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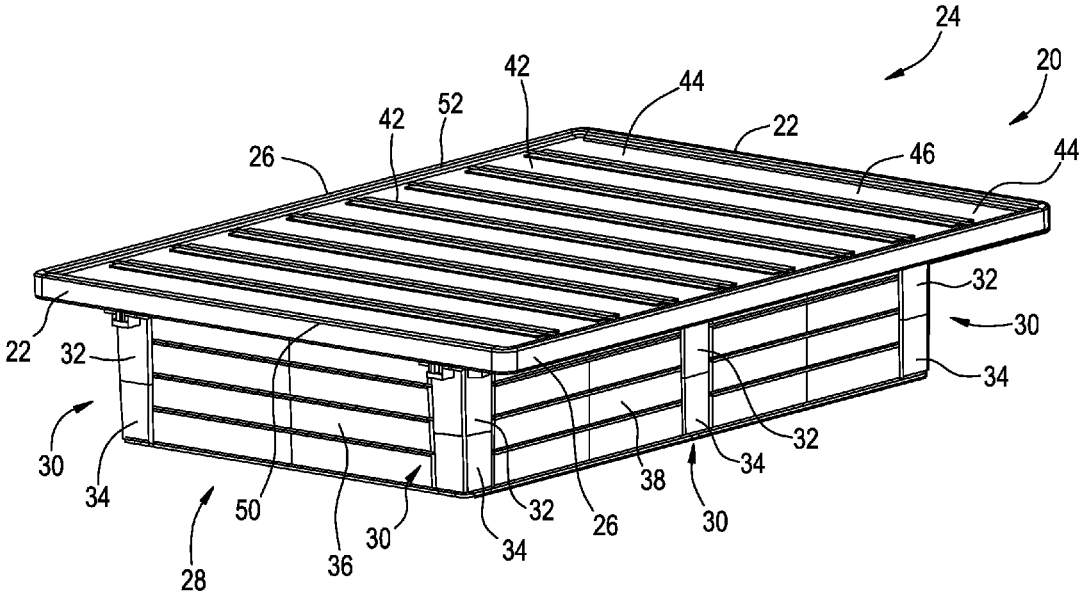
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A platform bed frame particularly adapted for hotel use is provided including a pair of slat supporting rails that have a plurality of cavities along the length of the slat supporting rails. A plurality of slats form a mattress supporting surface and span between the slat supporting rails and have end lower conforming surfaces that fit into the cavities to secure the slats to the slat supporting rails. There are side rails and end rails that snap onto the slat supporting rails so that the assembly of the platform bed frame can be accomplished without the use of tools. There are two component legs that also allow an adjustment of the height of the platform supporting platform between a high and a low position. In the low position a foundation may be included underlying the mattress and a lesser number of slats can be used.



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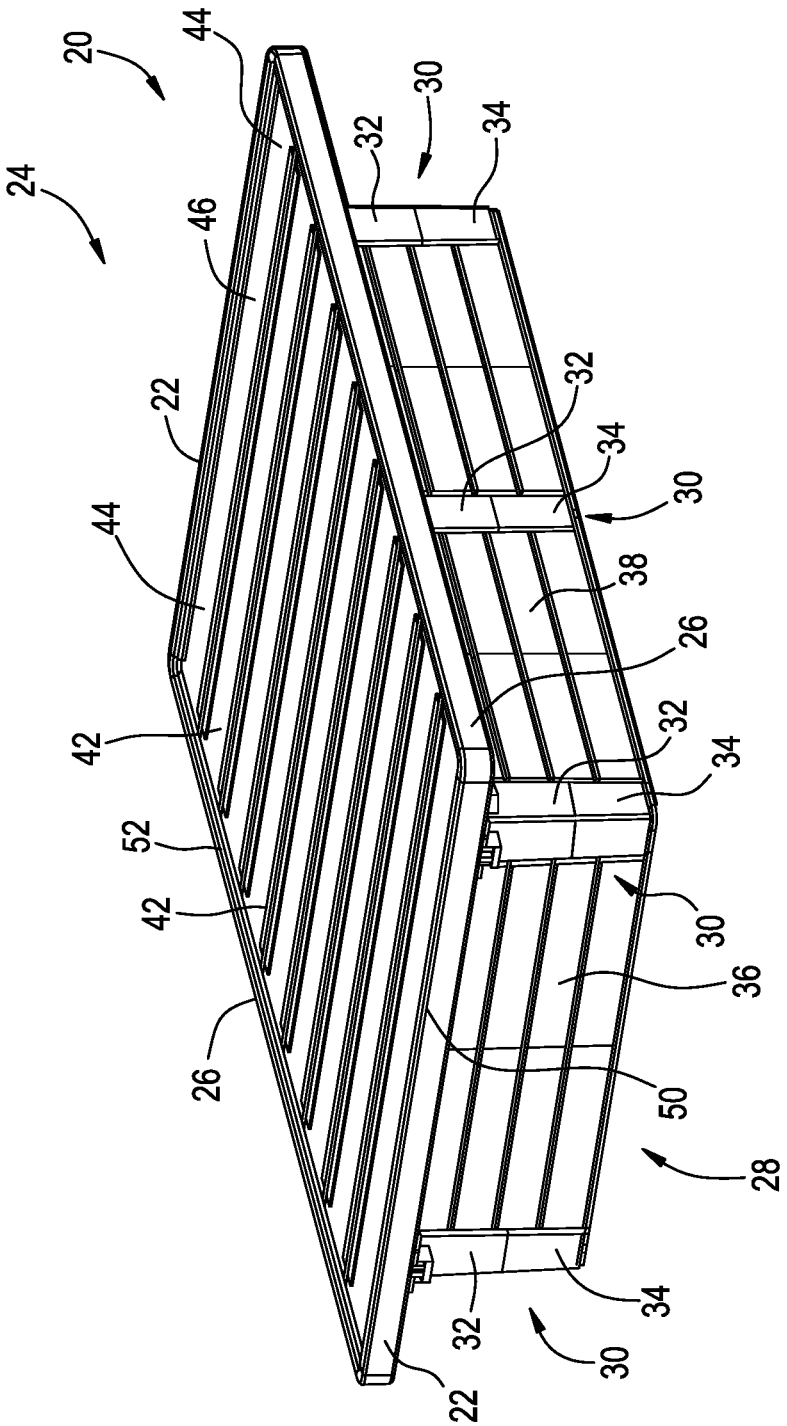

