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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONSTRUCTING A SET OR A STAGE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A wall module assembly usable to make interchangeable scenery, the module comprising a first support member having a first end, a second end, a first main surface, and a second main surface, a second support member having a first end, a second end, a first main surface, and a second main surface, a plurality of panel members interchangeably and removably supported by at least one of the first support member and the second support member, adjacent at least one of the first main surface and the second main surface of the first and/or second support member, and a plurality of connection members supported by the first end of the first support member and configured to be removably received within openings formed in the second end of the second support member positioned adjacent to the first support member.

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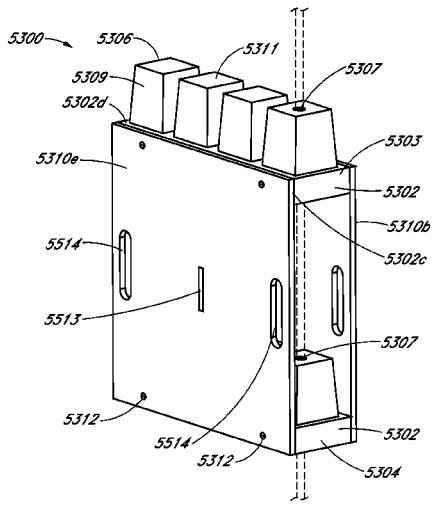

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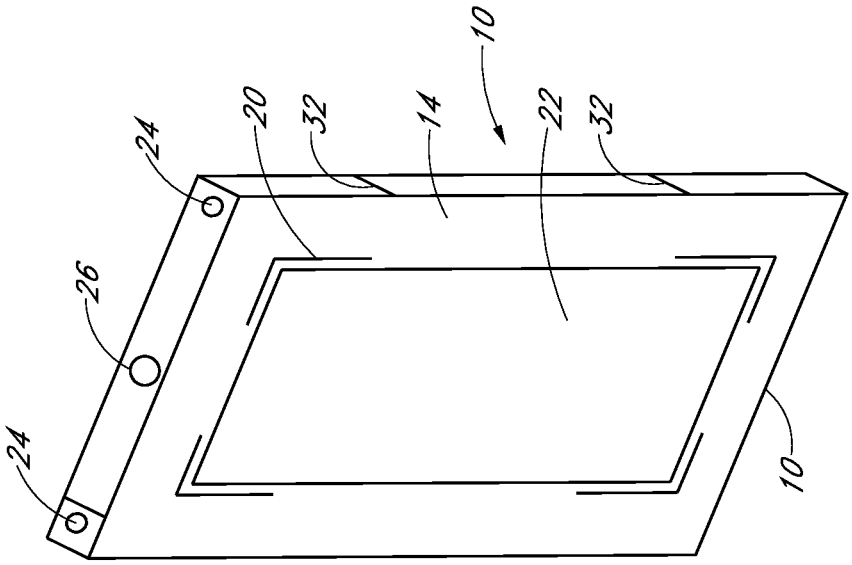

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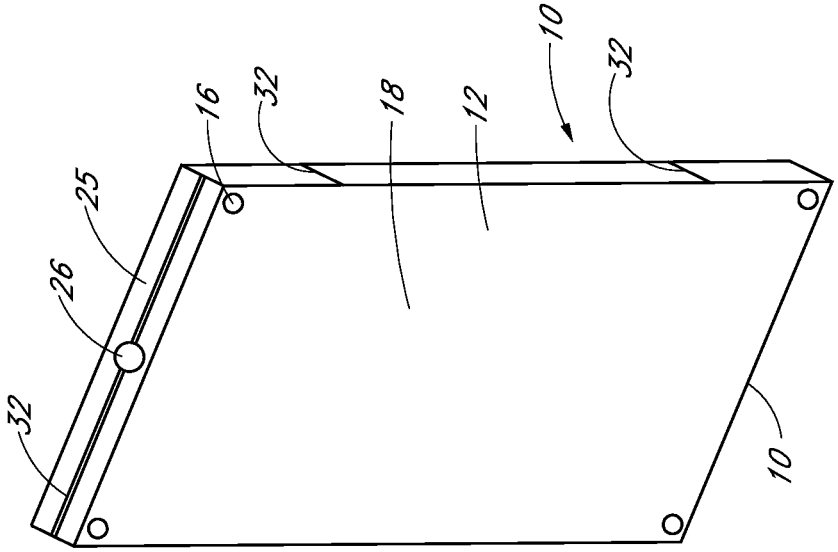

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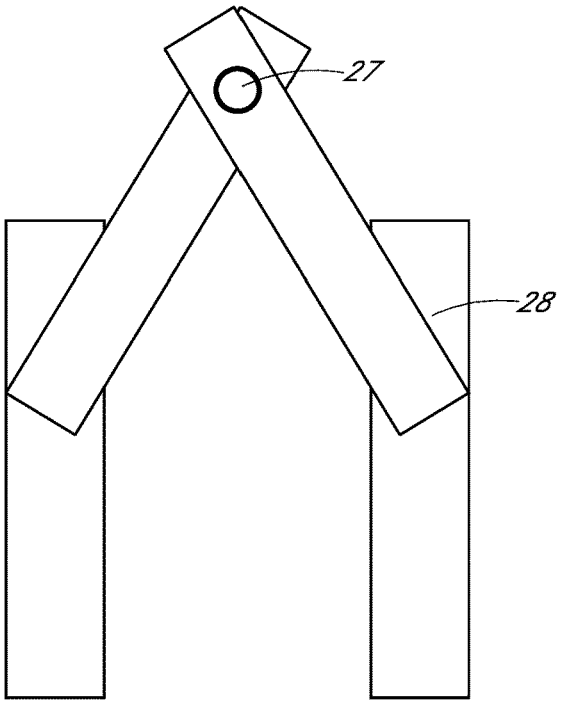

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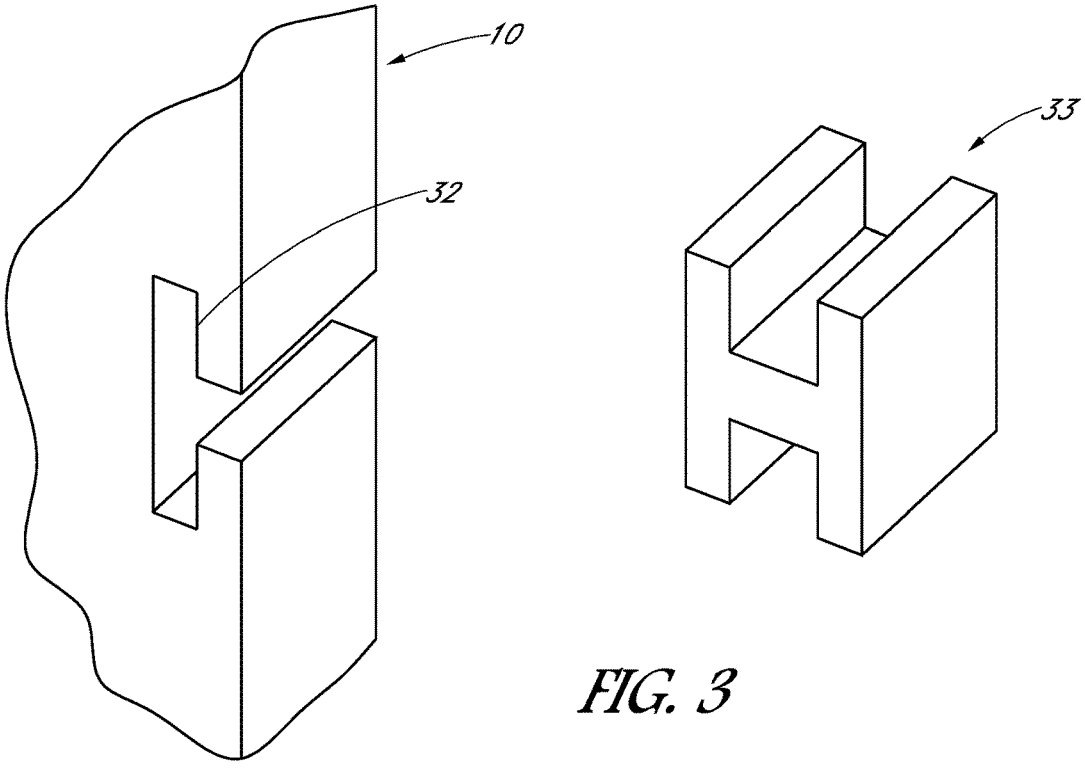

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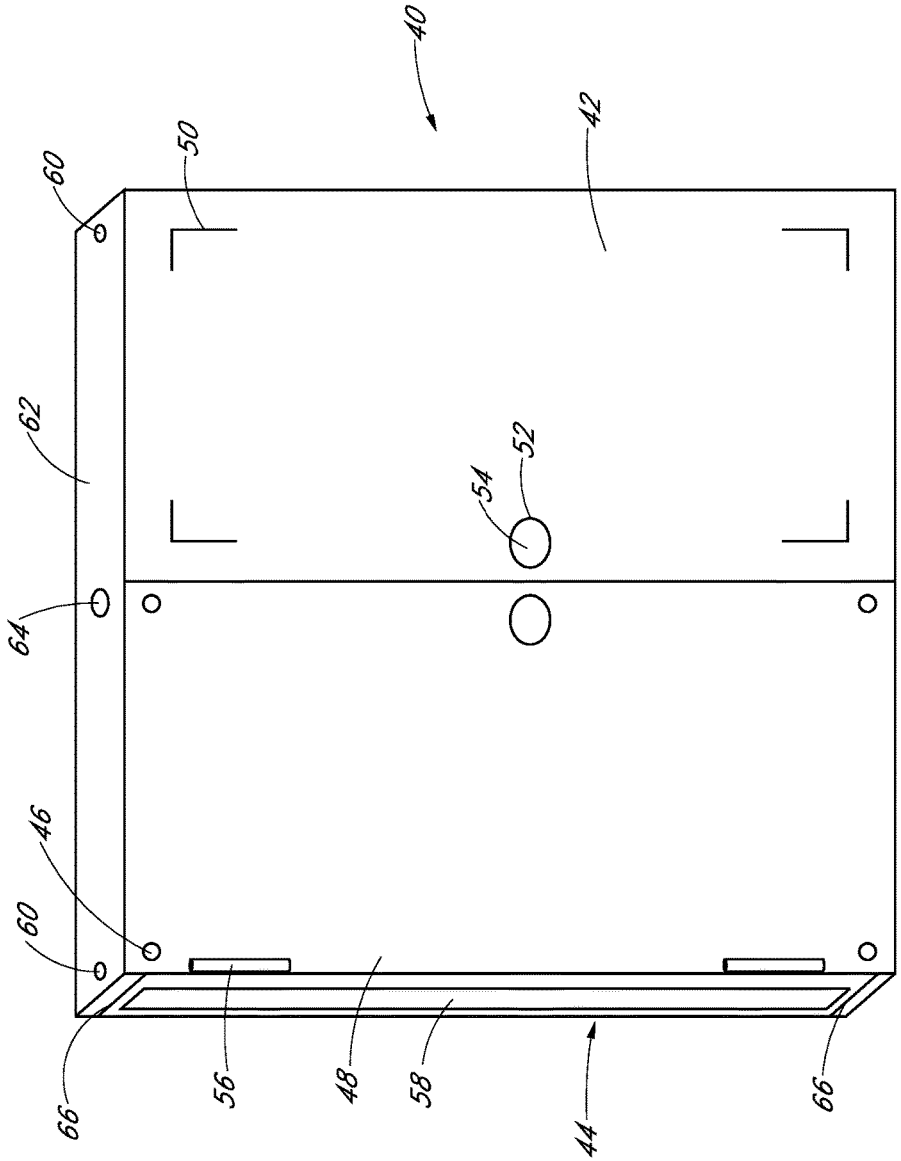

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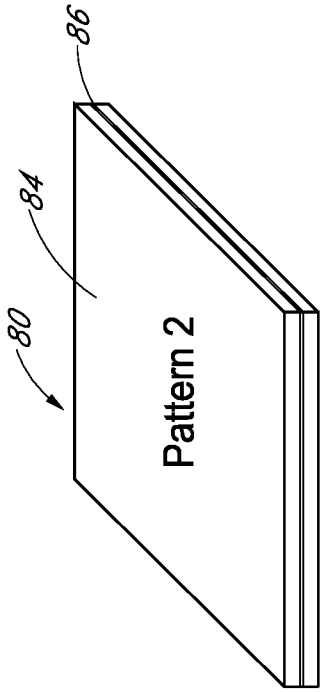

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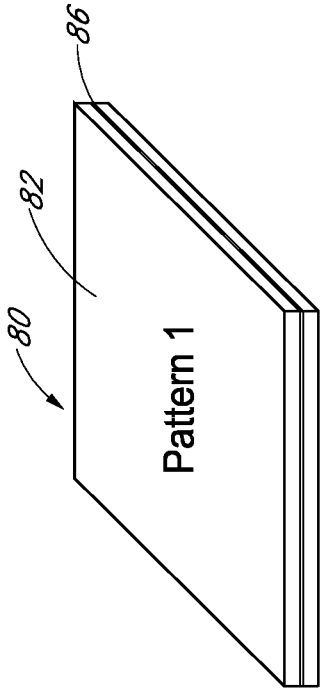

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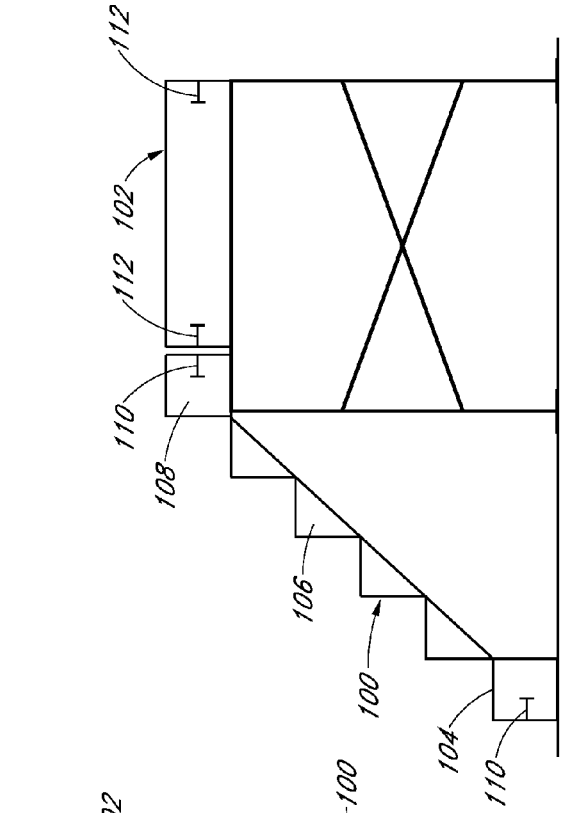

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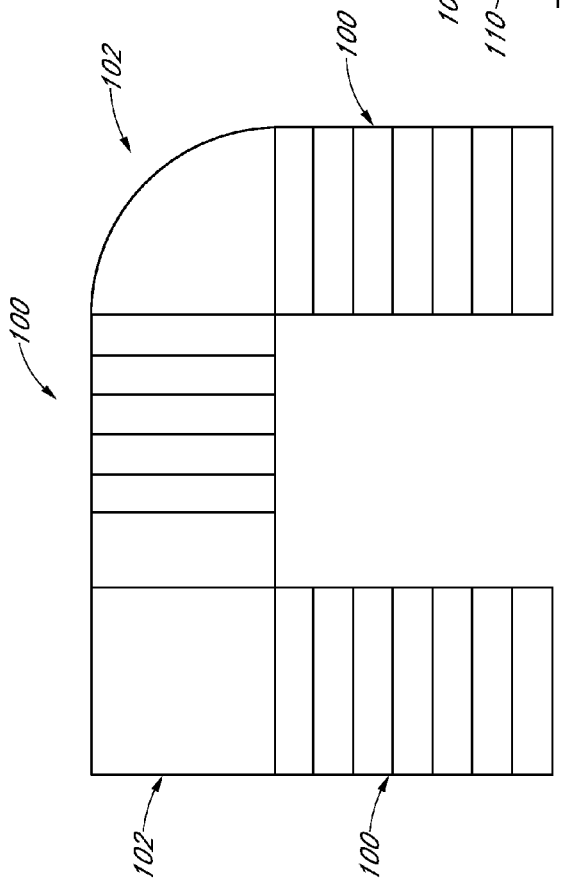

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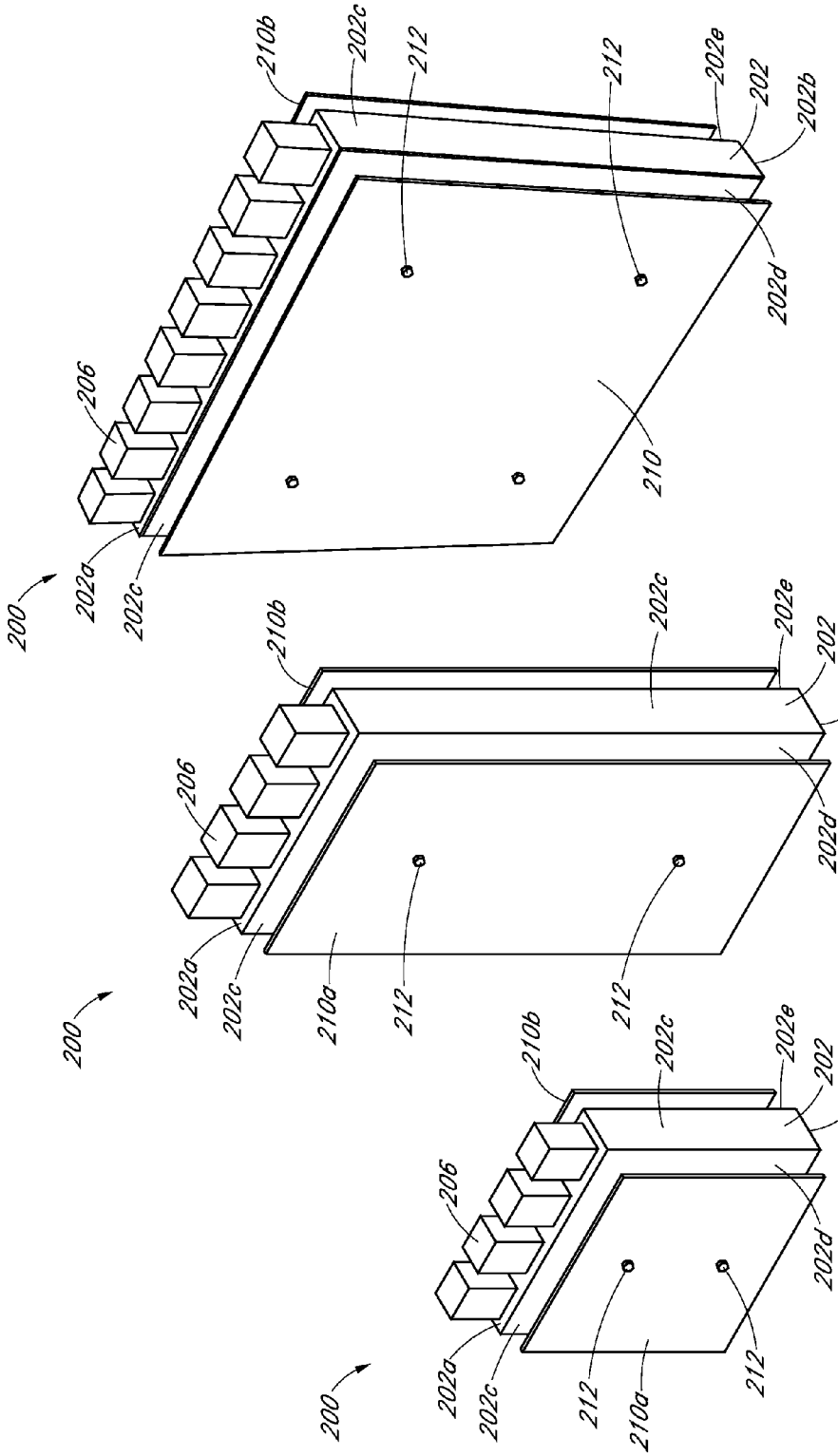
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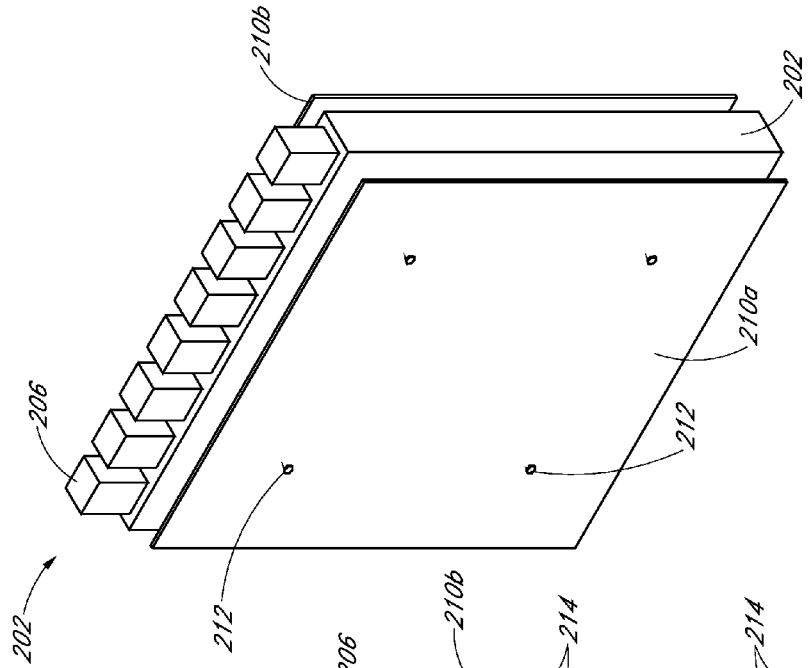

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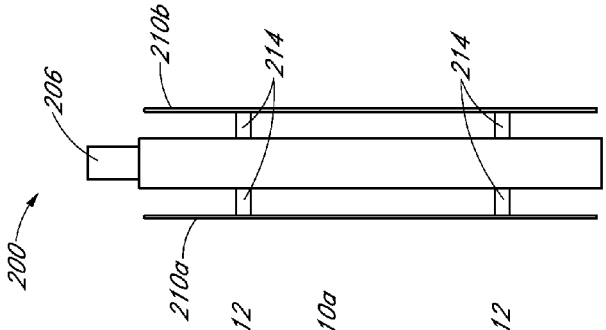

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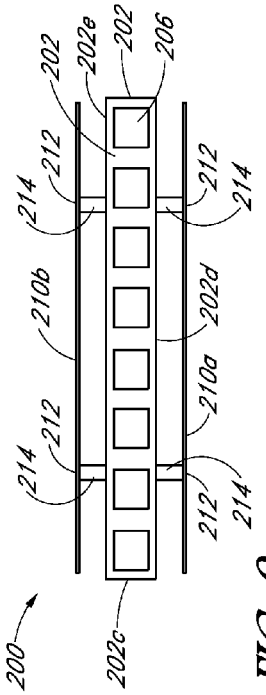

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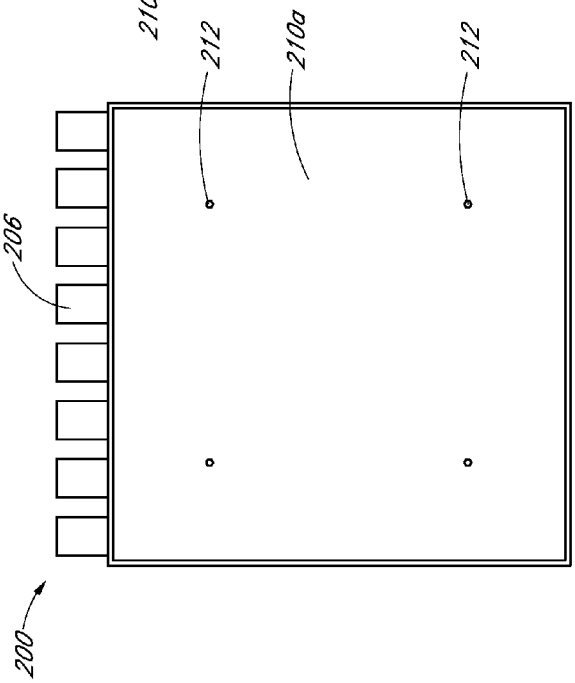

