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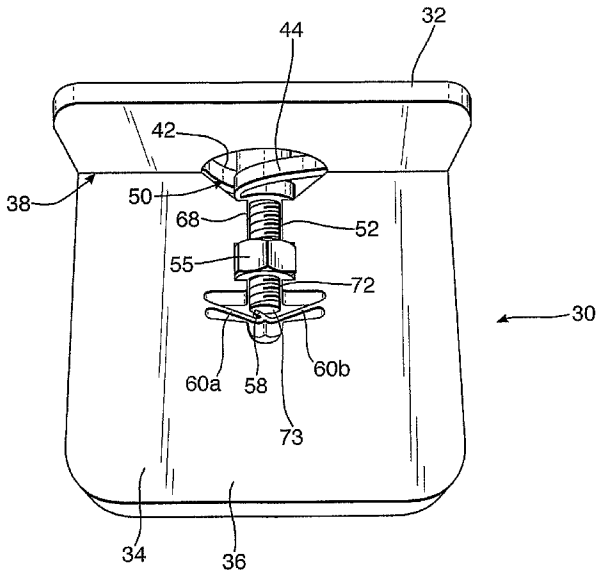
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Fig.3.



(57) **Abstract:** A ductile sheet (32) includes an aperture (40) for receiving a threaded fastener (68) to secure the ductile sheet (32) to a component (34). The ductile sheet (32) includes a deformable region (42) in which the aperture (40) is defined, the deformable region (42) being deformable out of the plane of the ductile sheet (32) during tightening of the threaded fastener (68) to secure the ductile sheet (32) to the component (34).

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