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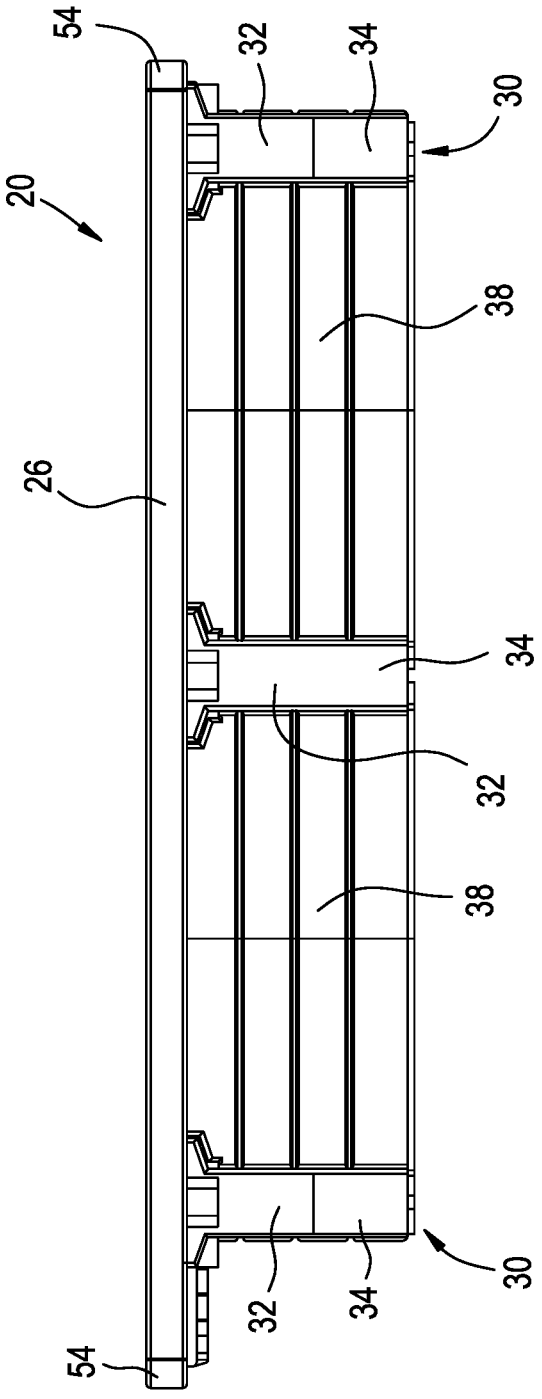

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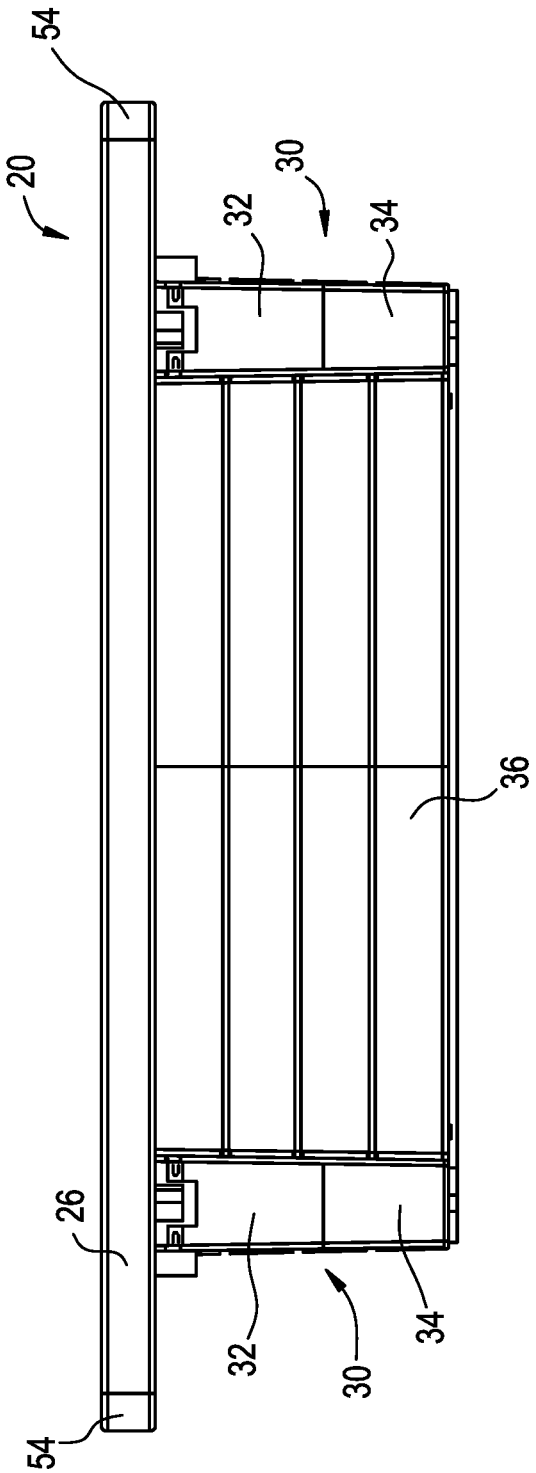

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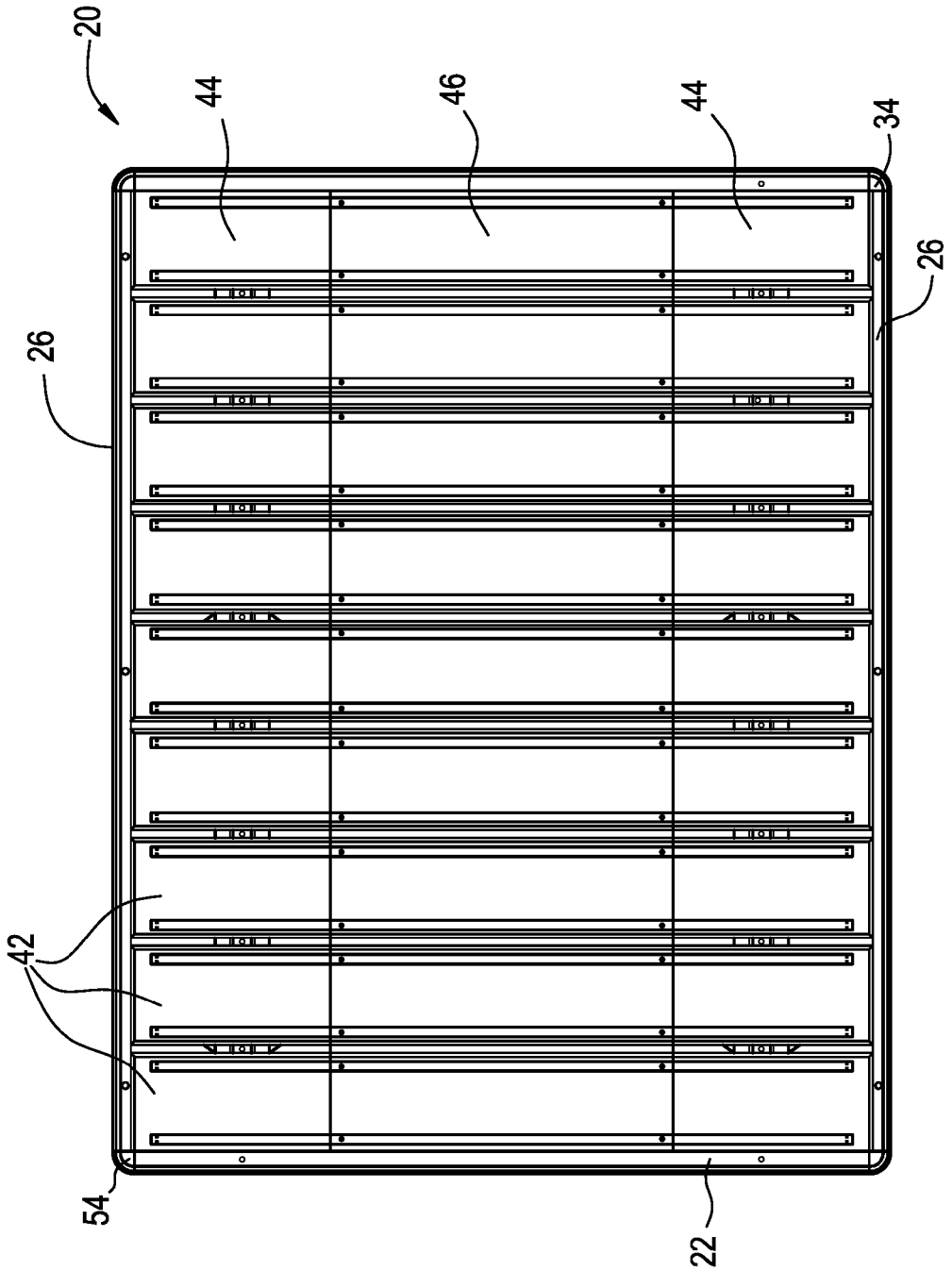