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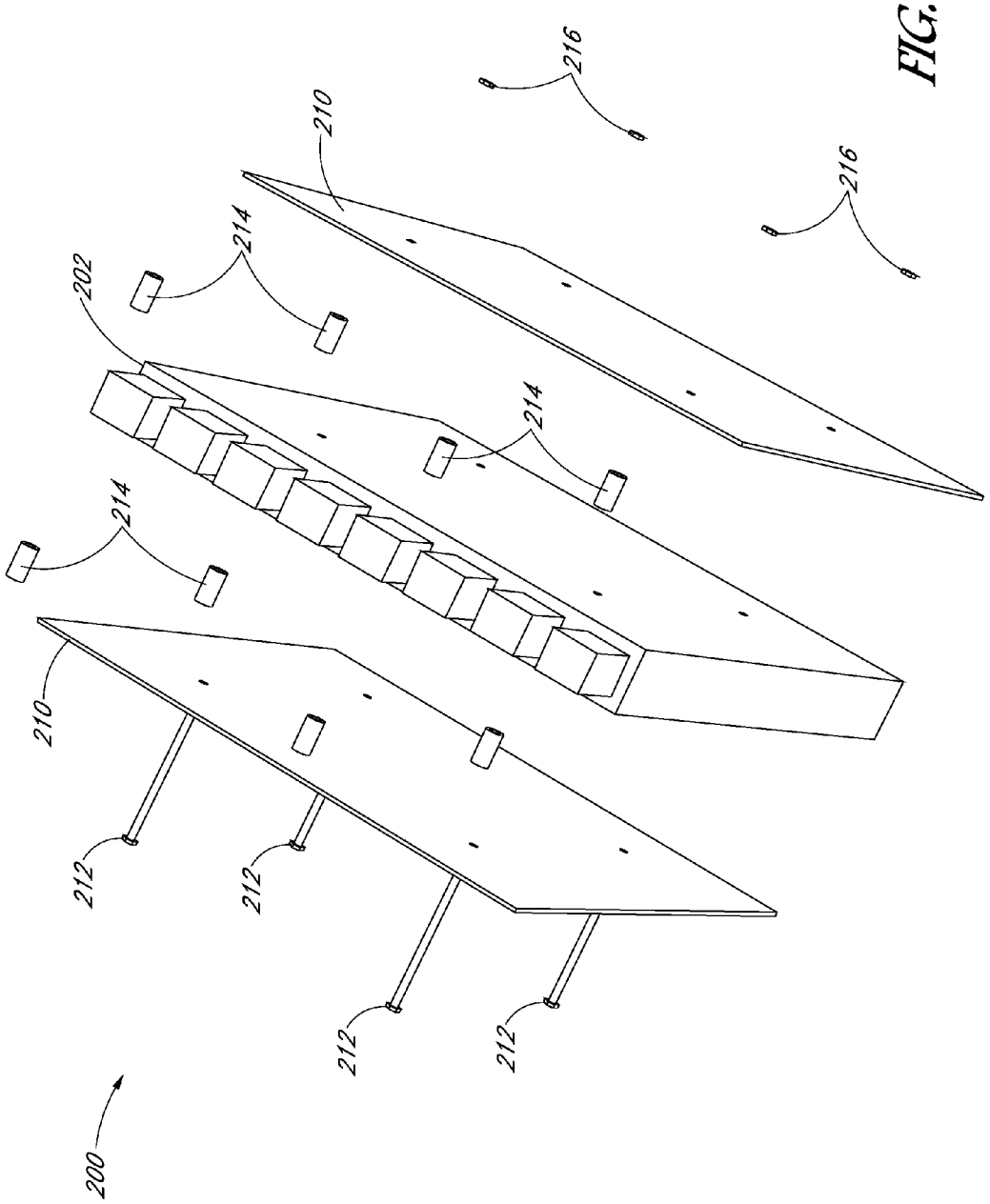

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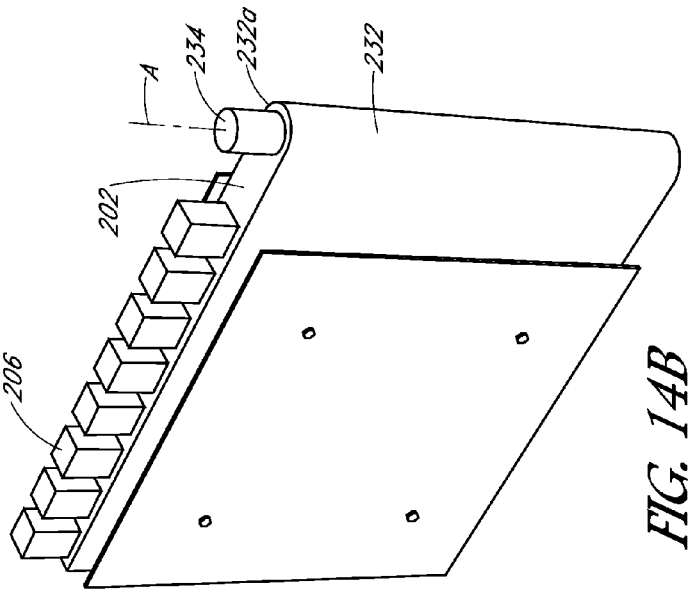

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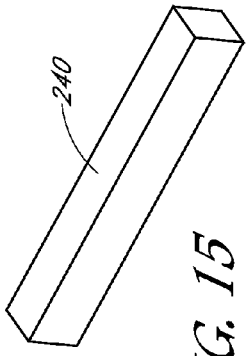

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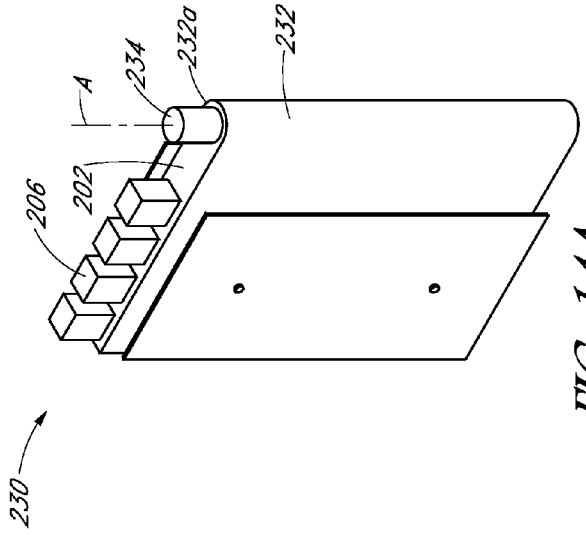

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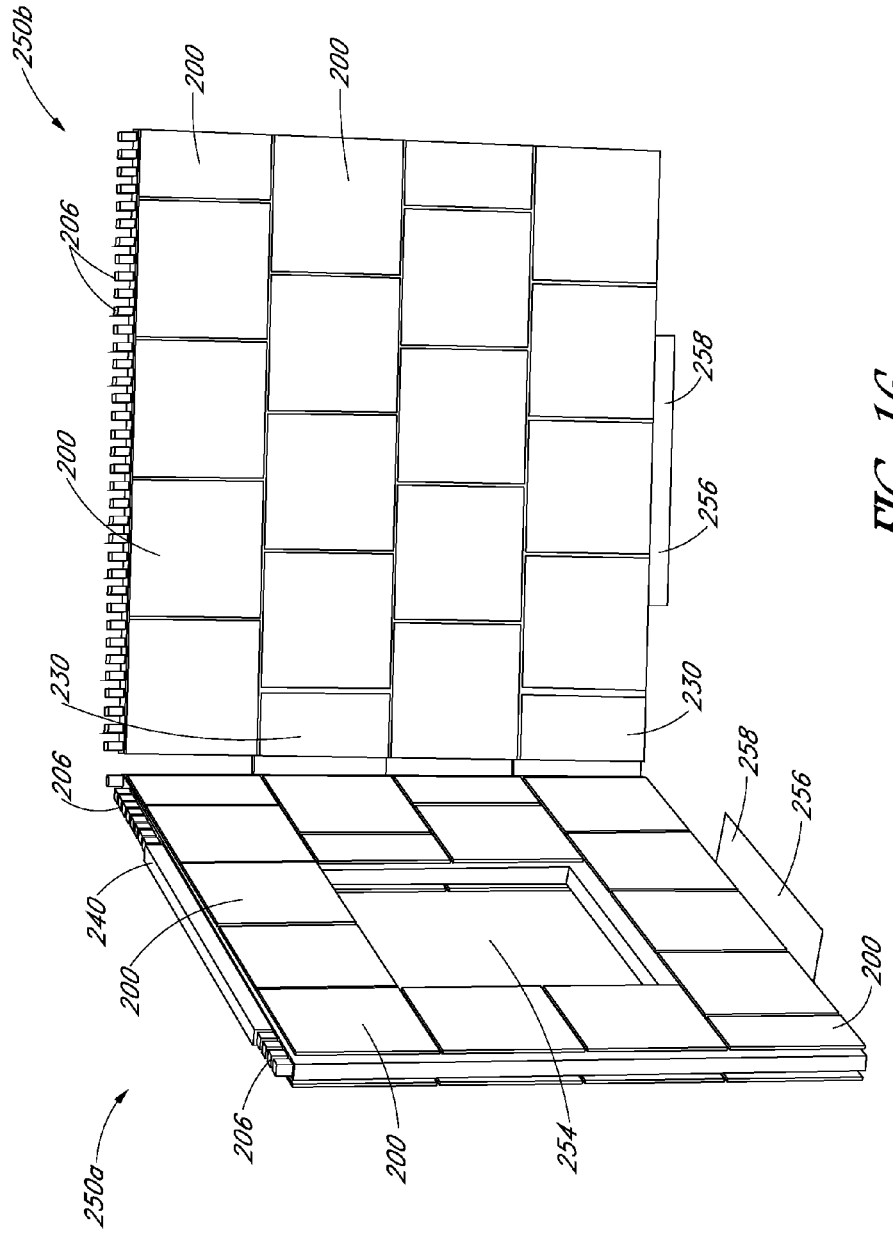
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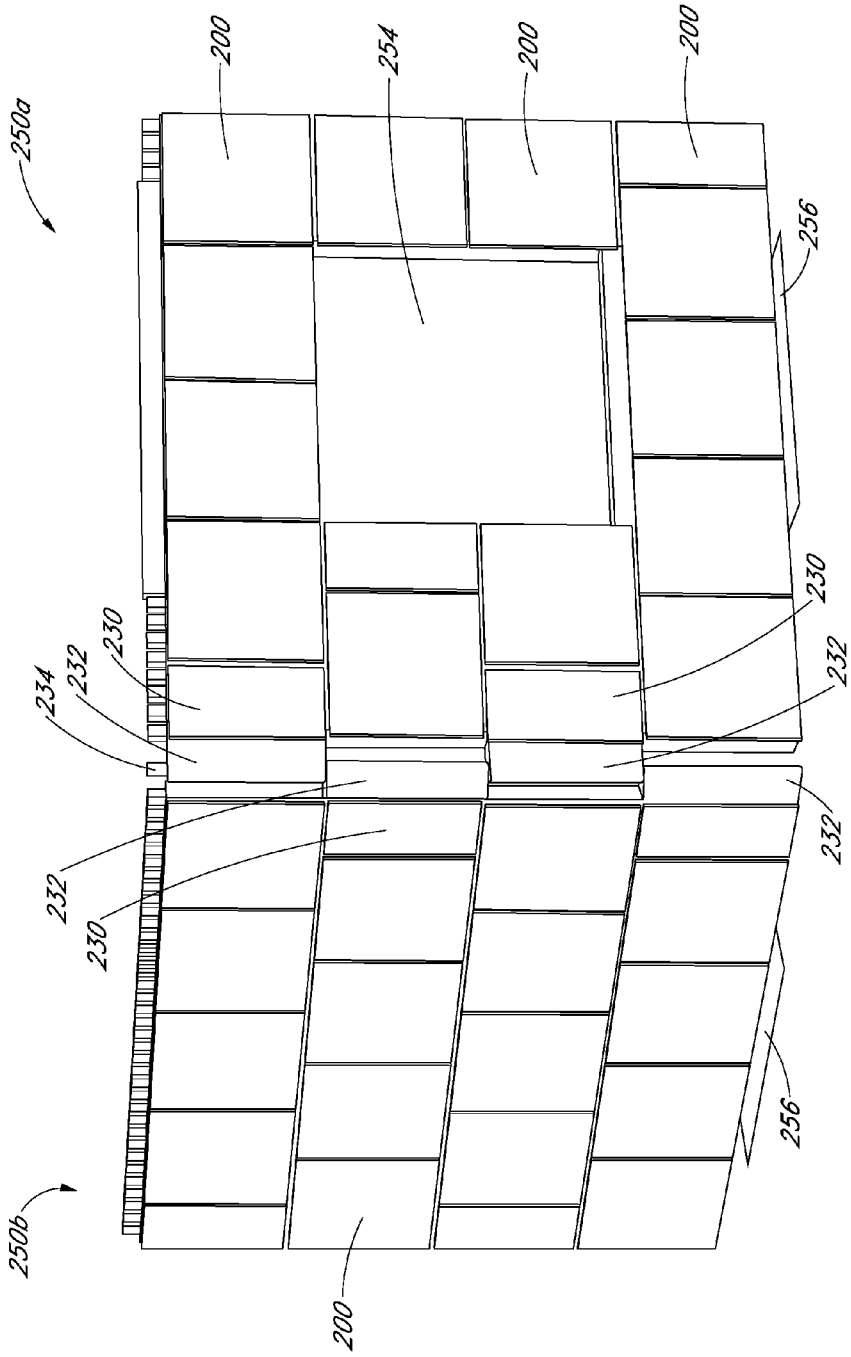
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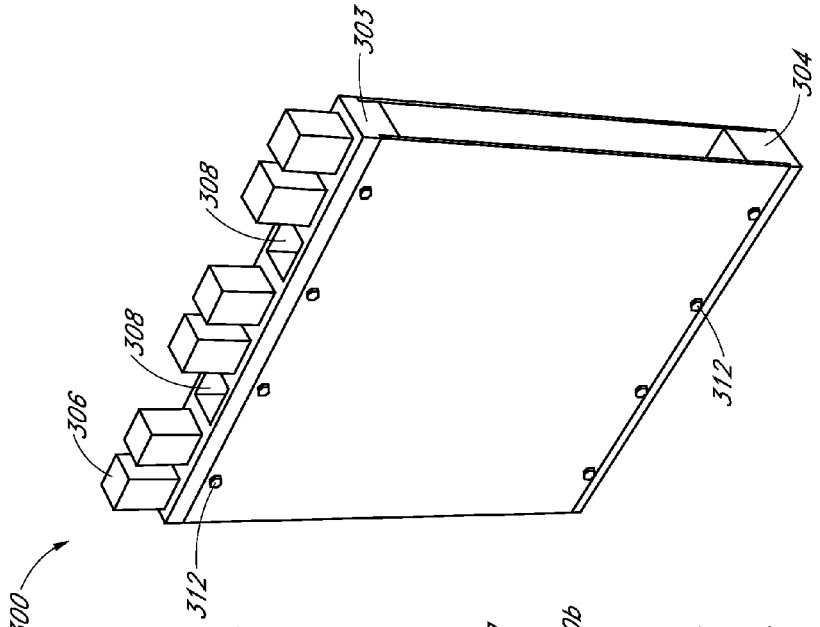

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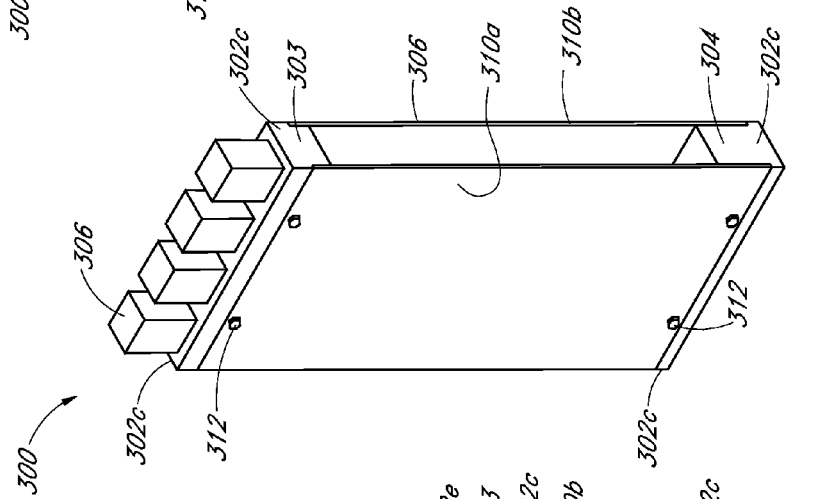

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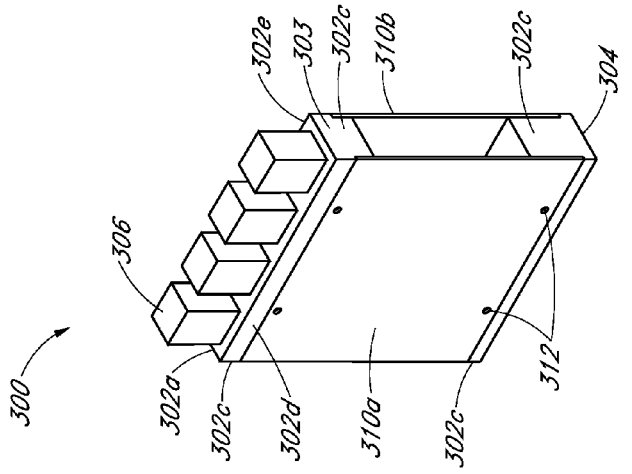

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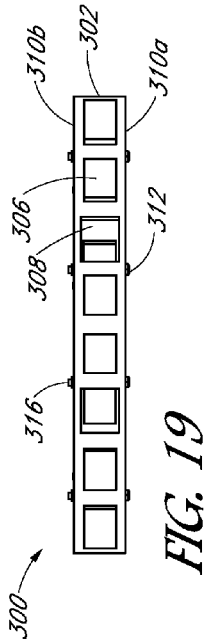

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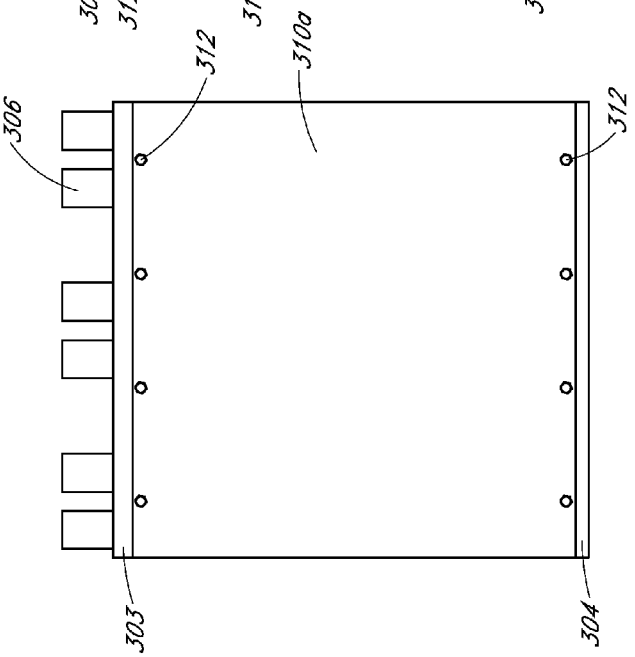

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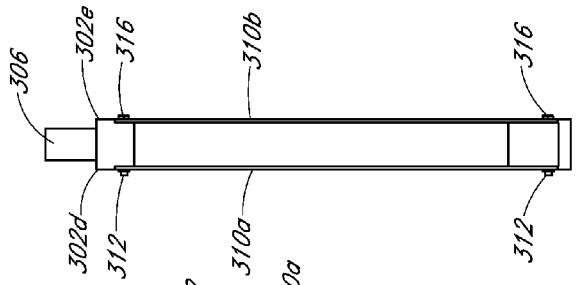

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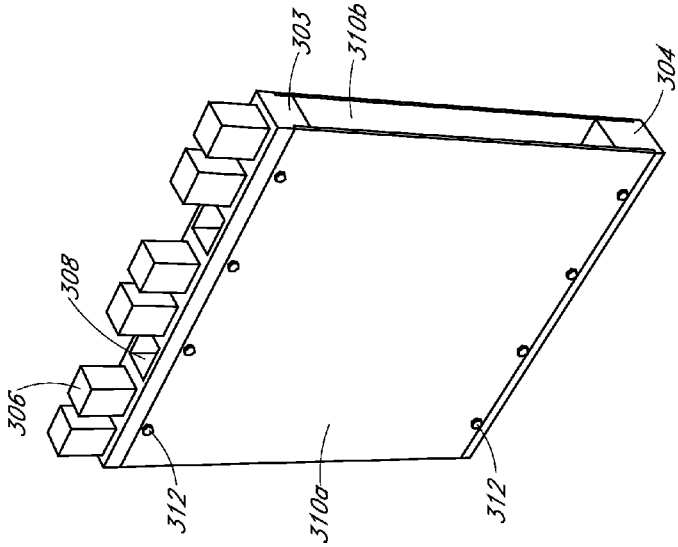

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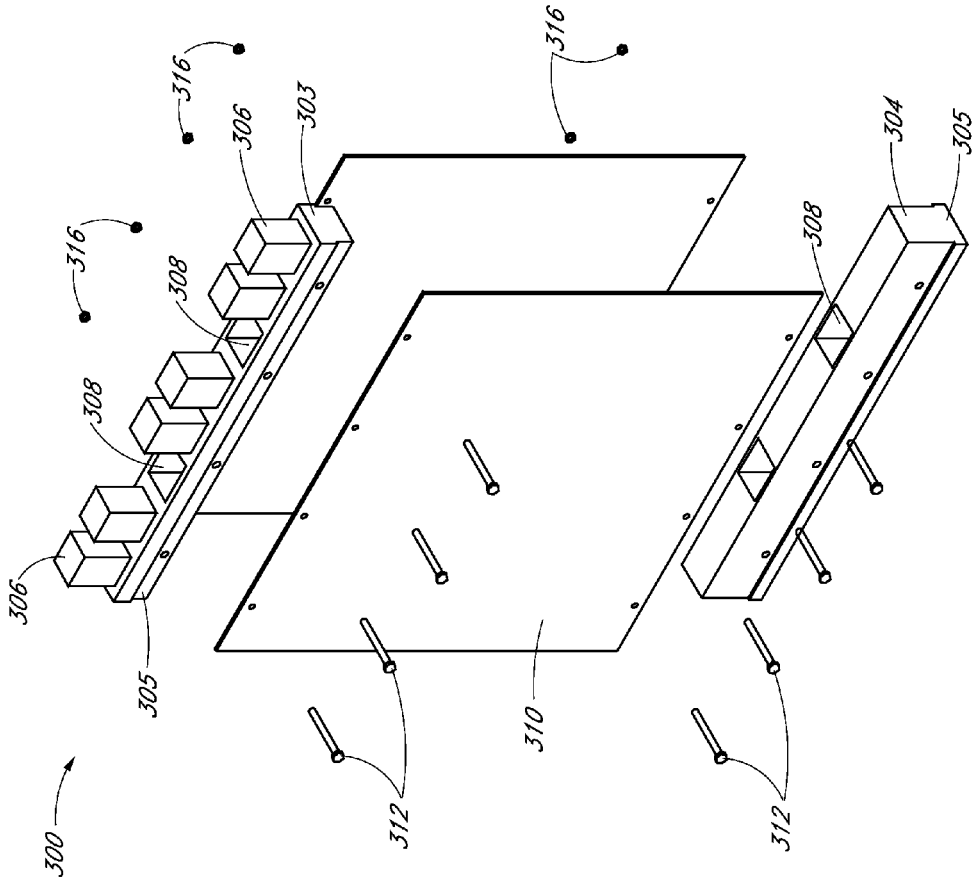

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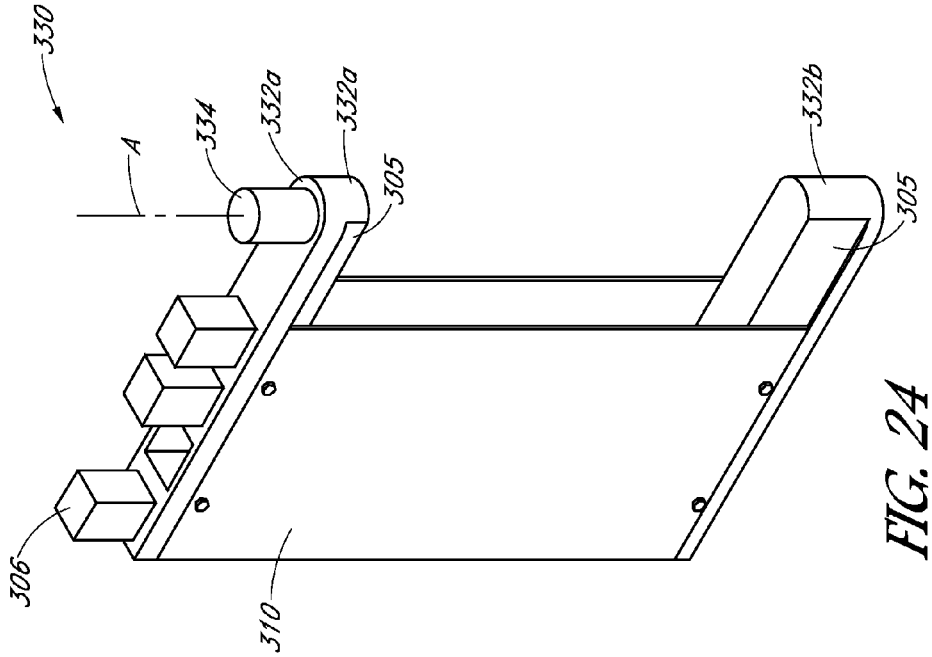

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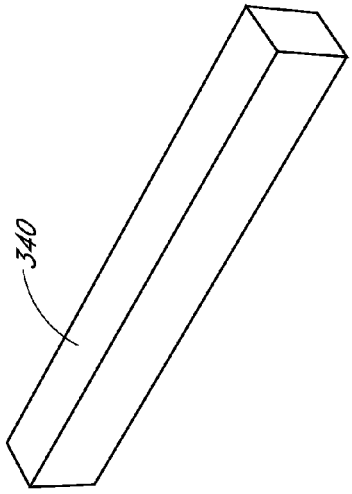

