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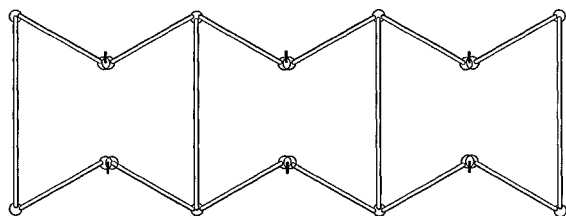
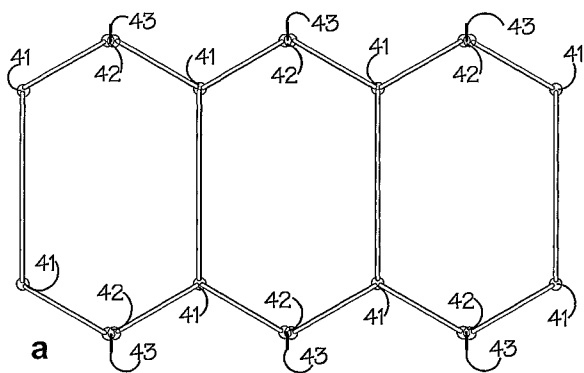
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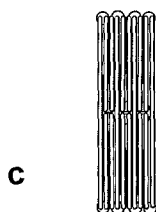
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(54) Title: GABION



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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a recoverable gabion (1) for use in protecting military or civilian installations from weapons assault or from elemental forces, such as flood waters, lava flows, avalanches, soil instability, slope erosion and the like. The gabion (1) comprises opposed side walls (2,3) comprising a plurality of side wall elements (14, 15) connected together at spaced intervals by a plurality of partition walls (4, 5, 6) such that spaces between neighbouring pairs of partition walls define, together with the side walls, individual compartments (7, 8, 9) of the gabion, adjacent side and partition walls being connected to one another by pivotal connections (41) enabling the gabion to be folded between fully flattened and deployed configurations, wherein at least one of the pivotal connections (43) is a releasable connection which when released allows a side wall element to open with respect to the gabion to allow access from the side of the gabion to any contents of the gabion compartments.



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