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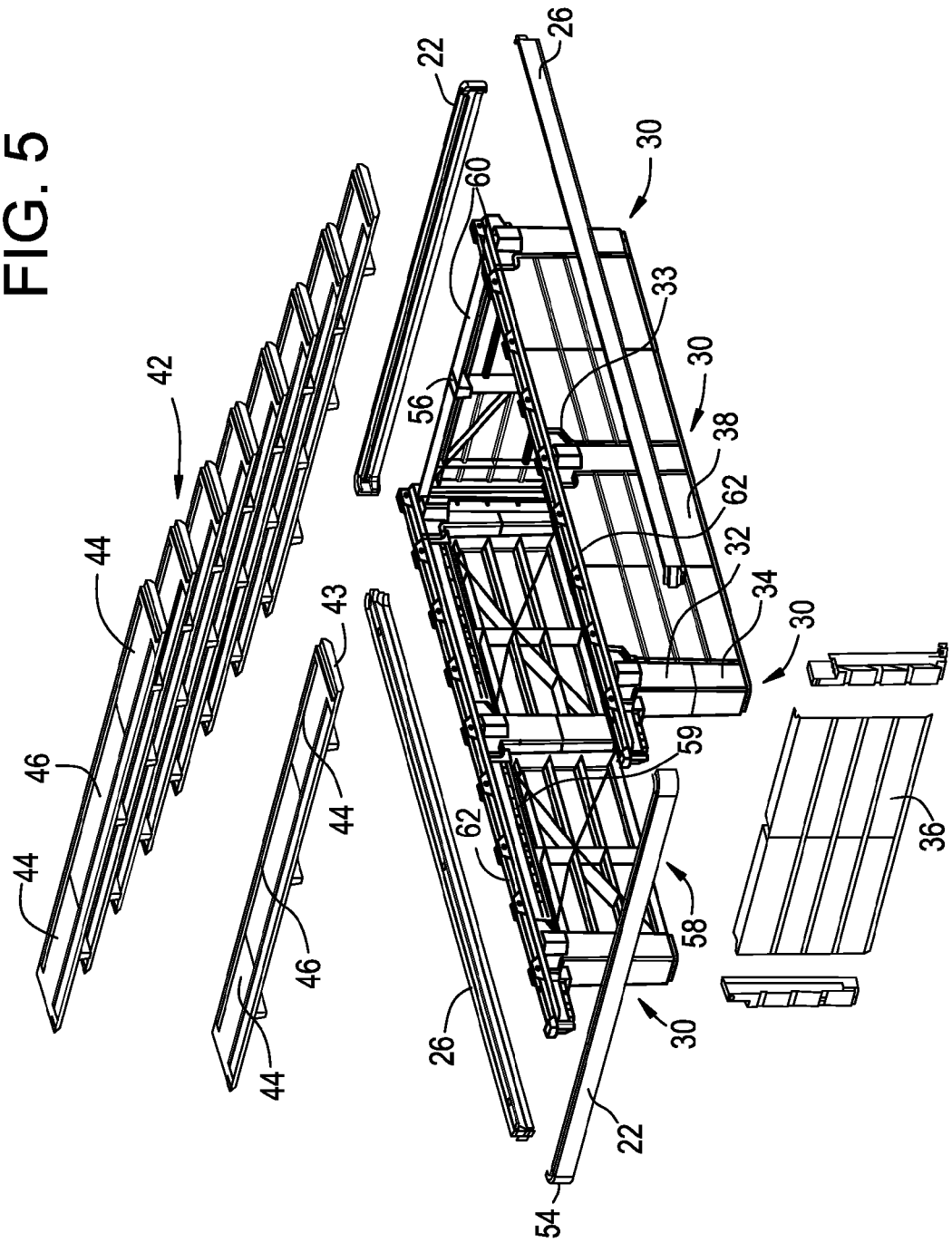
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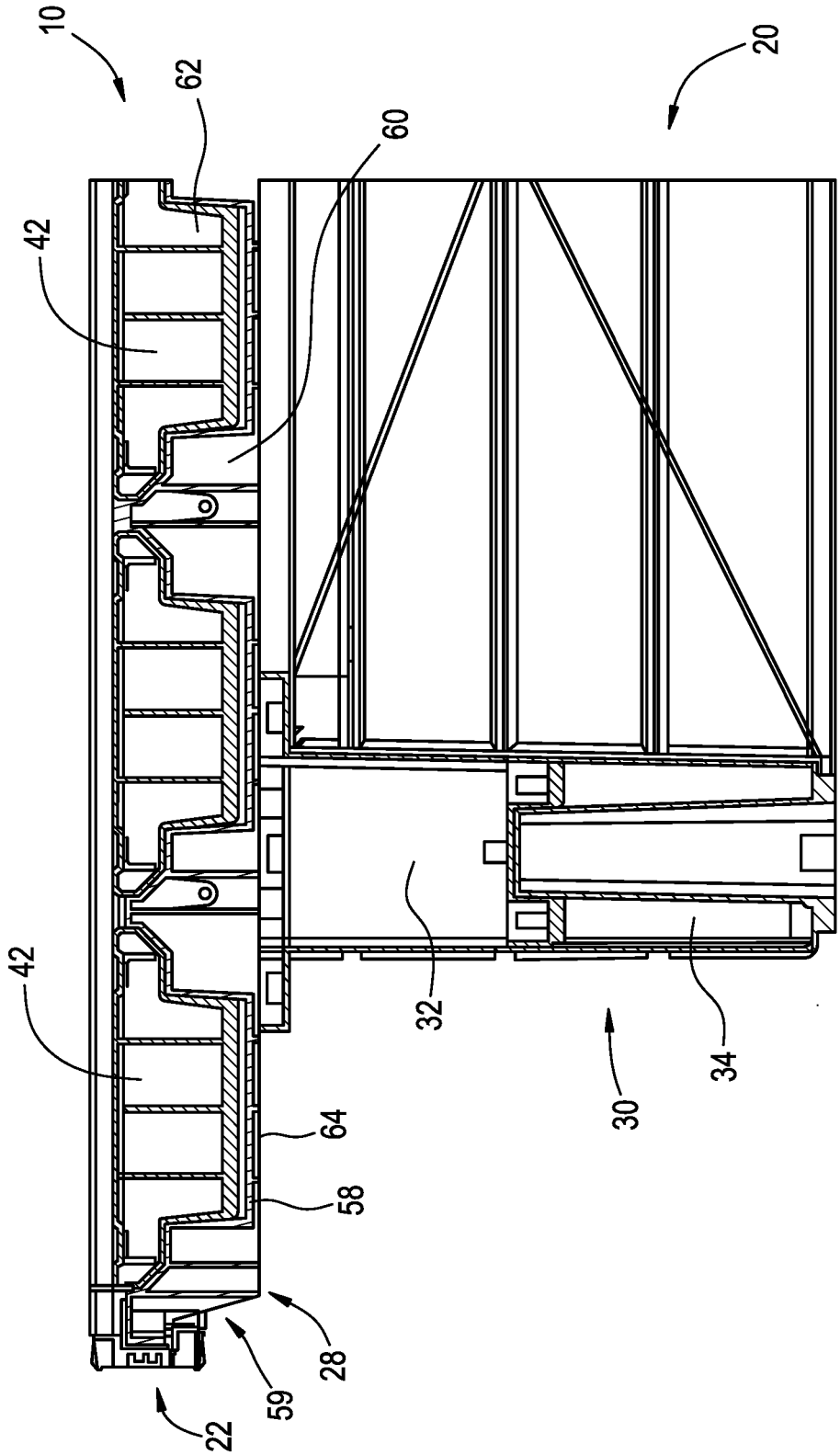