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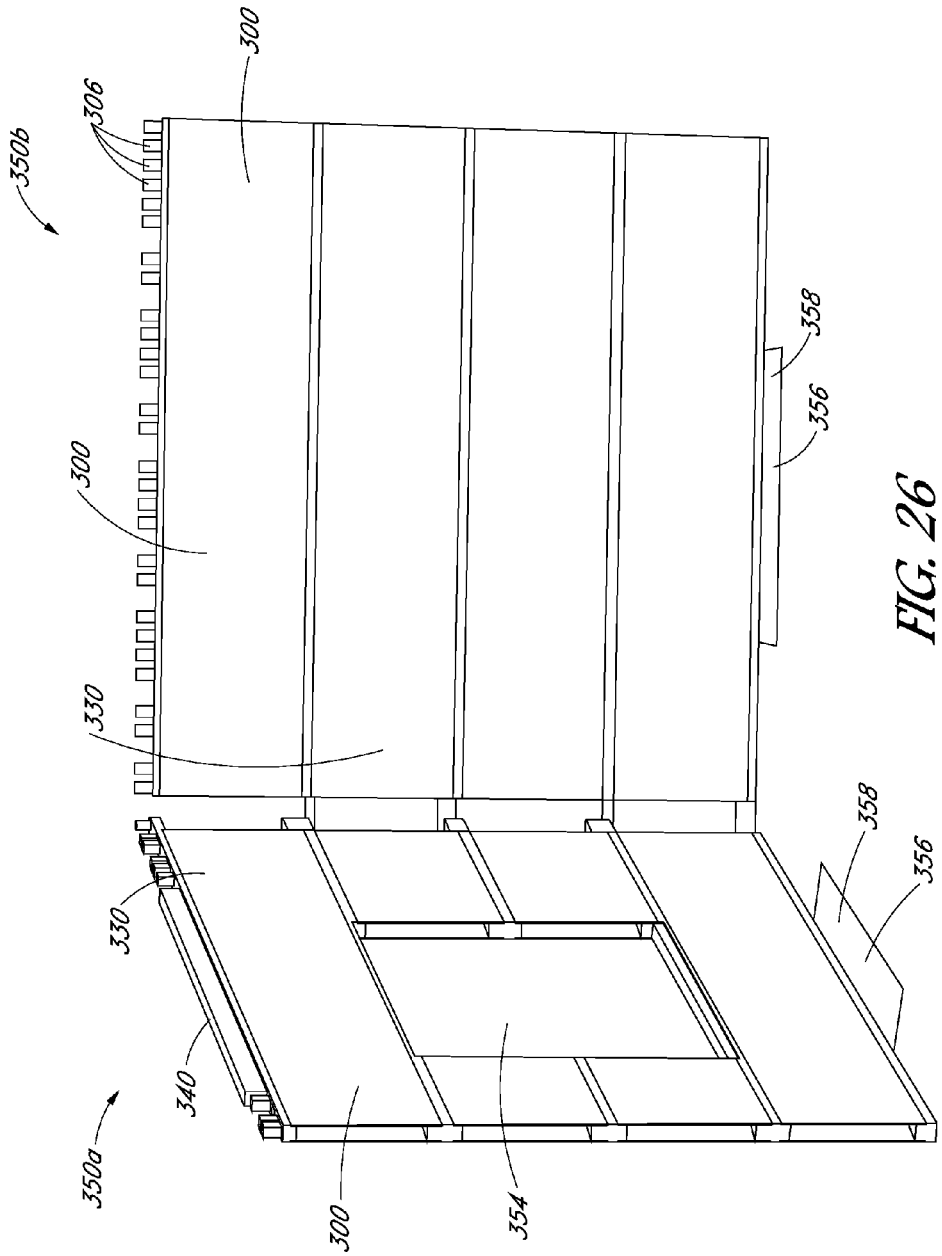

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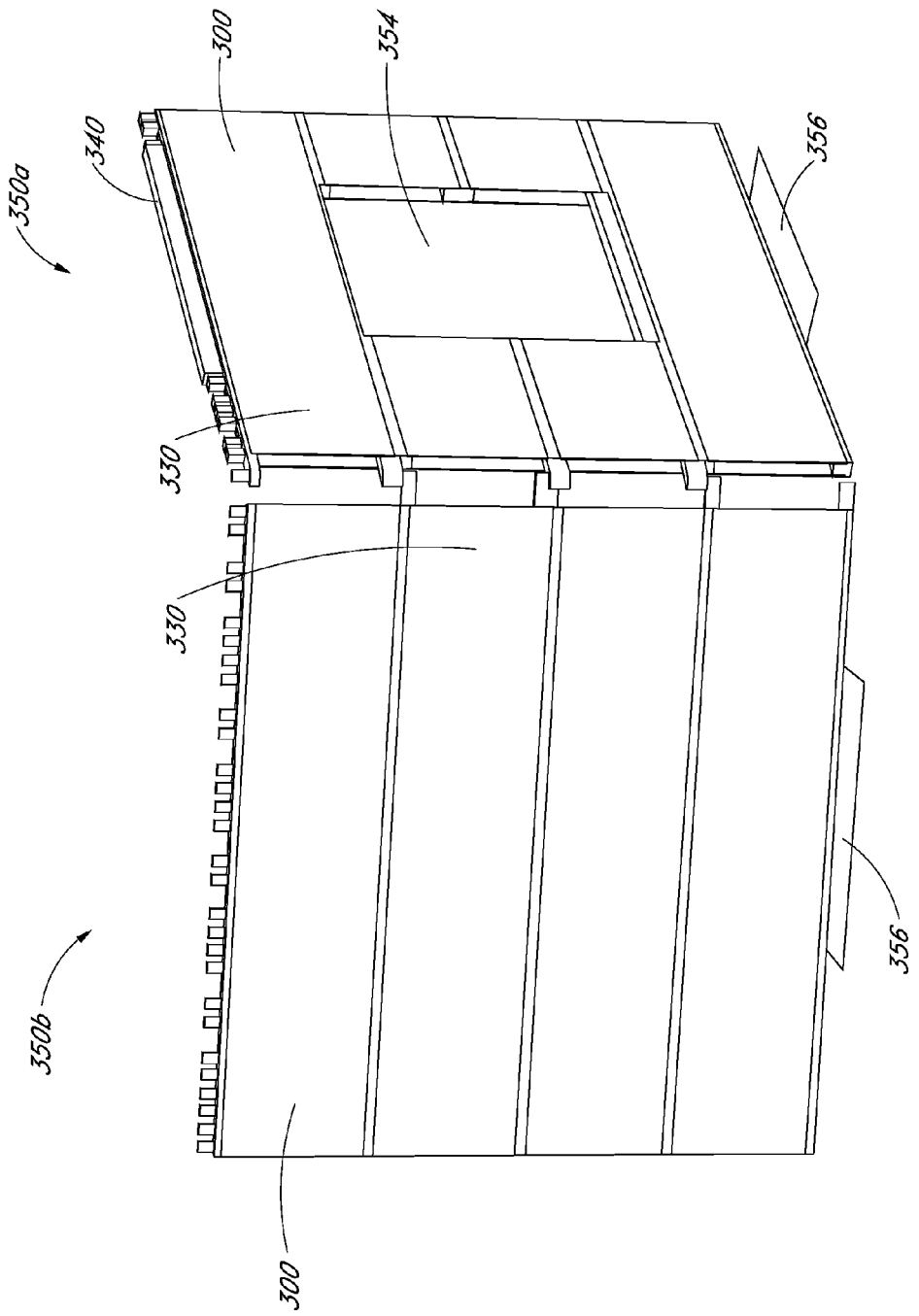

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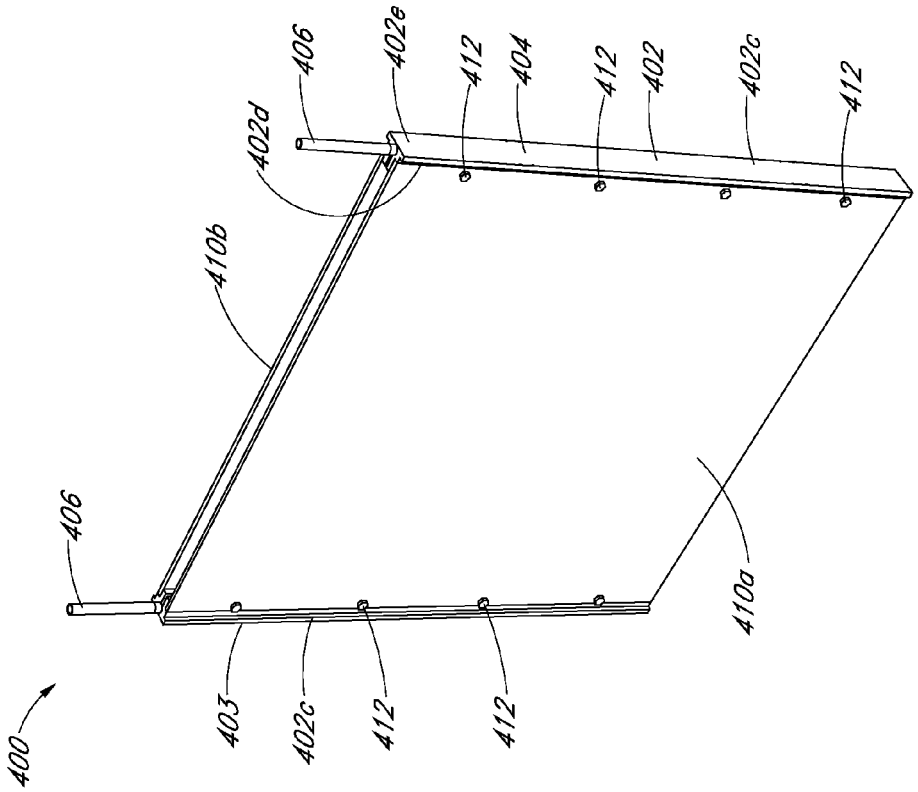

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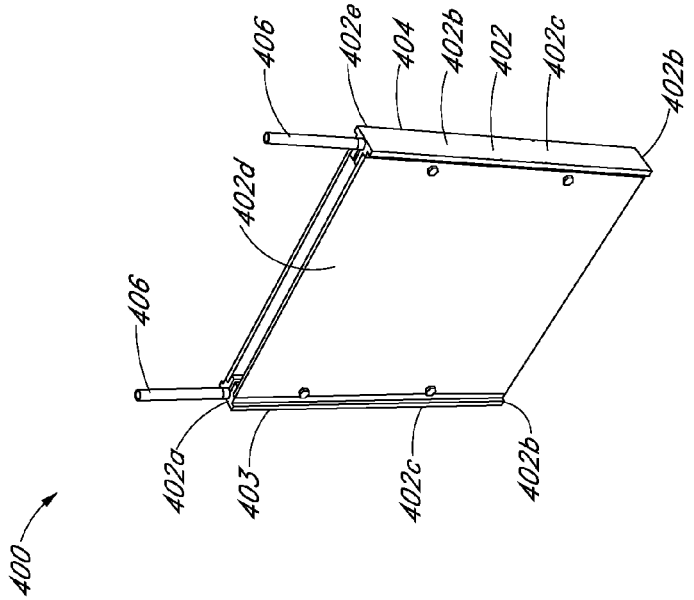

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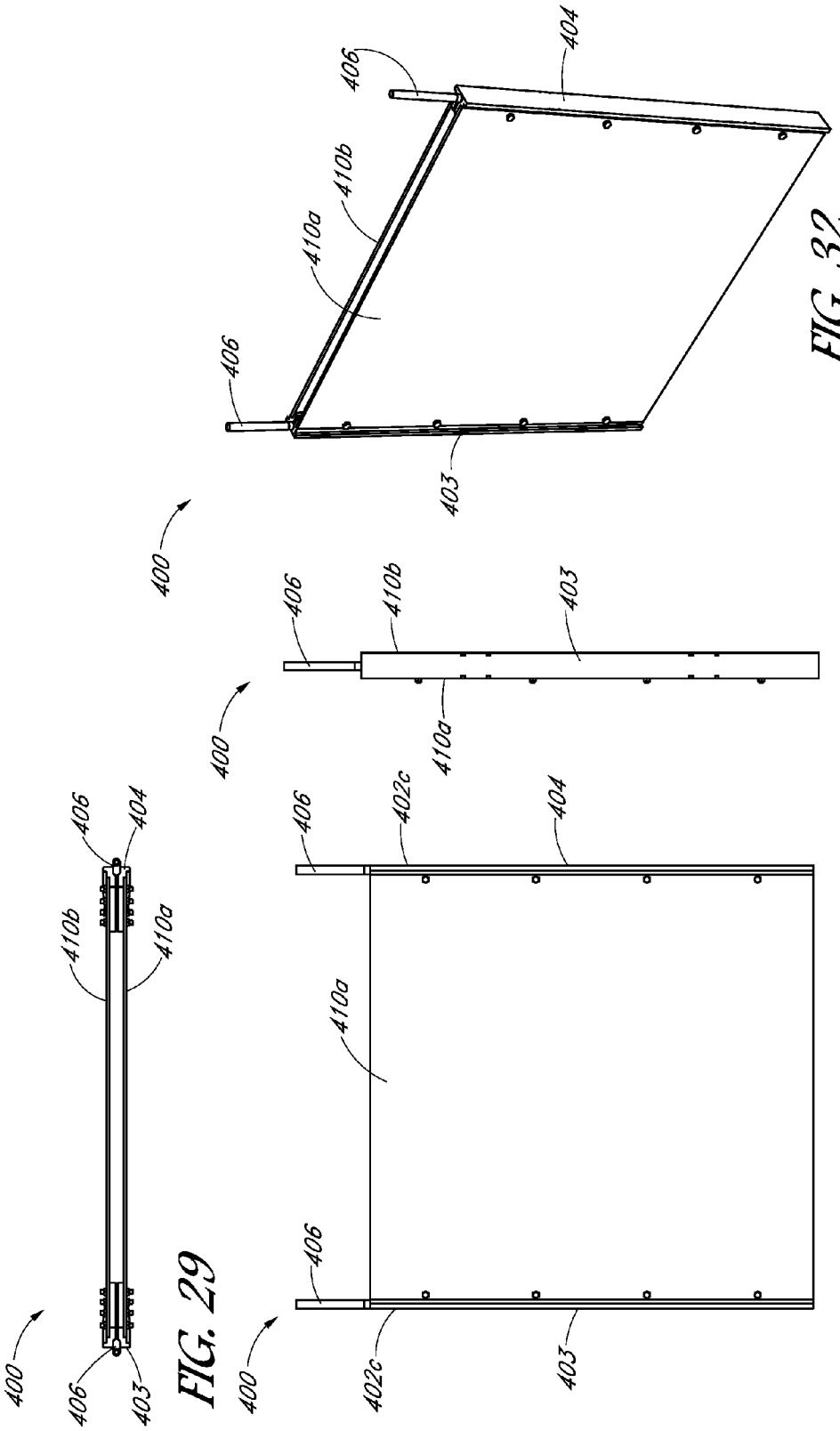
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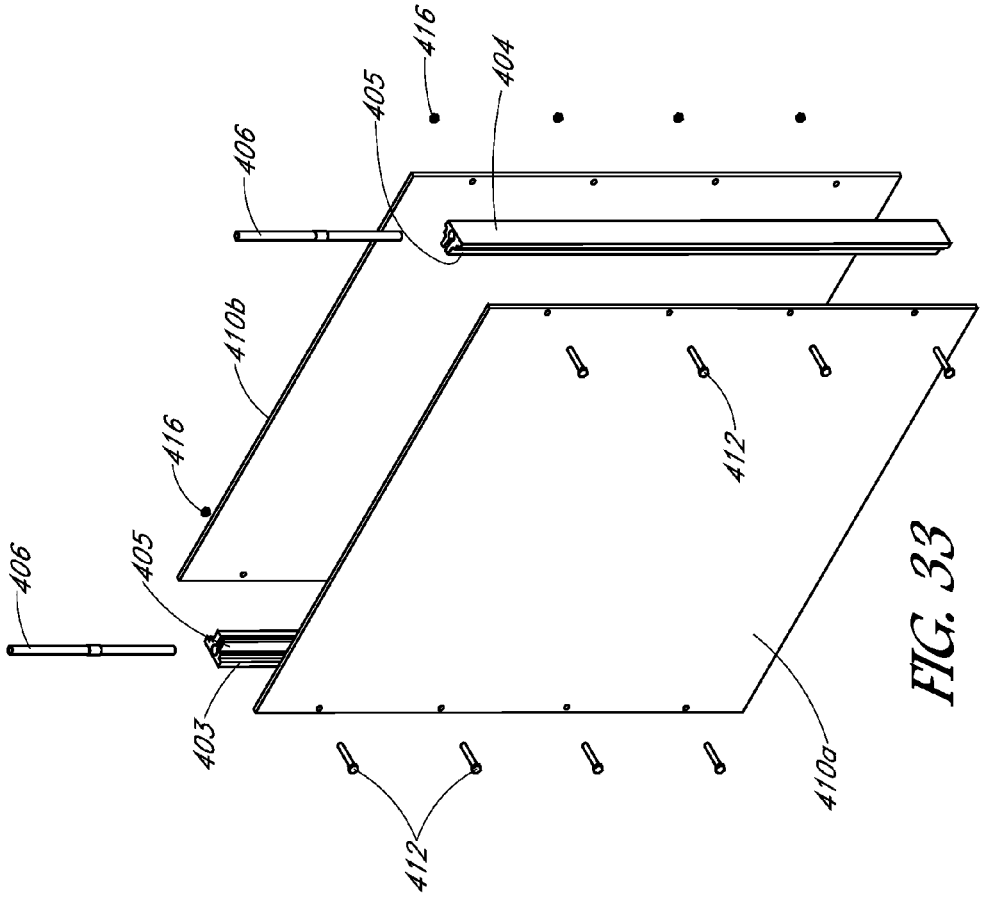
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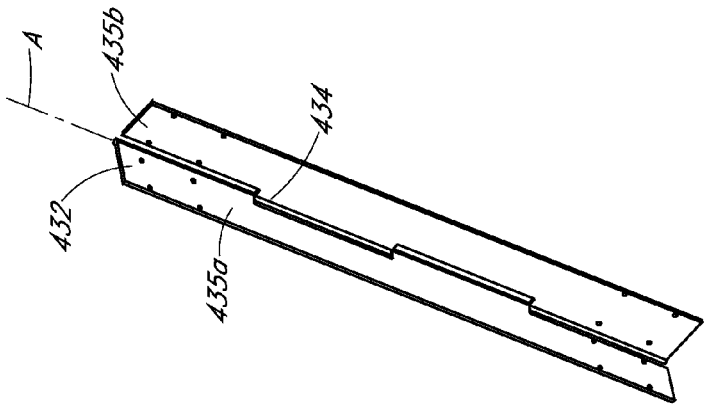
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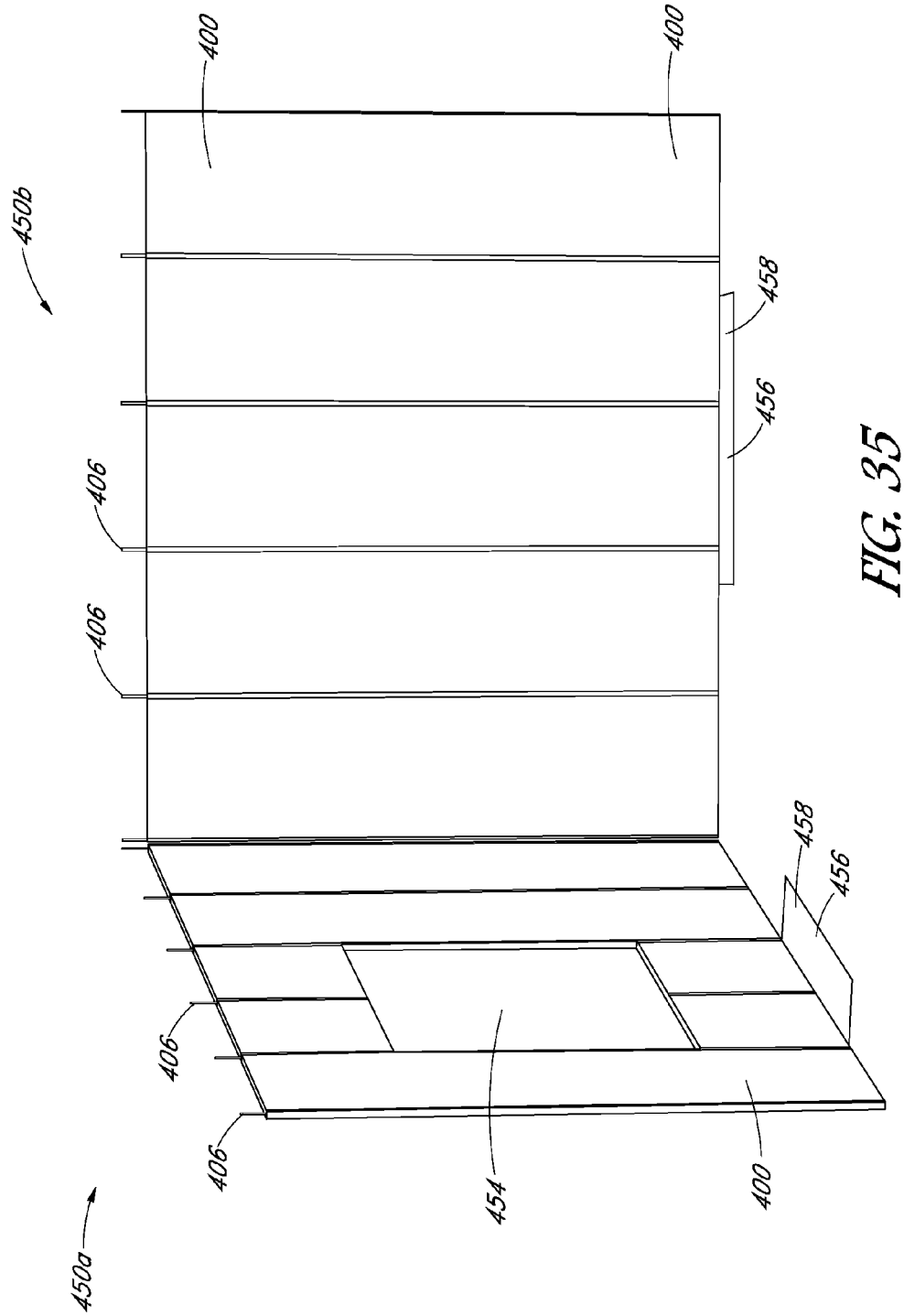

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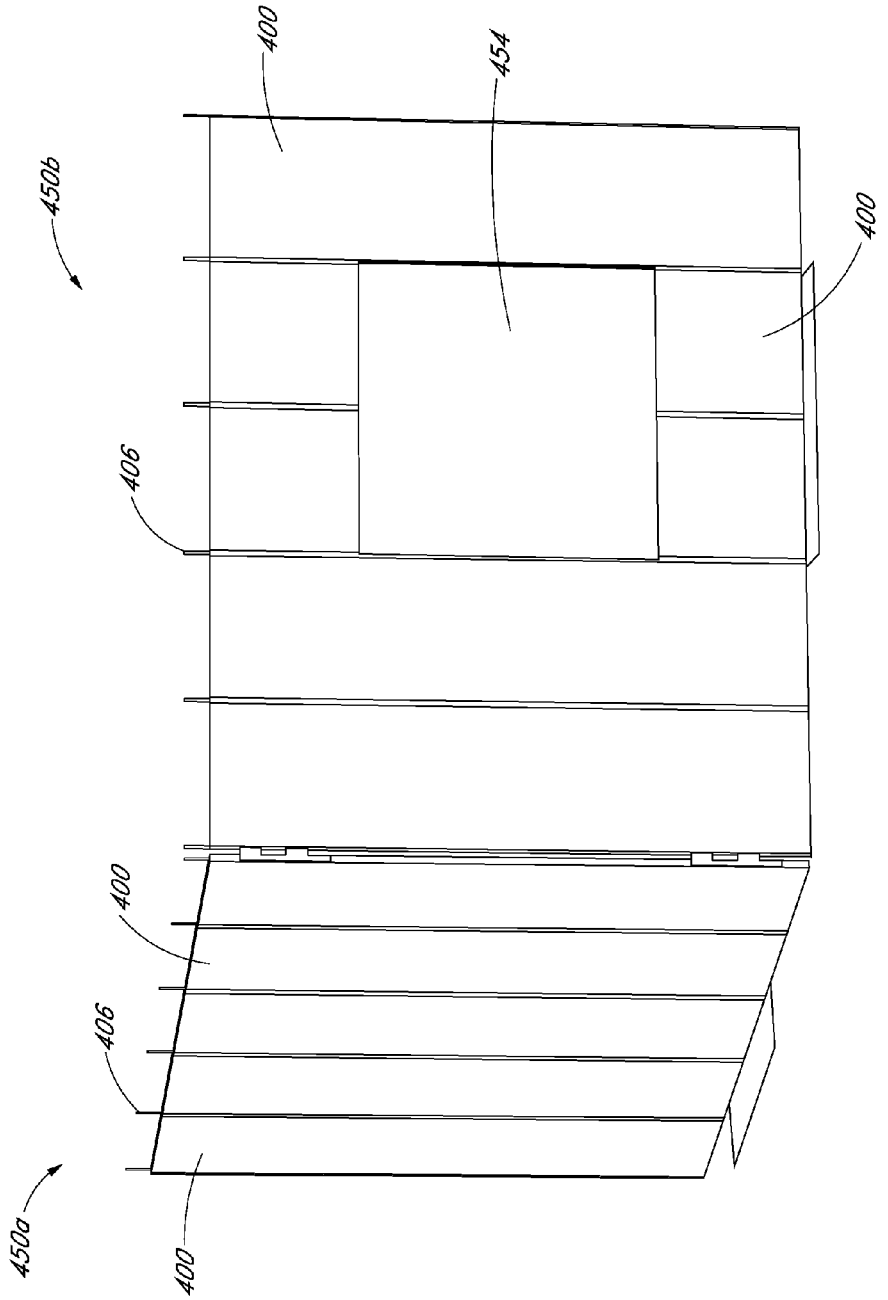

