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DESCRIPTION

[0001] The present invention concerns an arrangement in connection with a curtain rod which is attachable to a ceiling or to a wall and which possesses graspable holders slidable along the sliding rod of a curtain rod and supportable by the same, which holders have means for curtain holding.

[0002] Curtains give, as is known, a nice and cosy impression of premises. However, there are risks when such are to be suspended on premises where people reside who then risks hurting themselves and other by the use of existing curtain rods and the like.

[0003] There are solutions to this problem.

[0004] By US 8,533,910 B2, a curtain rod having curtain hooks is known which come loose upon the load of a certain maximum weight, about 23 kg. However, a separate fastener or clip (400, 500) is arranged to carry the curtain rod or track (300) which is bendable. In that connection, said fastener could work as holder for a snare or something else that the person in question could try to hurt himself with. Then it is not enough that the proper holders (100) for curtain hooks (200) and the curtain yields at a certain load of the holders (100).

[0005] GB 2385511 A comprises a hollow (3) curtain rod (1) having a holder (2) the flanges (12, 6) of which yield at too high a load. However, there is a risk that the person in question can insert a pen or another elongate object in the hollow (3) of the curtain rod to form a fastener for, e.g., a snare. Particularly if several holders are packed together to form a common fastener.

[0006] Problems similar to the above are present in further curtain rods known by GB 715150 A, US 6 098 246 A, DE 3915461 A1, DE 3933907 A1, and DE 3707133 A1. European Patent Application EP 0 235 054 A1 discloses an arrangement with a curtain rod according to the preamble of claim 1.

[0007] Thus, the main object of the present invention is to solve, among others, the problems mentioned above in connection with a curtain rod which comprises holders for a curtain so that a suicide-resistant, i.e., anti-ligature curtain suspension is obtained but which consists of simple parts both to manufacture and to use.

[0008] Said object is achieved by means of an arrangement according to claim 1.

[0009] The invention is described in the following in the form of a couple of preferred embodiment examples, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which

[0010] Figs. 1-4 schematically show a first embodiment example of an arrangement in connection with a curtain rod having end fastening part and holders, wherein,

Fig. 1 shows a section view of a curtain rod, which is attached to the ceiling,

Fig. 2 shows a suitable end fastening part for a said curtain rod as seen in perspective,

Fig. 3 shows a perspective view of the curtain rod having a holder carried thereby,

Fig. 4 shows an edge view of a holder, and

Figs. 5-8 show a second embodiment example of an arrangement in connection with a curtain rod having end fastening part and holders, wherein

Fig. 5 shows a perspective view of a curtain rod, which is attached to a wall,

Fig. 6 shows a suitable end fastening part for a said curtain rod and as seen in perspective,

Fig. 7 shows a side view of a curtain rod, end fastening part, and a holder,

Fig. 8 shows a section view of the curtain rod and the holder,

Fig. 9 shows pictures of a variant of a holder having a fastening hook,

Fig. 10 shows a perspective view obliquely from below of a said curtain rod, which is attached to the ceiling having a holder thereon,

Fig. 11 shows an example of curved curtain rods having much curvature and little curvature, respectively,

Fig. 12 shows a front view of a complete curtain suspension, and

Fig. 13 shows an end part of a curtain rod having a holder and an end fastening part.

[0011] An arrangement 1 according to the present invention which is suitable to be fastened to a ceiling 2 or to a wall 3 in the room 4 in which it is desired to hang the curtain 5 by means of an attachable curtain rod 6, which in turn has holders 8 slidable along the sliding rod 7 of a curtain rod and supportable by the same, which holders have means 9 for curtain fastening, is arranged to function reliably without risk of persons hurting themselves. More precisely, the curtain rod 6 has a ledge-shaped holder base 11 extending along the length extension 10 of the curtain rod. By pre-formed holes 12 therein, fixing screws, not shown, are received to allow bolting said holder base 11 of the curtain rod tightly against a ceiling 2 or against a wall 3 in the room 4, etc., in which it is desired to hang the curtain 5.

[0012] From said holder base 11, a ledge-shaped neck 13 extends, which is arranged to support said sliding rod 7. In that connection, there is an obtuse angle α , β between said holder base 11 and the neck 13. The main reason for arranging the angle α , β to be obtuse is to prevent or at least make it more difficult for persons to be able to attach, e.g., a snare between wall/ceiling 3, 2 and a said neck 13 of the curtain rod 6, where the curtain rod 6 is arranged to

be fastened to a said ceiling 2 or to a said wall 3, e.g., by inserting a pen or another solid item in the space 31, 32 therein or in the space 33 that is formed between a wall 3 and said neck 13 of the curtain rod 6, and attach the end of the snare around the pen.

[0013] Said holders 8 have at the top 14 at least two flanges 15, 16 at least one flange 15 of which is shape-adapted to the cross-sectional shape of the sliding rod and possible to spring apart from the other, opposite flange 16.

[0014] The holder base 11 and neck 13 of a curtain rod are formed of a common, elongate profile ledge of appropriate plastic or metal material, suitably aluminium. Said profile ledges may be cuttable into desired length before mounting of the same and they may be straight, curved, as is shown in Fig. 11, or they are easily bent using a little direct action.

[0015] In order to conceal the ends of the curtain rod 6, if it has not been tailor-made exactly to the distance between wall to wall, said profile ledge is receivable with the respective ends in a respective end fastening part 17, which in turn is arranged tightly attachable against a ceiling or a wall. In that connection, said end fastening parts 17 are closed in one end 17A but have a congruent recess 18 which is arranged in the opposite end 17B and mates with said profile ledge and which is matched before hanging a said curtain rod 6 and the end fastening parts 17 on a ceiling or on a wall. The end fastening parts 17 are there to prevent a snare from being attached in the space between rod end and ceiling/wall or between the rod ends.

[0016] With the purpose of preventing insertion and attachment of, e.g., one end of a snare between the wall 3 and the end fastening part 17, said one end 17A of the end fastening part 17 is arranged sloping 30 or curved in the direction from the connection portion 17C thereof to a ceiling 2 or a wall 3. It is also important there that no space is obtained that allows attachment a rope, etc., so that persons are prevented from getting hurt.

[0017] Suitably, said sliding rod 7 has a curved side 19 along the end 7A thereof turned in the direction from the holder base 11 and a straight side 20 on the opposite side. Between each a side A, B of a said curved side 19 and a straight side 20, a straight surface 21 or a curved surface extends, which links together the two sides 19, 20 with each other.

[0018] Said holders 8 are preferably formed of y-shaped clips having an opening 22 and means, e.g., Velcro® fastening means 9 or another suitable fastening means for securing a curtain by appropriate means, e.g., Velcro® fastening means, in a respective diametrically opposite end 8A, 8B. The material of the holders 8 is preferably acetal plastic (POM), polyamide (PA), etc., or resilient metal.

[0019] In case of a sliding rod 7 having a curved at least one side 19, a fitting holder 8 has at least one curved one flange 15. Simultaneously, the holders 8 have a counter-positioned straight flange 16. Said curved and straight, respectively, flanges 15, 16 abut along and cooperate with, respectively, the curved and straight, respectively, sides 19, 20 of the sliding rod 7. As is shown in the drawings, a superpositioned opening 22 reaching into the internal

space 25 of the holders is laterally displaced as seen to the opposite end 8B of the holders 8.

[0020] For a reliable fastening of the curtain rod 6, without possibility of loosening the same without special tools, through fastening holes 12, 26 are arranged for screws, e.g., one-way screws, to extend through holder base 11 and mounting flanges 27 of end fastening parts.