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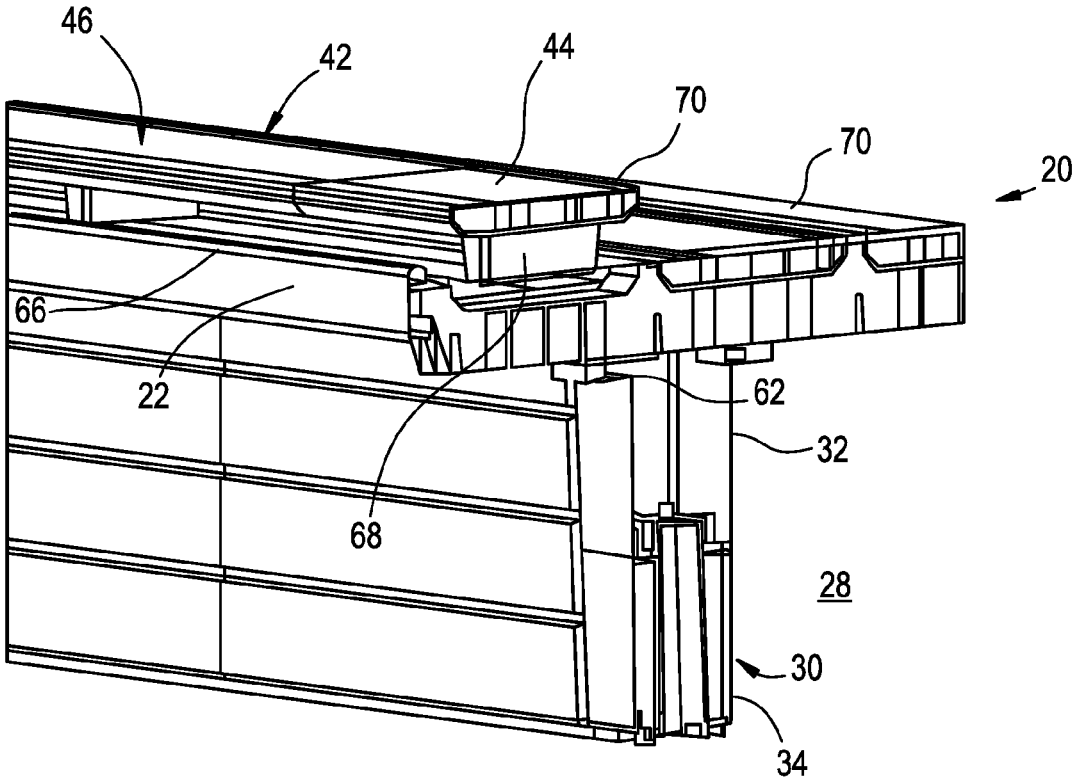