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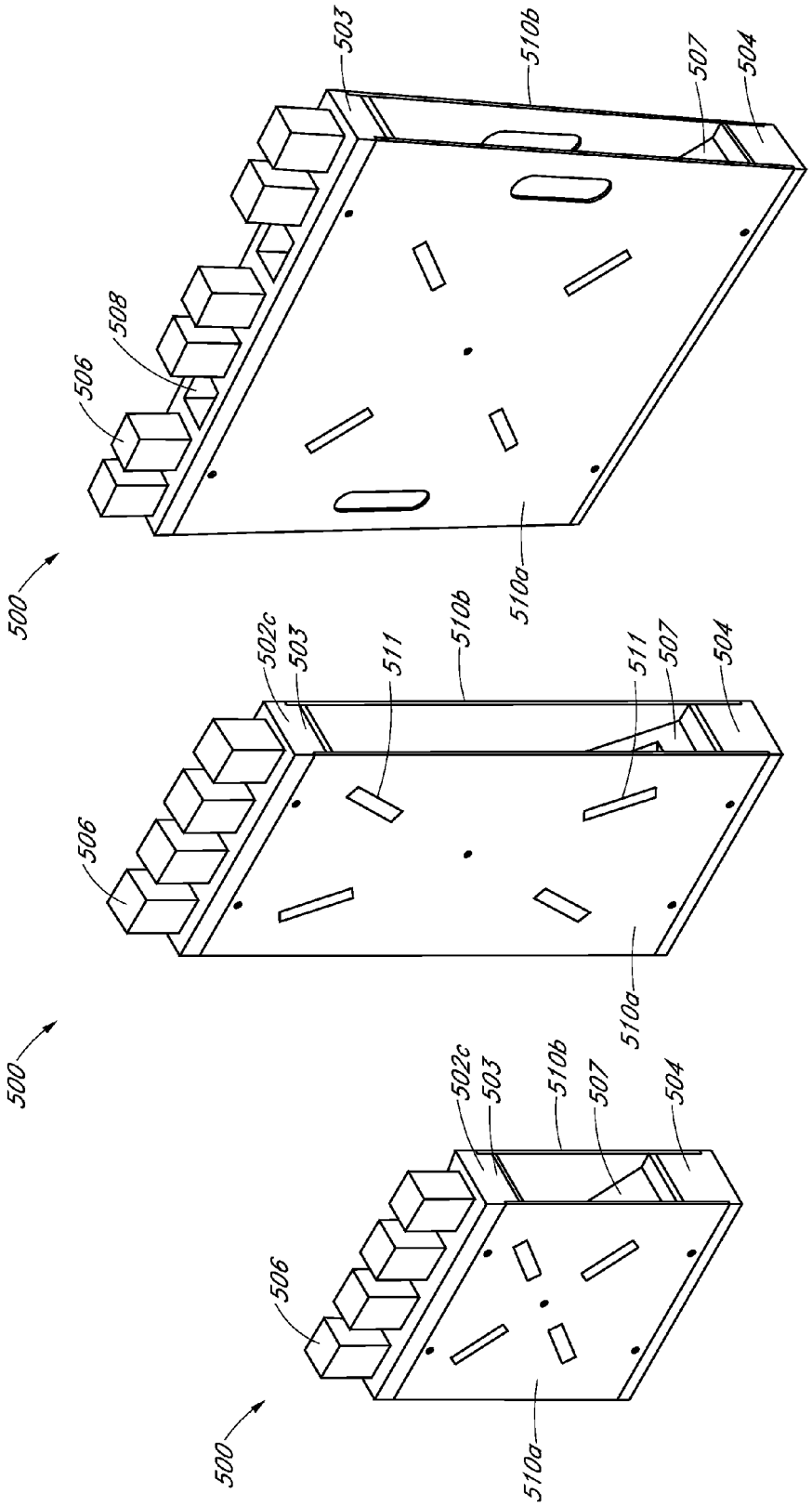

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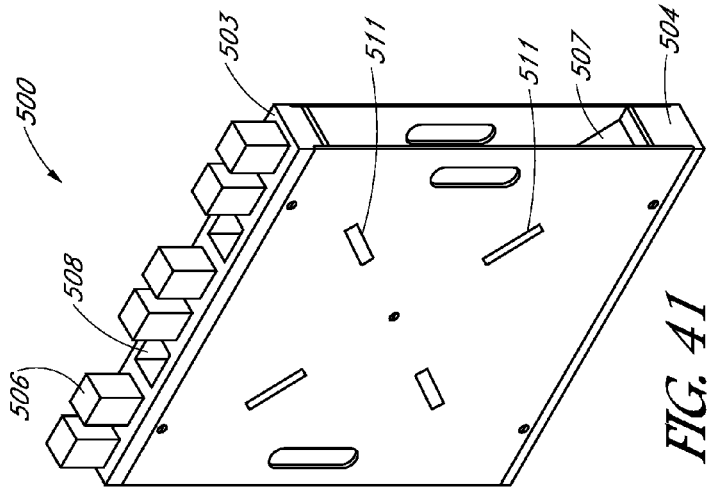

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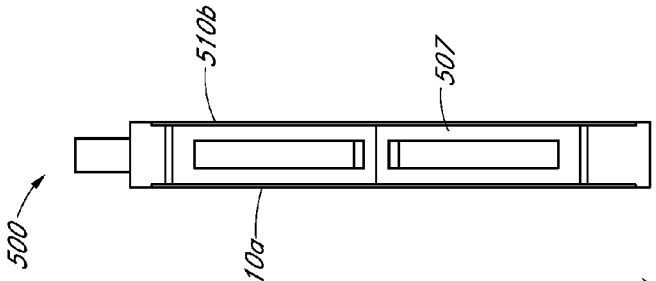

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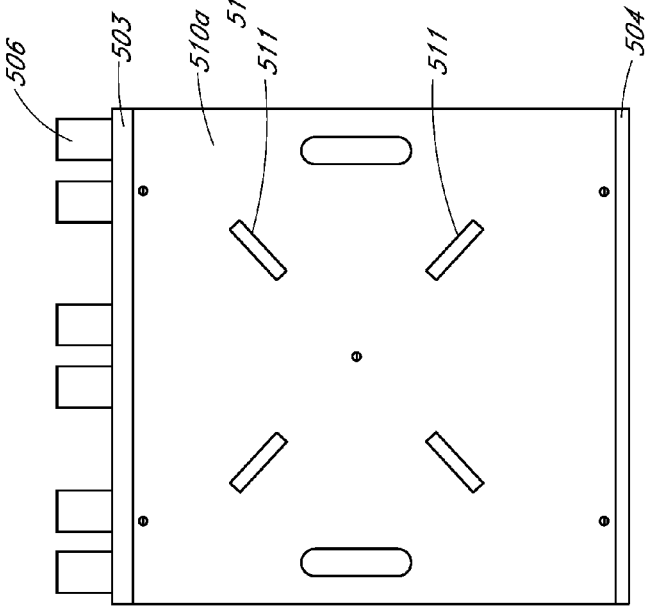

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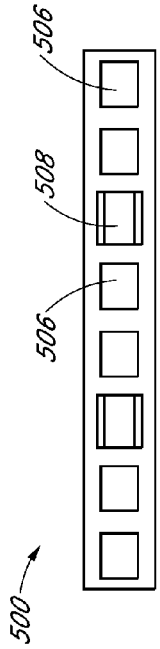

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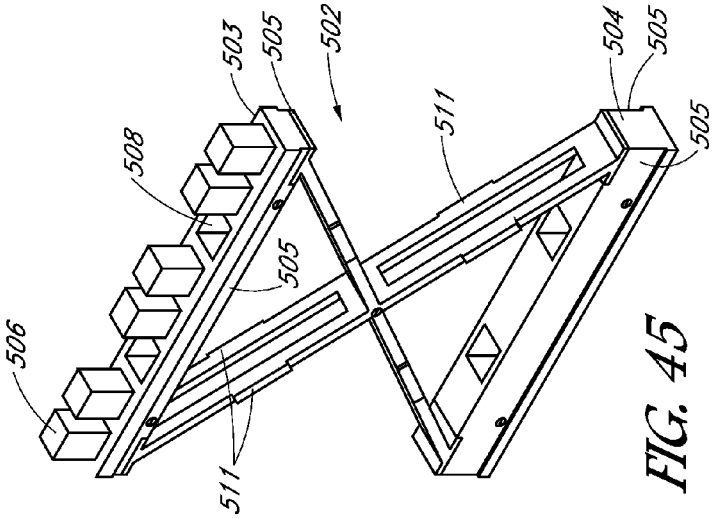

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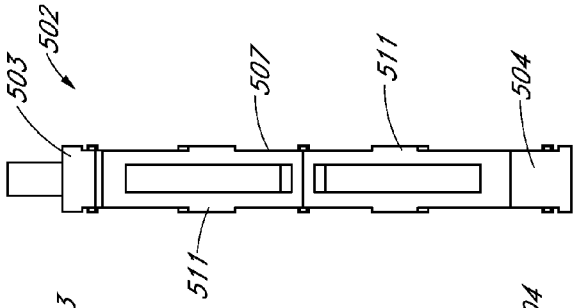

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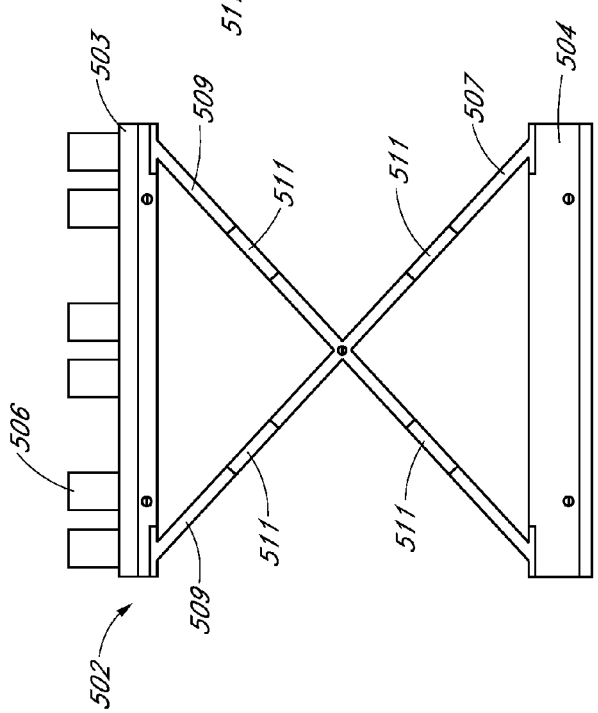

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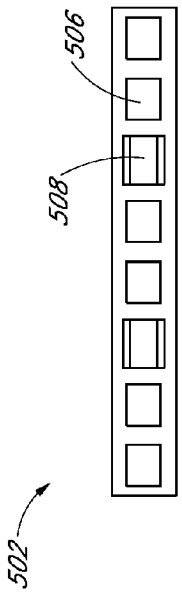

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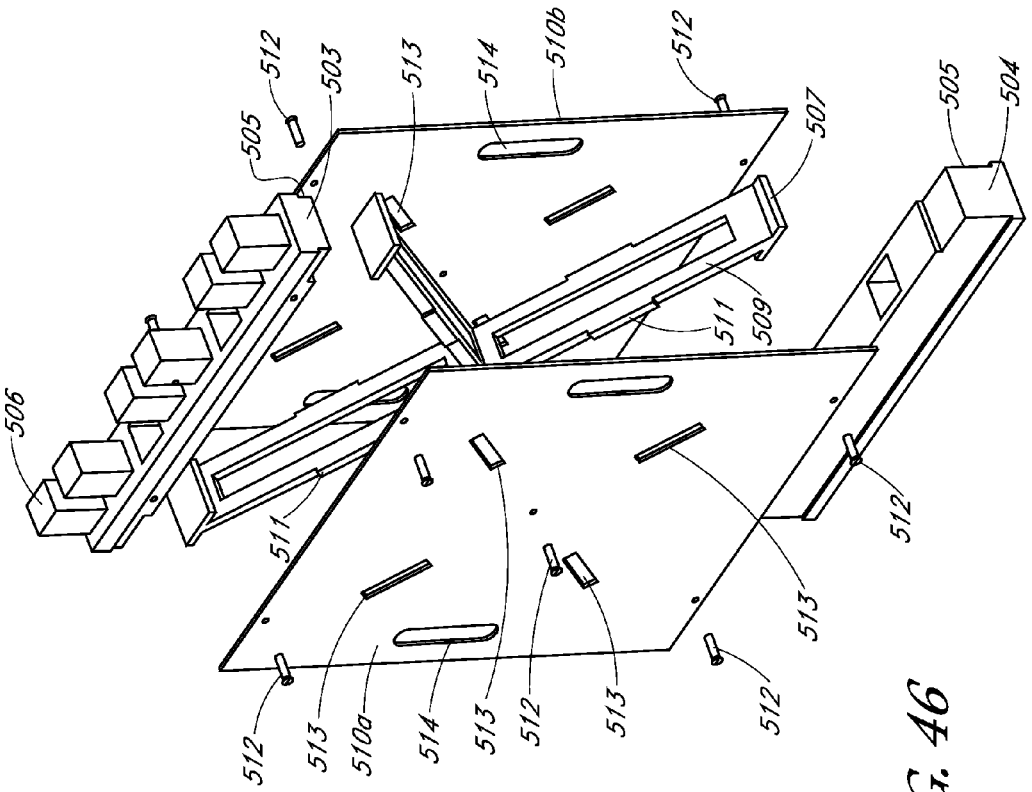
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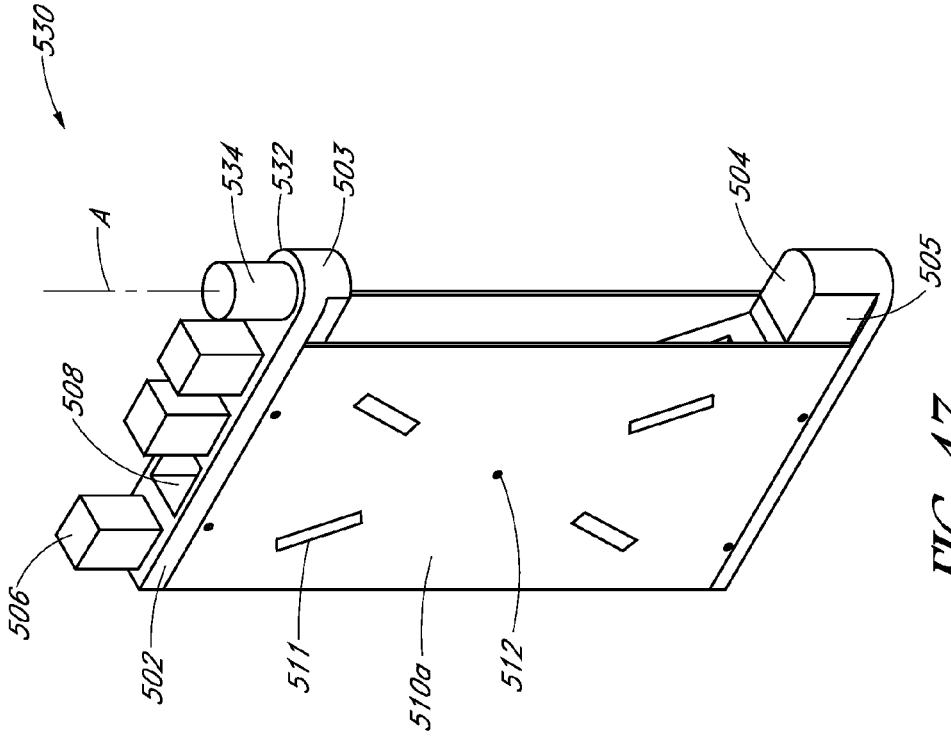

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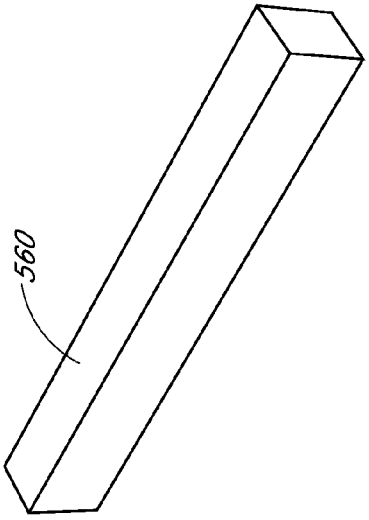

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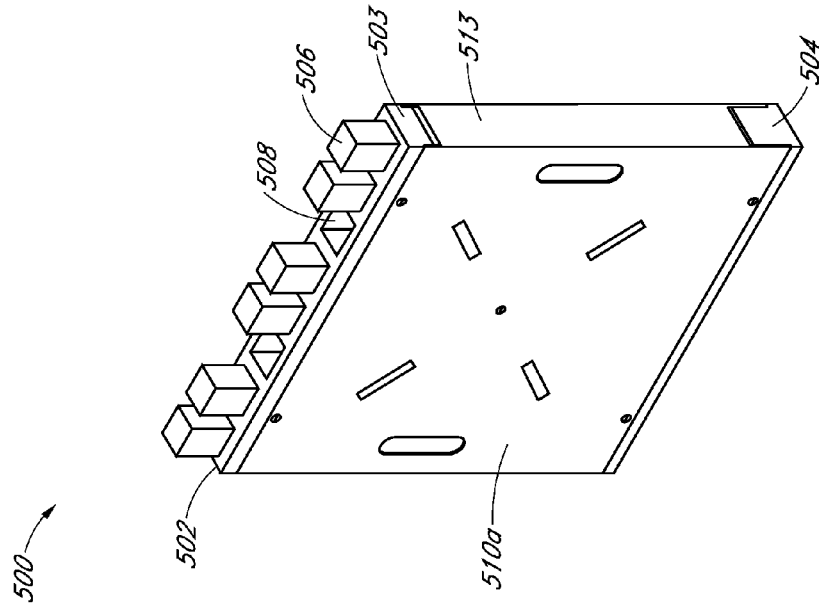

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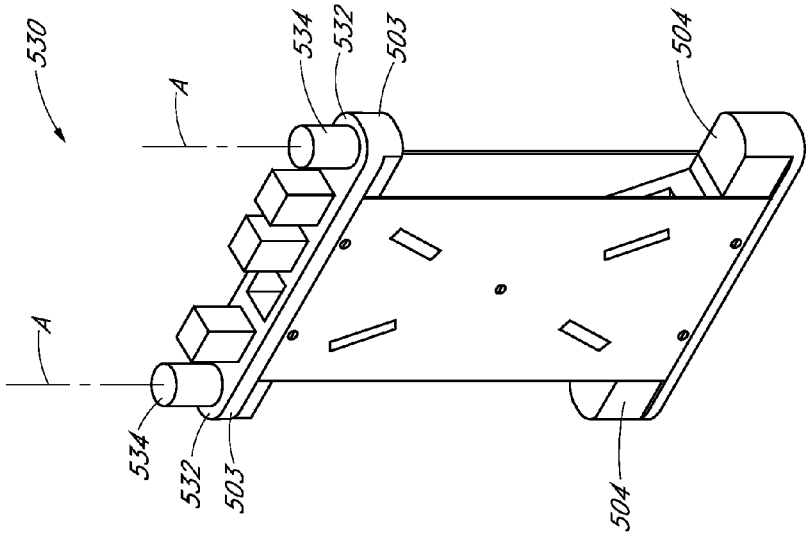

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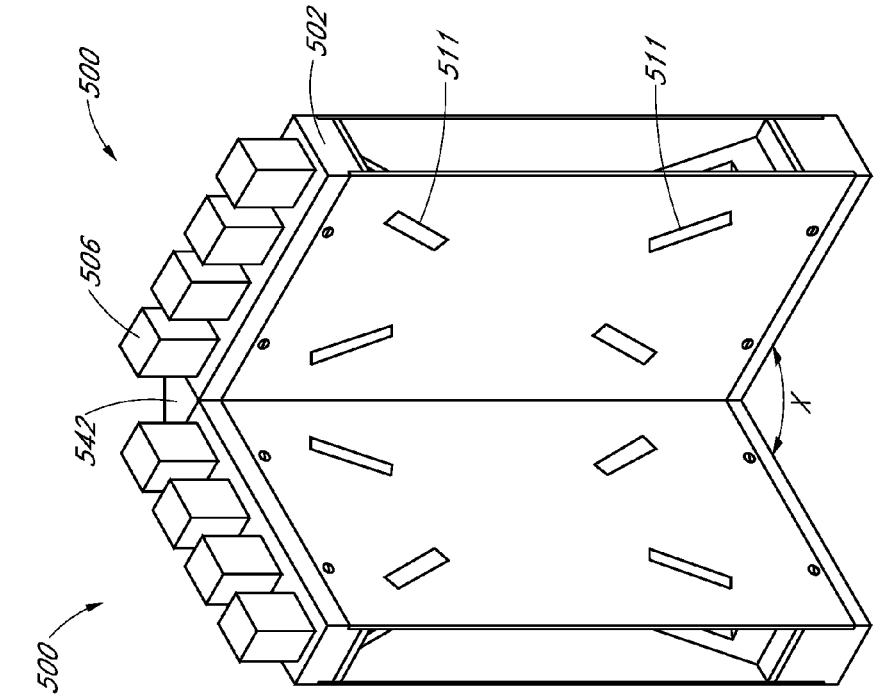

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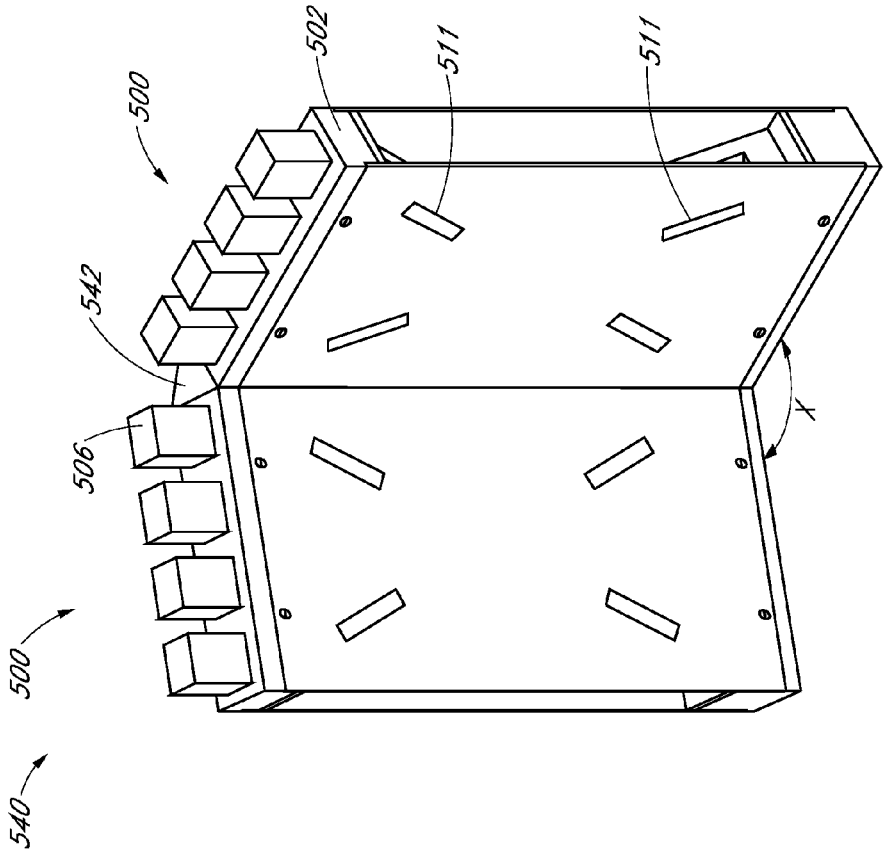

