opposite edges (3-4; 5-6), with coupling means (7) made in one piece with the panels (2), so that several of such panels (2) can be mutually coupled, whereby these coupling means (7) provide for an interlocking in a direction (R1) perpendicular to the plane of the floor covering (1), as well as in a direction (R2) perpendicular to the edges (3-4; 5-6) concerned and parallel to the plane of the floor covering (1), and whereby these coupling means (7) are made such that the panels (2) can be rotated into and/or out of one another at least along the above-mentioned edges (3-4; 5-6), characterised in that the panels (2) are provided, at least on the above-mentioned edges (3-4; 5-6), near the top side, with a part from which has been removed an amount of material.