[0021] In order to prevent a plurality of holders 8 from being interengaged close to each other with the sides of the holders 8 abutting tightly together, so that it would be possible to increase the bearing capacity should someone try to arrange some kind of snare or another hang means in a plurality of holders 8, the holders 8 have a thickening 28, for instance in the form of a boss-like projecting bulge, stud, etc., on one or both opposed sides 29 of the holder.

[0022] Furthermore, at least one flange 15, the curved one, of the holders is arranged to spring apart from the counter-positioned paired flange 16, the straight one, upon load by a certain predetermined force acting on the respective holder and/or groups of holders in brought-together positions, so that they spring apart and open and come loose from the sliding rod 7 in question long before a person's weight is reached, e.g. at 15 kg or less.

[0023] As curtain holding means, in addition to the above-mentioned Velcro® fastening elements, these may be holes 35 for supporting fork curtain holders or sewing thread or other fastening means present therein or receivable on the holders 8.

[0024] It is also possible, as is shown in the drawings in Fig. 9, to arrange the holders 8 with hooks 36 in the lower ends thereof for supporting the curtain 5 by inserting the hooks 36 into, e.g., holes 37 along the upper edge side of the curtain or by utilizing folding strips, etc.

[0025] The function and nature of the invention should have been clearly understood from the above-mentioned and also with knowledge of what is shown in the drawings but the invention is naturally not limited to the embodiments described above and shown in the accompanying drawings. Modifications are feasible, particularly as for the nature of the different parts, or by using an equivalent technique, without departing from the protection area of the invention, such as it is defined in the claims.

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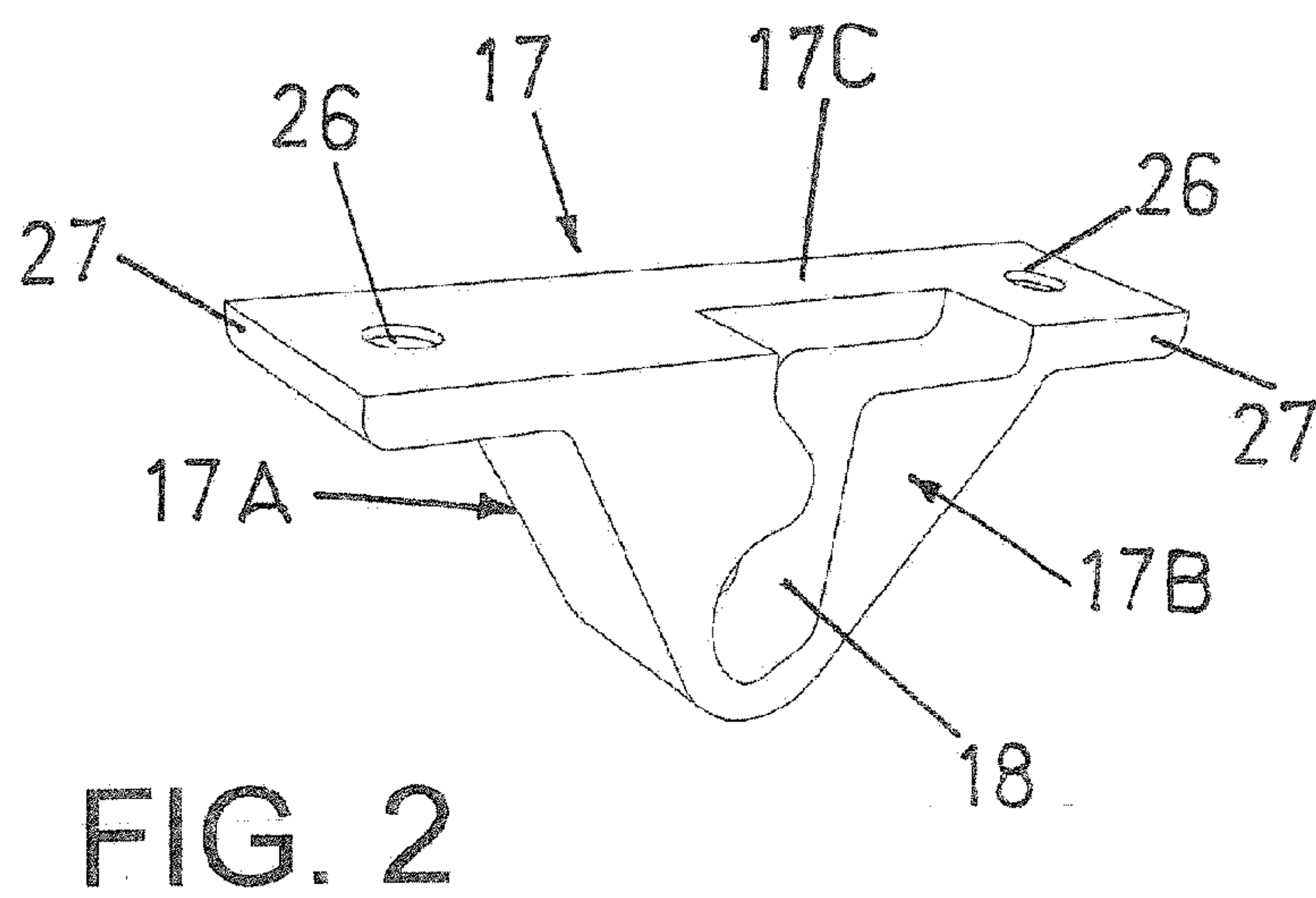
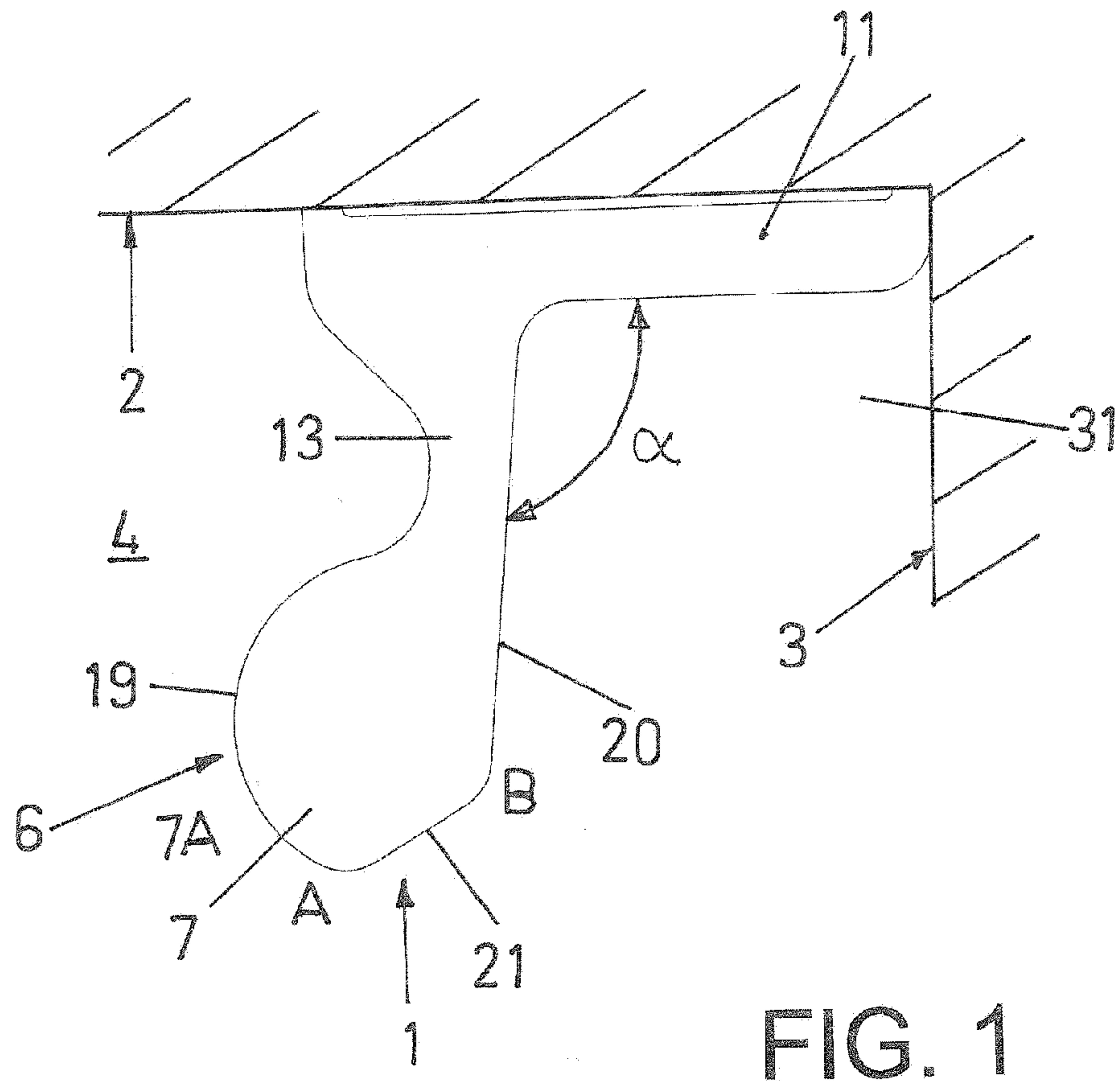
5 1. Indretning (1) omfattende en gardinstang (6), som kan fastgøres til et loft (2) eller til en væg (3), og som omfatter holdere (8), der kan gribes og kan glide langs med gardinstangens (6) glide­stang (7) og kan understøttes af denne, hvilke holdere (8) har midler til at holde et gardin, hvor holderne (8) ved deres top (14) har flanger (15, 16), hvoraf mindst en flange (15) er formtilpasset til glide­stangens (7) tværsnitsform og er tilpasset til at fjedre væk fra den anden flange (16), hvor gardinstangen (6) har en afsatsformet holderbasisdel (11),
10 der strækker sig langs med gardinstangens (6) langsgående udstrækning (10), gennem hvilken holderbasisdel der kan optages fastgørelsesskruer til fastboltning af gardinstangens (6) holderbasisdel (11) stramt mod loftet (2) eller mod væggen (3), **kendetegnet ved, at** der ud fra holderbasisdelen (11) strækker sig en afsatsformet hals (13), som understøtter glide­stangen (7), hvor der er
15 en stump vinkel (α , β) mellem holderbasisdelen (11) og halsen (13) i det mellemrum (31, 32), der er dannet mellem halsen (13) og loftet (2), hvor gardinstangen (6) er indrettet til at blive fastgjort til loftet (2) eller til at blive dannet mellem halsen (13) og væggen (3), hvor gardinstangen (6) er indrettet til at blive fastgjort til væggen (3), hvor holderbasisdelen (11) og gardinstangens (6)
20 hals (13) er dannet af en fælles, aflang profilafsats af plast- eller metalmateriale, og **ved, at** indretningen yderligere omfatter to endefastgørelsesdele (17), hvor den aflange profilafsats kan optages med de respektive ender i en respektiv endefastgørelsesdel (17), som igen kan anbringes, så den kan fastgøres stramt mod loftet (2) eller væggen (3), hvor endefastgørelsesdelene (17)
25 er lukket i en ende (17A) med en skrå eller buet sideoverflade (30), og, i den modsatte ende (17B), har en kongruent udsparring (18), der passer til den aflange profilafsats.

