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(54) **STRUCTURE OF FLOOR SLAB BRIDGE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A construction of a floor slab bridge includes a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels each disposed between adjacent bridge legs and arranged in side-by-side relation with an end face of a lower flange abutted with a corresponding end face of the adjacent columnar H-shaped steel. A lower concrete layer is formed by placing concrete in a space defined between the upper and lower flanges and between adjacent web plates through a concrete inlet port formed between the adjacent upper flange, and an upper concrete layer is formed by placing concrete on the upper flange. An iron reinforcement is horizontally disposed on the upper flanges, and an iron reinforcement is suspended in the space from the horizontal iron reinforcement through the concrete inlet port.

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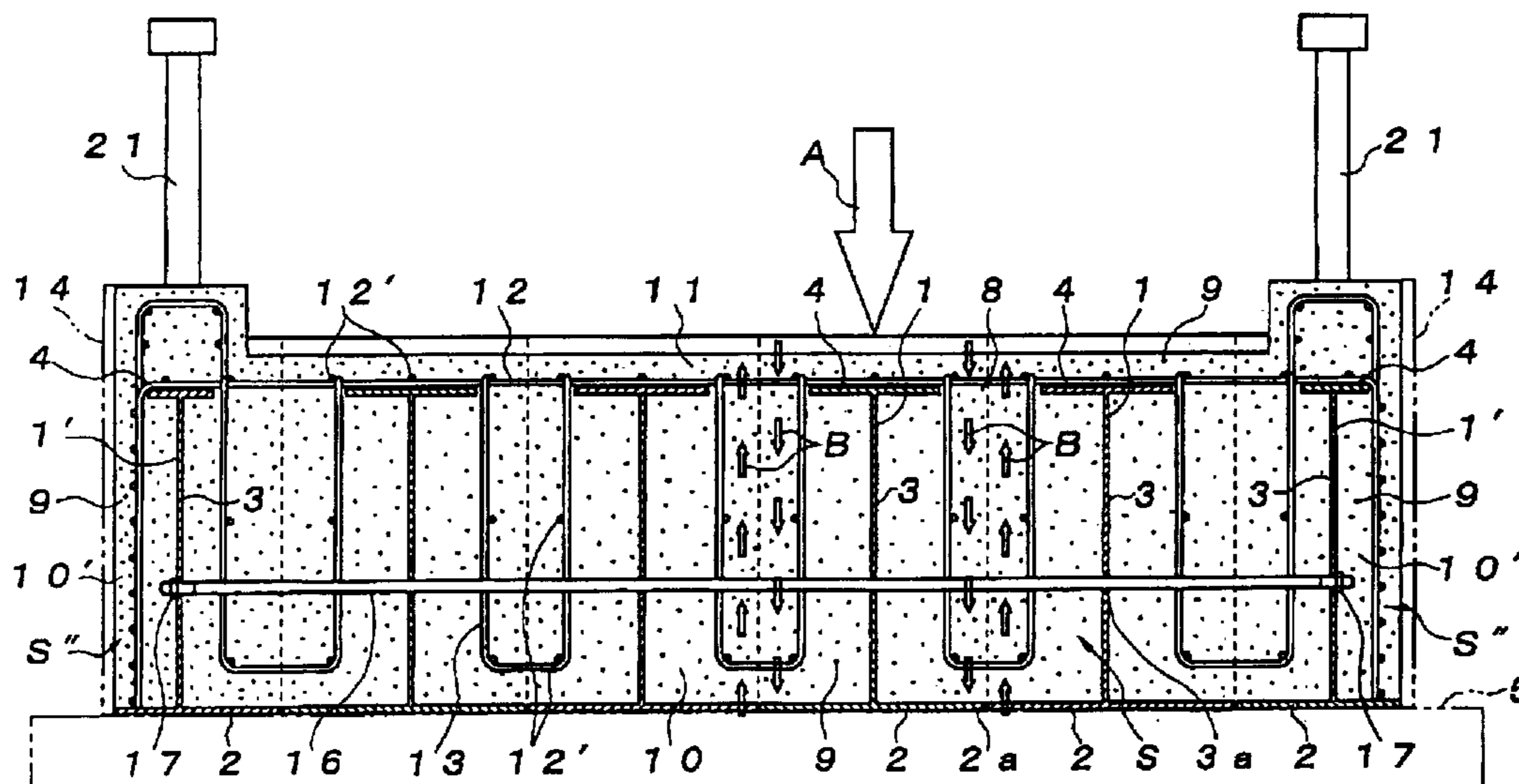


