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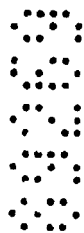
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## ABSTRACT:

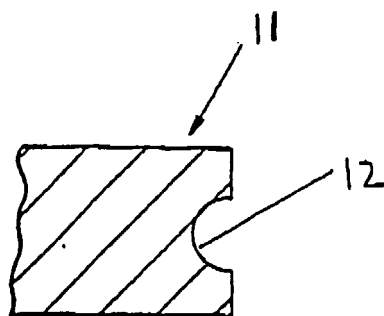
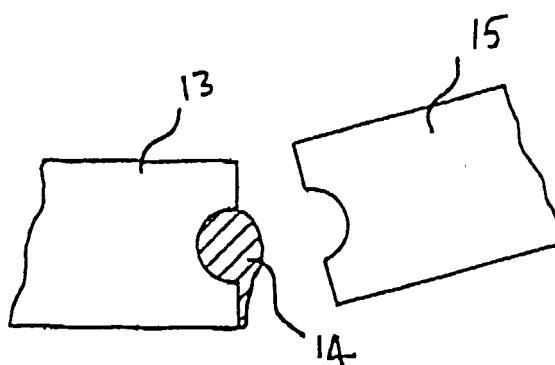
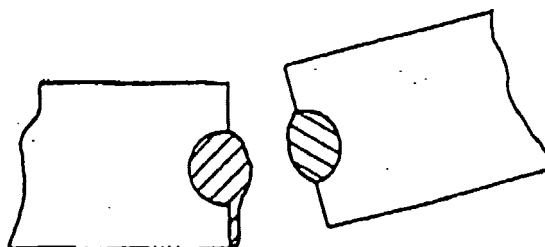
A method of edgewise joining flooring panels which comprises positioning a first panel on a flooring frame including joists, said panel having an edge provided with at least one groove, which edge does not run along the longitudinal axis of a joist, and

positioning a second panel on the flooring frame having an edge provided with at least one groove complementary to that of said first panel,

wherein said method includes the additional steps of applying adhesive to at least one of said grooved edges and then bringing the panels substantially together prior to fixing or allowing the fixing of the panels or the second panel to the frame, the adhesive being applied in such a way and being of a kind whereby there is an adhesive joint having a resistance in shear to relative vertical movement of the panel edges as well as a forming of a spline between the panels moulded at least in part by the said complementary grooves.



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FIG. 4FIG. 5AFIG. 5B