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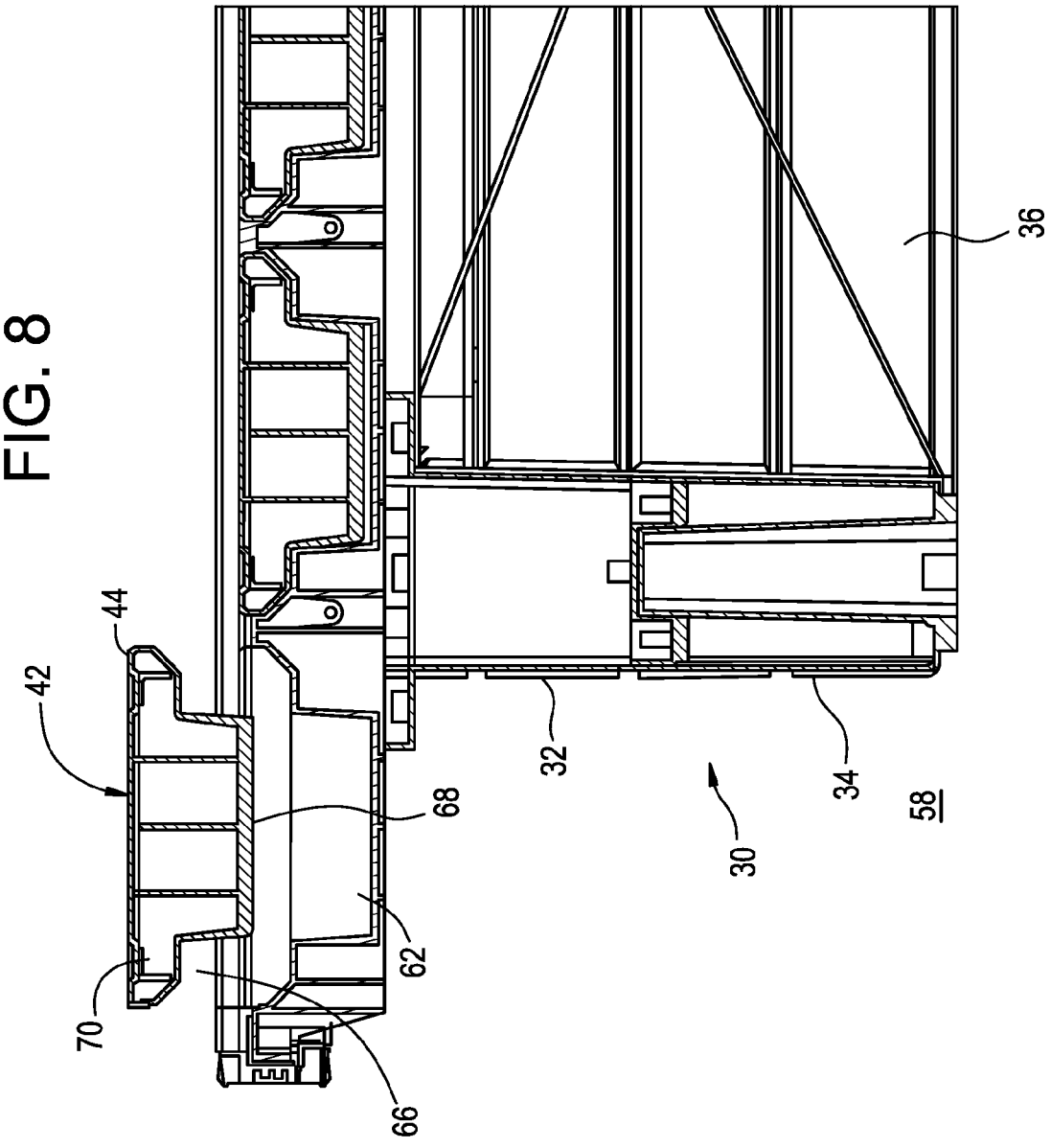

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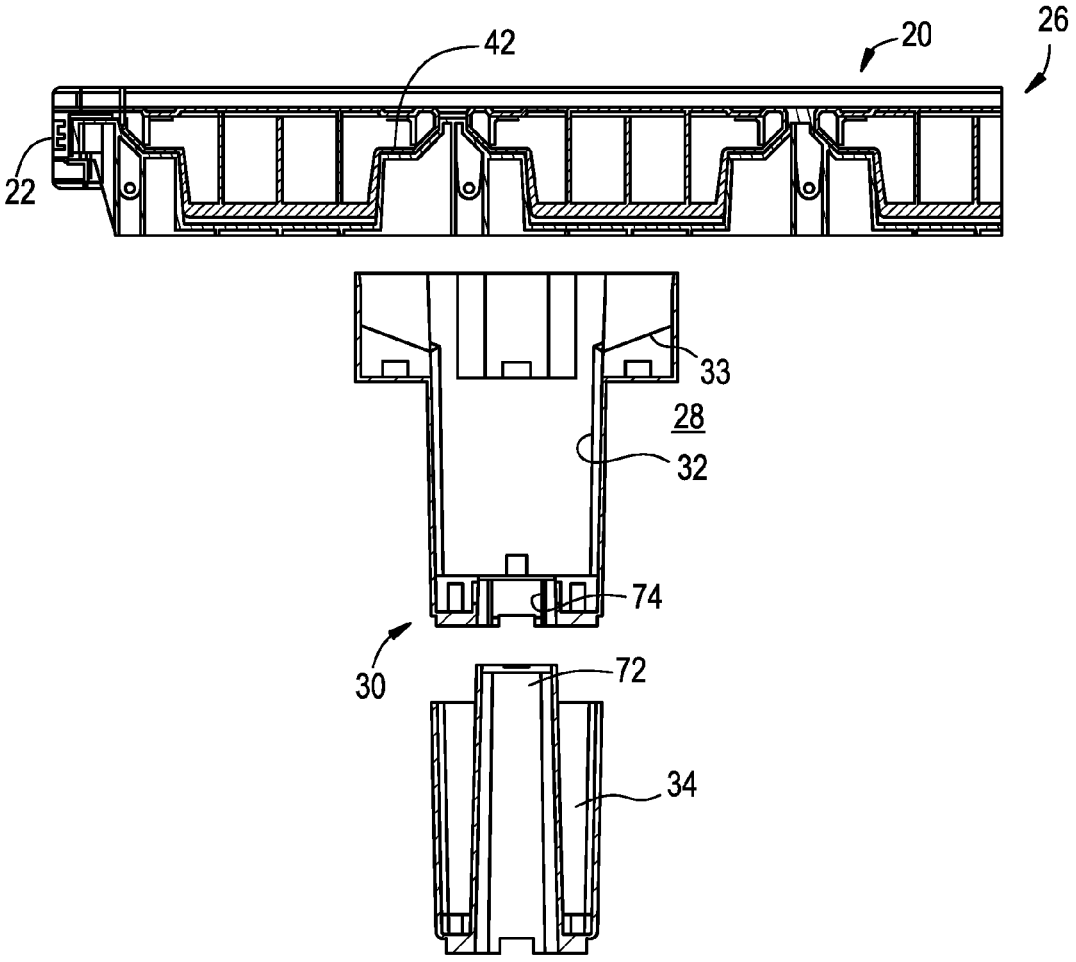