FIG. 1

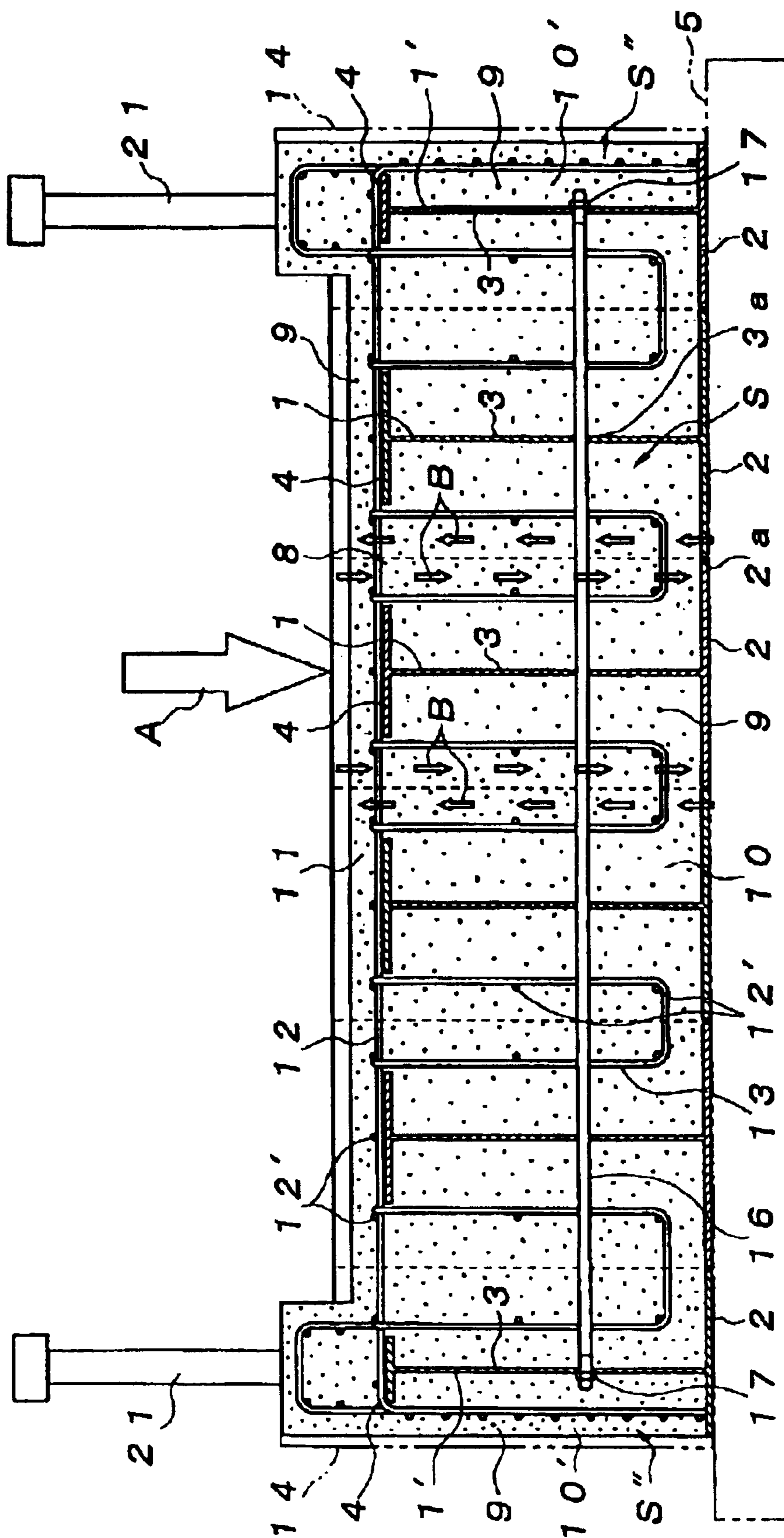


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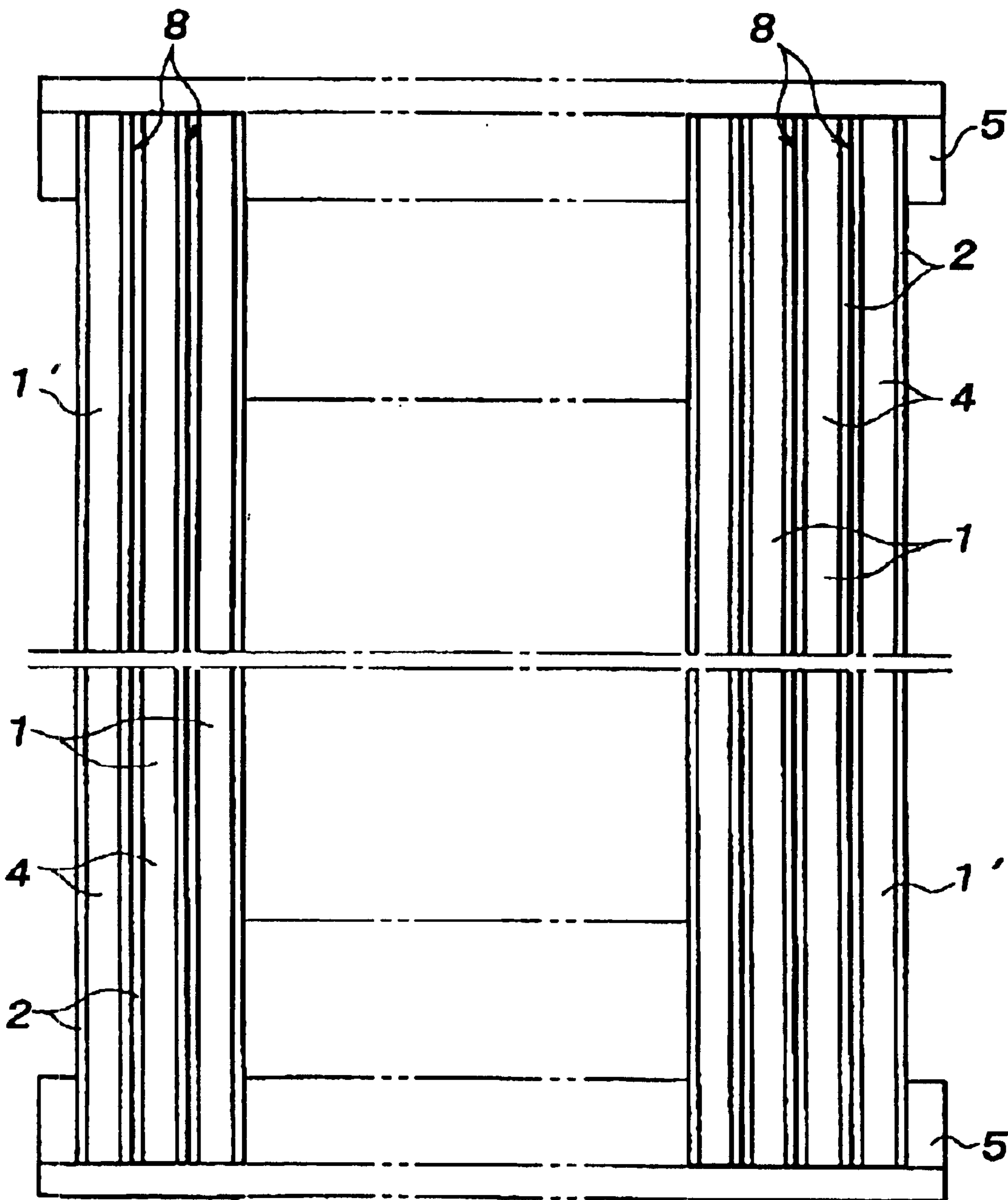


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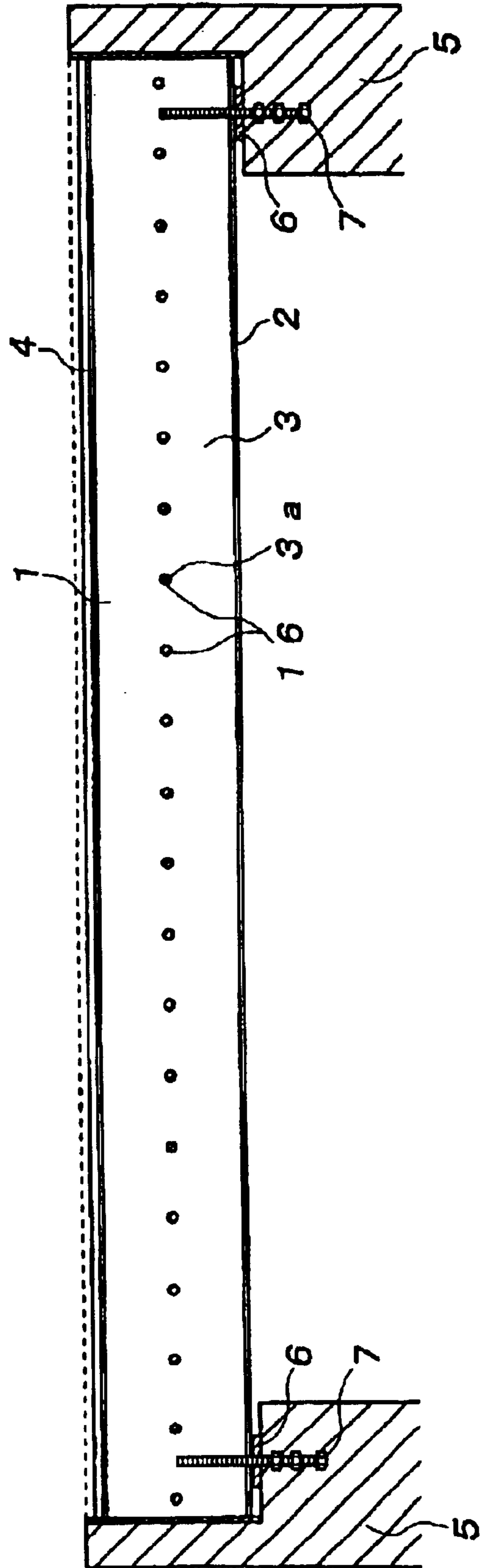


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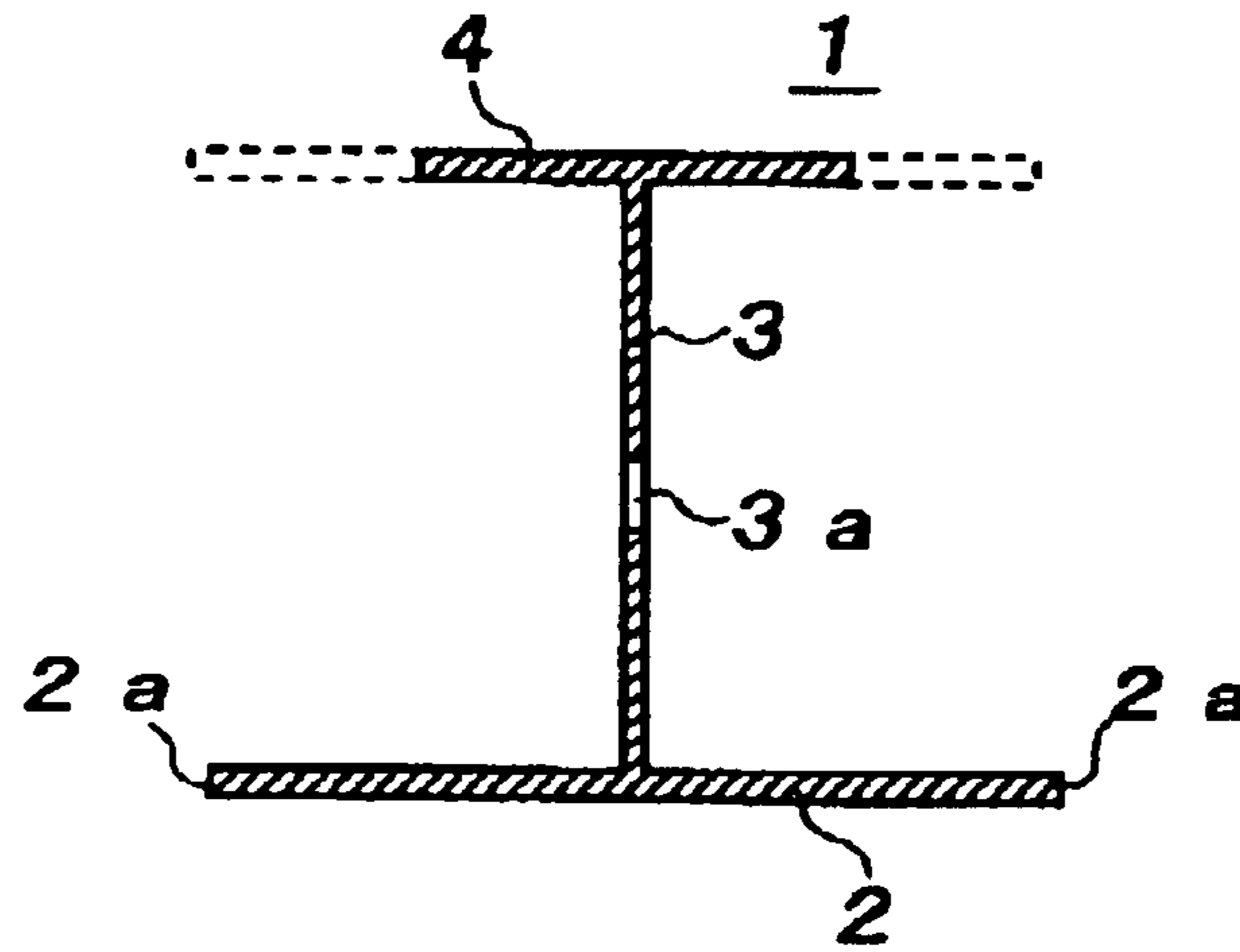