30 2. Indretning ifølge et af de foregående krav, hvor glide­stangen (7) har en buet side (19) langs med den ende deraf, der vender i retningen bort fra holderbasisdelen (11).

3. Indretning ifølge krav 2, hvor glide­stangen (7) har en lige side (20) langs med den ende deraf, der vender mod holderbasisdelen (11).

4. Indretning ifølge krav 3, hvor der mellem den buede og den lige side (hhv. 19 og 20) strækker sig en lige overflade (21) eller en buet overflade.
- 5 5. Indretning ifølge et af de foregående krav, hvor holderne (8) er dannet af y-formede klemmer, der har en åbning (22) og midler til at holde et gardin, hvilke er placeret i en respektiv diametrisk modsat ende (8A, 8B).
6. Indretning ifølge krav 5, hvor holderne (8) har mindst en buet flange (15).
- 10 7. Indretning ifølge krav 6, hvor holderne (8) har en lige flange (16).
8. Indretning ifølge et af kravene 6-7, hvor en åbning (22) ind i holderne (8) er forskudt sideværts set i forhold til den modsatte ende (8B) af holderne (8).
- 15 9. Indretning ifølge krav 1, hvor gennemgangsfastgørelshuller (12, 26) for skruer strækker sig gennem holderbasisdelen (11) og monteringsflangerne (27) af forekommende endefastgørelsesdele.
- 20 10. Indretning ifølge et af de foregående krav, hvor holderne (8) har mindst en fortykning (28), som er indrettet til at forhindre, at holderne (8) lægger sig tæt op ad hinanden i en række.
- 25 11. Indretning ifølge et af de foregående krav, hvor mindst en flange (15) af holderne er indrettet til at fjedre væk ved en bestemt, fastlagt kraft, der indvirker på den respektive holder (8).
- 30 12. Indretning ifølge et af de foregående krav, hvor gardinholdemidlerne er dannet af Velcro® fastgørelseselementer (9), huller (35), eller af andre midler såsom hægter (36) til understøtning af gaffelgardinholdere eller foldestrips, sytråd eller andre fastgørelsesmidler, der kan optages deri, eller til at blive optaget i dertil passende åbninger (37) i gardinet (5).

