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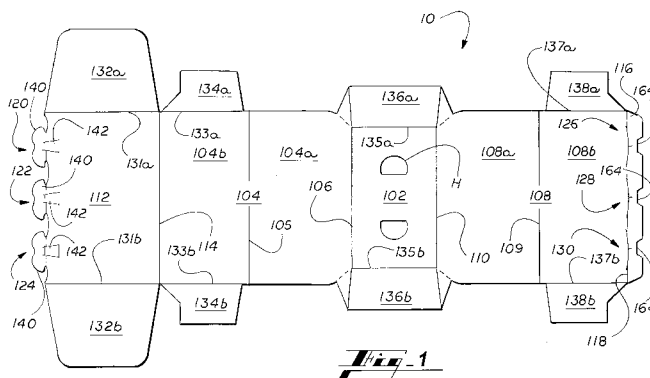
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(57) Abstract: A wrap-around style carrier (10) includes an interlocking arrangement (120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130) for securing the panels (108, 112) of the carrier around an article group, while restricting the lateral movement of the elements of the interlocking arrangement and thus, of the panels. Each interlocking arrangement includes a locking tab (140) that is received in a locking slit (160), and lateral motion between the locking tab and the locking slit is restrained using an alignment tab (142) and an alignment receptacle (164) that interlock to fix their relative positions securely. The locking arrangement is achieved without folding the elements in different directions during the interlocking process.