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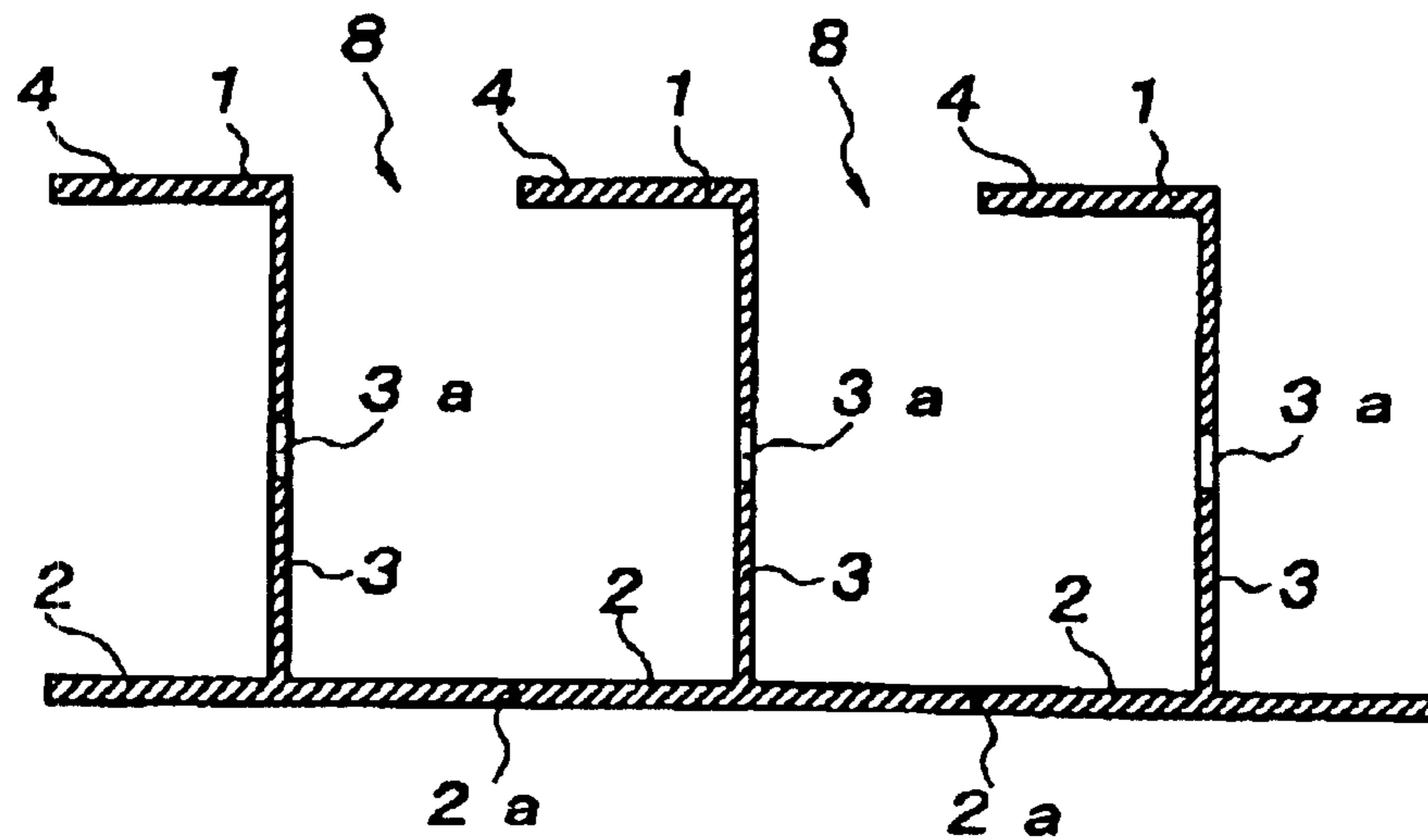


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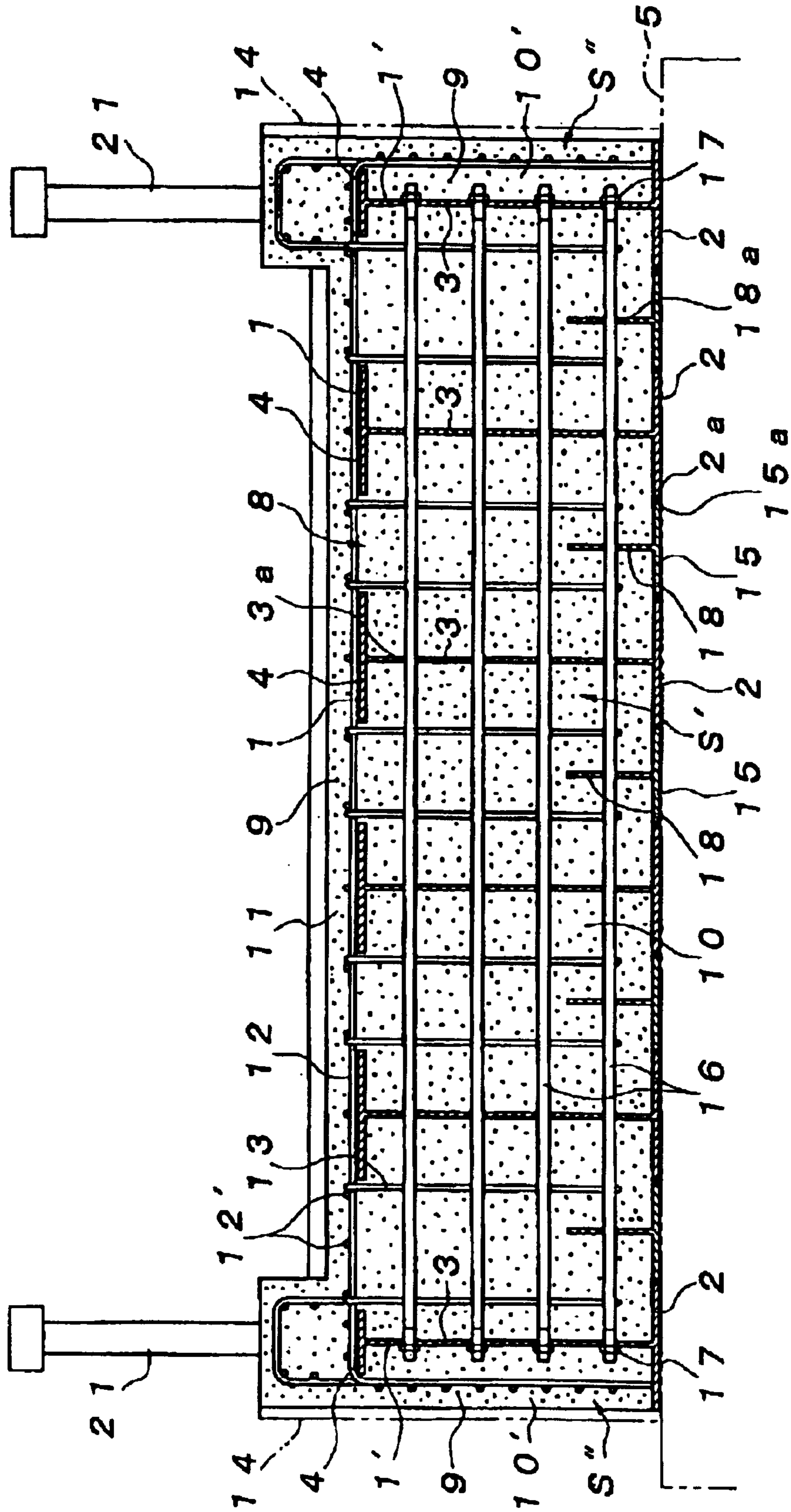