DRAWINGS



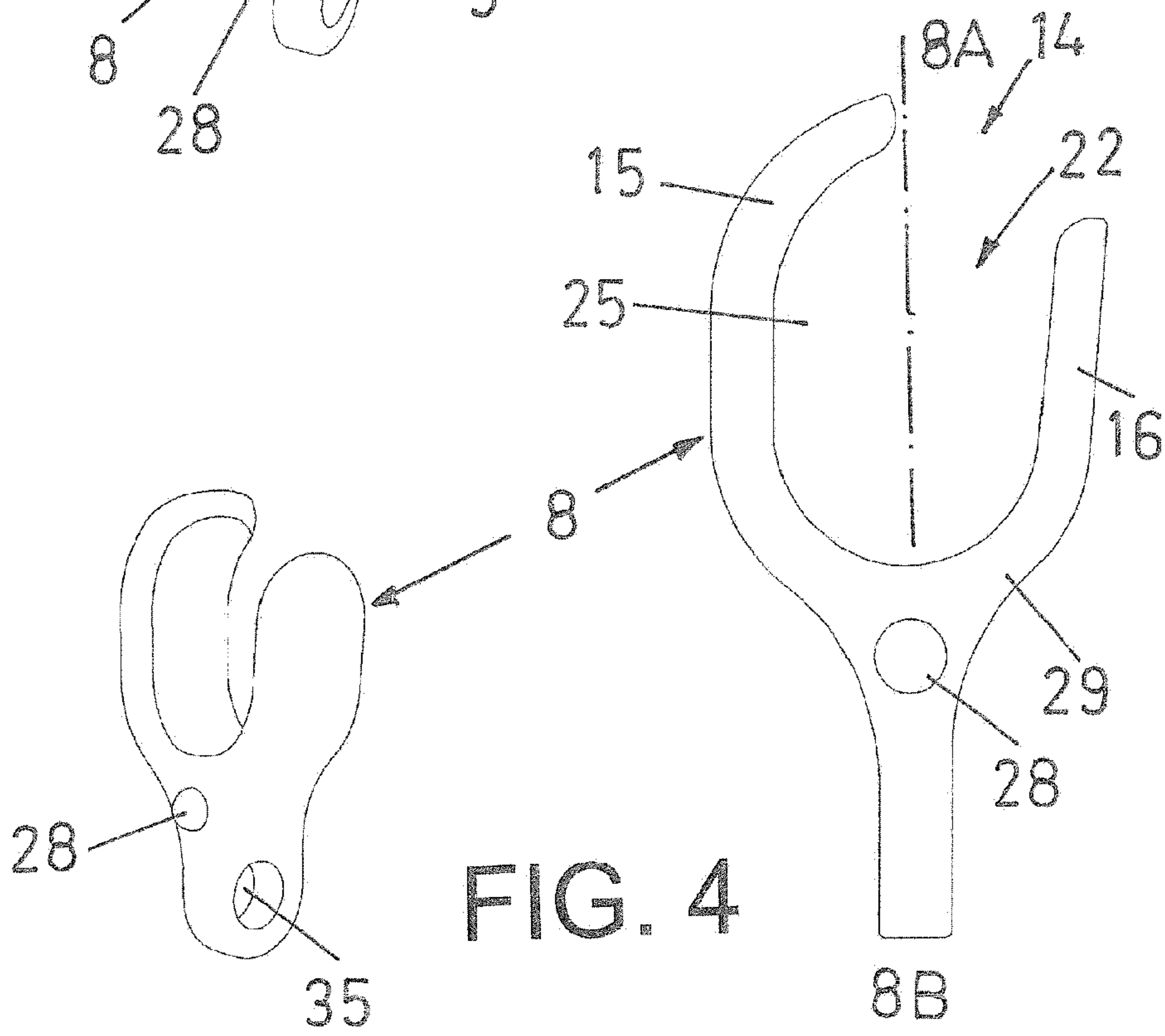
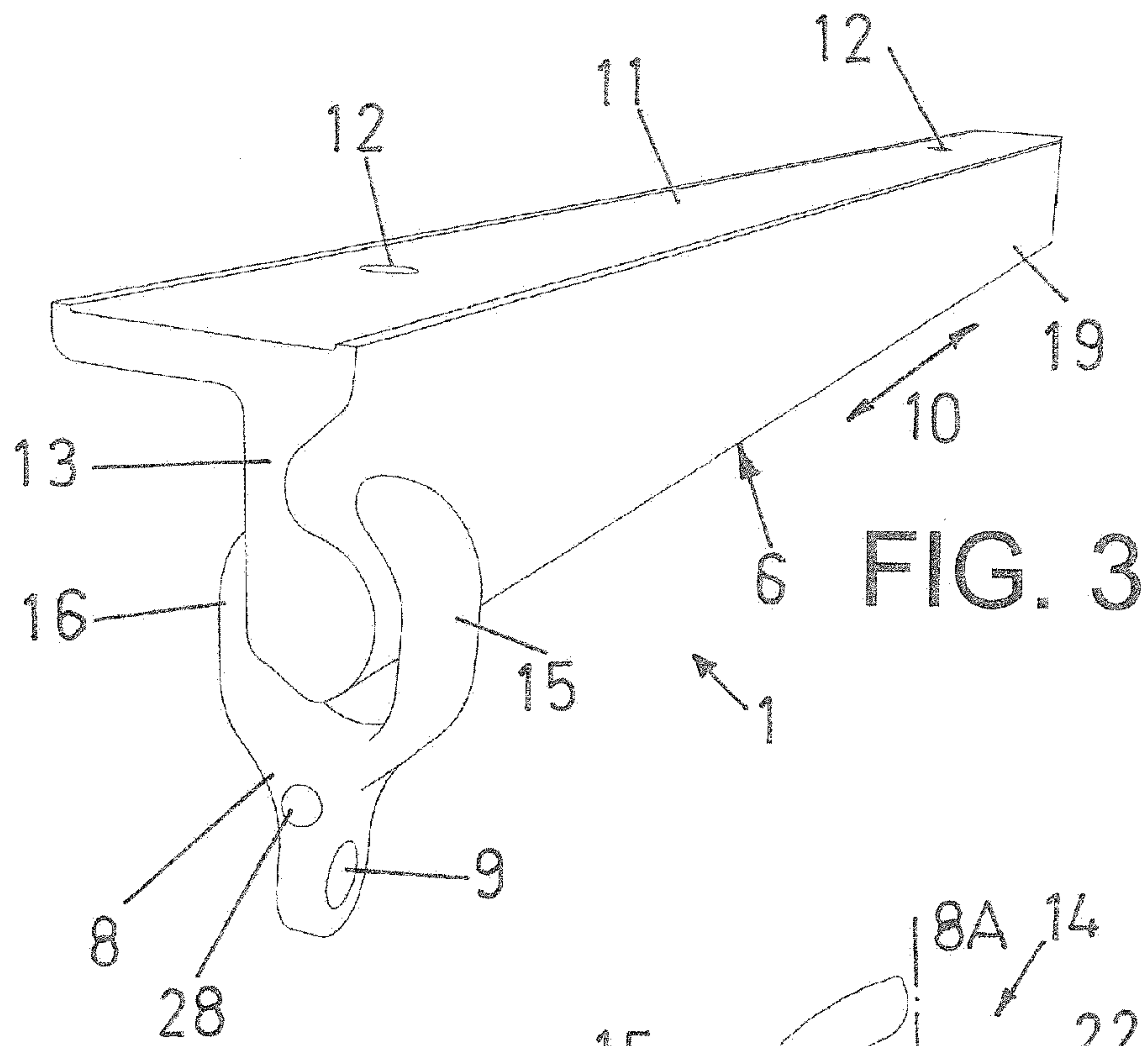


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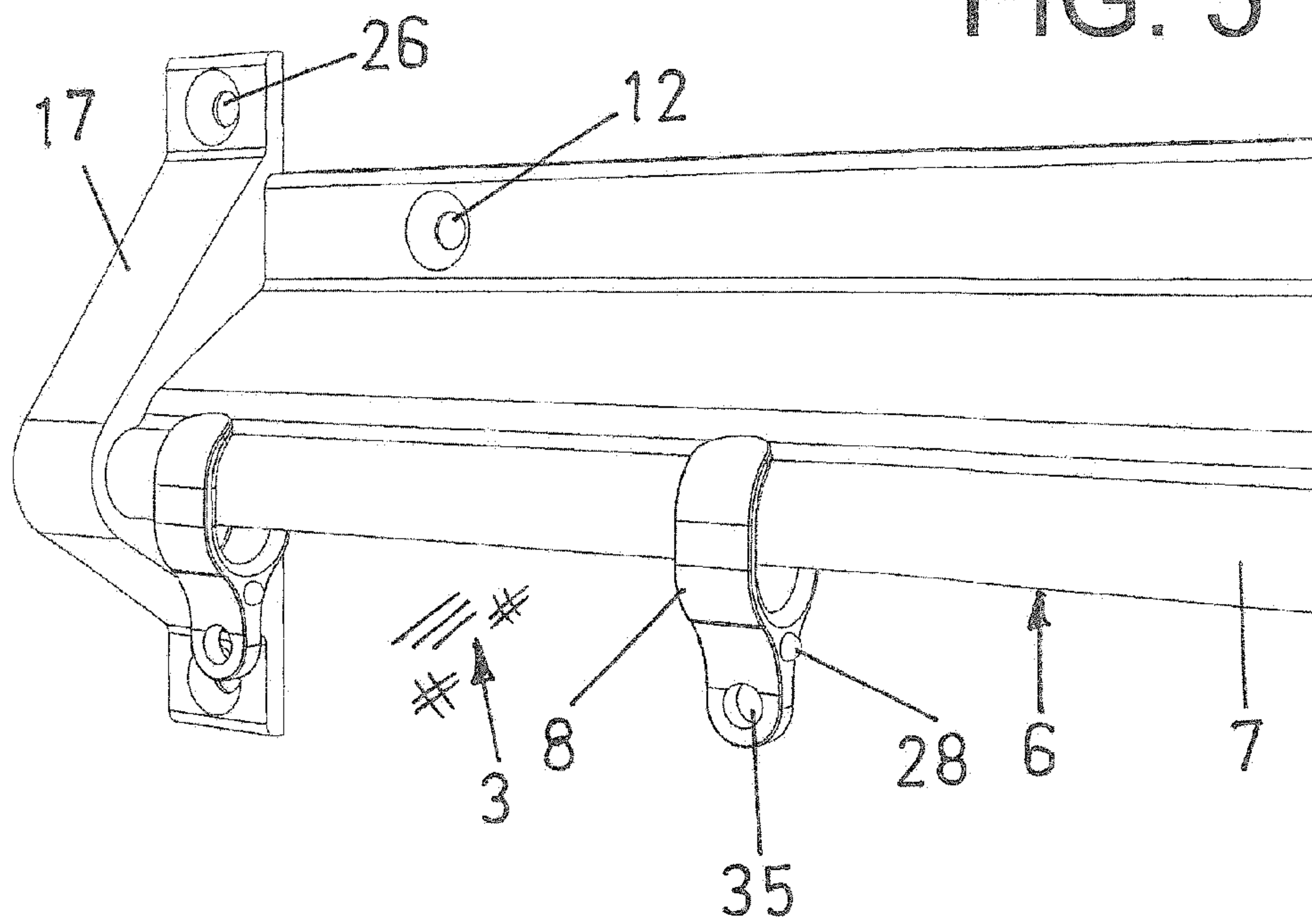