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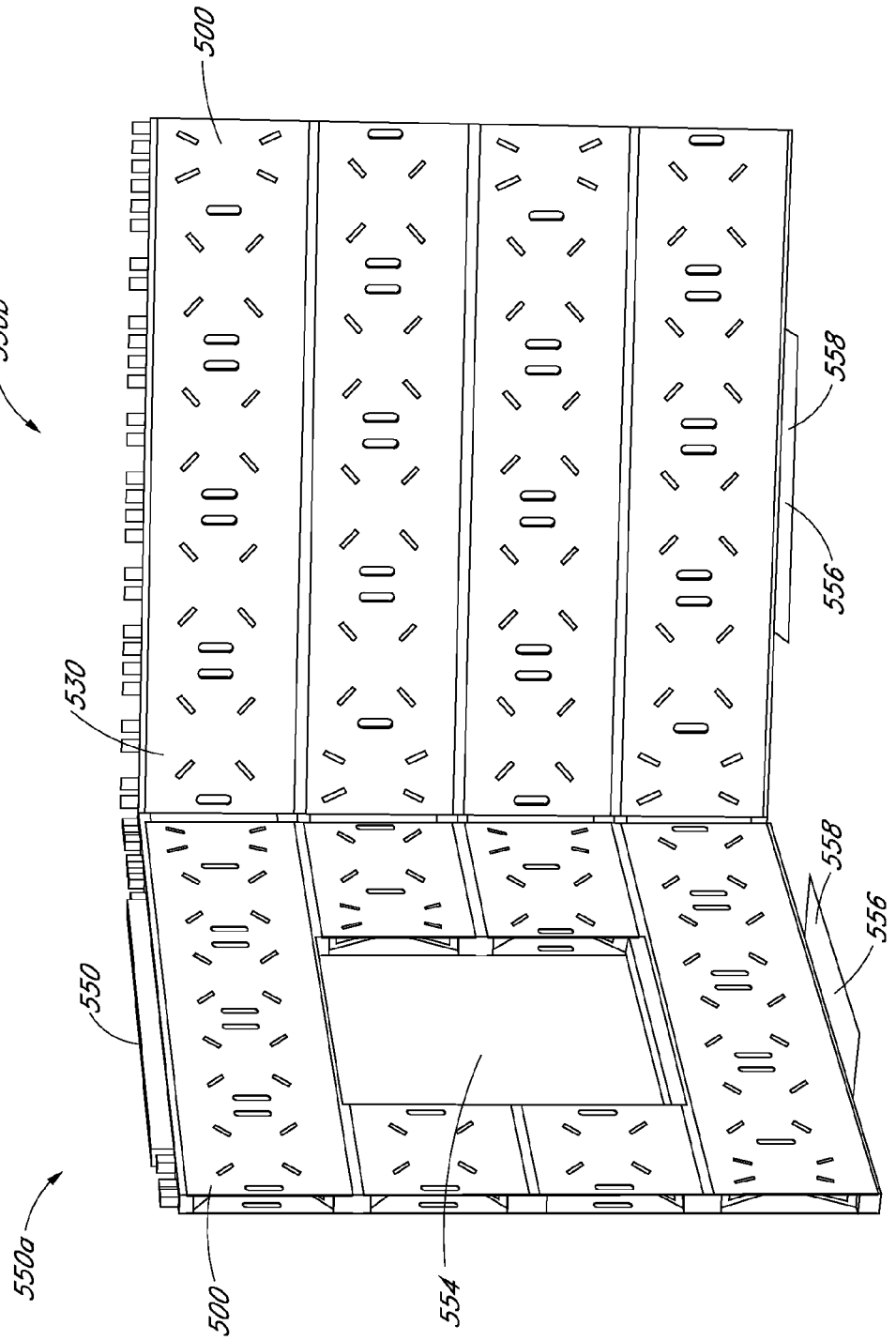

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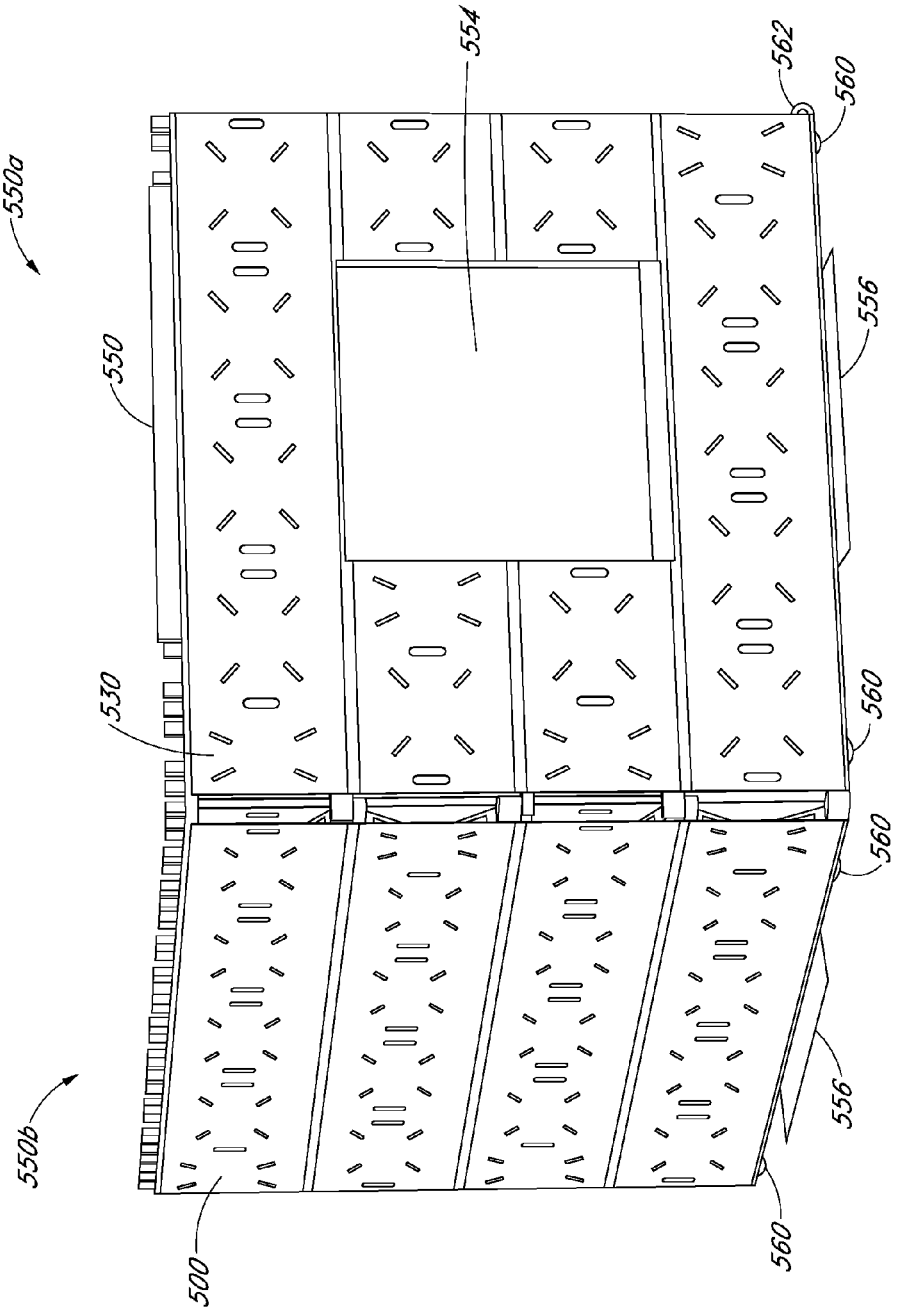

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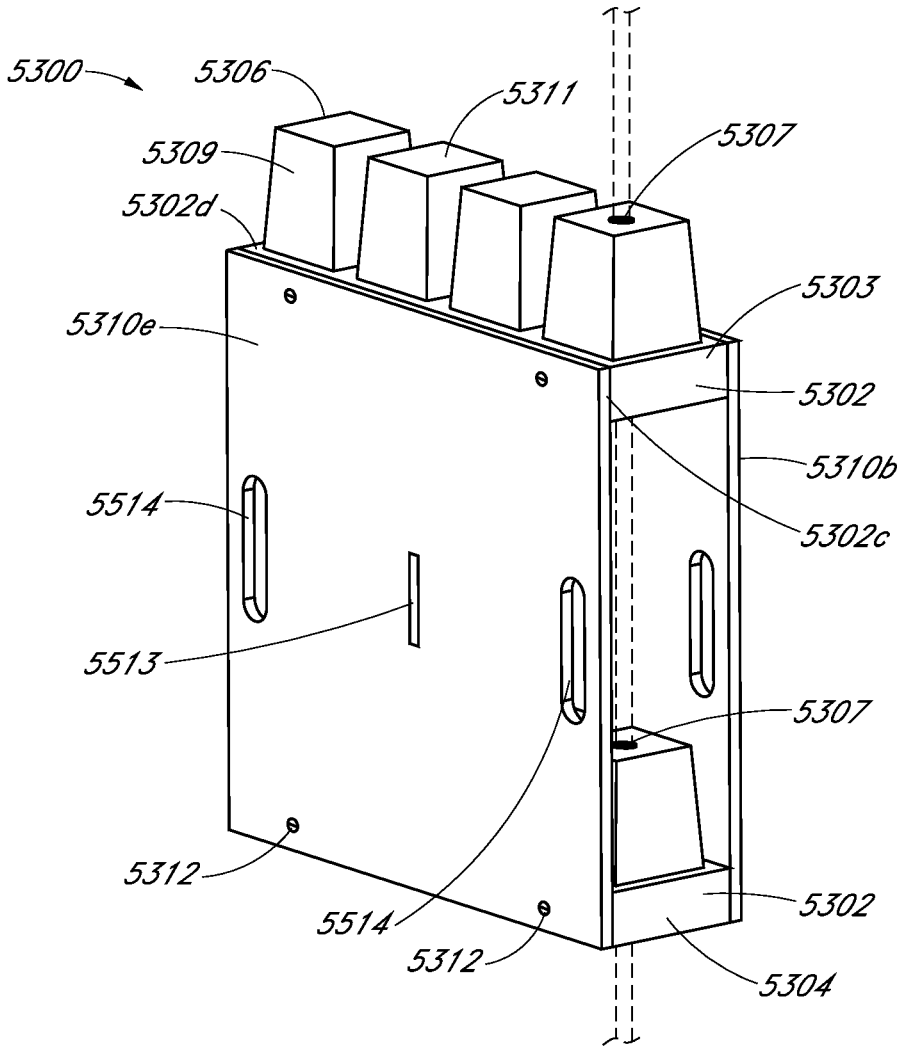
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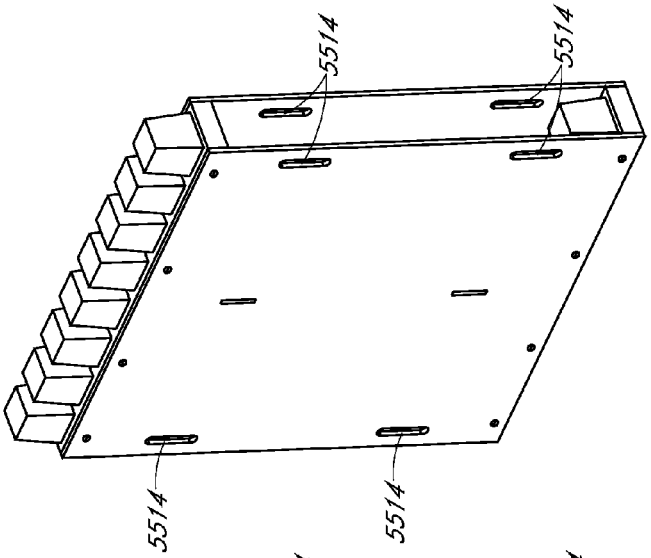

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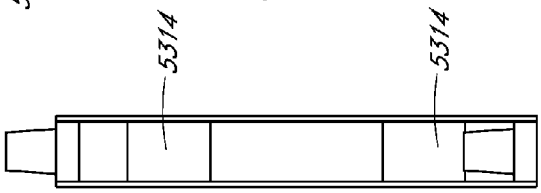

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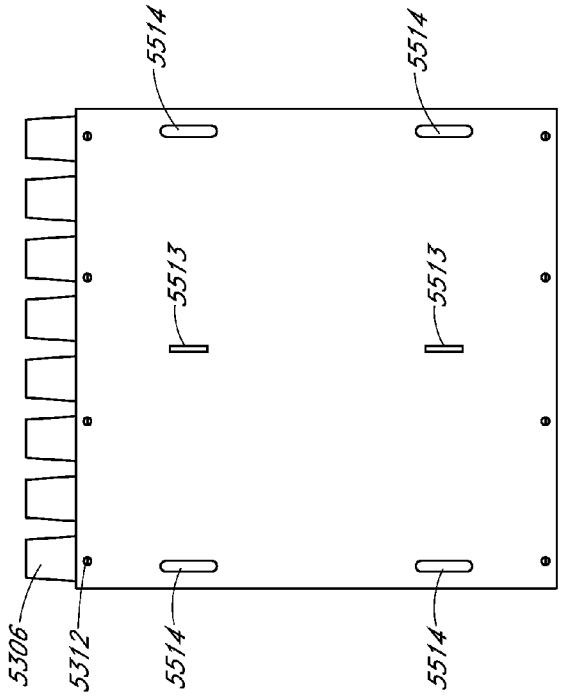

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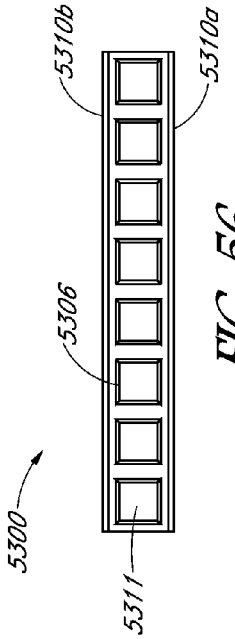

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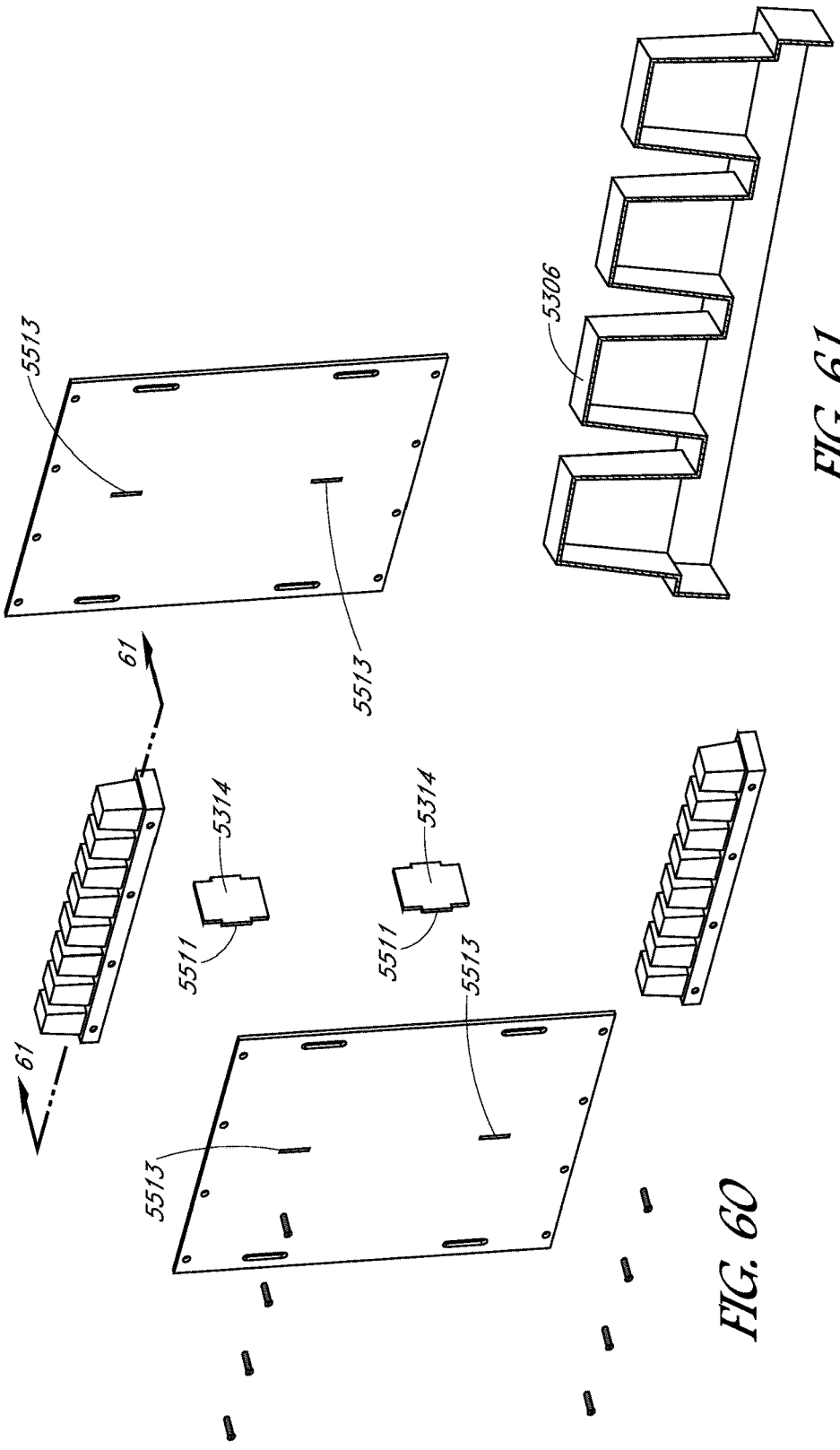

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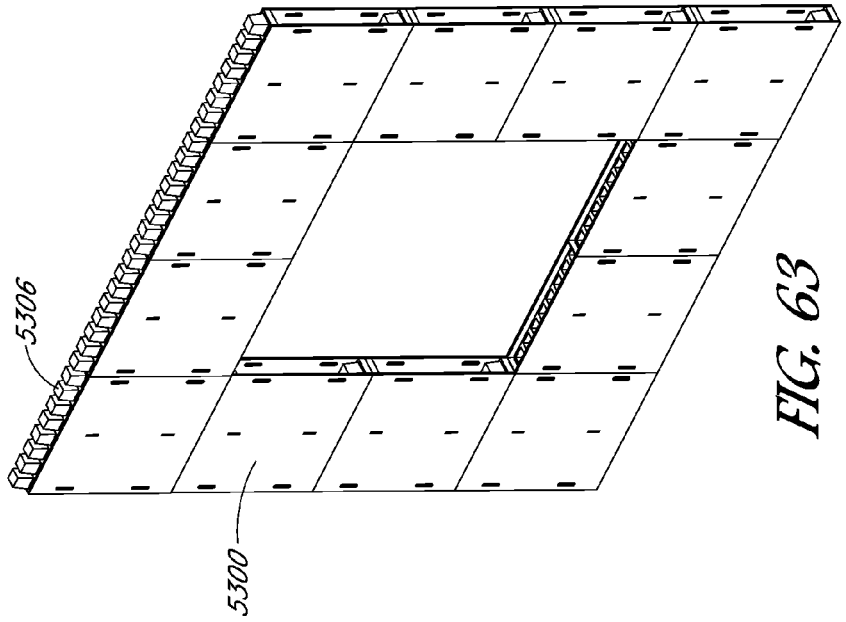

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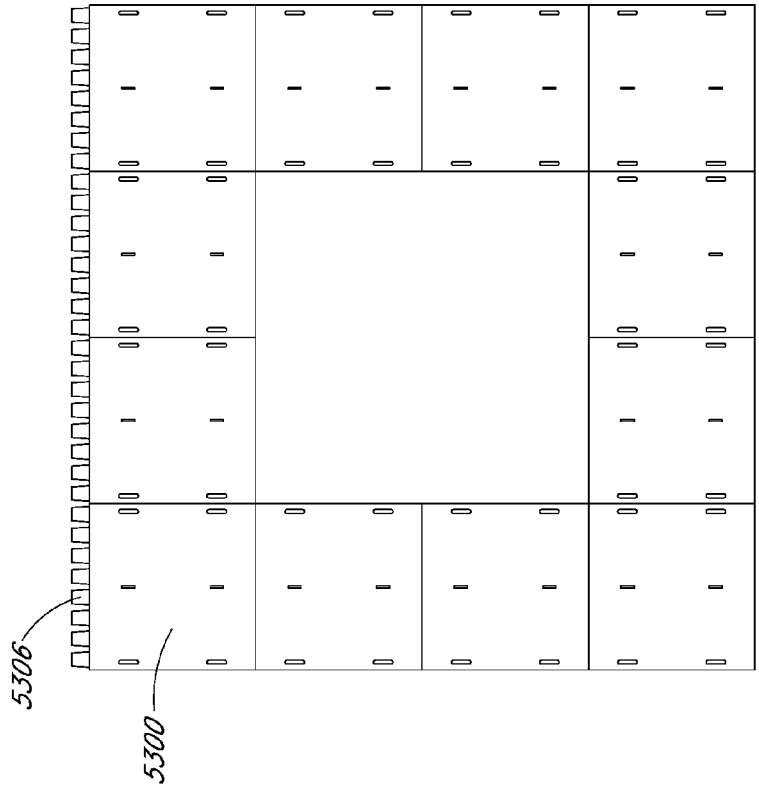

FIG. 62

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONSTRUCTING A SET OR A STAGE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Any and all applications for which a foreign or domestic priority claim is identified in the Application Data Sheet as filed with the present application, are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety under 37 CFR 1.57.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

Field of the Disclosure

Some embodiments of the present disclosure relate to sets and/or stages, such as in a theater, film or television production, and more particularly, to interchangeable set and/or stage scenery elements equipped for quick and inexpensive reuse and reorganization.

Description of the Related Art

In a typical set and/or stage (collectively referred to herein as a stage for simplicity) construction, numerous specific stage elements such as doors, windows and walls are provided. Each element is typically used for a single purpose and is difficult to move and set up. For example, separate wall elements must be created and moved for masonry walls, wood walls and plaster walls. It is time consuming and expensive to create, set up and break down elaborate set elements.

Once put together, the set elements are often joined together to form a unified structure. The structure is typically kept together and moved as a unit in and out of a theater or stage which is time consuming and expensive. Moreover, the use of a unified set structure that is moved as a unit typically requires specialized moving equipment as well as a large facility for storing the structure when it is not being used.

Therefore, there is a need for an improved system and method for constructing stage scenery.

SUMMARY OF SOME EMBODIMENTS OF THE DISCLOSURE

Accordingly, the present disclosure relates to an interchangeable kit usable to make interchangeable scenery that remedies the shortcomings of the prior art. The kit, according to an embodiment, can have a plurality of wall units, including at least a first wall unit and a second wall unit. Each of the first wall unit and the second wall unit can have a first face painted, textured or covered to simulate a first surface; a second face painted, textured or covered to simulate a second surface, the second surface being different than the first surface; and a plurality of first connector elements. The kit also can have at least one aperture unit having a first face painted, textured or covered to simulate a first door or window, or having an operable first door or window; a second face painted, textured or covered to simulate a second door or window, or having an operable second door or window, the second door or window being different than the first door or window and a plurality of second connector elements. A given connector element in the first plurality of connector elements can be configured to connect a given wall unit to at least one other wall unit or aperture unit, and a given connector element in the second plurality of connector elements can be configured to connect a given aperture unit to at least one other aperture or wall unit.

The first face of at least one wall unit can be painted, textured or covered to simulate an interior surface and the second face of the wall unit can be painted, textured or covered to simulate an exterior surface. The first face of the aperture unit can be painted, textured or covered to simulate an interior window or door and the second face of the aperture unit can be painted, textured or covered to simulate an exterior window or door. Optionally, the first face of the plurality of wall units can be painted, textured or covered to simulate at least one of the group consisting of wood, brick, stucco, plaster and wallpaper. Optionally, the aperture unit can be configurable as at least two of the group consisting of a single hinged door, double hinged doors, a sliding door, a pocket door and elevator doors.

Additionally, the aperture unit can be configured to store multiple doors or windows of different types within a receiving area between a first wall of the aperture unit and a second wall of the aperture unit. In an additional embodiment, at least one of the first face and the second face of each of the plurality of wall units further comprises a plurality of fasteners for attaching a panel to the wall unit; and the kit can have at least one panel coupleable to at least one wall unit. In another embodiment, at least one of the first face and the second face of each of the plurality of wall units can have a plurality of relief pieces for attaching an insert to the wall unit; and wherein the kit can have at least one insert coupleable to at least one wall unit.

In an additional embodiment, there can be hooks on at least one of a top and a bottom of each wall unit and on at least one of a top and a bottom of the door and window unit, the hooks being strong enough to allow for the wall unit and the door and window unit to be picked up by the hooks. In another embodiment, there can be spindle holes in at least one of a top and a bottom of each wall unit and in at least one of a top and a bottom of the door and window unit. The spindle holes can be configured for the insertion of a spindle such that each of the plurality of wall units and the door and window unit can be rotatable to change the orientation of the first face and the second face. Optionally, each of the plurality of wall units and the aperture unit can be prewired for attaching lights. Further, the wall modules or wall units can have one or more stubs on an upper surface therefor to support lights. For example, the lights may be equipped with clamps or the like which may be clamped on to or otherwise removably attached to the stubs. The lights can be used for decoration purposes or can be used simply to illuminate a space defined by the wall modules and/or wall units, and/or the wall modules and/or wall units. For example, the lights may be used to illuminate actors in a set defined by the wall modules and/or wall units.

In an additional embodiment, the kit also can have a plurality of floor units, each floor unit having a first face with a first design; a second face with a second design thereon, the second design being different than the first design; and a plurality of connector slots. Connectors can be removably slidable in the connector slots to removably couple the plurality of floor units together. Optionally, at least one of the first face and the second face of the floor units can be painted, colored or textured to simulate at least one of the group consisting of marble, stone, brick, cement, asphalt, wood plank, tile and linoleum.