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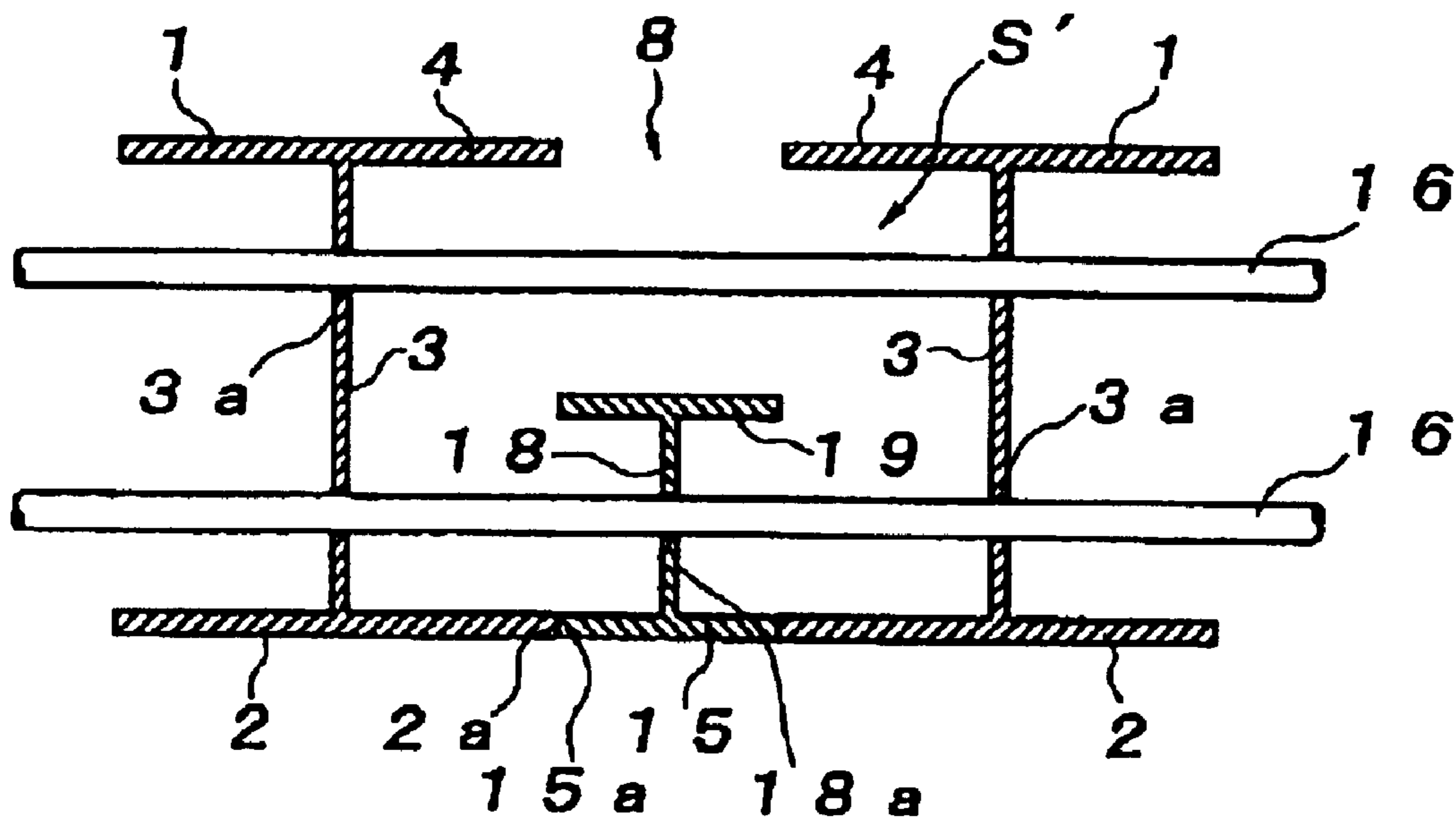


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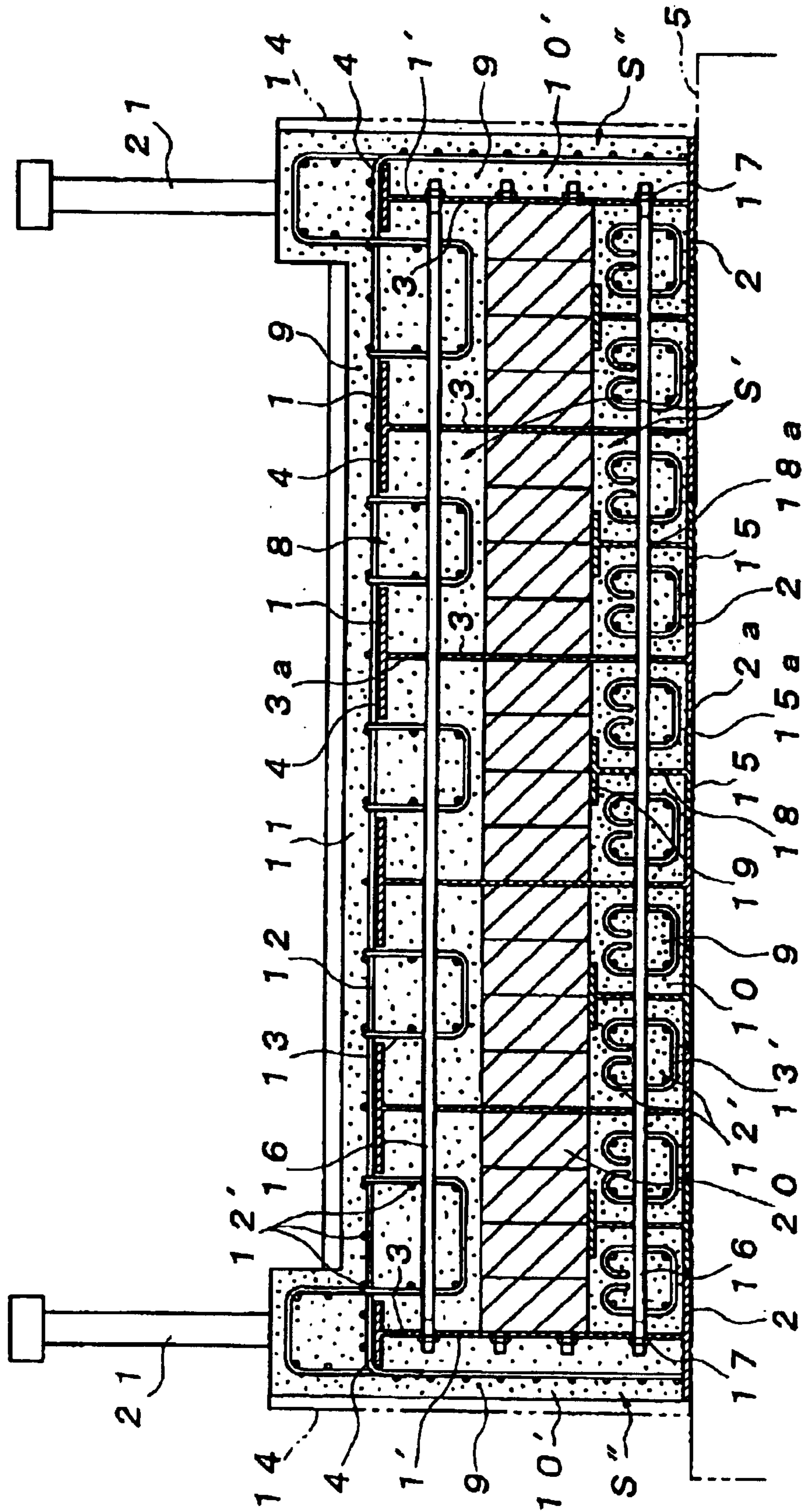
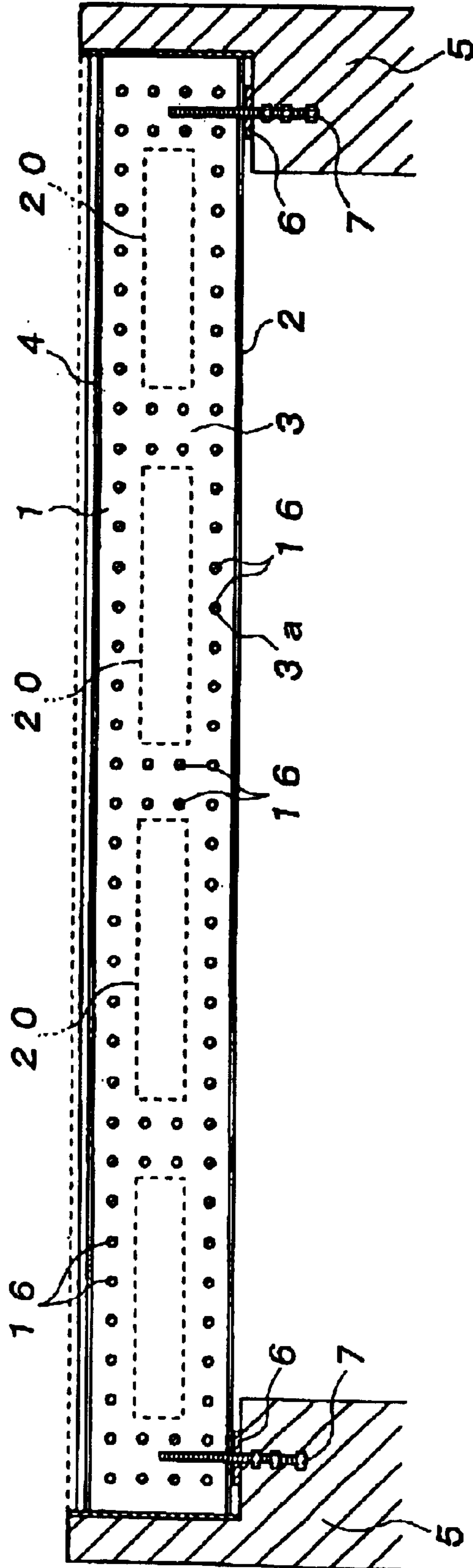


