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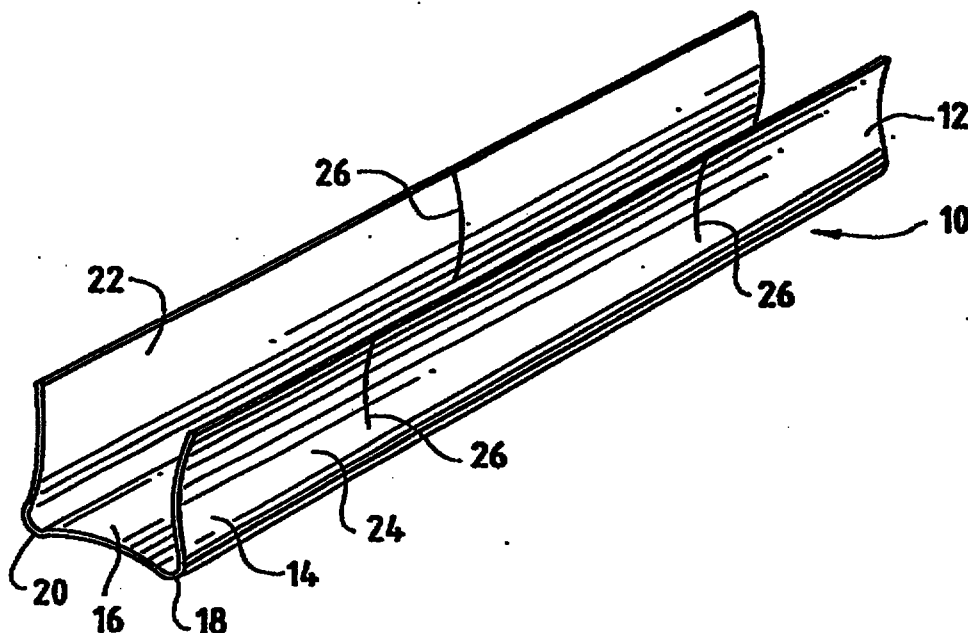
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(57) Abstract

A connector (10) and method for connecting two drywall corner finishing devices (30). The connector connects and/or aligns the two drywall corner finishing devices positioned end to end by being inserted into corresponding openings (28) located in the profile of the drywall corner finishing devices. The side members (22, 24) of the connector are pinched in, reducing the size and shape of the cross-section of the connector so as to fit within the corresponding openings. When released the side members deflect back pressing out against the sidewall (32) of the openings.