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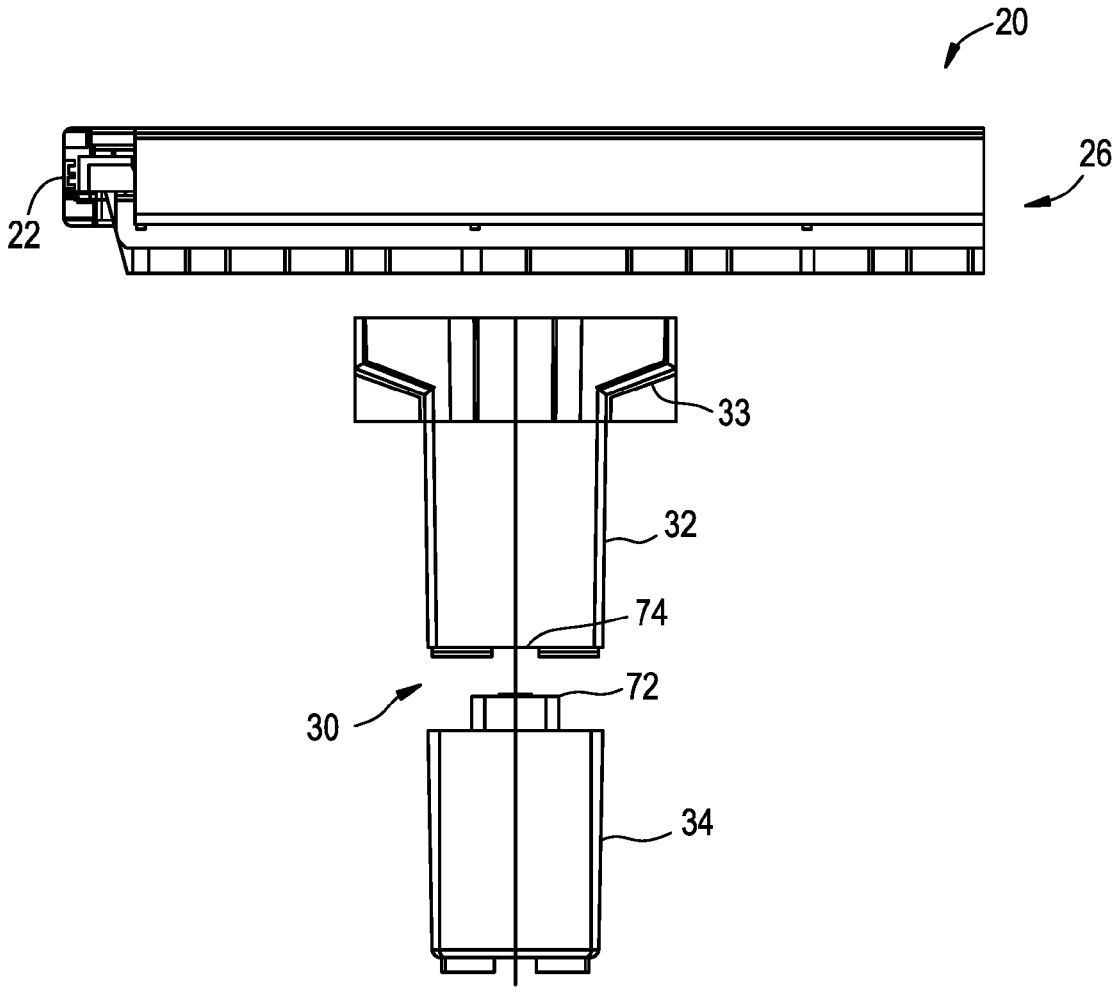

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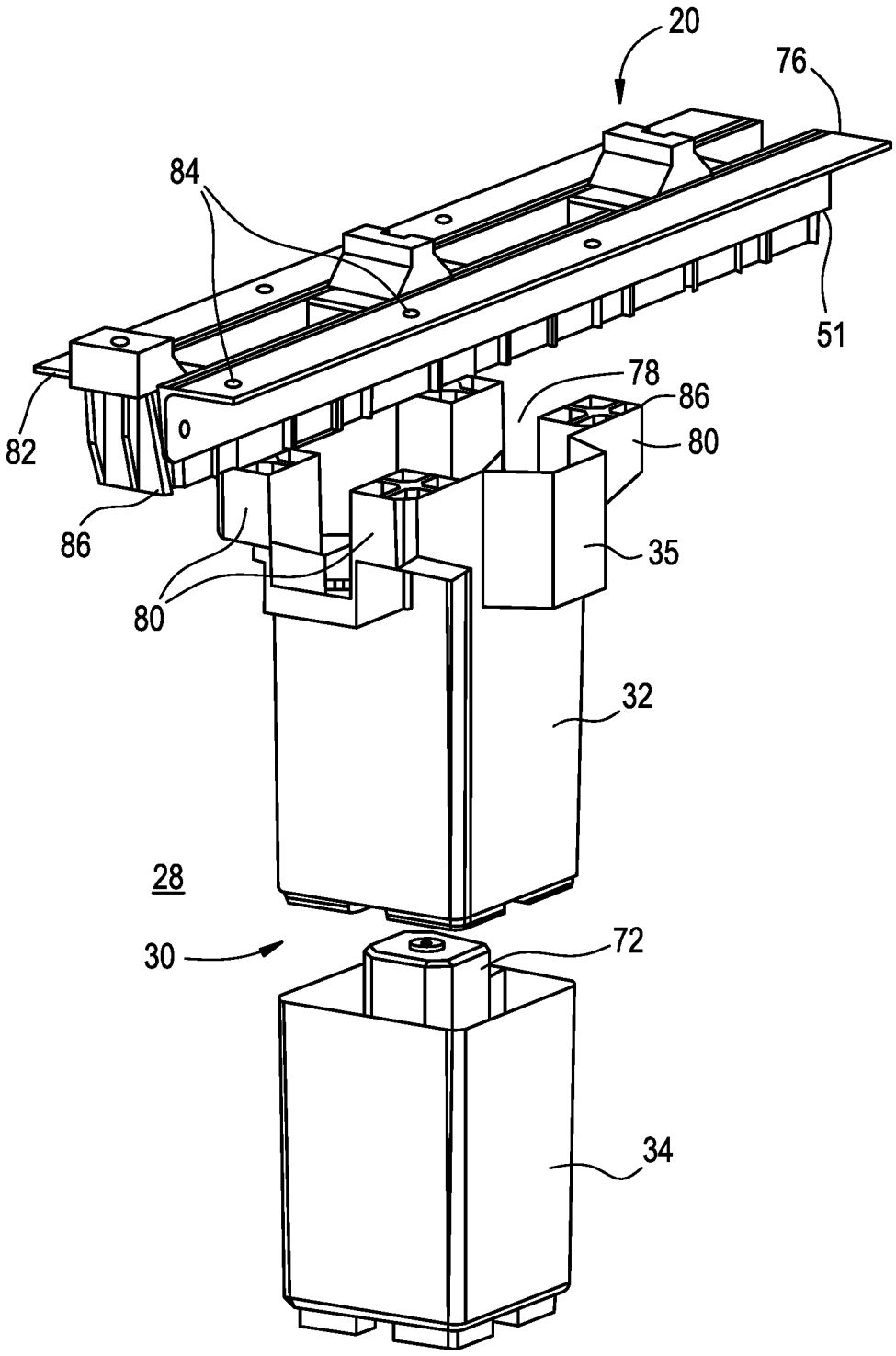

