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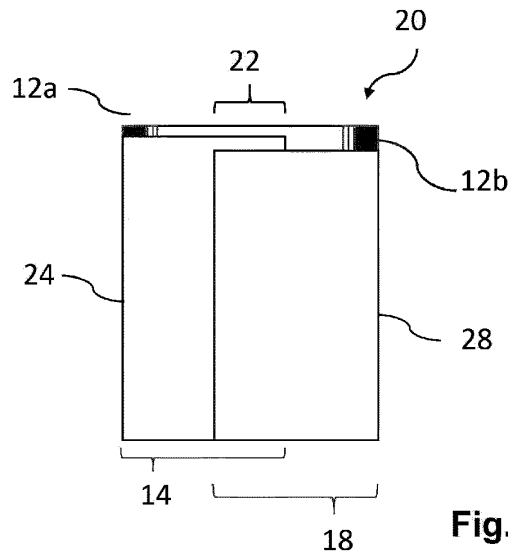
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**Fig. 2a**

(57) **Abstract:** A method of manufacturing a continuous belt of tyre base layer, the method comprising providing a sheet of material having a first lateral edge portion, and a second lateral edge portion, wherein the first lateral edge portion is separated from the second lateral edge portion by a central portion, laying a first stiffening element on the sheet where the first lateral edge portion and central portion meet, and laying a second stiffening element on the sheet where the central portion and second lateral edge portion meet, folding the first lateral edge portion over the first stiffening element, folding the second lateral edge portion over the second stiffening element, and securing the first lateral edge portion and the second lateral edge portion to the central portion.

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