In an embodiment, the first plurality of connector elements and the second plurality of connector elements comprise connector slots configured to removably receive connector devices to removably couple the plurality of wall units and the at least one aperture unit. Optionally, the first plurality of connector elements and the second plurality of

connector elements comprise snaps. Additionally, at least a portion of the first connector elements and the second connector elements can comprise magnets. Optionally, at least one wall unit can have a green screen. In an additional embodiment of the present disclosure, at least one of the first wall unit and the second wall unit further comprises a third face painted, textured or covered to simulate a third surface, the third surface being different than the first surface and the second surface.

In an additional embodiment, the kit further comprises at least one stair unit, the stair unit having a lower base; a plurality of stairs coupled to each other, at least one stair being coupled to the lower base; and an upper base coupled to at least one of the stairs. At least one of the lower base and the upper base further comprise a plurality of connector elements. Optionally, the kit also can have at least one landing unit coupleable to the upper base of the stair unit.

Some embodiments of the present disclosure are also directed to a method for interchangeably constructing a stage. The method, according to an embodiment, can have the steps of: providing a kit having a plurality of wall units, each wall unit having: a first face painted, textured or covered to simulate a first surface; a second face painted, textured or covered to simulate a second surface, the second surface being different than the first surface; and a plurality of connector slots; at least one aperture unit comprising: a first face painted, textured or covered to simulate a first door or window; a second face painted, textured or covered to simulate a second door or window, the second door or window being different than the first door or window; and a plurality of connector slots; and a plurality of connectors removably mountable in the wall unit connector slots and the aperture unit connector slots to removably couple the plurality of wall units and the at least one aperture unit. The method further includes the steps of coupling at least two of the plurality of wall units to each other using the connectors; and coupling the window and door unit to at least one of the wall units using the connectors.

In an additional embodiment, a bottom of each wall unit can have a spindle hole and the method further includes the steps of: mounting at least one wall unit on a spindle; rotating the wall unit to change the orientation of the wall unit; and removing the at least one wall unit from the spindle. Optionally, the kit further comprises a plurality of floor units each floor unit having: a first face having a first design thereon; a second face having a second design thereon, the second design being different than the first design; and a plurality of connector slots; and wherein the method further comprises: placing the plurality of floor units proximal to the plurality of wall units and the window and door unit; and removably connecting the plurality of floor units to each other. Optionally, the method further comprises the steps of: uncoupling the floor units from each other; turning over a plurality of the floor units; and re-coupling the floor units to each other.

In an additional embodiment, the kit further comprises at least one stair unit and at least one landing unit; and the method further comprises: positioning the at least one stair unit proximal to at least one wall unit; and connecting the at least one landing unit to the stair unit.

An additional embodiment is directed to an interchangeable stage kit having a plurality of wall units, each wall unit further having: a first face painted, textured or covered to simulate a first surface; a second face painted, textured or covered to simulate a second surface, the second surface being different than the first surface; and a plurality of connector slots. The kit also can have a plurality of aperture units, each aperture unit having: a first face painted, textured or covered to simulate a first door or window; a second face painted, textured or covered to simulate a second door or window, the second door or window being different than the first door or window; and a plurality of connector slots.

The kit also can have a plurality of floor units, each floor unit further comprising: a first face having a first design thereon; a second face having a second design thereon, the second design being different than the first design; and a plurality of connector slots. The kit also can have a plurality of connectors removably mountable in the wall unit connector slots, the aperture unit connector slots and the floor unit connector slots to removably couple the plurality of wall units, the at least one aperture unit and the floor units. In an additional embodiment, the kit also can have at least one stair unit, the stair unit having: a lower base; a plurality of stairs coupled to each other, at least one stair being coupled to the lower base; and an upper base coupled to at least one of the stairs; wherein the lower base and the upper base further comprise a plurality of connector slots.

Any of the features, components, or details of any of the arrangements or embodiments disclosed in this application, including those summarized above and those described in greater detail below, can be interchangeably combinable with any other features, components, or details of any of the arrangements or embodiments disclosed herein to form new arrangements and embodiments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Embodiments of the present disclosure will now be described hereinafter, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. **1**A is a schematic drawing of a wall unit according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. **1**B is a schematic drawing of the wall unit of FIG. **1**A turned over and around;

FIG. **2** is a schematic drawing of a spindle and forklift attachment usable with the wall unit of FIG. **1**A.

FIG. **3** is a schematic drawing of an enlarged view of a connector slot of the wall unit of FIG. **1**A and a connector configured for use with the connector slot;

FIG. **4** is a schematic drawing of a door unit according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. **5**A is a schematic drawing of a floor unit according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. **5**B is a schematic drawing of the floor unit of FIG. **5**A turned over;

FIG. **6** is a schematic drawing of a stair unit according to an embodiment of the present disclosure; and

FIG. **7** is a cross-sectional view of the stair unit of FIG. **6**.

FIGS. **8**A, **8**B, and **8**C illustrate additional embodiments of a wall module of varying size and configurations.

FIGS. **9**, **10**, **11**, and **12**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **8**C.

FIG. **13** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **8**C.

FIGS. **14**A-**14**B are isometric views of additional embodiments of the wall module.

FIG. **15** is an isometric view of a cap member that can be supported on a top surface of any of the support members disclosed herein.

FIGS. **16** and **17** are isometric views of a front and a rear side, respectively, of a first assembled wall structure and a second assembled wall structure, that can be interconnected.

FIGS. **18**A, **18**B, and **18**C illustrate additional embodiments of a wall module of varying size and configurations.

FIGS. **19**, **20**, **21**, and **22**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **18**C.

FIG. **23** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **18**C.

FIG. **24** is an isometric view of another embodiment of the wall module.

FIG. **25** is an isometric view of a cap member that can be supported on a top surface of any of the support members disclosed herein.

FIGS. **26** and **27** are isometric views of a front and a rear side, respectively, of a first assembled wall structure and a second assembled wall structure, that can be interconnected.

FIGS. **28**A and **28**B illustrate additional embodiments of a wall module of varying size and configurations.

FIGS. **29**, **30**, **31**, and **32**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **28**B.

FIG. **33** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **28**B.

FIG. **34** is an isometric view of an embodiment of a hinge member.

FIGS. **35** and **36** are isometric views of a front and a rear side, respectively, of a first assembled wall structure and a second assembled wall structure, that can be interconnected.

FIGS. **37**A, **37**B, and **37**C illustrate additional embodiments of a wall module of varying sizes and configurations.

FIGS. **38**, **39**, **40**, and **41**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **37**C.

FIGS. **42**, **43**, **44**, and **45**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the support member of the wall module embodiment illustrated in FIG. **37**C.

FIG. **46** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **37**C.

FIGS. **47-51** are isometric views of additional embodiments of a wall module.

FIG. **52** is an isometric view of an embodiment of a cap member that can be supported on a top surface of any of the support member embodiments disclosed herein.

FIG. **53** is an isometric view of an embodiment of a first assembled wall structure and a second assembled wall structure that can be interconnected using the one or more embodiments of the rotation modules disclosed herein.

FIG. **54** is an isometric view of a backside of an embodiment of a first assembled wall structure and a second assembled wall structure that can be interconnected using the one or more embodiments of the rotation modules disclosed herein.

FIG. **55** illustrates an additional embodiment of a wall module.

FIGS. **56**, **57**, **58**, and **59**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **55**.

FIG. **60** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module illustrated in FIG. **55**.

FIG. **61** is a cutaway view of the embodiment of the support member, including a plurality of connector members, illustrated in FIG. **55**.

FIGS. **62** and **63** illustrate several of the wall modules of FIG. **55** interconnected to define an opening configured to receive a window module.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In the following description of the preferred embodiments, reference is made to the accompanying drawings, which show by way of illustration, specific embodiments which may be practiced. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts. It is to be understood that other embodiments can be utilized and structural and functional changes can be made without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

Some embodiments are directed to a system and method for constructing a set that utilizes modular components, such as modular wall units, door units, flooring units and stair units. A modular wall unit **10** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure is shown in FIGS. **1**A and **1**B. The wall unit **10** can be used for creating an interior or exterior wall. The wall unit can have a first face **12** and a second face **14**. In any embodiments disclosed herein, a first face and/or a second face of a wall module or unit (such as, without limitation, the first face **12** and/or the second face **14** of the modular wall unit **10**) can be painted, textured or covered to simulate a surface, for example wood, brick, stucco, plaster or wallpaper.

In any embodiments disclosed herein, a first face and/or a second face (such as, without limitation, the first face **12** and/or the second face **14** of the modular wall unit **10**) can have a plurality of fasteners **16**, such as for example rivets, snaps, hook and loop fasteners, magnets, any other suitable removable or non-removable fasteners, and/or any combination of the foregoing for attaching panels **18** to the face. The panels can simulate a surface such as wood, brick, stucco, plaster or wallpaper and can be, for example, painted or pre-printed. Additionally, one or both faces can have a plurality of relief pieces **20** for holding an insert **22**, such as a fabric piece to simulate a wall material.

Additionally, any wall units embodiments disclosed herein, including without limitation the wall unit **10**, can have fasteners, such as riggable hooks **24**, for allowing the modular wall to be lifted in and out of location, such as by a crane or a forklift.

Alternatively, instead of hooks, magnets, tethers, or any other coupling devices can be used for allowing the wall unit **10** to be lifted in and out of location. Additionally, any wall unit embodiments disclosed herein, including without limitation, the wall unit **10**, can have a spindle hole **26** in the top **25** or a bottom for fitting of a spindle **27** such as shown in FIG. **2**.

The spindle **27** can be mounted on a studio floor or on a forklift using a forklift assembly **28** and rotatably fit within a spindle hole of any of the wall units disclosed herein for allowing the wall unit **10** to be rotated on the spindle to change viewing from the first face **12** to the second face **25** or from the second face **14** to the first face **12**. In any embodiments, the wall unit **10** can be raised using riggable hooks **24**, positioned on spindle **27**, rotated 180 degrees until facing the opposite direction, lifted off of the spindle using the riggable hooks **24**, the spindle **27** removed and the wall unit **10** placed back down.

In any embodiments, one face of the wall unit **10** can be configured as an interior wall and the other face of the wall unit **10** configured as an exterior wall. The wall unit **10** can be covered with a slipcover to simulate a surface, for example wood, brick, stucco, plaster or wallpaper. The wall unit of any embodiment disclosed herein can be painted or covered to have the appearance of three-dimensional archi-

tectural features, such as columns and bookcases on at least one side. In an additional embodiment, one side of the wall unit can be painted or covered as a green screen for use in virtual sets. In an embodiment, the wall unit **10** can be prewired for attaching lights or other fixtures to the wall unit **10**.

In an embodiment, as shown in FIGS. **1**A, **1**B and **3**, each of the wall units can have a plurality of connector slots **32** for coupling wall panels to each other, such as for creating differently sized wall assemblies, and for attaching the wall panels to other components. The use of connector slots **32** with connectors **33** that slidably engage in the connector slots allows for quick joining of wall panels to each other and to other components without the use of specialized tools. When not in use, if necessary, plugs can be placed in the connector holes to hide the connector holes. Connectors can be created for joining adjacent components in a plane, such as the connector shown in FIG. **3**, or at an angle, such as about ninety-degrees to form a corner. Alternatively, other coupling devices and fasteners such as magnets, brackets or snaps can be used for joining wall units **10** to each other and to other components.

The wall units **10** can be configured as flat or curved pieces; the use of curved wall units of different radii allows for the creation of curved structures, such as turrets. When not in use, the wall units **10** can be stacked and moved, for example, on pallets or in standard containers. This saves storage space and eases crating and shipping. In some embodiments, the structure of the wall units **10** can be made to be weight bearing, sturdy and safe. In any embodiments disclosed herein, the internal structure (including any of the support members disclosed below) of any wall unit embodiments disclosed herein can be made from one or more of, for example, wood (e.g., medium-density fibreboard (MDF)), plastic or other composite material (e.g., plastic laminated MDF), fiberglass, aluminum, steel, and any combination thereof. The faces or panels of any wall units can be made with any suitable covering material and can be made with at least one of, for example, wood, MDF, pressboard or particle board, aluminum, steel, glass, plastic, and multi-vinyl castings.

An aperture unit **40** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure is shown in FIG. **3**. The aperture unit can be used for creating an interior or exterior door or window. The aperture unit can have a first face **42** and a second face **44**. The first face **42** and/or the second face **44** can be painted, textured or covered to simulate a surface, such as for example wood, brick, stucco, plaster or wallpaper. In an embodiment, the first face **42** can be configured as an interior surface and the second face **44** can be configured as an outside surface. In an additional embodiment, the first face **42** or the second face **44** can be painted or covered as a green screen for use in virtual sets.

The first face **42** or the second face **44** of any embodiments disclosed herein can have a plurality of fasteners **46**, such as for example rivets, snaps, hook and loop fasteners, magnets, and/or any combination of the foregoing, for attaching panels **48** to the face. The panels **48** can simulate a surface such as wood, brick, stucco, plaster or wallpaper. Additionally, the panels can simulate an architectural feature such as different types of doors or windows. The panels can be, for example, painted or pre-printed. The aperture unit can have functional doors and windows that can open and close. The aperture unit **40** can be used to simulate, for example, plastic (such as polyvinyl chloride or vinyl) windows, aluminum windows, wood windows, interior doors with panel inserts and exterior doors with panel inserts. Likewise, the aperture unit **40** can be used to simulate, for example, hinged or sliding doors, pocket doors, dutch doors, elevators and closets.

The front and back of the functional doors and windows can be different types or the same type. Also, for a given door, each side of the door can appear to be an exterior door with different styles, each side of the door can appear to be an interior door with different styles, or one side of the door can appear to be an exterior door with one style, and the other side of the door can appear to be an interior door with a different style.

Additionally, the first face **42** and the second face **44** can have a plurality of relief pieces **50** for holding an insert, such as a fabric piece to simulate a door or window material. In an additional embodiment, the door and window unit **40** can be prewired for connection of lights, such as lamps. Optionally, frosted glass panels can be held in the plurality of relief pieces **50** and backlit, such as by LED's to further simulate a frosted glass door.

The aperture unit **40** can be configured as a single or double hinge door. To facilitate multiple configurations, the aperture unit **40** can have two holes **52** for insertion of door hardware, each hole being fillable with a matched plug **54** to hide the hole if desired. Likewise, to facilitate multiple configurations, the aperture unit **40** can have a removable molding mountable on the door and window unit to hide door hinges **56**. The use of the removable molding(s) along with matched plugs allows for the door and window unit to be used a single door set element or a regular wall instead of a double door.

In an embodiment, the aperture unit **40** can have a thickness suitable to, and be configured to, accommodate a pocket door slider **58**. The aperture unit **40** can have riggable hooks **60**, such as on a top **62** for allowing the aperture unit to be lifted in and out of location, such as by a crane or a forklift. Alternatively, instead of hooks, magnets or other coupling devices can be used for allowing the aperture unit **40** to be lifted in and out of location. Additionally, the aperture unit **40** can have a spindle hole **64** in the top **62** or a bottom for fitting of a spindle (not shown). The spindle can be mounted on a studio floor or on a forklift and rotatably fit within the spindle hole **62** for allowing the aperture unit **40** to be rotated on the spindle to change viewing from the first face **42** to the second face **44** or from the second face **44** to the first face **42**. Multiple doors of different types can be stored in a pocket in the wall unit **10** or in a pocket in the aperture unit **40** and different doors can be removed from the pocket and used with the aperture unit **40** depending on the desired appearance for the set.

In an embodiment, as shown in FIG. **4**, each of the aperture units **40** can have a plurality of connector slots **66** for coupling window and door units **40** to each other and to wall units **10**. The use of connector slots **66** with connectors **33** that slidably engage in the connector slots **66** allows for quick joining of window and door panels **40** to each other and to other components without the use of specialized tools. When not in use, if necessary, plugs can be placed in the connector holes to hide the connector holes. Connectors can be created for joining adjacent components in a plane, such as the connector shown in FIG. **3**, or at an angle, such as about ninety-degrees to form a corner. Alternatively, other coupling devices and fasteners such as magnets, brackets or snaps can be used as connector elements for joining aperture units **40** to each other and to other components.

In an embodiment, one face of the aperture unit **40** can be configured as an interior window or door and the other face of the aperture unit **40** configured as an exterior window or

door. The aperture unit **40** can be covered with a slipcover to simulate a surface, such as wood, brick, stucco, plaster or wallpaper, as well as architectural features such as various types of windows or doors. The aperture unit **40** can be painted or covered to have the appearance of three-dimensional architectural features, such as columns and bookcases on at least one side.

In an additional embodiment, one side of the aperture unit **40** can be painted or covered as a green screen for use in virtual sets. Multiple windows of different types can be stored in a pocket in the wall unit **10** or in a pocket in the aperture unit **40** and different windows can be removed from the pocket and used in the aperture unit **40** depending on the desired appearance for the set.

When not in use, the aperture units **40** can be stacked and moved, for example, on pallets or in standard containers. This saves storage space and eases crating and shipping. The structure of the aperture units **40** can be made to be weight bearing, sturdy and safe. The internal structure of the aperture units **40** can be made from one or more of, for example, wood, aluminum and steel. The faces of the aperture units **40** can be made with any suitable material and can be made with at least one of, for example, wood, MDF, aluminum, steel, glass, plastic and multi-vinyl castings.

In an alternative embodiment of the present disclosure, the wall units **10** and the aperture units **40** can have more than 2 faces. For example, the wall units and/or window units **40** can be formed as cubes with 6 different faces. The cubes can be rotated to form 6 different sets.

A modular floor unit **80** according to another embodiment of the present disclosure is shown in FIGS. **5**A and **5**B. Any embodiments of the modular floor unit **80** can have any of the features, materials, components, sizes, or other details or combinations thereof of any other embodiments disclosed herein. The floor unit **80** can be used for creating an interior or exterior floor. The floor unit **80** can have a first face **82** and a second face **84**. Each face can be painted, colored or textured to simulate a surface, such as for example marble, stone, brick, cement, asphalt, wood plank, tile or linoleum.

In a preferred embodiment, a first photograph can be printed on the first face **82** and a second different photograph can be printed on the second face **84**. Each photograph can simulate a surface such as for example marble, stone, brick, cement, asphalt, wood plank, tile or linoleum. Some embodiments of the modular floor unit can made from, for example, vinyl or other plastic or composite materials, fiberglass, wood, or any other suitable material or combination of the foregoing.

In any embodiments, the internal structure of the modular floor unit can be made from one or more of, for example, wood, aluminum and steel. The faces of the modular floor unit can be made with any suitable material and can be made with at least one of, for example, wood, concrete, brick and multi-vinyl castings.

The floor unit **80** can be made in numerous different sizes and shapes. In some embodiments, the floor unit can be square and can have a size from approximately 4 inches by approximately 4 inches to approximately 4 feet by approximately 4 feet in size. As used herein, the term approximately is meant to represent a range of 10% greater than or less than the stated value, unless otherwise defined herein. In any embodiments disclosed herein, the floor unit can be magnetized for removable attachment to an undersurface such as a sheet of steel. In any embodiments, each floor unit **80** can have a connector slot **86** along each face. In some embodiments, the connector slots **86** can be configured similarly to the connector slots in the wall units **10** and the window and door units **40**.

Embodiments of a modular stair unit **100** and a modular landing unit **102** are shown in FIGS. **6** and **7**. The stair unit **100** and landing unit **102** can be used for creating an interior or exterior stairway. The stair unit **100** and the landing unit **102** can each be painted, textured or covered to simulate a surface, such as for example wood, brick, marble or cement.

The stair unit **100** can have a lower base **104**, a series of steps **106** and an upper base **108**. The size of the lower base **104** and the upper base **108** can be varied and can be configured to be the same size as one of the steps. The number and sizes of the steps **106** can be varied for different types of stairways. In an embodiment, the stair unit can have between about 2 and about 20 stairs, preferably between about 5 and about 15 stairs, and more preferably between about 6 and about 12 stairs. The stair unit **100** can be held upright by resting the lower base **104** on the ground, a stage, or a first riser and the upper base on a higher riser or other support. Alternatively, the stair unit **100** can have supports and can stand upright without a riser or other support.

The stair unit **100** can have a connector slot **110** on the lower base **104** and the upper base **108** for connection to one or more additional stair units **100**, landing units **102** or other components. Alternatively, other coupling devices and fasteners such as magnets, brackets or snaps can be used for joining stair units **100** to each other and to other components.

The stair unit **100** can be prewired to accommodate lights. The stair unit can also be fitted with holes in the lower base **104**, the upper base **108** and one or more stairs **106** for the attachment of railings and/or banisters.

The stair units **100** can be made to be weight bearing, sturdy and safe. The internal structure of the stair units **100** can be made from one or more of, for example, wood, aluminum and steel. The faces of the stairs and bases can be made with any suitable covering material and can be made with at least one of, for example, wood, glass and brick.

Landing unit **102** can be placed adjacent to the stair unit lower base **104** or upper base **108**. The landing unit **102** can have a variety of different shapes, such as for example, square, rectangular, semicircular or pie shaped. The landing unit **102** can have a connector slot **112** on each of its sides for connection to one or more stair units **100** or to additional landing units **102**. Alternatively, other coupling devices and fasteners such as magnets, brackets or snaps can be used for joining landing units **102** to each other and to other components.

The landing unit **102** can be prewired to accommodate lights. The structure of the landing units **102** can be made to be weight bearing, sturdy and safe. The internal structure of the landing units **102** can be made from one or more of, for example, wood, aluminum and steel. The landing units **102** can be covered with any suitable covering material such as, for example, wood, glass, brick, carpet and vinyl castings.

A plurality of wall units **10** and window and door units **40** and connectors **33** can be manufactured and/or sold as a kit. The kit can be unpacked and the wall units **10** and window and door units **40** can be connected to each other as needed using the connectors **33** to form a stage as desired. Optionally, the kit further includes floor units **80**, which can be placed adjacent to the wall units **10** and the window and door units **40** and coupled to each other using the connectors **33**. Optionally, the kit further includes a plurality of stair units **100** and landing units **102**, which can be placed adjacent to

the wall units and the window and door units **40** and coupled to each other using the connectors **33**.

After the stage is put together using the connectors, if it becomes desirable to change the stage, the wall units and the window and door units can have panels, insets, or covers changed. Additionally, the door units and the window and door units can be rotated 180 degrees. Additionally, the floor units can be flipped over. Additionally, the configuration of the stair units and the landing units can be changed.

In some embodiments, the wall units **10**, window and door units **40** can be configured as a standard newsroom on one face and a living room on the other face, thereby allowing the wall units **10** and window units **40** to be rotated 180 degrees to change from the newsroom set to the living room set. As an additional example of the use of some embodiments disclosed herein, wall units **10**, window and door units **40** and floor units **80** can be used to simulate the interior of the Oval Office of the White House on one face and an exterior of the White House on the other face, thereby allowing the wall units **10**, window units **40** and floor units **80** to be rotated 180 degrees to change a set from the interior of the Oval Office to the exterior of the White House.

FIGS. **8**A, **8**B, and **8**C illustrate additional embodiments of a wall module **200** of varying sizes and configurations. FIGS. **9**, **10**, **11**, and **12**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module **200** illustrated in FIG. **8**C. FIG. **13** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module **200** illustrated in FIG. **8**C. Any embodiments of the wall modules disclosed herein, including without limitation **200** illustrated in FIGS. **8**A, **8**B, and **8**C can have any of the same features, materials, components, sizes, or other details or configurations of any other wall module embodiments disclosed herein. In any embodiments, the wall modules **200** in any of FIGS. **8**A, **8**B, and **8**C can have the same features and components, but can have a varying size. For example, the wall module embodiment **200** illustrated in FIG. **8**A, or any other wall modules disclosed herein, can be approximately 1.5 feet by approximately 1.5 feet, the wall module embodiment **200** illustrated in FIG. **8**B can be approximately 3 feet tall by 1.5 feet wide, and the wall module embodiment **200** illustrated in FIG. **8**C can be approximately 3 feet tall by 3 feet wide. Additionally, any wall module embodiments disclosed herein can have any of the combination of the foregoing sizes, or any other desired size either greater than or less than the aforementioned ranges. For example and without limitation, any of the wall modules can be approximately 10 feet tall by 2 feet wide, or approximately 12 feet tall by 2 feet wide, or approximately 2 feet tall by 10 or 12 feet or more wide.

The wall module **200** can have a support member **202**, one or more connector members **206**, and one or more cover members **210** (also referred to herein as panels or panel members) supported by the support member **202**. One or both main surfaces of any panels disclosed herein can be painted, covered, or otherwise decorated, as similarly described elsewhere herein. The connector members **206** can be configured to be supported by the support member **202** on an upper surface or portion **202***a* of the support member **202**. Any number of connector members **206** can be used, depending on the size of the wall module, and the size and/or number of connector members **206** can be used. For example, the wall module embodiment **200** illustrated in FIG. **8**A can have four connector members **206**, or from two to six connector members **206**. The wall module embodiment **200** illustrated in FIG. **8**C can have eight connector members **206**, or between two or three and ten or more connector members **206**. In some embodiments, the connector member **206** can be positioned at both of the two end portions of the support member **202**. Additionally, a connector member **206** can be positioned near the middle of the support member **202**.