FIG. 9



STRUCTURE OF FLOOR SLAB BRIDGE

Matter enclosed in heavy brackets [] appears in the original patent but forms no part of this reissue specification; matter printed in italics indicates the additions made by reissue.

This application is a reissue application of U.S. Pat. No. 6,792,638, issued Sep. 21, 2004.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

This invention relates to a structure of a floor slab bridge in a bridge built up in a river or on land, and more particularly to a structure of a floor slab bridge in which a columnar H-shaped steel is used as a main girder material.

2. Related Art

A floor slab bridge is disclosed by Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. H09-221717 as typically illustrated in its FIGS. 1 and 2, in which steel sheet piles 11 are used as a bottom plate, T-shaped steels or H-shaped steels (main girder member 13) are welded to the steel sheet piles 11 such that the T-shaped steels or H-shaped steels are spacedly arranged thereon. Adjacent steel sheet piles 11 are joined by pawls 12 disposed at left and right side end faces of each steel sheet pile 11. Concrete is placed in a space between an upper flange of each T-shaped steel or H-shaped steel and the steel sheet pile 11 through a concrete inlet port which is formed between the upper flanges of each T-shaped steel or H-shaped steel so that a lower concrete layer is formed, and concrete is placed on the upper flange so that an upper concrete layer is formed, wherein the upper concrete layer is to be joined with the lower concrete layer through the concrete inlet port.

Similarly, FIG. 5 of the above publication shows a floor slab bridge in which a plurality of T-shaped steels or H-shaped steels are arranged in side-by-side relation on a bottom plate 3 composed of a single steel plate and concrete is placed thereon.

In those floor slab bridges, a side plate 16 is applied to the outer side surface of the side concrete layer placed on the outer side surface of the leftmost or rightmost T-shaped steel or H-shaped steel, and in the floor slab bridge shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, a PC steel material 18 is pierced through a web plate formed of T-shaped steel or H-shaped steel, which are arranged in a side-by-side relation, a lower concrete layer and a block which is called a cross girder 19, from the outer side surface of the side plate 16. Both ends of the PC steel material 18 are fastened at the outer side surfaces of the side plates 16, and play at the joint part of the pawl 12 is set to a maximum, thereby applying a pre-stress to the concrete layer. Necessarily, the PC steel material 18 used as this pre-stress means is left in its exposed state at the fastening parts on both ends at the outer side surfaces of the side plates 16.

In the above-mentioned conventional structure(s), the bottom plate is formed by the steel sheet piles 11, and the T-shaped steels or H-shaped steels are spacedly arranged in side-by-side relation on the bottom plate as in the manner mentioned above. Play at the joint part of the pawl 12 of the steel sheet pile 11 is set to a maximum. After the concrete is cured, the PC steel material 18 is fastened at the outer side surfaces of the side plates 16, thereby applying a pre-stress to the concrete layer. The PC steel material 18 pierces through the cross girder 19, with play, thus enabling a fastening which can apply the pre-stress. Accordingly, the

PC steel material 18 is not joined with the concrete at all. This means that the PC steel material 18 does not function as a concrete reinforcement.

Therefore, if a vertical load (live load) attributable to a passage of vehicles, etc. is applied to the floor slab bridge, a shearing force would act on the concrete layer which would induce cracking of the concrete layer.

Moreover, since the PC steel material 18 is fastened at the outer side surfaces of the two side plates 16, the load is totally applied to the fastening parts of the side plates 16, thus resulting in a collapsing and/or twisting of the side plates 16.

In addition, since the fastening parts are exposed from the side plates 16, i.e., from the concrete layer, the fastening parts become rotten due to wind, rain or the like so as to degrade their original function and to spoil the outer appearance of the floor slab bridge.

Moreover, it is very troublesome to fillet weld each and every T-shaped steel or H-shaped steel over its entire length to the bottom plate 3 and the steel sheet piles 11 at constant intervals. Thus, the labor time is increased and the cost is increased, too.

The present invention has been accomplished in view of the above problems.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is, therefore, an object of the present invention to provide a structure of a floor slab bridge which can be properly formed by forming a main girder structure using commercially available columnar H-shaped steels and applying concrete thereto.

In order to achieve the above object, according to one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a structure of a floor slab bridge comprising a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels each of which includes a web plate having at an upper end thereof an upper flange and at a lower end thereof a lower flange, the columnar H-shaped steels being arranged in side-by-side relation with an end face thereof abutted with a corresponding end face of an adjacent columnar H-shaped steel, the upper flanges being smaller in width than the lower flanges so that a concrete inlet port is formed between adjacent upper flanges; a lower concrete layer forming by placing concrete in a space defined between the upper and lower flanges and between the adjacent web plates through the concrete inlet port; an upper concrete layer formed by placing concrete on the upper flange and connected to the lower concrete layer through the concrete inlet port; a horizontal iron reinforcement horizontally laid on each of the upper flanges; a suspending iron reinforcement suspended in the space through the concrete inlet port; and the horizontal iron reinforcement being embedded in the upper concrete layer and the suspending iron reinforcement being embedded in the lower concrete layer.

By the horizontal iron reinforcement and the suspending iron reinforcement suspended therefrom, the joining strength between the upper concrete layer and the lower concrete layer, particularly the lower concrete layer demarcated by the web plate is properly reinforced, thereby providing sufficient strength to the entire floor slab bridge.

Thus, the shearing resisting force of the concrete against the live load is increased to effectively prevent cracking.

The columnar H-shaped steels generally of JIS specifications each having an upper flange which is cut in such a manner so as to have a predetermined width are arranged in a side-by-side relation between adjacent bridge legs with the

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adjacent lower flanges abutted with each other, and concrete is placed thereon. Merely by doing so, a floor slab bridge can be constructed at a low cost and with a reduced amount of labor time.

According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a structure of a floor slab bridge comprising a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels each of which includes a web plate having at an upper end thereof an upper flange and at a lower end thereof a lower flange, a joining plate made of a steel material being interposed between every adjacent pair of lower flanges, left and right end faces of each of the joining plates being in abutment relation with corresponding end faces of lower flanges of the adjacent left and right columnar H-shaped steels, a concrete inlet port being formed between every adjacent pair of upper flanges with the help of the joining plate; a lower concrete layer formed by placing concrete in a space formed between the upper and lower flanges and between the adjacent web plates through the concrete inlet port; and an upper concrete layer formed by placing concrete on the upper flange and connected to the lower concrete layer through the concrete inlet port.

By employment of the joining plate, the time and labor for dimensioning the upper flange smaller in width than the lower flange can be eliminated. The columnar H-shaped steels of JIS specifications can be used as they are. Accordingly, a floor slab bridge can be constructed at a low cost and with a reduced amount of labor time. Moreover, by properly selecting the width of the joining plate, the width dimension of the bridge can be set easily.