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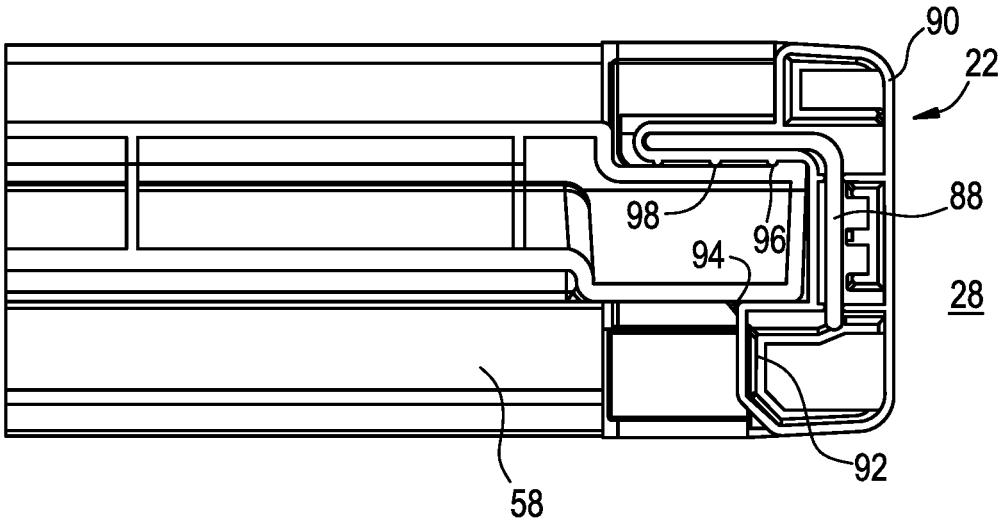

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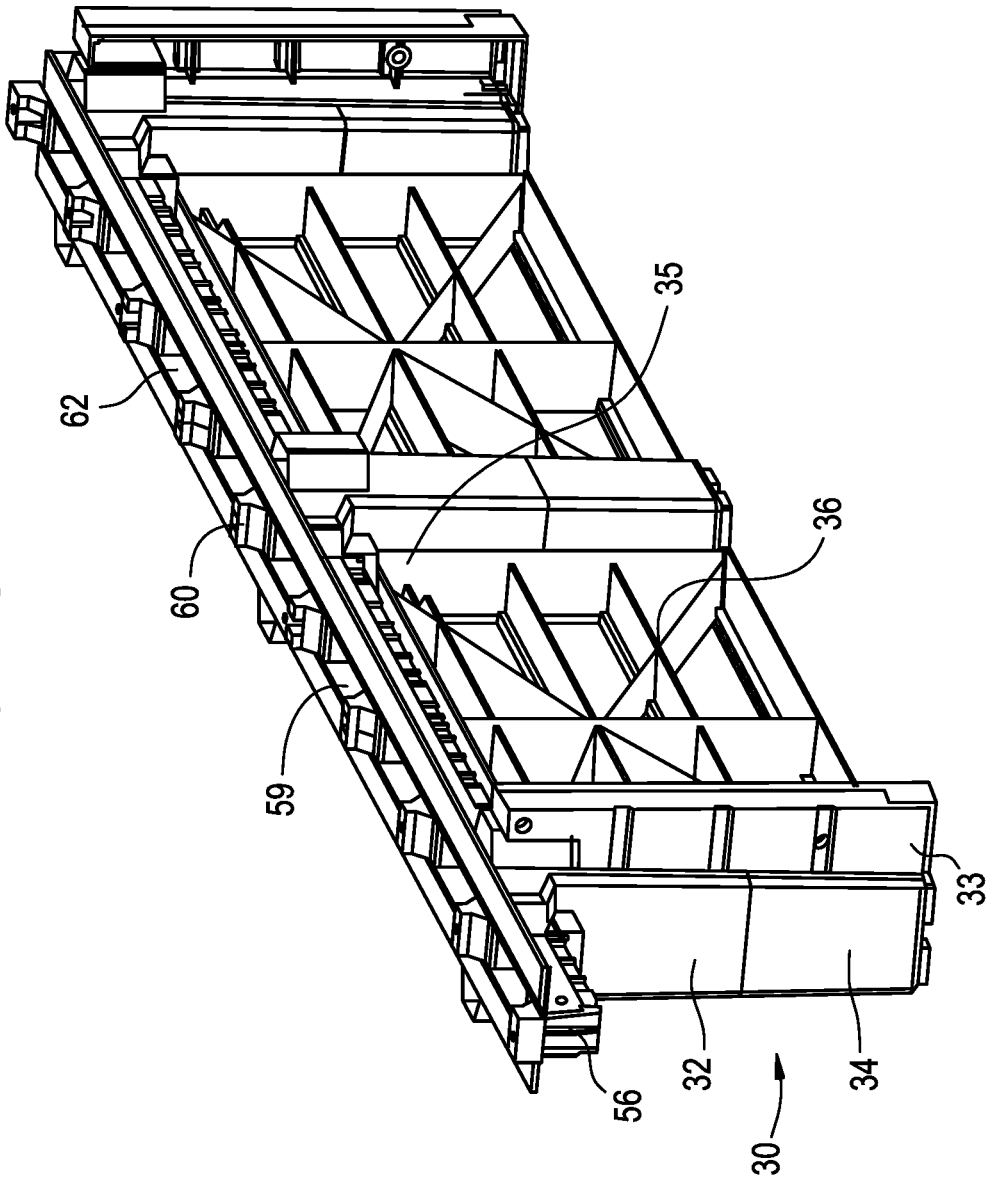