The connector members **206** can be configured to be received within complementary sized openings (not illustrated) formed in or positioned at a lower edge **202***b* of the support member **202** so that a plurality of support members **202** can be interconnected to form a larger wall structure. As with any of the embodiments described above, the support members **202** can be used to support display panels, facades, or other aesthetic components. As will be described in greater detail below, any of the support members **202** can have recesses, cuts, openings, weight relief features, or other similar features formed therein to reduce the weight of the support members without unacceptably compromising the stiffness of the support members.

Additionally, in any embodiments disclosed herein, the support members can be configured to support pre-painted panel members which can be painted to represent landscape or scenery, wall structures, indoor or outdoor walls, or any other suitable picture or illustration. The panel members can be made from wood, fiberglass, plastic, cloth or other textiles, vinyl, plastic, or any other suitable material or combination of materials. Additionally, the support members can be configured to support one or more continuous panel members configured to continuously extend across multiple wall modules, or across one or more wall units entirely, and optionally conceal seams, openings (e.g., hand grips), coupling devices (e.g., screws, bolts, etc.) of a wall module or between the wall modules. This enables multiple modules to appear as a single structure. The panel members may also extend downwards to conceal wheels or the like mounted to the wall modules. Tensioning members or devices can be positioned along the edges or at the corners of the panel members (e.g., where they are not visible at a typical camera height) and can be used to stretch or tension the panels to remove or reduce any folds, wrinkles, or other similar undulations in the panel members, without marring the panels.

Additionally, in any embodiments, any number of connector members **206** can be positioned on or supported by one or more of the side surfaces **202***c* of the support member **202** so that the support members **202** can be interconnected in a lateral direction as well to provide removable connections between a plurality of laterally arranged wall modules **200**. For example, openings can be formed in the side portions **202***c* of any of the support members **202**, wherein the connector members **206** can be slidably or otherwise removably supported within the openings. When it is desired to interconnect one or more wall modules **200**, one or more connector members **206** can be inserted within the openings formed in an upper surface, lower surface, and/or either of the side surfaces of the support member **202**, to interconnect two or more wall modules.

As described above, in any embodiments, the connector members **206** can be removably supported within openings (not illustrated) formed in the support member **202**. Additionally or alternatively, one or more of the connector members **206** can be non-removably supported by the support member **202**, or can be integrally formed with the support member **202**. Additionally, any embodiments of the wall module **200** wherein the connector members **206** are removably supported by the support member **202**, the wall modules **200** can be configured such that the connector members **206** are inhibited from sliding out of the openings

formed in the support member **202**. This can be accomplished using any number of suitable features, including without limitation hook and loop fasteners, detents and complementary protrusions (depressable or otherwise), magnets, or any combination of the foregoing.

Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. **8**, one or more panels **210** can be supported by the support member **202**. For example, and without limitation, a first panel **210***a* can be supported on a first surface **202***d* (which can be a front facing surface) of the support member **202**. Additionally, a second panel **210***b* can be supported on a second surface **202***e* (which can be a rear facing surface) of the support member **202**. In some embodiments, as in the illustrated embodiment, the panels **210** can be removably attached to or supported by the support member **202** using bolts, screws, press-fit, hook and loop fasteners, or other similar fasteners **212**. Additionally, in any embodiments disclosed herein, the panels **210** can be supported by the support member **202** using hook and loop fasteners, latches, hooks, nails, or any other suitable fasteners.

In some embodiments, as shown most clearly in FIGS. **9**, **11**, and **13**, one or more tubes or spacer members **214** can be positioned between the panels **210** and the support member **202** to widen the wall module **210** and/or to provide spacing between the panels **210** and the support member **202**. In some embodiments, the fasteners **212** can be threadably received within threaded openings formed in the support member **202**. Alternatively, as illustrated in FIG. **13**, the fasteners **212** can pass through openings in the panel **210** and the support member **202** and then be threadably received by one or more threaded fasteners **216**, which can be threaded nuts, or other similar fasteners.

FIGS. **14**A and **14**B are isometric views of another embodiment of a wall module **230** of variable size. With reference to FIG. **14**, any of the wall module embodiments disclosed herein can be configured to have a rotation element or module **232** (also referred to herein as a rotation member) removably or non-removably attached to or integrally formed with the support member **202** configured to permit the module **230** to rotate about an axis A through a centerline of a rotation pin or shaft **234** positioned on an upper surface **232***a* of the rotation member **232**. The rotation member **232** can be configured such that the rotation pin or shaft **234** can be received within a complementary shaped recess formed in or positioned at or adjacent to a bottom surface of an adjoining support member **202** of a wall module **200** or wall module **230** having a rotation element **232**.

FIG. **15** is an isometric view of a cap member **240** that can be supported on a top surface of any of the support members **202** disclosed herein. The cap member **240** can be used to cover and/or conceal any of the connection members **206**. In some embodiments, the cap member **240** can also help hold adjoining support members **202** together, bridging the gap between such support members **202**.

FIG. **16** is an isometric view of a first assembled wall structure **250***a* and a second assembled wall structure **250***b*, that can be interconnected. The assembled wall structures **250** can be comprised of any combination of the wall modules **200**, **230** (or any other wall modules disclosed herein) or otherwise, interconnected to form a structurally stable wall structure. In some embodiments, the wall modules **200**, **230** (or any other wall modules disclosed herein) can be positioned and interconnected so as to form an opening or window **254** in the wall structure **250**, such as the first wall structure **250***a*.

Additionally, in some embodiments, one or more floor support members **256** can be used to support the wall structures **250** in a vertical position or at any suitable angle. In some embodiments, the floor support members **256** can engage or attach to the support members **202** of any of the wall modules to provide a stable connection to the wall module. The floor support members **256** can have a base portion **258** that can be wider than a width of the wall modules, and can have a vertical portion (not shown) that can overlap and/or engage with the support members **202**.

FIGS. **18**A, **18**B, and **18**C illustrate additional embodiments of a wall module **300** of varying sizes and configurations. FIGS. **19**, **20**, **21**, and **22**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module **300** illustrated in FIG. **18**C. FIG. **23** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module **300** illustrated in FIG. **18**C. Any embodiments of the wall modules disclosed herein, including without limitation **300** illustrated in FIGS. **18**A, **18**B, and **18**C, can have any of the same features, materials, components, sizes, or other details or configurations of any other wall module embodiments disclosed herein, including without limitation the wall module **200** discussed above. In any embodiments, the wall modules **300** in any of FIGS. **18**A, **18**B, and **18**C can have the same features and components, but can have a varying size. For example, the wall module embodiment **300** illustrated in FIG. **18**A can be approximately 1.5 feet by approximately 1.5 feet, the wall module embodiment **300** illustrated in FIG. **18**B can be approximately 3 feet tall by 1.5 feet wide, and the wall module embodiment **300** illustrated in FIG. **18**C can be approximately 3 feet tall by 3 feet wide. Additionally, any wall module embodiments disclosed herein can have any of the combination of the foregoing sizes, or any other desired size either greater than or less than the aforementioned ranges.

The wall module **300** can have a support member **302**, one or more connector members **306**, and one or more cover members **310** (also referred to herein as panels or panel members) supported by the support member **302**. The connector members **306** can be configured to be supported by the support member **302** on an upper surface or portion **302***a* of the support member **302**. Any number of connector members **306** can be used, depending on the size of the wall module, and the size and/or number of connector members **306** can be used. For example, the wall module embodiment **300** illustrated in FIG. **18**A can have four connector members **306**, or from two to six connector members **306**. The wall module embodiment **300** illustrated in FIG. **18**C can have eight connector members **306**, or between two or three and ten or more connector members **306**. In some embodiments, the connector member **306** can be positioned at both of the two end portions of the support member **302**. Additionally, a connector member **306** can be positioned near the middle of the support member **302**.

The connector members **306** can be configured to be received within complementary sized openings **308** formed in or positioned at a lower edge **302***b* of the support member **302** so that a plurality of support members **302** can be interconnected to form a larger wall structure. As with any of the embodiments described above, the support members **302** can be used to support display panels (such as, but not limited to, cover members **310**), facades, or other aesthetic components. As will be described in greater detail below, any of the support members **302** can have recesses, cuts, openings, weight relief features, or other similar features

formed therein to reduce the weight of the support members without unacceptably compromising the stiffness of the support members.

Additionally, in any embodiments, any number of connector members **306** can be positioned on or supported by one or more of the side surfaces **302***c* of the support member **302** so that the support members **302** can be interconnected in a lateral direction as well to provide removable connections between a plurality of laterally arranged wall modules **300**. For example, openings can be formed in the side portions **302***c* of any of the support members **302**, wherein the connector members **306** can be slidably or otherwise removably supported within the openings. When it is desired to interconnect one or more wall modules **300**, one or more connector members **306** can be inserted within the openings formed in an upper surface, lower surface, and/or either of the side surfaces of the support member **302**, to interconnect two or more wall modules.

As described above, in any embodiments, the connector members **306** can be removably supported within openings **308** or otherwise formed in the support member **302**. Additionally or alternatively, one or more of the connector members **306** can be non-removably supported by the support member **302**, or can be integrally formed with the support member **302**. Additionally, any embodiments of the wall module **300** wherein the connector members **306** are removably supported by the support member **302**, the wall modules **300** can be configured such that the connector members **306** are inhibited from sliding out of the openings formed in the support member **302**. This can be accomplished using any number of suitable features, including without limitation hook and loop fasteners, detents and complementary protrusions (depressable or otherwise), magnets, or any combination of the foregoing.

With reference to FIGS. **18**A-**18**C, in some embodiments, the support member **302** can have an upper or first support element **303** positioned at an upper or first end of the module **300** and a lower or second support element **304** positioned at a lower or second end of the module **300**. In some embodiments, the first support element **303** and the second support element **304** can be spaced apart from one another and only be interconnected by the panels **310**. However, in some embodiments, one or more vertical support elements (not illustrated) can be positioned between the first support element **303** and the second support element **304** to provide vertical stability to the support member **302**. Such vertical supports can be bolted to, integrally formed with, or otherwise supported by the first support element **303** and the second support element **304**. For example, in some embodiments, the vertical support can have end portions positionable within the openings **308** formed in the first support element **303** and/or the second support element **304**.

Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. **18**, one or more panels **310** can be supported by the support member **302**. For example, and without limitation, a first panel **310***a* can be supported on a first surface **302***d* (which can be a front facing surface) of the support member **302**. Additionally, a second panel **310***b* can be supported on a second surface **302***e* (which can be a rear facing surface) of the support member **302**. In some embodiments, as in the illustrated embodiment, the panels **310** can be removably attached to or supported by the support member **302** using bolts, screws, press-fit, hook and loop fasteners, or other similar fasteners **312**. Additionally, in any embodiments disclosed herein, the panels **310** can be supported by the support member **302** using hook and loop fasteners, latches, hooks, nails, or any other suitable fasteners.

In some embodiments, the fasteners **312** can be threadably received within threaded openings formed in the support member **302**. Alternatively, as illustrated in FIG. **23**, the fasteners **312** can pass through openings in the panel **310** and the support member **302** then be threadably received by one or more threaded fasteners **316**, which can be threaded nuts, or other similar fasteners.

In some embodiments, as shown most clearly in FIGS. **21** and **23**, recesses **305** can be formed in the front face **302***d* and rear face **302***e* of the support member **302** (either or both of the first support element **303** and the second support element **304**) so that the panels **310** can be recessed relative to an outside surface of the support member **302**. For example, in some embodiments, the recess can have a thickness approximately equal to a thickness of any panel member that may be supported by the support member **302**.

With reference to FIG. **24**, any of the wall module embodiments disclosed herein can be configured to have a rotation element or module **332** (also referred to herein as a rotation member) removably or non-removably attached to or integrally formed with the support member **302** configured to permit the module **330** to rotate about an axis A through a centerline of a rotation pin or shaft **334** positioned on an upper surface **332***a* of the rotation member **332**. The rotation member **332** can be configured such that the rotation pin or shaft **334** can be received within a complementary shaped recess formed in or positioned at or adjacent to a bottom surface of an adjoining support member **302** of a wall module **300** or wall module **330** having a rotation element **332**.

FIG. **25** is an isometric view of a cap member **340** that can be supported on a top surface of any of the support members **302** disclosed herein. The cap member **340** can be used to cover and/or conceal any of the connection members **306**. In some embodiments, the cap member **340** can also help hold adjoining support members **302** together, bridging the gap between such support members **302**.

FIG. **26** is an isometric view of a first assembled wall structure **350***a* and a second assembled wall structure **350***b*, that can be interconnected. The assembled wall structures **350** can be comprised of any combination of the wall modules **300**, **330** (or any other wall modules disclosed herein) or otherwise, interconnected to form a structurally stable wall structure. In some embodiments, the wall modules **300**, **330** (or any other wall modules disclosed herein) can be positioned and interconnected so as to form an opening or window **354** in the wall structure **350**, such as the first wall structure **350***a*.

Additionally, in some embodiments, one or more floor support members **356** can be used to support the wall structures **350** in a vertical position or orientation, or at any suitable angular orientation. In some embodiments, the floor support members **356** can engage or attach to the support members **302** of any of the wall modules to provide a stable connection to the wall module. The floor support members **356** can have a base portion **358** that can be wider than a width of the wall modules, and can have a vertical portion (not shown) that can overlap and/or engage with the support members **302**.

FIGS. **28**A and **28**B illustrate additional embodiments of a wall module **400** of varying sizes and configurations. FIGS. **29**, **30**, **31**, and **32**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module **400** illustrated in FIG. **28**B. FIG. **33** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module **400** illustrated in FIG. **28**B. Any embodiments of the wall modules disclosed herein, including without limitation

400 illustrated in FIGS. 28A and 28B, can have any of the same features, materials, components, sizes, or other details or configurations of any other wall module embodiments disclosed herein, including without limitation the wall module 200 or the wall module 300 discussed above. In any embodiments, the wall modules 400 in any of FIGS. 28A and 28B can have the same features and components, but can have a varying size. For example, the wall module embodiment 400 illustrated in FIG. 28A can be approximately 1.5 feet by approximately 1.5 feet, and the wall module embodiment 400 illustrated in FIG. 28B can be approximately 3 feet or more tall by 3 feet or more wide. Additionally, any wall module embodiments disclosed herein can have any of the combination of the foregoing sizes, or any other desired size either greater than or less than the aforementioned ranges.

The wall module 400 can have a support member 402, one or more connector members 406, and one or more cover members 410 (also referred to herein as panels or panel members) supported by the support member 402. The connector members 406 can be configured to be supported by the support member 402 on an upper surface or portion 402*a* of the support member 402. Any number of connector members 406 can be used, depending on the size of the wall module, and the size and/or number of connector members 406 can be used. For example, the wall module embodiment 400 illustrated in FIG. 28A can have two connector members 406. In some embodiments, the connector member 406 can be positioned at both of the two end portions of the support member 402. Additionally, in some embodiments, a connector member 406 can be positioned near the middle of the support member 402.

The connector members 406 can be configured to be received within complementary sized openings 408 formed in or positioned at a lower edge 402*b* of the support member 402 so that a plurality of support members 402 can be interconnected to form a larger wall structure. As with any of the embodiments described above, the support members 402 can be used to support display panels (such as, but not limited to, cover members 410), facades, or other aesthetic components. As will be described in greater detail below, any of the support members 402 can have recesses, cuts, openings, weight relief features, or other similar features formed therein to reduce the weight of the support members without unacceptably compromising the stiffness of the support members.

Additionally, in any embodiments, any number of connector members 406 can be positioned on or supported by one or more of the side surfaces 402*c* of the support member 402 so that the support members 402 can be interconnected in a lateral direction as well to provide removable connections between a plurality of laterally arranged wall modules 400. For example, openings can be formed in the side portions 402*c* of any of the support members 402, wherein the connector members 406 can be slidably or otherwise removably supported within the openings. When it is desired to interconnect one or more wall modules 400, one or more connector members 406 can be inserted within the openings formed in an upper surface, lower surface, and/or either of the side surfaces of the support member 402, to interconnect two or more wall modules.

As described above, in any embodiments, the connector members 406 can be removably supported within openings 408 or otherwise formed in the support member 402. Additionally or alternatively, one or more of the connector members 406 can be non-removably supported by the support member 402, or can be integrally formed with the support member 402. Additionally, any embodiments of the wall module 400 wherein the connector members 406 are removably supported by the support member 402, the wall modules 400 can be configured such that the connector members 406 are inhibited from sliding out of the openings formed in the support member 402. This can be accomplished using any number of suitable features, including without limitation hook and loop fasteners, detents and complementary protrusions (depressable or otherwise), magnets, or any combination of the foregoing.

With reference to FIGS. 28A-28B, in some embodiments, the support member 402 can have a first side support element 403 positioned at a first side (which can be a left side) of the module 400 and a second support element 404 positioned at a second side (which can be a right side) of the module 400. In some embodiments, the first support element 403 and the second support element 404 can be spaced apart from one another and only be interconnected by the panels 410. However, in some embodiments, one or more lateral support members (not illustrated) can be positioned between the first support element 403 and the second support element 404 to provide lateral stability to the support member 402 and, hence, the wall module 400. Such lateral supports can be bolted to, integrally formed with, or otherwise supported by the first support element 403 and the second support element 404. For example, in some embodiments, the lateral support or supports can have end portions positionable within openings formed in the first and/or second support elements 403, 404.

Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. 28, one or more panels 410 can be supported by the support member 402. For example, and without limitation, a first panel 410*a* can be supported on a first surface 402*d* (which can be a front facing surface) of the support member 402. Additionally, a second panel 410*b* can be supported on a second surface 402*e* (which can be a rear facing surface) of the support member 402. In some embodiments, as in the illustrated embodiment, the panels 410 can be removably attached to or supported by the support member 402 using bolts, screws, press-fit, hook and loop fasteners, or other similar fasteners 412. Additionally, in any embodiments disclosed herein, the panels 410 can be supported by the support member 402 using hook and loop fasteners, latches, hooks, nails, or any other suitable fasteners.

In some embodiments, the fasteners 412 can be threadably received within threaded openings formed in the support member 402. Alternatively, as illustrated in FIG. 33, the fasteners 412 can pass through openings in the panel 410 and the support member 402 then be threadably received by one or more threaded fasteners 416, which can be threaded nuts, or other similar fasteners.

In some embodiments, as shown most clearly in FIGS. 31 and 33, recesses 405 can be formed in the front face 402*d* and rear face 402*e* of the support member 402 (either or both of the first support element 403 and the second support element 404) so that the panels 410 can be recessed relative to an outside surface of the support member 402. For example, in some embodiments, the recess can have a thickness approximately equal to a thickness of any panel member that may be supported by the support member 402.

FIG. 34 is an isometric view of an embodiment of a hinge member 432 that can be used with any of the wall module embodiments disclosed herein, including without limitation, wall module 430. The hinge 432 can be removably or non-removably attached to the side portions of any of the wall modules disclosed herein. The hinge member 432 is configured to rotate about an axis A through a centerline of

a rotation pin or shaft **434** positioned between and coupling two plates or panels **435***a*, **435***b* of the hinge member.

FIG. **35** is an isometric view of a first assembled wall structure **450***a* and a second assembled wall structure **450***b*, that can be interconnected. The assembled wall structures **450** can be comprised of any combination of the wall modules **400** (or any other wall modules disclosed herein of varying sizes) or otherwise, interconnected to form a structurally stable wall structure **450**. In some embodiments, the wall modules **400** (or any other wall modules disclosed herein) can be positioned and interconnected so as to form an opening or window **454** in the wall structure **450**, such as the first wall structure **450***a*. Any embodiments disclosed herein can have multiple openings or windows formed in the wall structures.

Additionally, in some embodiments, one or more floor support members **456** can be used to support the wall structures **450** in a vertical position or orientation, or at any suitable angular orientation. In some embodiments, the floor support members **456** can engage or attach to the support members **402** of any of the wall modules to provide a stable connection to the wall module. The floor support members **456** can have a base portion **458** that can be wider than a width of the wall modules, and can have a vertical portion (not shown) that can overlap and/or engage with the support members **402** and/or panels.

FIGS. **37**A, **37**B, and **37**C illustrate additional embodiments of a wall module **500** of varying sizes and configurations. FIGS. **38**, **39**, **40**, and **41**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module **500** illustrated in FIG. **37**C. FIGS. **42**, **43**, **44**, and **45**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the support member **502** of the wall module embodiment illustrated in FIG. **37**C. FIG. **46** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module **500** illustrated in FIG. **37**C. Any embodiments of the wall modules disclosed herein, including without limitation **500** illustrated in FIGS. **37**A, **37**B, and **37**C, can have any of the same features, materials, components, sizes, or other details or configurations of any other wall module embodiments disclosed herein, including without limitation the wall modules **200**, **300**, or **400** discussed above.

In any embodiments, the wall modules **500** in any of FIGS. **37**A, **37**B, and **37**C can have the same features and components, but can have a varying size. For example, the wall module embodiment **500** illustrated in FIG. **37**A can be approximately 1.5 feet by approximately 1.5 feet, the wall module embodiment **500** illustrated in FIG. **37**B can be approximately 3 feet tall by 1.5 feet wide, and the wall module embodiment **500** illustrated in FIG. **37**C can be approximately 3 feet tall by 3 feet wide. Additionally, any wall module embodiments disclosed herein can have any of the combination of the foregoing sizes, or any other desired size either greater than or less than the aforementioned values.

The wall module **500** can have a support member **502**, one or more connector members **506**, and one or more cover members **510** (also referred to herein as panels or panel members) supported by the support member **502**. The connector members **506** can be configured to be supported by the support member **502** on an upper surface or portion **502***a* of the support member **502**. Any number of connector members **506** can be used, depending on the size of the wall module, and the size and/or number of connector members **506** can be used. For example, the wall module embodiment **500** illustrated in FIG. **37**A can have four connector members **506**, or from two to six connector members **506**. The wall module embodiment **500** illustrated in FIG. **37**C can have six connector members **506**, or between two or three and ten or more connector members **506**. In some embodiments, the connector member **506** can be positioned at both of the two end portions of the support member **502**. Additionally, a connector member **506** can be positioned near the middle of the support member **502**.

The connector members **506** can be configured to be received within complementary sized openings **508** formed in or positioned at a lower edge **502***b* of the support member **502** so that a plurality of support members **502** can be interconnected to form a larger wall structure. As with any of the embodiments described above, the support members **502** can be used to support display panels (such as, but not limited to, cover members **510**), facades, or other aesthetic components. As will be described in greater detail below, any of the support members **502** can have recesses, cuts, openings, weight relief features, or other similar features formed therein to reduce the weight of the support members without unacceptably compromising the stiffness of the support members.

Additionally, in any embodiments, any number of connector members **506** can be positioned on or supported by one or more of the side surfaces **502***c* of the support member **502** so that the support members **502** can be interconnected in a lateral direction as well to provide removable connections between a plurality of laterally arranged wall modules **500**. For example, openings can be formed in the side portions **502***c* of any of the support members **502**, wherein the connector members **506** can be slidably or otherwise removably supported within the openings. When it is desired to interconnect one or more wall modules **500**, one or more connector members **506** can be inserted within the openings formed in an upper surface, lower surface, and/or either of the side surfaces of the support member **502**, to interconnect two or more wall modules.

As described above, in any embodiments, the connector members **506** can be removably supported within openings **508** or otherwise formed in the support member **502**. Additionally or alternatively, one or more of the connector members **506** can be non-removably supported by the support member **502**, or can be integrally formed with the support member **502**. Additionally, any embodiments of the wall module **500** wherein the connector members **506** are removably supported by the support member **502**, the wall modules **500** can be configured such that the connector members **506** are inhibited from sliding out of the openings formed in the support member **502**. This can be accomplished using any number of suitable features, including without limitation hook and loop fasteners, detents and complementary protrusions (depressable or otherwise), magnets, or any combination of the foregoing.

In some embodiments, the support member **502** can have an upper or first support element **503** positioned at an upper or first end of the module **500** and a lower or second support element **504** positioned at a lower or second end of the module **500**. In some embodiments, the first support element **503** and the second support element **504** can be spaced apart from one another supported vertically by one or more struts **509** (also referred to herein as vertical support element, or member). In some embodiments, two struts **509** can be interconnected and used to support the first and second support elements **503**, **504**. The struts **509** can be positioned between the first support element **503** and the second support element **504** to provide vertical stability to the support member **502**. Such vertical supports can be bolted

to, integrally formed with, or otherwise supported by the first support element **503** and the second support element **504**. For example, in some embodiments, the vertical support can have end portions positionable within or adjacent to recesses formed in the first support element **503** and/or the second support element **504**. In any embodiments disclosed herein, any portion or any members of the support member (including, without limitation, the struts) can have recesses, cuts, openings, weight relief features, or other similar features formed therein to reduce the weight of the support members without unacceptably compromising the stiffness of the support members.

Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. **37**, one or more panels **510** can be supported by the support member **502**. For example, and without limitation, a first panel **510***a* can be supported on a first surface **502***d* (which can be a front facing surface) of the support member **502**. Additionally, a second panel **510***b* can be supported on a second surface **502***e* (which can be a rear facing surface) of the support member **502**. In some embodiments, as in the illustrated embodiment, the panels **510** can be removably attached to or supported by the support member **502** using bolts, screws, press-fit, hook and loop fasteners, or other similar fasteners **512**. Additionally, in any embodiments disclosed herein, the panels **510** can be supported by the support member **502** using hook and loop fasteners, latches, hooks, nails, or any other suitable fasteners. In some embodiments, as in the illustrated embodiment, the fasteners **512** can be threadably received within threaded openings formed in the support member **502**. Alternatively, as illustrated in FIG. **23**, the fasteners **512** can pass through openings in the panel **510** and the support member **502** then be threadably received by one or more threaded fasteners **516**, which can be threaded nuts, or other similar fasteners.

In any embodiments disclosed herein, the panels can be configured to have continuous surfaces, free of any openings therein such that the appearance of the panels or the skins or veneers attached thereto will be continuous and uninterrupted. This may improve the aesthetic quality and appearance of the wall modules and provide a more realistic looking appearance to the scene portrayed by the plurality of wall modules. The fastening mechanisms used to attach the panels to the support members can be configured to engage one or more side surfaces of the panels so that the appearance of the front of the panels will not be interrupted by fasteners or openings for the fasteners. Further, the panels and wall modules can be configured such that the panels can be removable from the support member even when the wall module is surrounded or joined on one or more sides thereof with other wall modules. For example, in any embodiments disclosed herein, the wall module can have one or more clips configured to engage and support the panel members. The clips can be, for example, metal, fiberglass, or plastic clips configured to be deflectable so that, when deflected, the panel can be removed from the support member and, when relaxed, are configured to engage the panel member and support the panel member in the desired position.

Additionally, one or more magnets can be supported within or on the surface of the panel member. The magnets can be configured to removably attach the panels to the support member sufficiently, while permitting a user to remove the panels by applying a force to the panel in a direction opposite to the direction of attraction of the magnetic force. The stage operator could use a suction cup, another magnet, or other object to allow the operator to pull the panel away from the support member.

Any of the wall module embodiments disclosed herein can be configured to have up to and including four panel surfaces that can be supported by a single support member. For example, a wall module can support a first panel member on a first side of the support member, and a second panel member on a second side of the support member. The first panel member can have a first side with a first skin, veneer, material, or appearance, a second side with a second skin, veneer, material, or appearance. The wall module, which can be any wall module embodiment disclosed herein, can be configured such that the panel member is reversible, wherein a stage operator can selectively display either the first side or the second side of the panel member, depending on the scene that is desired to be displayed. Similarly, the wall module can be configured such that the second panel member can have a first side with a first skin, veneer, material, or appearance, a second side with a second skin, veneer, material, or appearance, also reversible. Again, in this configuration, the wall module can be configured to display any one of four panel surfaces such that the wall module can display any one of four different appearances.

In some embodiments, with reference to FIG. **49**, a side panel **513** can be supported by the support member **502**. The side panel **513** can have any of the same features, finishes, or other details of any of the other panels disclosed herein, including without limitation panels **510**. The side panels **513** can be used to conceal the gap between the panels **510** and to conceal the support member **502**, as well as to provide another surface for the facade.

Further, in some embodiments, the struts **509** can have tabs or protrusions **511** (also referred to herein as latches) on a surface thereof, the tabs of protrusions **511** being configured to fit within openings **513** formed in the panels **510**. In this arrangement, a user can lift and place a panel against the support member **502** so that the tabs **511** pass through the openings **513** formed in the panels. Once in this position, the tabs **511** can support the panels **510** in the vertical direction. The fasteners **512** can then be easily inserted through the panels **510** into the support members **502** to secure the panels to the support members. The length of the tabs **511** can be equal to a thickness of the panels **510**. Finally, openings **514** can also be formed in the panels **510**, the openings **514** providing handles or openings for the user's hands or fingers to pass through when handling the panels **510**. In some embodiments, the support member can have one or more tabs configured to support the panels.

In some embodiments, recesses **505** can be formed in the front face **502***d* and rear face **502***e* of the support member **502** (either or both of the first support element **503** and the second support element **504**) so that the panels **510** can be recessed relative to an outside surface of the support member **502**. For example, in some embodiments, the recess can have a thickness approximately equal to a thickness of any panel member that may be supported by the support member **502**.

FIG. **47** is an isometric view of another embodiment of a wall module **530**. With reference to FIG. **47**, any of the wall module embodiments disclosed herein can be configured to have a rotation element or module **532** (also referred to herein as a rotation member) removably or non-removably attached to or integrally formed with the support member **502** configured to permit the module **530** to rotate about an axis A through a centerline of a rotation pin or shaft **534** positioned on an upper surface **532***a* of the rotation member **532**. The rotation member **532** can be configured such that the rotation pin or shaft **534** can be received within a complementary shaped recess formed in or positioned at or

adjacent to a bottom surface of an adjoining support member **502** of a wall module **500** or wall module **530** having a rotation element **532**. In some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. **48**, any of the wall module embodiments disclosed herein can have a rotational member **532** on both sides of the module.

FIG. **50** is an isometric view of another embodiment of a wall module **540**. Any of the wall module embodiments disclosed herein can be configured to have an angle member **542** removably or non-removably attached to or integrally formed with the support member **502** of a pair of wall modules **500** configured to support the adjacent wall modules at a set or adjustable angular orientation relative to one another. In some embodiments, the angle member can be permanently attached to the support member **502** of the adjacent wall modules, or can be integrally formed with the support member **502** of the adjacent wall modules. In some embodiments, as in the embodiment illustrated in FIG. **50**, the adjacent wall modules **500** can be separated by an angle of approximately 120° by the angle member **542**. In some embodiments, as in the embodiment illustrated in FIG. **51**, the adjacent wall modules **500** can be separated by an angle of approximately 90° by the angle member **542**. In any embodiments disclosed herein, the adjacent wall modules can be separated by an angle of from approximately 45° to approximately 135° by the angle member **542**.

FIG. **52** is an isometric view of an embodiment of a cap member **550** that can be supported on a top surface of any of the support members **502** disclosed herein. The cap member **550** can be used to cover and/or conceal any of the connection members **506**. In some embodiments, the cap member **550** can also help hold adjoining support members **502** together, bridging the gap between such support members **502**.

FIG. **53** is an isometric view of a first assembled wall structure **550***a* and a second assembled wall structure **550***b*, that can be interconnected using the one or more rotation modules **532**. The assembled wall structures **550** can be comprised of any combination of the wall modules **500**, **530** (or any other wall modules disclosed herein) or otherwise, interconnected to form a structurally stable wall structure. In some embodiments, the wall modules **500**, **530** (or any other wall modules disclosed herein) can be positioned and interconnected so as to form an opening or window **554** in the wall structure **550**, such as the first wall structure **550***a*.

Additionally, in some embodiments, one or more floor support members **556** can be used to support the wall structures **550** in a vertical position or orientation, or at any suitable angular orientation. In some embodiments, the floor support members **556** can engage or attach to the support members **502** of any of the wall modules to provide a stable connection to the wall module. The floor support members **556** can have a base portion **558** that can be wider than a width of the wall modules, and can have a vertical portion (not shown) that can overlap and/or engage with the support members **502**. The vertical portions may form a slot in which the wall structures **550** may rest. In addition or instead, the floor support members **556** may be affixed to the wall structures **550** using bolts, screws, rivets, and/or otherwise

Further, any wall module embodiments or wall structure embodiments disclosed herein can be configured to support one or more casters, bi-directional rollers, or wheels (collectively referred to as a wheel or wheels) for portability of the wall module or wall structure. For example and without limitation, one or more wheels can be positioned at a bottom end of the wall module **500** or the wall structure **550**. The one or more wheels can be used to roll the wall module or wall structure in any desired direction. The one or more wheels can be removably or non-removably supported by the wall modules or wall structures, or by the support member of any of the wall modules.

For example and without limitation, with reference to FIG. **54**, the one or more wheels can be supported within respective recesses formed in the wall module or support member thereof and be configured such that only a portion of the wheel projects below the bottom surface of the wall module when supported by the wall module. The one or more wheels can be selectively supported by any number of the wall modules, for example, the wall modules located at the bottom portion of the wall structure.

In any embodiments, the one or more wheels can be configured to be used in conjunction with the floor support members (such as, without limitation, the floor support members **556**) such that the wall structures can be stabilized by the floor support members when the wall structure is desired to be stationary, and such that the wall structures can be rolled on the one or more wheels when the wall structure is desired to be moved. Further, in any embodiments disclosed herein, one or more sliders can be used in addition to or in the alternative to any of the wall modules or wall structures.

With reference to FIG. **54**, in any wall module or wall structure embodiments disclosed herein, one or more wheels, sliders, or rollers (collectively referred to herein as wheel) can be positioned on a side surface of the wall module or wall structure adjacent to a bottom edge of the wall module or wall structure. In this arrangement, the wheel (such as wheel **562**) can be configured such that, when the wall structure is in a horizontal orientation relative to a floor or other support surface, the wheel will be positioned out of contact with the floor or support surface. To engage the wheel to support at least a portion of the weight of the wall, an end of the wall structure opposite the end having the wheel supported thereon can be lifted to tilt the wall structure in an orientation (such as at an angle of 15 degrees) to engage the wheel **562** with the ground surface for mobility. Any of the embodiments of the wheel **560** or wheel **562** can be retractably supported by the wall module so that the wheel can be retracted when in a stowed position so that the wheel is not visible, or is less visible, when in the stowed state. Additionally or alternatively, a cover member, flap, or other similar object can be positioned over the wheel to partially or fully conceal the wheel.

FIG. **55** illustrates still an additional embodiments of a wall module **5300**, which may be of varying sizes and configurations. FIGS. **56**, **57**, **58**, and **59**, are a top view, front view, side view, and isometric view, respectively, of the embodiment of the wall module **5300** illustrated in FIG. **55**. FIG. **60** is an exploded assembly view of the embodiment of the wall module **5300** illustrated in FIG. **55**. In any embodiments, the wall module **5300** in FIG. **55** can have the same features and components, but can have a varying size and a varying number of connector members. For example, the wall module embodiment **5300** illustrated in FIG. **55** can be approximately 1.5 feet by approximately 1.5 feet, approximately 3 feet tall by 1.5 feet wide, approximately 3 feet tall by 3 feet wide, approximately 8 feet tall by 10 feet wide, or approximately 10 feet tall by 10 feet wide. Additionally, any wall module embodiments disclosed herein can have any of the combination of the foregoing sizes, or any other desired size either greater than or less than the aforementioned ranges. By way of further example, a given wall module or support element may have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or other number of connector members. The components, including

the panels, disclosed herein can optionally be comprises of water-resistant or waterproofed materials for use in wet, exterior environments.

The wall module **5300** can have a support member **5302**, one or more connector members **5306**, and one or more cover members **5310** (also referred to herein as panels or panel members) supported by the support member **5302**. The support member **5302** and the connector members may be integrally formed as a single component. The connector members **5306** can be configured to be supported by the support member **5302** on an upper surface or portion **5302***a* of the support member **5302**. A given support member **5302** (including its connector members) may optionally be hollow or may be solid. A given connector member may have an orifice and passageway **5307** via which cables, conduit, piping, and/or poles may be routed. For example, the cables may be electrical cables, the piping may be for liquids, and the poles may be configured to support a roof member, such as a tarp, over one or more wall modules (e.g., over wall modules assembled to form a two, three, or four walled room or stall). Any number of connector members **5306** can be used, depending on the size of the wall module, and the size and/or number of connector members **5306** can be used. For example, the wall module embodiment **5300** illustrated in FIG. **55** can have one connector member **5306**, or from two to ten (or other number) connector members **5306**. In some embodiments, the connector member **5306** can be positioned at both of the two end portions of the support member **5302**. Additionally, a connector member **5306** can be positioned near the middle of the support member **5302**.

The connector members **5306** may optionally have tapered walls **5309** with a flat or domed square or rectangular top surface **5311** and/or bottom surface or orifice to thereby facilitate the engagement of male and female connector members or support members. For example, the connector members **5306** may be in the form of a square based pyramid with a truncated top. Other shapes, such as a truncated or non-truncated cone or triangular based pyramid or other pyramidal frustum may be used for one or more of the connector members.

The connector members **5306** can be configured to be received within complementary sized openings **5308** formed in or positioned at a lower edge **5302** of the support member **5302** so that a plurality of support members **5302** can be interconnected to form a larger wall structure. In embodiments where the connector members **5306** of a support member are hollow, a support member can be used as either male support member or as a female support member, depending on whether the support member is installed so that its connector member protrusions are extending from the wall module **5300** (to be used as a male) or are extending into the interior of the wall module **5300** (to be used as a female connector member configured to receive a male connector member).

As with any of the embodiments described above, the support members **5302** can be used to support display panels (such as, but not limited to, cover members **5310**), facades, or other aesthetic components. Further, any of the support members **5302** can have recesses, cuts, openings, weight relief features, or other similar features formed therein to reduce the weight of the support members without unacceptably compromising the stiffness of the support members.

Additionally, in any embodiments, any number of connector members **5306** can be positioned on or supported by one or more of the side surfaces **5302***c* of the support member **5302** so that the support members **5302** can be interconnected in a lateral direction as well to provide removable connections between a plurality of laterally arranged wall modules **5300**. For example, openings can be formed in the side portions **5302***c* of any of the support members **5302**, wherein the connector members **5306** can be slidably or otherwise removably supported within the openings. When it is desired to interconnect one or more wall modules **5300**, one or more connector members **5306** can be inserted within the openings formed in an upper surface, lower surface, and/or either of the side surfaces of the support member **5302**, to interconnect two or more wall modules. As noted above, the openings may be formed and defined by hollow connector members **5306** positioned to face the interior of the wall **5300**. Advantageously, an assembled wall unit **5300** may be disassembled, and where the connector members **5306** are hollow, the support members **5302** may be stacked one on top of the other in nested fashion, where a given connector member of a support member is inserted into the bottom opening of a corresponding connector member of second support member and at least a portion of the support member nests within the second support member. The two or more of the support members, including the connector members **5306**, may have the same configuration and dimensions and may be manufactured using the same mold or other fabrication machining.

With reference to FIGS. **55-60**, in some embodiments, the support member **5302** can have an upper or first support element **5303** positioned at an upper or first end of the module **5300** and a lower or second support element **5304** positioned at a lower or second end of the module **5300**. In some embodiments, the first support element **303** and the second support element **5304** can be spaced apart from one another and only be interconnected by the panels **5310**. However, in some embodiments, one or more internal support elements **5314** can be positioned between the first support element **303** and the second support element **304** to provide addition support and rigidity. The internal support elements **5314** may have one or more tabs or protrusions **5511** on a surface thereof, the tabs of protrusions **5511** being configured to fit within openings **5513** formed in the cover members **5310**. In this arrangement, a user can lift and place a panel against the support element **5314** so that the tabs **5511** pass through the openings **5513** formed in the panels. Once in this position, the tabs **5511** can support the panels **5310** in the vertical and/or horizontal direction. The length of the tabs **5511** can be equal to a thickness of the cover members **5310**. Finally, openings **5514** can also be formed in the cover members **5310**, the openings **5514** providing handles or openings for the user's hands or fingers to pass through when handling the cover members **5310**. In some embodiments, the support member can have one or more tabs configured to support the panels.

Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. **55**, one or more panels **5310** can be supported by the support member **5302**. For example, and without limitation, a first panel **5310***a* can be supported on a first surface (which can be a front facing surface) of the support member **5302**. Additionally, a second panel **5310***b* can be supported on a second surface (which can be a rear facing surface) of the support member **5302**. In some embodiments, as in the illustrated embodiment, the panels **5310** can be removably attached to or supported by the support member **5302** using bolts, screws, press-fit, hook and loop fasteners, or other similar fasteners **5312**. The fasteners **5312** may be inserted into countersunk receiving openings in the panels **5310** so as not to protrude outside of the outward facing side of the panels **5310**. Additionally, in

any embodiments disclosed herein, the panels **5310** can be supported by the support member **5302** using hook and loop fasteners, latches, hooks, nails, or any other suitable fasteners.

In some embodiments, the fasteners **5312** can be threadably received within threaded openings formed in the support member **5302** (where the threaded openings may be provided via a threaded metal insert). Alternatively, as illustrated in FIG. **60**, the fasteners **5312** can pass through openings in the panel **5310** and the support member **302** then be threadably received by one or more threaded fasteners, which can be threaded nuts, or other similar fasteners.

FIG. **61** is a cutaway view of the embodiment of the support member **5302**, including a plurality of connector members **5306**, illustrated in FIG. **55**. As can be seen, the support member **5302** and connector members **5306** are hollow, enabling them to be used as either a male or female component, and enabling the support members to be stacked for storage, when not being used in a panel.

FIGS. **62** and **63** illustrate several of the wall modules of FIG. **55** interconnected to define an opening configured to receive a window module. In this example, the support members of the panels **5300** forming the opening are oriented to that the connector members are facing into the interior of the panel **5300**, and not into the opening where the window is to be positioned.

There is disclosed in the above description and the drawings, an improved system and method for constructing a stage which overcomes the disadvantages associated with the prior art. However, it will be apparent that variations and modifications of the disclosed embodiments can be made without departing from the principles of the present disclosure. The presentation of the preferred embodiments herein is offered by way of example only and not limitation, with a true scope and spirit of the disclosure being indicated by the following claims.

Additionally, in any embodiments disclosed herein, the wall modules can be configured to support and include water and gas conduit(s), piping and/or fixtures to enable the passage of fluids and/or gases through the wall modules. Such conduit or fixtures can be configured, for example, to supply gas or fluids to sinks, showers, bathtubs, faucets, fountains, any water features, fireplaces or other flame sources, or any combination of the foregoing, that can also be positioned on, in, or otherwise supported by the wall modules. For example, the conduit can be configured to removably pass through openings or channels in the wall modules, or can be integrated directly into the wall modules and have sealable connections (e.g., quick release connections) between the wall modules so that the conduit can be quickly interconnected when the wall modules are interconnected.

Additionally, any embodiments disclosed herein can also support electrical conduit, lighting, or other electrical fixtures. As with the plumbing or gas conduit, the wall modules can have electrical connections at the interfaces of the wall modules for quick connection. Or, in addition or instead, the wall modules can be configured such that the electrical conduit can be passed through openings, passages, or through or over other features positioned about the wall modules to permit the electrical conduit to be quickly and easily advanced through the wall modules. Lights and other electrical features can be positioned about the wall modules in any desired positions. Spuds or other metal fasteners can be positioned about the wall modules for supporting lights, electrical conduit or other similar components. Optionally, the wall modules can have one or more stubs on an upper surface (or other surface) therefor to support lights. For example, the lights may be equipped with clamps or the like which may be clamped on to or otherwise removably attached to the stubs. The lights may include a cylindrical mount or other mount that mates with a stub having a receiving/mating configuration (e.g., a cylindrical opening configured to receive the cylindrical mount). The lights can be used for decoration purposes or can be used to illuminate the wall modules and/or a space defined by the wall modules. For example, the lights may be used to illuminate actors and/or props positioned in a set defined in whole or in part by one or more wall modules.

Although the various embodiments were disclosed herein as being full size or scale, any embodiments disclosed herein can be made or formed at any desired height or size. For example and without limitation, scaled models or toy versions of any of the embodiments disclosed herein can be made having any combination of the features disclosed herein. Such scaled models can be useful for mockups, demonstrations, or simply as toys. The scaled models can be from approximately 1/10th size, or approximately 1/12th sized scaled models, and can be made from any suitable materials such as plastic, wood, metal, or any combination of the foregoing. Although the foregoing discussion may, for purposes of illustration, discuss various embodiments in the context of stages or sets, the use of such embodiments are not so limited. For example, certain embodiments may be utilized as temporary structures, emergency structures, tradeshow structures, etc.

Features, materials, characteristics, or groups described in conjunction with a particular aspect, embodiment, or example are to be understood to be applicable to any other aspect, embodiment or example described herein unless incompatible therewith. All of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), and/or all of the steps of any method or process so disclosed, can be combined in any combination, except combinations where at least some of such features and/or steps are mutually exclusive. The protection is not restricted to the details of any foregoing embodiments. The protection extends to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), or to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the steps of any method or process so disclosed.

While certain embodiments have been described, these embodiments have been presented by way of example only, and are not intended to limit the scope of protection. Indeed, the novel methods and systems described herein can be embodied in a variety of other forms. Furthermore, various omissions, substitutions and changes in the form of the methods and systems described herein can be made. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that in some embodiments, the actual steps taken in the processes illustrated and/or disclosed can differ from those shown in the figures. Depending on the embodiment, certain of the steps described above can be removed, others can be added. Furthermore, the features and attributes of the specific embodiments disclosed above can be combined in different ways to form additional embodiments, all of which fall within the scope of the present disclosure.

Although the present disclosure includes certain embodiments, examples and applications, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that the present disclosure extends beyond the specifically disclosed embodiments to other alternative embodiments and/or uses and obvious modifications and equivalents thereof, including embodiments which

do not provide all of the features and advantages set forth herein. Accordingly, the scope of the present disclosure is not intended to be limited by the specific disclosures of preferred embodiments herein, and may be defined by claims as presented herein or as presented in the future.

What is claimed is:

1. A panel support member, comprising:

a hollow metal body having a top side, a first planar sidewall in a first plane, a second planar sidewall in a second plane, a bottom side, a first panel support wall having a respective exterior planar surface in a third plane and a respective interior planar surface in a fourth plane, and a second panel support wall having a respective exterior planar surface in a fifth plane and a respective interior planar surface in a sixth plane, where the first planar sidewall extends from a first end of the first panel support wall to a first end of the second panel support wall, and the second planar sidewall extends from a second end of the first panel support wall to a second end of the second panel support wall;

wherein exterior planar surface of the first panel support wall and the exterior planar surface of the second panel support wall are configured to have respective panels affixed thereto and have openings configured to receive screws to affix the respective panels;

a first plurality of hollow connection members having respective interior surfaces, positioned at the top side of the body, the first plurality of hollow connection members having a truncated pyramidal frustum shape;

wherein the bottom side of the panel support member is open, exposing the respective interior surfaces of the first plurality of hollow connection members having the truncated pyramidal frustum shape.

2. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein an interior of the panel support member is configured to receive connection members having a truncated pyramidal frustum shape of a second panel support member so that the panel support member may be stacked for storage in nested fashion on the second support member.

3. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein the first plurality of connection members, having a truncated pyramidal frustum shape, comprise plastic laminated medium-density fibreboard.

4. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein the first plurality of connection members, having a truncated pyramidal frustum shape, comprise medium-density fibreboard.

5. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein a top surface of at least one of the first plurality of connection members positioned at the top side of the panel support member has an orifice configured to enable a cable, conduit, pole, or piping to pass therethrough.

6. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein a top surface of at least one of the first plurality of connection members positioned at the top side of the panel support member is domed.

7. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein a top surface of at least one of the first plurality of connection members positioned at the top side of the panel support member is flat.

8. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein at least one of the first plurality of connection members having a truncated pyramidal frustum shape has a square shaped base.

9. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein at least one of the first plurality of connection members having a truncated pyramidal frustum shape has a triangular shaped base.

10. The panel support member of claim **1**, wherein the body and the first plurality of connection members positioned at the top side of the body are integrally formed.

11. The panel support member of claim **1**, further comprising one or more screws configured to attach a panel to the exterior planar surface of the first panel support wall.

12. A panel support member, comprising:

a hollow body having a top side, a bottom side, a first planar sidewall in a first plane, a second planar sidewall in a second plane, a first panel support wall having a respective exterior planar surface and a respective interior planar surface, and a second panel support wall having a respective exterior planar surface and a respective interior planar surface, where the first planar sidewall extends from a first end of the first panel support wall to a first end of the second panel support wall, and the second planar sidewall extends from a second end of the first panel support wall to a second end of the second panel support wall;

wherein the exterior planar surface of the first panel support wall and the exterior planar surface of the second panel support wall are configured to have respective panels affixed thereto and wherein

the exterior planar surface of the first panel support wall and the exterior planar surface of the second panel support wall have openings configured to receive screws to affix the respective panels;

a first plurality of hollow connection members having respective interior surfaces, positioned at the top side of the body,

where each of the first plurality of connection members has a plurality of tapered walls;

wherein the bottom side of the panel support member comprises an orifice, exposing the respective interior surfaces of the first plurality of hollow connection members, each having a plurality of tapered walls.

13. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein an interior of the panel support member is configured to receive, via the orifice, connection members having tapered walls of a second panel support member so that the panel support member may be stacked in nested fashion on the second support member.

14. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein the first plurality of connection members, each having a plurality of tapered walls, comprise plastic laminated fibreboard.

15. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein the first plurality of connection members, each having a plurality of tapered walls, comprise fibreboard.

16. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein a top surface of at least one of the first plurality of connection members positioned at the top side of the panel support member has an orifice configured to enable a cable, conduit, pole, or piping to pass therethrough.

17. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein a top surface of at least one of the first plurality of connection members positioned at the top side of the panel support member is domed.

18. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein a top surface of at least one of the first plurality of connection members positioned at the top side of the panel support member is flat.

19. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein at least one of the first plurality of connection members, each having a plurality of tapered walls, has a square shaped base.

20. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein at least one of the first plurality of connection members has a truncated pyramidal frustum shape.

21. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein at least one of the first plurality of connection members has a truncated or non-truncated pyramidal frustum shape.

22. The panel support member of claim **12**, wherein the body and the first plurality of connection members positioned at the top side of the body are integrally formed.

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