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No.	Feature/Limitation
17[p]	A fastener unit adapted to secure at least one board to a support, the fastener unit comprising:
17[a]	a spacer block defining a first fastener hole,
17[b]	the spacer block having a thickness extending from a front surface to a rear surface, the thickness corresponding to a gap between a first board and a second adjacent board,
17[c]	the spacer block including a vertical axis;
17[d]	a grip element extending from the spacer block,
17[e]	the grip element configured to fit in and engage a first groove defined by the first board, without the spacer block extending into the first groove,
17[f]	the grip element configured to receive a fastener through at least a portion of the grip element;
17[g]	wherein the spacer block includes a first resilient compression element extending from the spacer block,
17[h]	the first resilient compression element being vertically compressible toward a first plane that is transverse to the vertical axis,
17[i]	the first resilient compression element configured to compress and fit in, and forcibly expand within the first groove of the first board, thereby securing the spacer block in a position adjacent the first groove defined by the first board,
17[j]	with the spacer block being disposed in the gap between the first board and the second adjacent board.