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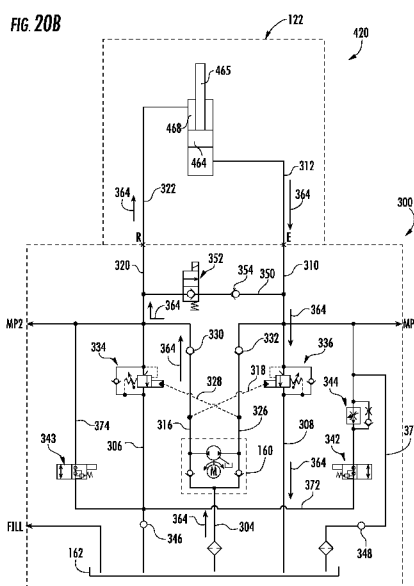
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(57) Abstract: According to the embodiments described herein, a self-actuating cot can include a support frame, a pair of legs, and a hydraulic actuator. The support frame can extend from a front end to a back end. The pair of legs can be in movable engagement with the support frame. The hydraulic actuator can be in movable engagement with the pair of legs and the support frame. The hydraulic actuator can extend and retract the pair of legs with respect to the support frame.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-12

Cot comprising hydraulic actuator in sliding engagement with guide member.

Special technical feature (STF, found in claim 1): The cylinder housing is in sliding engagement with a guide member, which is also in rigid engagement with the rod.

Technical effect (TE): The sliding guide member slides with respect to the cylinder housing as the rod extends and retracts.

Technical problem (TP): How to improve the management of the cot's weight and its balance.

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2. claims: 13-17

Cot comprising rotatable hinge members.

STF (claim 14): The cot comprises a hinge member, rotatably engaged to the frame and leg.

TE: As the actuator extends or retracts, the location of engagement of the hinge travels along a path.

TP: None.

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3. claims: 18-20

Cot comprising hydraulic actuator with hydraulic circuit.

STF: None.

TE: None.

TP: None.

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4. claims: 21-29

Cot comprising two actuators and an automatic actuation system.

STF (claim 21): The cot actuation system comprises two actuators and is configured to automatically actuate to a loading position.

TE: The support frame forms an acute angle in relation to a level surface.

TP: How to make the loading of the cot easier.

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5. claims: 30-53

Cot comprising amplification system.

STF (claim 30): The cot comprises a carriage coupled to the cylinder, an amplification rail and a transmission assembly coupled to the amplification rail.

TE: The transmission assembly applies forces to the amplification rail to translate the amplification rail away

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from the carriage.

TP: How to amplify the effect of the piston on the legs of the cot.

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