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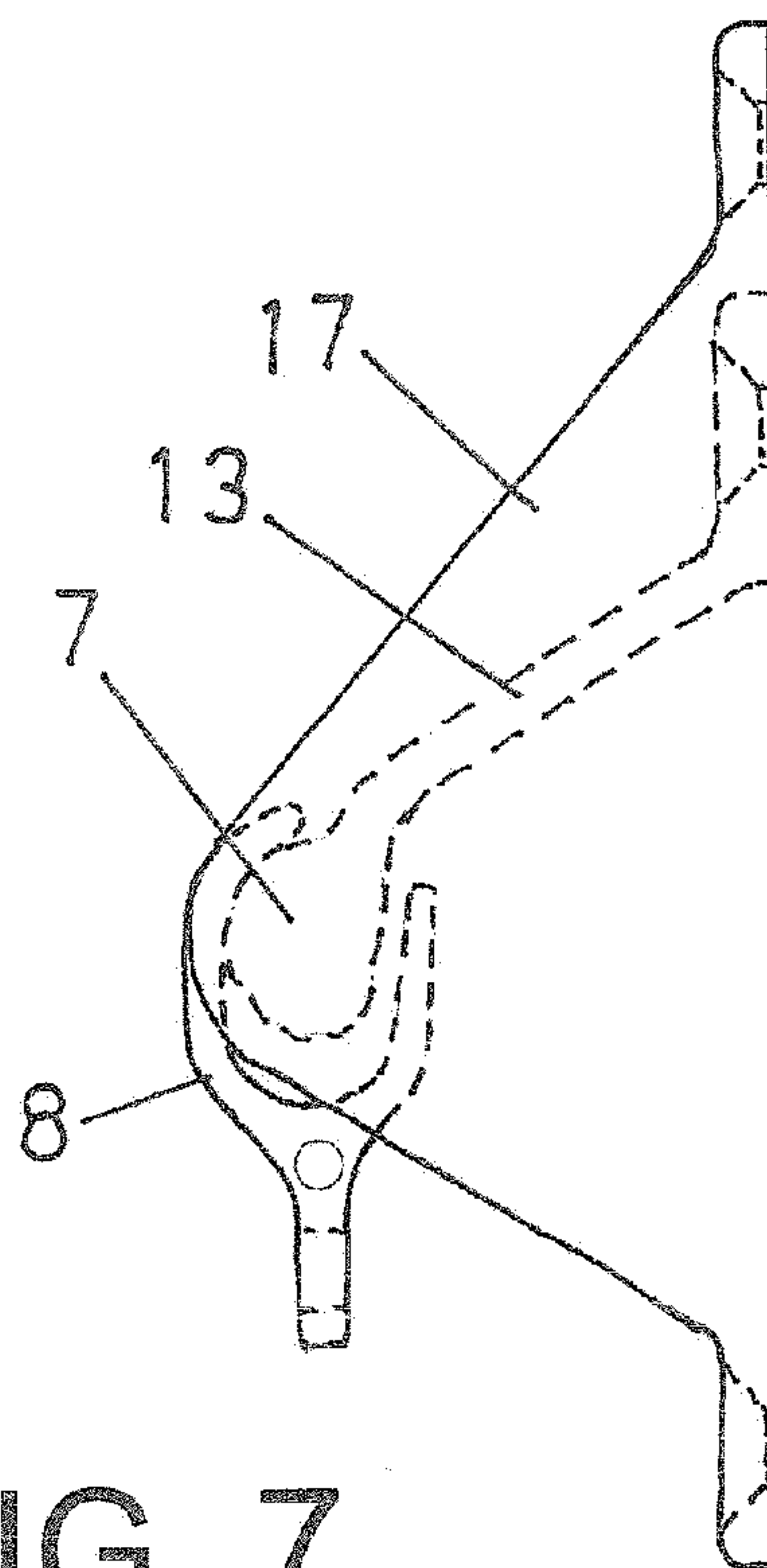