According to a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a structure of a floor slab bridge comprising a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels each of which includes a web plate having at an upper end thereof an upper flange and at a lower end thereof a lower flange, the columnar H-shaped steels being arranged in a side-by-side relation with an end face thereof abutted with a corresponding end face of the adjacent columnar H-shaped steel, the web plate being pierced therethrough by a web through-bar, a plurality of the web through-bars being arranged in the longitudinal direction of the bridge at small intervals, a stopper such as a nut, which is to be abutted with an outer side surface of each of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels, the upper flanges being smaller in width than the lower flanges so that a concrete inlet port is formed between adjacent upper flanges; a lower concrete layer formed by placing concrete in a space defined between the upper and lower flanges and between the adjacent web plates through the concrete inlet port; an upper concrete layer formed by placing concrete on the upper flange and connected to the lower concrete layer through the concrete inlet port; and the web through bar being embedded in the lower concrete layer so as to serve as a concrete reinforcement, opposite ends of the web through-bar and the stopper being embedded in side concrete layers which are placed on outer side surfaces of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels.

The web through-bar is preferably of the type having a head (stopper) at one end thereof. A nut (stopper) is threadingly engaged with the other end of the web through-bar so as to fasten to the outer side surfaces of the web plate of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels. It is also accepted that a nut is threadingly engaged with each end of the web through-bar to fasten to the outer side surfaces of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels.

This fastening force is preferably not so large so as to give an abutting force to the abutting parts of the adjacent lower

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flanges of the columnar H-shaped steels. That is, it is preferred that the adjacent lower flanges of the columnar H-shaped steels are merely loosely contacted (a small space may be formed between the adjacent lower flanges) with each other.

The web through-bar is embedded in the lower concrete layer so as to serve as a concrete reinforcement. Moreover, the shearing resisting force against the live load to be imposed on the concrete layer is increased. This effectively prevents concrete cracking. In addition, by embedding the stoppers and opposite end parts of the web through-bar in the side concrete layers, they can be prevented from becoming rotten due to wind, rain or the like and the outer appearance is not spoiled.

Preferably, the joining plate is provided with a reinforcement plate which is erected from an upper surface of the joining plate and embedded in the lower concrete layer. Due to this arrangement, the main girder component members of a bridge can be increased in strength, and the joining plate and the lower concrete layer can be firmly joined together.

The horizontal iron reinforcement and the suspending iron reinforcement may be used in combination with the joining plate and the web through-bar, where appropriate. By doing so, those elements can function synergistically.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a lateral sectional view showing a structure of a floor slab bridge formed of a columnar H-shaped steel and by concrete placement.

FIG. 2 is a plan view showing a state of columnar H-shaped steels set up in side-by-side relation for construction of a bridge before a concrete placement is made.

FIG. 3 is a side view of the structure shown in FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is a lateral sectional view showing an example in which a concrete inlet port is formed in the columnar H-shaped steel.

FIG. 5 is a lateral sectional view showing another example in which a concrete inlet port is formed in the columnar H-shaped steel.

FIG. 6 is a lateral sectional view showing an example of the floor slab bridge in which joining plates are used.

FIG. 7 is a cross sectional view exemplifying a relation among the joining plate, the columnar H-shaped steels and web through-bars.

FIG. 8 is a cross sectional view of a floor slab bridge showing an example in which a light-weight material is applied to the bridge.

FIG. 9 is a side view of the structure shown in FIG. 8.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENT

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described hereinafter with reference to FIGS. 1 through 9.

As shown in FIGS. 1, 2, 6 and 8, a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels 1 each having a lower flange 2 and an upper flange 4 joined together through a web plate 3, that is, a plurality of commercially available H-shaped steels of JIS specifications, are used. As shown in FIGS. 2, 3 and 9, the columnar H-shaped steels 1 are arranged in side-by-side relation between adjacent bridge legs 5 such that end faces 2a of the adjacent lower flanges 2 are abutted with each other.

As shown in FIGS. 3 and 9, the opposite ends of the columnar H-shaped steel 1 are supported on seat surfaces of

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the adjacent bridge legs **5**, **5** through rubber bearings **6** or the like, and the opposite ends of the lower flanges **2** are attached to the bridge legs **5** through anchor bolts **7**.

As shown in FIG. **4**, each upper flange **4** is smaller in width than each lower flange **2**, so that a concrete inlet port **8** of FIG. **1** is formed between the adjacent upper flanges **4**.

As the columnar H-shaped steel **1**, a steel column of JIS specifications (JISG3101 steel material, JISG3106 steel material, JISG3114 steel material) which is composed of a lower flange **2**, an upper flange **4** and a web plate **3** is used. As shown in FIG. **4**, opposite end parts of the upper flanges **4** of the respective columnar H-shaped steels **1** are cut off by the same width portions so that the upper flanges **4** are smaller in width than the lower flanges **2**. The columnar H-shaped steels **1** having such dimensioned upper and lower flanges **4**, **2** are prepared beforehand and can be carried to a site.

As shown in FIG. **5**, one half part of the upper flange **4** of each columnar H-shaped steel **1** is cut off at the joining part with respect to the web plate **3**. A plurality of columnar H-shaped steels **1** each having such an upper flange **4** are arranged in side-by-side relation with the adjacent lower flanges **2** abutted with each other to thereby form the concrete inlet port **8**.

As shown in FIG. **1**, concrete **9** is placed in a space **S** which is defined between each upper and lower flanges **4**, **2** and between the adjacent web plates **3** through the concrete inlet port **8** so that a lower concrete layer **10** is formed.

Moreover, the concrete **9** is placed on each upper flange **4** to form an upper concrete layer **11** which is connected to the corresponding lower concrete layer **10** through the concrete inlet port **8**.

Plating such as zinc plating, or coating is applied to the outer surface of the columnar H-shaped steel **1**.

FIG. **6** shows another example. As shown in FIG. **6**, a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels of JIS specifications are supported between adjacent bridge legs **5** without applying a width cutting treatment to the upper flanges **4**. Lower flanges **2**, with a steel joining plate **15** interposed between every adjacent pair of lower flanges **2**, are disposed between the adjacent bridge legs **5**. One end face **15a** of each joining plate **15** is arranged in abutment relation with a corresponding end face **2a** of the adjacent lower flange **2** and the other end face **15a** of each joining plate **15** is arranged in abutment relation with the other end face **2a** of the adjacent lower flange **2**. A concrete inlet port **8** is formed between every adjacent pair of upper flanges **4** with the help of the joining plate **15**. As shown in FIGS. **6** and **8**, concrete is placed in space **S'** formed between the upper flange **4** and the lower flange **2** and between the adjacent web plates **3** through the concrete inlet port **8** to thereby form a lower concrete layer **10**.

Then, concrete is placed on each upper flange **4** to form an upper concrete layer **11** which is connected to the lower concrete layer **10** through the concrete inlet port **8**.

In the example of FIG. **1**, the columnar H-shaped steels **1** of JIS specifications, each having an upper flange **4** which is cut in such a manner so as to have a predetermined width, are arranged in side-by-side relation between the adjacent bridge legs **5** and concrete is placed thereon. Merely by doing so, a floor slab bridge can be constructed at a low cost and with a reduced amount of labor time.

In the example of FIGS. **6** and **8**, a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels **1** of JIS specifications are supported between adjacent bridge legs **5** without applying a width

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cutting treatment to the upper flanges **4**, and concrete **9** is placed thereon. Merely by doing so, a floor slab bridge can be constructed at a low cost and with a reduced amount of labor time.

As shown in FIGS. **1**, **6** and **8**, a form side plate **14** is assembled to the outer side of each of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels **1'** (each columnar H-shaped steel located at the left extreme end or at the right extreme end in the width direction of the bridge), and concrete is placed on the outer side part of the columnar H-shaped steel **1'** to thereby form a side concrete layer **10'**.

In other words, concrete **9** is placed in a space **S''** which is defined by the lower flange **2**, the web plate **3**, the upper flange **4** and the form side plate **14** of the columnar H-shaped steel **1'** to thereby form a side concrete layer **10'**.

The form side plates **14** are removed after the concrete **9** is cured. In actual practice, the lower concrete layer **10**, the upper concrete layer **11** and the side concrete layers **10'** are not formed by placing the concrete **9** separately. Instead, by continuously placing the concrete **9**, the side concrete layers **10''** are integrally formed (or placed) on the opposite ends of the upper concrete layer **11**. A parapet **21** is integrally erected on the upper end of each concrete layer **10'**.

Each joining plate **15** has generally the same thickness as the lower flange **2**. The joining plates **15** and the columnar H-shaped steels **1** are alternately arranged between the bridge legs **5**. The joining plate **15** makes it possible to form the concrete inlet port **8** in case the commercially available columnar H-shaped steel **1** is used in which the upper flange **4** is not partly cut off. The width dimension is established by properly selecting the width of the joining plate **15**.

