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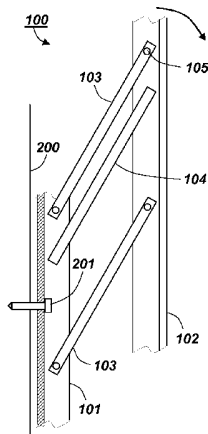


Fig. 1a

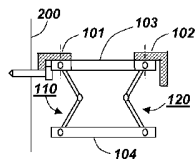


Fig. 1b

(57) Abstract: A collapsible escape ladder (100) has a closed state wherein the rungs (103) are substantially hidden within uprights (101, 102) and an open state wherein the rungs (103) extend perpendicular to a building wall (200) between the uprights (101, 102) and the ladder (100) extends downward from an escape point to the ground. The ladder has a plurality of guards comprising a guard profile (104) connected to the uprights (110, 120) through side profiles (110, 120). In the open state, the guards are distributed along the ladder between the escape point and the ground. In some embodiments, the side profiles (110, 120) are joints or telescopic and the guard profile (104) is moved out from the ladder plane in a plane defined by the guard profile (104) and the side profiles (110, 120). In other embodiments, the guard profiles are pivoted out from the ladder plane when the ladder (100) is folded out. The guards can be disposed on the top of the ladder when it is in its closed state, and slide along guides in the uprights when the ladder is open. The embodiments can be used separately or in combination.