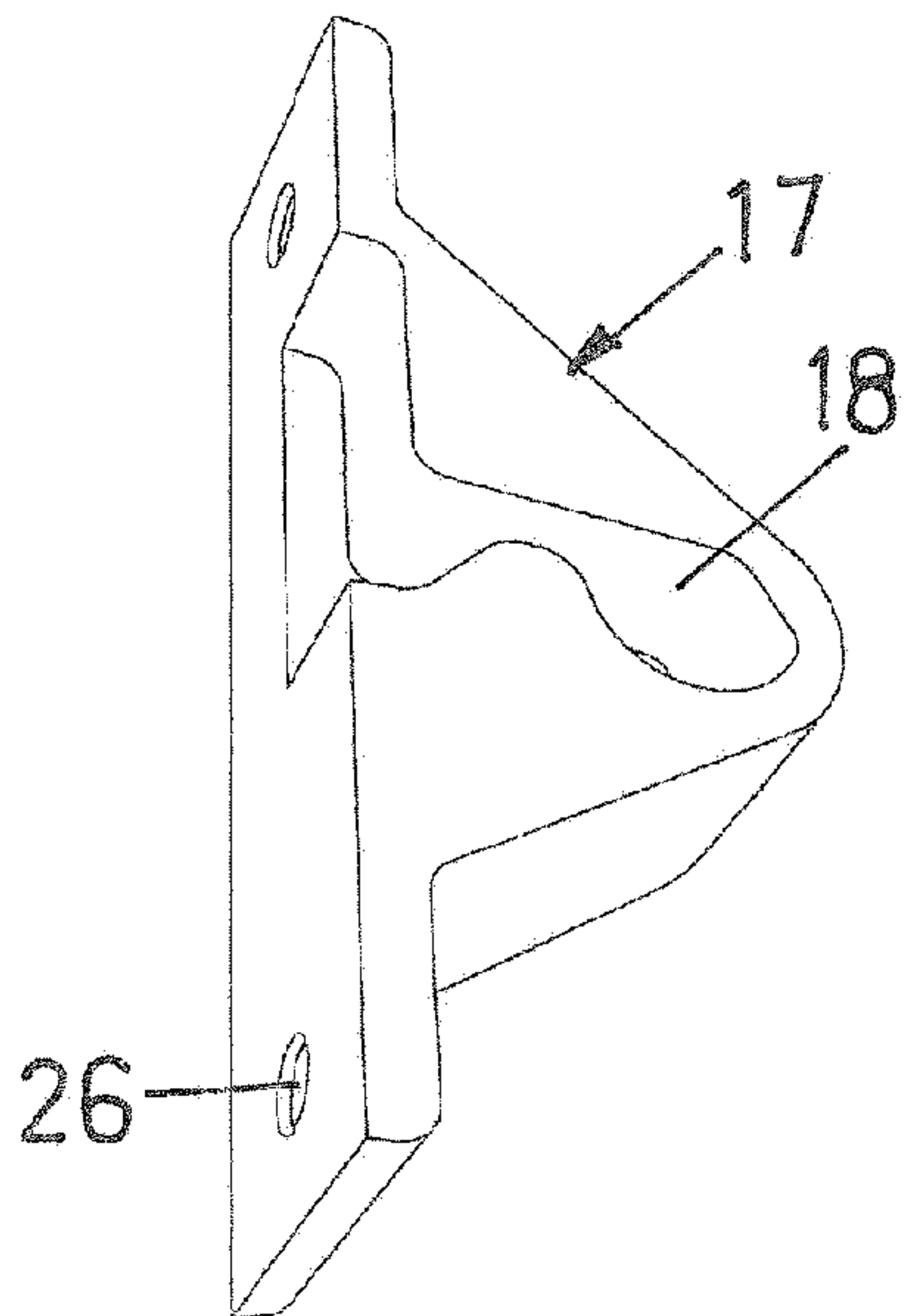
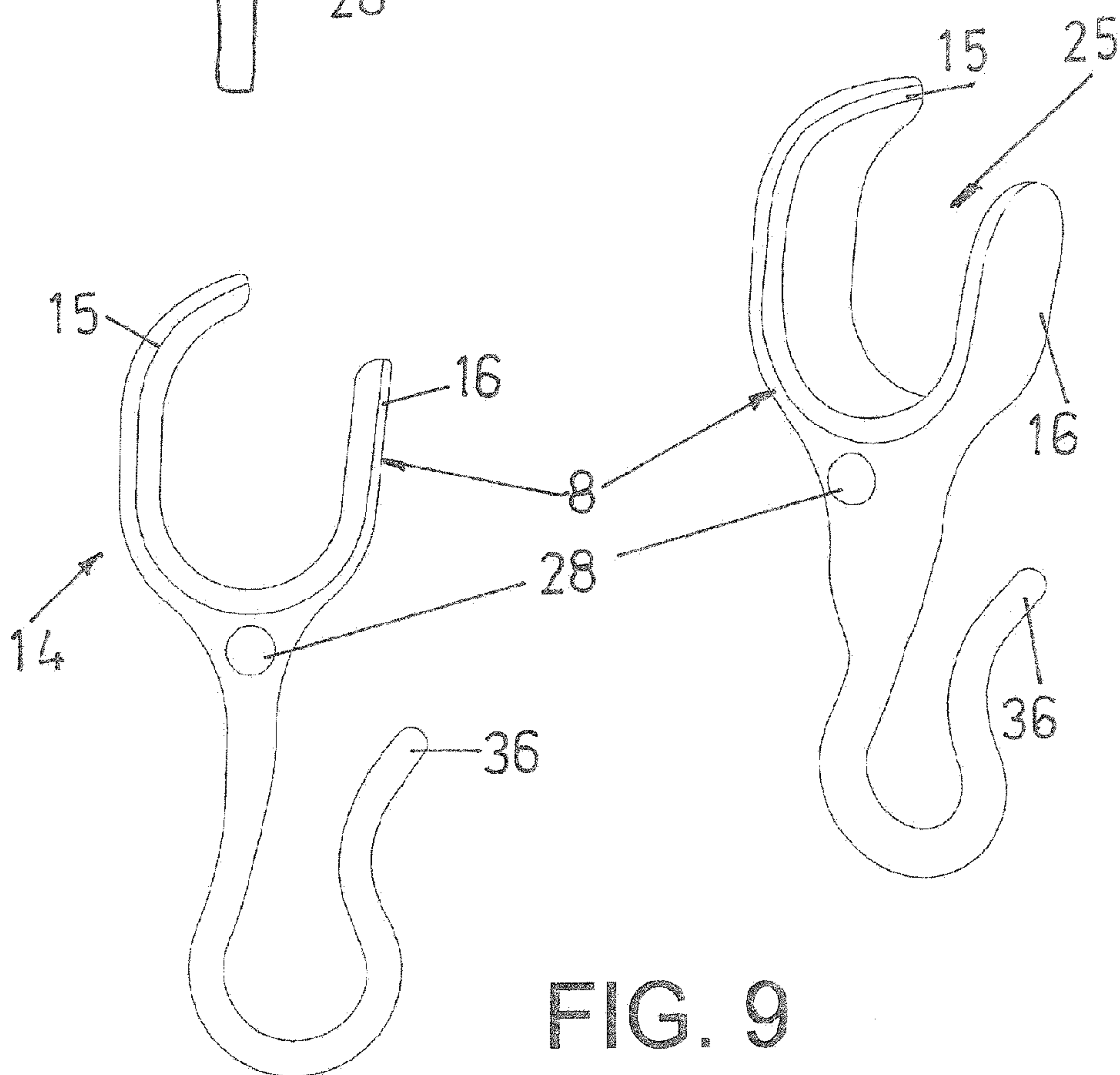
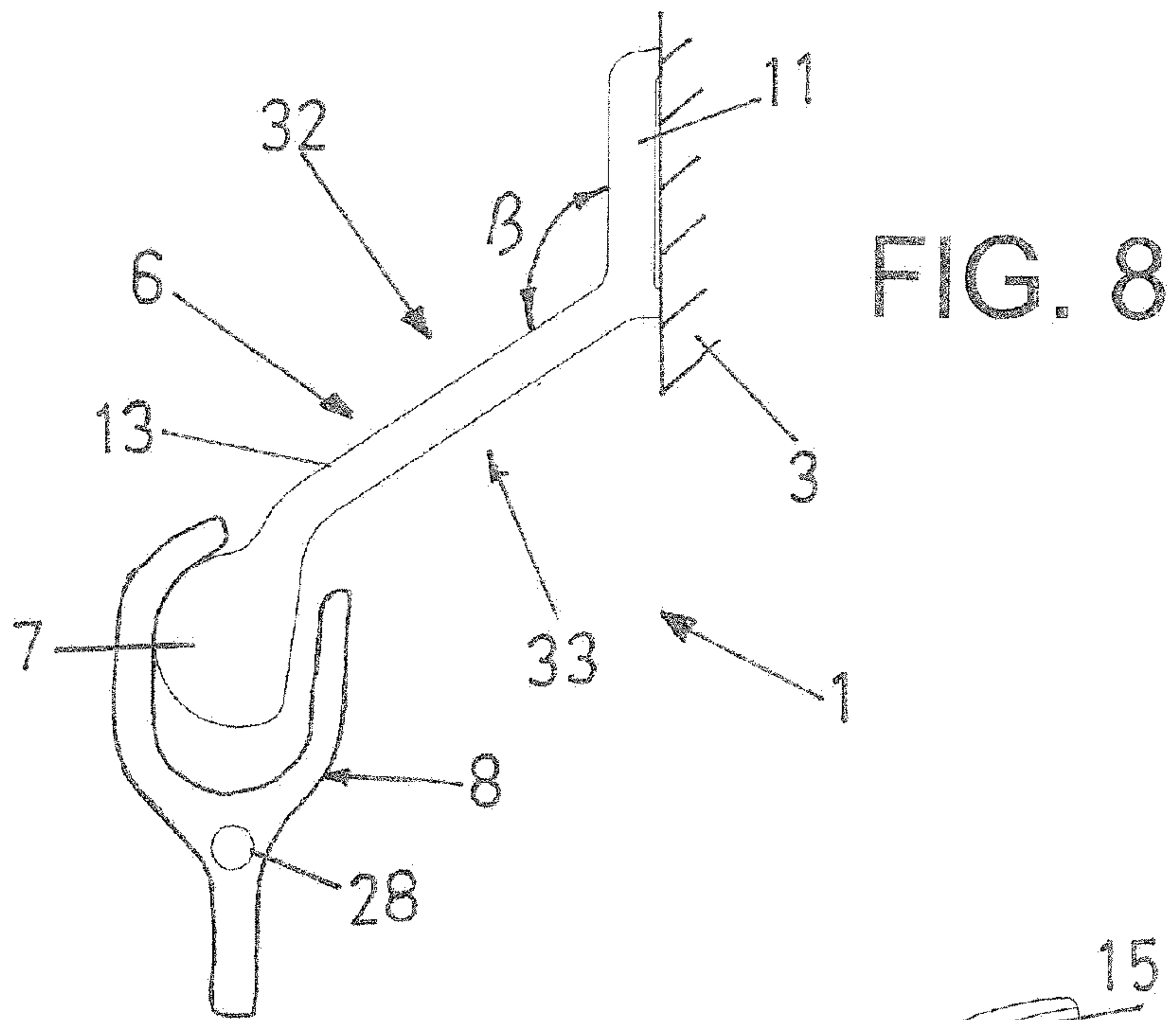