As shown in FIGS. **6**, **7** and **8**, each joining plate **15** is provided with a reinforcement plate **18** which is erected from the center of the upper surface thereof and embedded in the lower concrete layer **10**. The joining plate **15** in combination with the reinforcement plate **18** exhibit a T-shaped configuration. Therefore, either by applying a commercially available T-shaped steel, or a T-shaped steel formed by partly cutting off the upper flange of the commercially available columnar H-shaped steel, the joining plate **15** and the reinforcement plate **18** are formed.

As shown in FIG. **7**, the reinforcement plate **18** is provided at an upper end thereof with a flange **19** which is integral with the joining plate **15** and the reinforcement plate **18** and in parallel with the joining plate **15**. That is, a steel material, which includes the joining plate **15**, the reinforcement plate **18** and the flange **19**, is in the form of the columnar H-shaped steel. The commercially available columnar H-shaped steel **1** of JIS specifications, the joining plate **15** formed by the lower flange of the commercially available columnar H-shaped steel **1**, the reinforcement plate **18** and the upper flange **19** are embedded in the lower concrete layer **10**.

In the same manner as described above, plating such as zinc plating, or coating is applied to the outer surface of the columnar H-shaped steel **1**. Similarly, plating such as zinc plating, or coating is applied to the outer surface of the columnar T-shaped or H-shaped steel which constitutes the joining plate **15** and the reinforcement plate **18**.

By the reinforcement plate **18** and upper flange **19**, the main girder component member of a bridge is further increased in strength and the joining plate **15** and the lower concrete layer **10** are firmly connected together. Of course, the columnar H-shaped steel composing the joining plate **15** is smaller than the columnar H-shaped steel which composes the main girder.

Moreover, an iron reinforcement is horizontally laid on the upper flange **4**, and the suspending iron reinforcement **13** is assembled with the horizontal iron reinforcement **12**. The suspending iron reinforcement **13** is suspended in the space *S*, *S'* through the concrete inlet port **8**. The horizontal iron reinforcement **12** is embedded in the upper concrete layer **11**, and the suspending iron reinforcement **13** is embedded in the lower concrete layer **10**. By doing so, a floor slab bridge can be constructed.

In the same manner as mentioned above, the suspending iron reinforcements **13** are suspended in the left and right outer space *S''* of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels **1'**, and the suspended iron reinforcements **13** are embedded in the side concrete layers **10'**.

Each suspending iron reinforcement **13** is, as shown in FIG. **1**, is formed in a U-shaped configuration in the width direction of the bridge, and, as shown in FIG. **6**, formed in a U-shaped configuration in the longitudinal direction of the bridge. The opposite upper ends of each suspending iron reinforcement **13** are assembled with the horizontal iron reinforcement **12** in a suspending manner.

The horizontal iron reinforcement **12** is supported on the upper surface of the upper flange **4** so as to bear the horizontal iron reinforcement **12** and suspending iron bar **13**. Of course, a plurality of such plural iron reinforcements **12**, **13** are arranged at small intervals in the longitudinal direction of the H-shaped steel **1**.

Moreover, vertical iron reinforcements **12'** extending in the longitudinal direction of the bridge are assembled with the horizontal iron reinforcements **12** and the suspending iron reinforcements **13** so as to form a basket shape as a whole. The vertical iron reinforcements **12'** are also supported on the horizontal iron reinforcements **12** which are horizontally supported on the upper flanges **4**.

By the horizontal iron reinforcements **12** and the suspending iron reinforcements **13** suspended therefrom, the joining strength between the upper concrete layer **11** and the lower concrete layer **12**, particularly the lower concrete layer **10** demarcated by the web plate **3** is properly reinforced, thereby providing a sufficient strength to the entire floor slab bridge.

Thus, the shearing resisting force of the concrete **9** against the live load is increased to effectively prevent cracking of the upper and lower concrete layers **11**, **10**.

As another example, as shown in FIGS. **1**, **5** and **8**, a through hole **3a** is formed in each web plate **3** of the columnar H-shaped steel **1** in which the adjacent lower flanges **2** are directly or indirectly abutted with each other. A web through-bar **16** is allowed to pierce through this through hole **3a**. As shown in FIGS. **3** and **9**, a plurality of such web through-bars **16** are arranged at small intervals in the longitudinal direction of the bridge. Each web through-bar **16** is provided at both ends thereof with stoppers **17** such as nuts which are to be abutted with the outer side surfaces of the web plates **3** of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels **1'**.

As shown in FIG. **3**, a plurality of such web through-bars **16** are arranged in a single row at small intervals in the longitudinal direction of the bridge. Alternatively, as shown in FIG. **9**, the web through-bars **16** are arranged in upper and lower rows.

Each web through-bar **16** is embedded in the lower concrete layer **10** which is formed by placing the concrete through the concrete inlet port **8**, so as to serve as a concrete reinforcement.

Both ends of each web through-bar **16** and each stopper **17** are embedded in the side concrete layers **10'** which are

formed by placing the concrete on the outer side surfaces of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels **1'**.

The web through-bar **16** is preferably of the type having a head (stopper **17**) at one end thereof. A nut (stopper **17**) is threadingly engaged with the other end of the web through-bar **16** so as to fasten to the outer side surfaces of the web plate **3** of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels **1'**. It is also accepted that a nut is threadingly engaged with each end of the web through-bar **16** so as to fasten to the outer side surfaces of the leftmost and rightmost columnar H-shaped steels **1'**.

This fastening force is preferably not so large as to give an abutting force to the abutting parts of the adjacent lower flanges **2** of the columnar H-shaped steels. That is, it is preferred that the adjacent lower flanges of the columnar H-shaped steels **1** are merely loosely contacted (a small space may be formed between the adjacent lower flanges) with each other.

The web through-bar **16** is embedded in the lower concrete layer **10** so as to serve as a concrete reinforcement. That is, as shown in FIG. **1**, if a vertical load *A* attributable to passage of vehicles, etc. is applied to the floor slab bridge, a shearing force *B* would act on the joining part between the columnar H-shaped steel **1** (or joining plate **15**) which is under the load and its adjacent columnar H-shaped steel **1** (or joining plate **15**) and the concrete layers **10**, **11** corresponding to the joining part. However, the web through-bar **16** effectively prevents the induction of cracking (shearing) of the concrete layers **10**, **11** caused by the vertical load *A*.

Similarly, the horizontal iron reinforcement **12** and the suspending iron reinforcement **13** in combination with the concrete **9** (concrete layers **10**, **11**) increase the shearing preventive effect. The iron reinforcements **12**, **13** may be used in combination with the web through-bar **16**. By embedding the stoppers and the opposite ends of the web through-bars in the side concrete layers, they can be prevented from becoming rotten due to wind and rain, and the outer appearance is not spoiled. Moreover, the web through bars **16** can be kept wholesome so that they can fully exhibit their function in spite of the passage of time.

As shown in FIGS. **6**, **7** and **8**, in case a reinforcement plate **18** is erected from each joining plate **15**, a through hole **18a** may be formed in each reinforcement plate **18** so that the web through-bar **16** can pierce through the through hole **18a** in the manner as mentioned above.

As still another example, as shown in FIGS. **8** and **9**, a light-weight material **20** such as foamed resin or foamed concrete is disposed in each space *S'* which is defined among each upper flange **4**, each web plate **3**, each lower flange **2** and each joining plate **15**, or in the example of FIG. **1**, in each space *S* which is defined among each upper flange **4**, each web plate **3** and each lower flange **2**, and embedded in the lower concrete layer **10**.

The light-weight material **20** is preferably in the form of a rectangular block. This light-weight material **20** is interposed between adjacent web plates **3** and intimately contacted therewith. The light-weight material **20** is placed and supported on the upper flange **19** or reinforcement plate **18** of the columnar H-shaped steel.

A plurality of such light-weight materials **20** are, as shown in FIG. **9**, arranged in the longitudinal direction of the bridge so as not to interfere with the web through-bars **16**. By doing so, while increasing the thickness of the lower concrete layer **10**, i.e., by using a large sized columnar H-shaped steel **1** having a large height, the overall weight can be reduced (reduction of dead load) in spite of the increased thickness

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of the entire floor plate which is required for filling the light-weight material **20** therein.

The light-weight material **20** is embedded in the central part of the lower concrete layer **10**, while the web through-bars **16** are inserted in the lower concrete layer part on the upper flange **4** side and in the lower concrete layer part on the lower flange **2** side which are demarcated by the light-weight material **20**.

The web through-bar **16**, which is inserted into the lower concrete layer part on the lower flange **2** side, is inserted in the reinforcement plate **18** and embedded in the concrete **9**. As shown in FIG. 6, even in case the light-weight material **20** is not filled, the web through-bar **16** may be inserted in the reinforcement plate **18**.

The suspending iron reinforcement **13** and the web through-bar **16** are provided in the upper space of the light-weight material **20** and the concrete **9** is placed thereon, and then embedded in the lower concrete layer part on the upper flange **4** side. A plurality of reinforcements **13'** each formed in the shape of a ring are arranged in the widthwise direction and in the longitudinal direction of the bridge within the space in a lower part of the light-weight material **20**, and the vertical iron reinforcements **12'** are assembled with the ring-shape iron reinforcements **13'** so as to form a basket shape, and embedded in the concrete layer filled in the lower space, i.e., in the lower concrete layer part on the lower flange **2** side. The horizontal iron reinforcements **12** and the suspending iron reinforcements **13** may be used in combination with the joining plates **15** and the web through-bars **16**, where appropriate. By doing so, those elements can function synergistically.

What is claimed is:

1. A structure of a floor slab bridge comprising:
 - a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels each of which includes a web plate having at an upper end thereof an upper flange and at a lower end thereof a lower flange, said columnar H-shaped steels being arranged in side-by-side relation with an end face thereof abutted with a corresponding end face of the adjacent columnar H-shaped steel, said upper flanges being smaller in width than said lower flanges so that a concrete inlet port is formed between adjacent upper flanges;
 - a lower concrete layer formed by placing concrete in a space defined between said upper and lower flanges and between the adjacent web plates through said concrete inlet ports;
 - an upper concrete layer formed by placing concrete on said upper flanges and connected to said lower concrete layer through said concrete inlet ports;
 - a horizontal reinforcement horizontally laid on each of said upper flanges;
 - a suspending reinforcement suspended in each of said spaces through said concrete inlet ports; and
 - said horizontal reinforcements being embedded in said upper concrete layer and said suspending reinforcements being embedded in said lower concrete layer.
2. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a first stopper that abuts an outer side surface of a leftmost columnar H-shaped steel;
 - a second stopper that abuts an outer side surface of a rightmost columnar H-shaped steel; and
 - a plurality of web through-bars arranged in a longitudinal direction of said bridge at given intervals, wherein each of said web through-bars pierces through at least one of said web plates.

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3. A structure of a slab floor bridge according to claim 2, further comprising:

- a first side concrete layer disposed on an outer side surface of said leftmost columnar H-shaped steel; and
- a second side concrete layer disposed on an outer side surface of said rightmost columnar H-shaped steel, wherein said first stopper and a first end of each of said web-through bars are embedded in said first side concrete layer,
- wherein said second stopper and a second end of each of said web-through bars are embedded in said second side concrete layer, and
- wherein each of said web through-bars is embedded in said lower concrete layer.

4. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 2, further comprising:

- a light weight material embedded in said lower concrete layer, wherein said light weight material is disposed so as not to interfere with said web through-bars.

5. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 1, wherein said horizontal reinforcement and said suspending reinforcement are formed of iron.

6. A structure of a floor slab bridge comprising:

- a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels each of which includes a web plate having at an upper end thereof an upper flange and at a lower end thereof a lower flange;
- a joining plate [made of a steel material] interposed between every adjacent pair of said lower flanges, wherein left and right end faces of each of said joining plates are in abutment relation with corresponding end faces of said lower flanges of adjacent ones of said left and right columnar H-shaped steels;
- a concrete inlet port formed between every adjacent pair of said upper flanges with the help of said joining plates;
- a lower concrete layer formed by placing concrete in a space formed between the upper and lower flanges and between adjacent ones of said web plates through said concrete inlet ports;
- an upper concrete layer formed by placing concrete on said upper flanges, wherein said upper concrete layer is connected to said lower concrete layer through said concrete inlet ports;
- a horizontal reinforcement horizontally laid on each of said upper flanges; and
- a suspending reinforcement suspended in each of said spaces through said concrete inlet ports, wherein said horizontal reinforcements are embedded in said upper concrete layer and said suspending reinforcements are embedded in said lower concrete layer.

7. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 6, further comprising:

- a first stopper that abuts an outer side surface of a leftmost columnar H-shaped steel;
- a second stopper that abuts an outer side surface of a rightmost columnar H-shaped steel; and
- a plurality of web through-bars arranged in a longitudinal direction of said bridge at given intervals, wherein each of said web through-bars pierces through at least one of said web plates.

8. A structure of a slab floor bridge according to claim 7, further comprising:

- a first side concrete layer disposed on an outer side surface of said leftmost columnar H-shaped steel; and

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a second side concrete layer disposed on an outer side surface of said rightmost columnar H-shaped steel, wherein said first stopper and a first end of each of said web-through bars are embedded in said first side concrete layer,

wherein said second stopper and a second end of each of said web-through bars are embedded in said second side concrete layer, and

wherein each of said web through-bars is embedded in said lower concrete layer.

9. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 7, further comprising:

a light weight material embedded in said lower concrete layer, wherein said light weight material is disposed so as not to interfere with said web through-bars.

10. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 6, wherein said horizontal reinforcement and said suspending reinforcement are formed of iron.

11. A structure of a floor slab bridge comprising:

a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels each of which includes a web plate having at an upper end thereof an upper flange and at a lower end thereof a lower flange;

a joining plate [made of a steel material] interposed between every adjacent pair of said lower flanges, wherein left and right end faces of each of said joining plates are in abutment relation with corresponding end faces of said lower flanges of adjacent ones of said left and right columnar H-shaped steels;

a concrete inlet port formed between every adjacent pair of said upper flanges with the help of said joining plates;

a lower concrete layer formed by placing concrete in a space formed between the upper and lower flanges and between adjacent ones of said web plates through said concrete inlet ports; and

an upper concrete layer formed by placing concrete on said upper flanges, wherein said upper concrete layer is connected to said lower concrete layer through said concrete inlet ports, and

wherein, for each of said joining plates, said joining plate is provided with a reinforcement plate, a part of which is erected from an upper surface of said joining plate and the rest of which is embedded in said lower concrete layer.

12. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 11, further comprising:

a first stopper that abuts an outer side surface of a leftmost columnar H-shaped steel;

a second stopper that abuts an outer side surface of a rightmost columnar H-shaped steel; and

a plurality of web through-bars arranged in a longitudinal direction of said bridge at given intervals, wherein each of said web through-bars pierces through at least one of said web plates.

13. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 12, further comprising:

a first side concrete layer disposed on an outer side surface of said leftmost columnar H-shaped steel; and

a second side concrete layer disposed on an outer side surface of said rightmost columnar H-shaped steel, wherein said first stopper and a first end of each of said web-through bars are embedded in said first side concrete layer,

wherein said second stopper and a second end of each of said web-through bars are embedded in said second side concrete layer, and

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wherein each of said web through-bars is embedded in said lower concrete layer.

14. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 12, further comprising:

a light weight material embedded in said lower concrete layer, wherein said light weight material is disposed so as not to interfere with said web through-bars.

15. A structure of a floor slab bridge comprising:

a plurality of columnar H-shaped steels each of which includes a web plate having at an upper end thereof an upper flange and at a lower end thereof a lower flange;

a joining plate [made of a steel material] interposed between every adjacent pair of said lower flanges, wherein left and right end faces of each of said joining plates are in abutment relation with corresponding end faces of said lower flanges of adjacent ones of said left and right columnar H-shaped steels;

a concrete inlet port formed between every adjacent pair of said upper flanges with the help of said joining plates;

a lower concrete layer formed by placing concrete in a space formed between the upper and lower flanges and between adjacent ones of said web plates through said concrete inlet ports; and

an upper concrete layer formed by placing concrete on said upper flanges, wherein said upper concrete layer is connected to said lower concrete layer through said concrete inlet ports,

wherein each of said joining plates has a planar shape, and wherein each of said joining plates has generally a same thickness as each of said lower flanges.

16. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 15, further comprising:

a first stopper that abuts an outer side surface of a leftmost columnar H-shaped steel;

a second stopper that abuts an outer side surface of a rightmost columnar H-shaped steel; and

a plurality of web through-bars arranged in a longitudinal direction of said bridge at given intervals, wherein each of said web through-bars pierces through at least one of said web plates.

17. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 16, further comprising:

a first side concrete layer disposed on an outer side surface of said leftmost columnar H-shaped steel; and

a second side concrete layer disposed on an outer side surface of said rightmost columnar H-shaped steel, wherein said first stopper and a first end of each of said web-through bars are embedded in said first said concrete layer,

wherein said second stopper and a second end of each of said web-through bars are embedded in said second side concrete layer, and

wherein each of said web through-bar is embedded in said lower concrete layer.

18. A structure of a floor slab bridge according to claim 16, further comprising:

a light weight material embedded in said lower concrete layer, wherein said light weight material is disposed so as not to interfere with said web through-bars.