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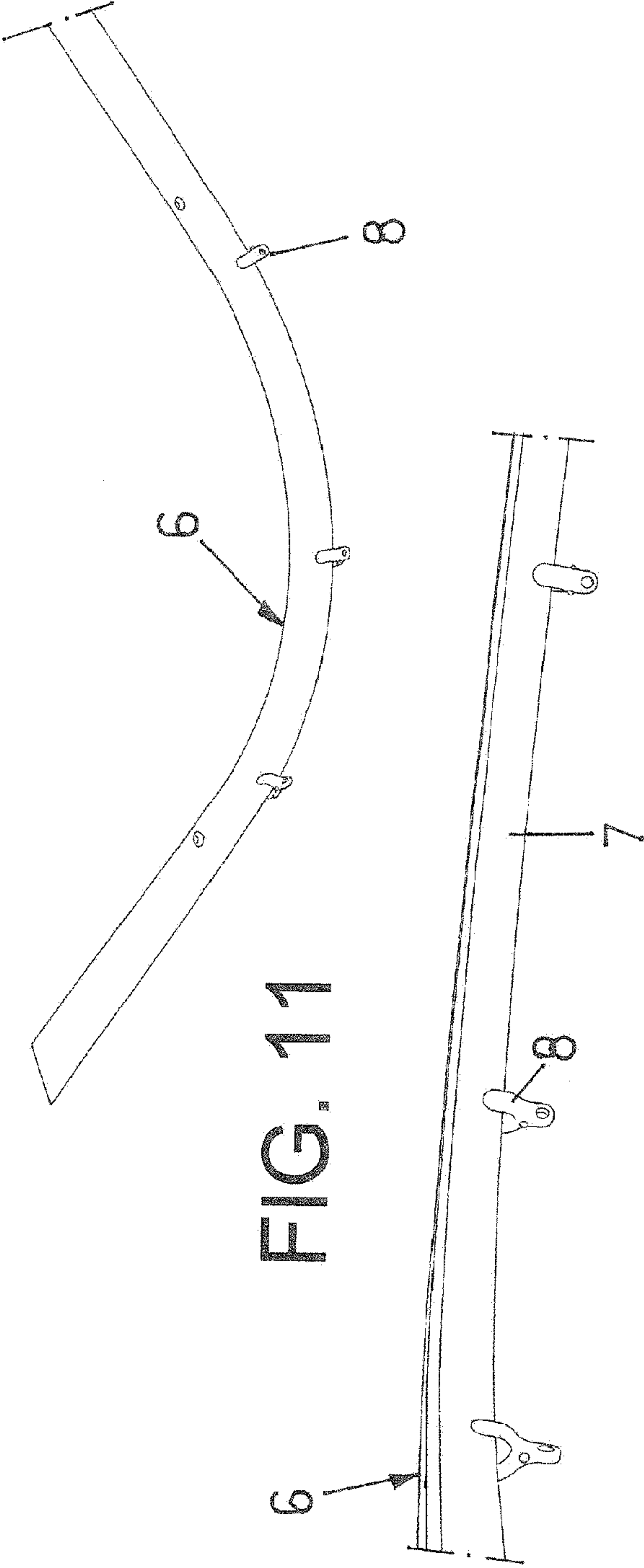
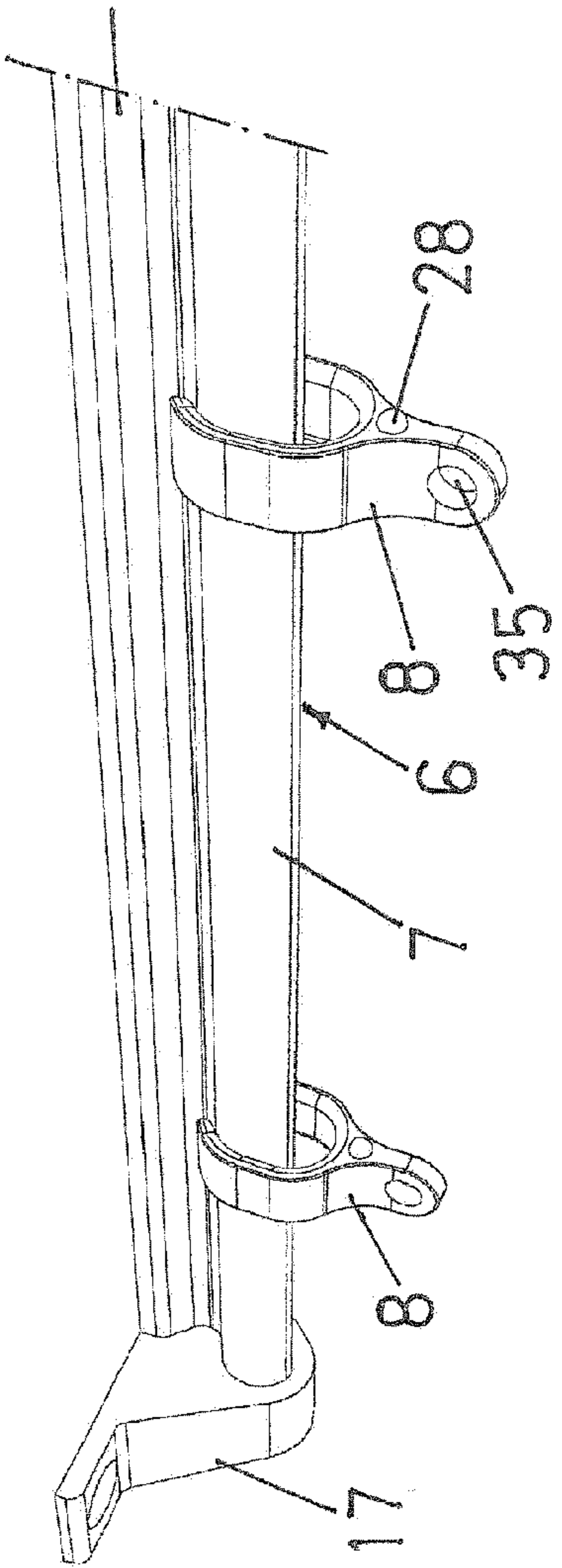


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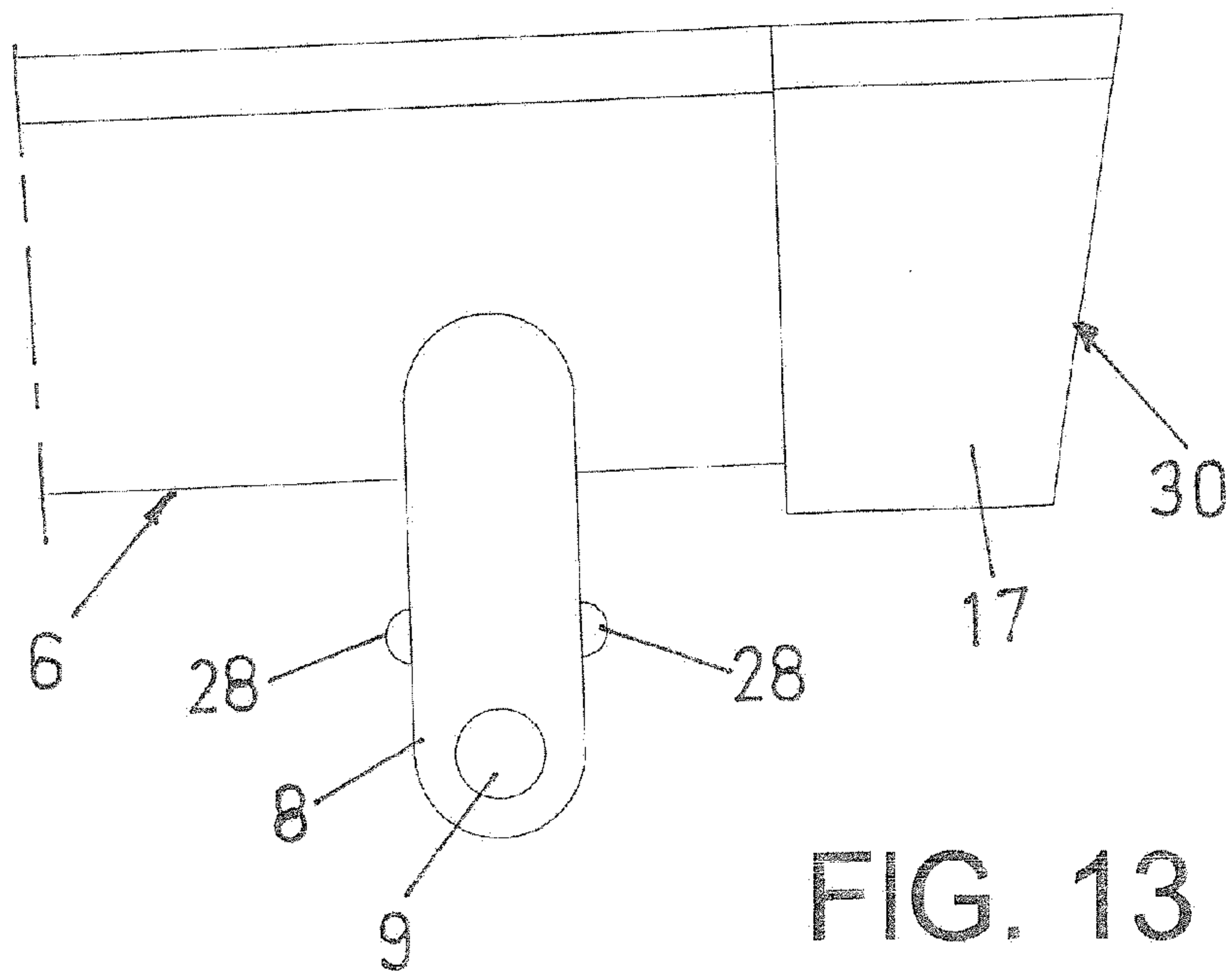
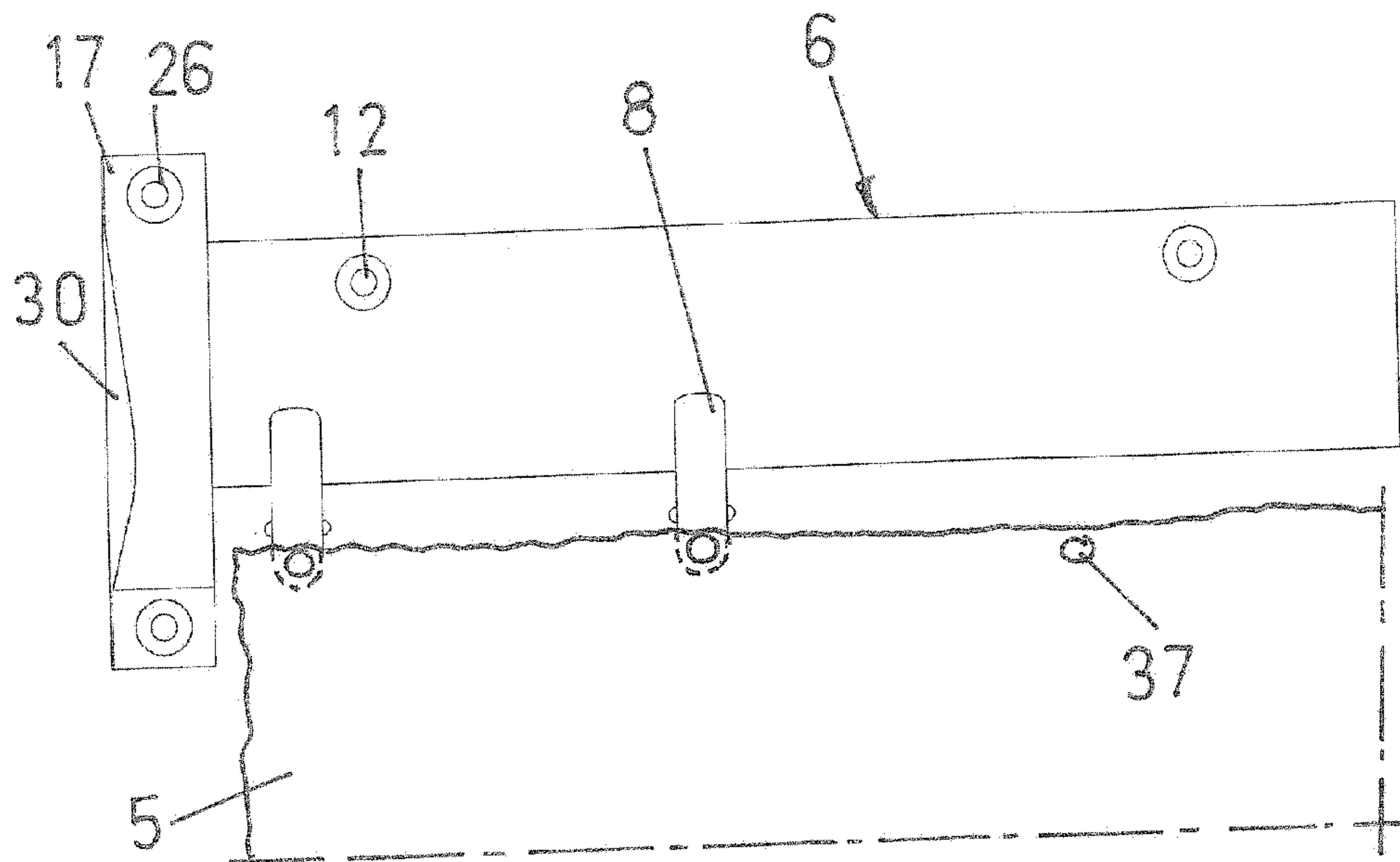


FIG. 13