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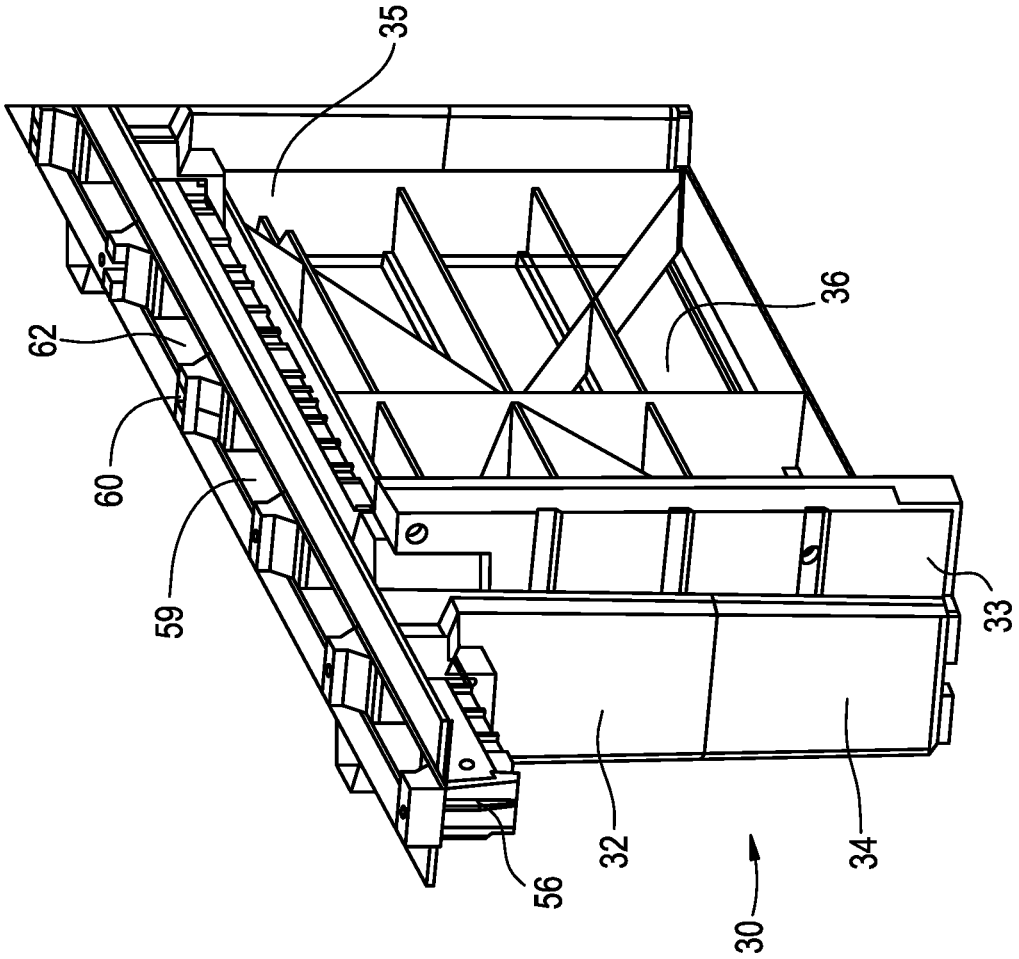

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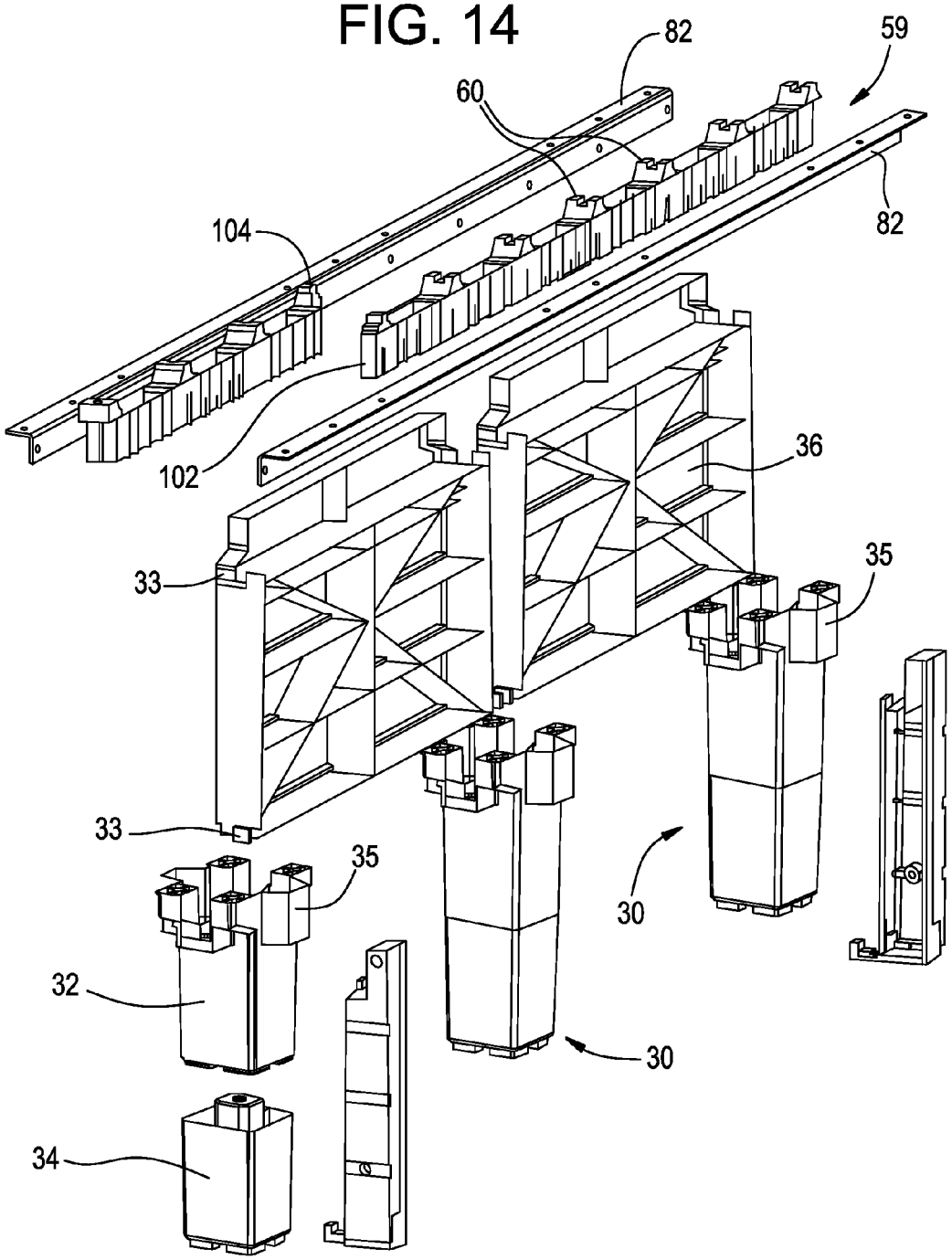

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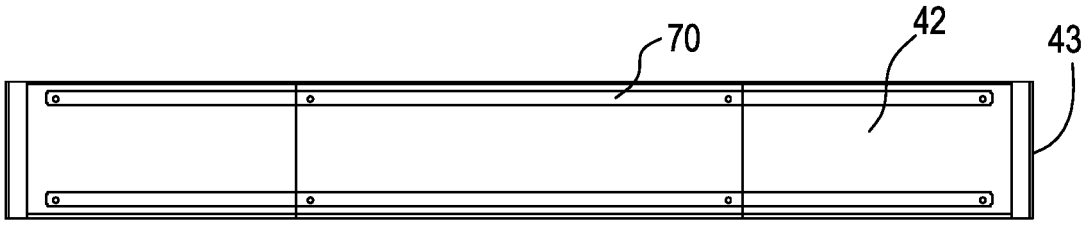

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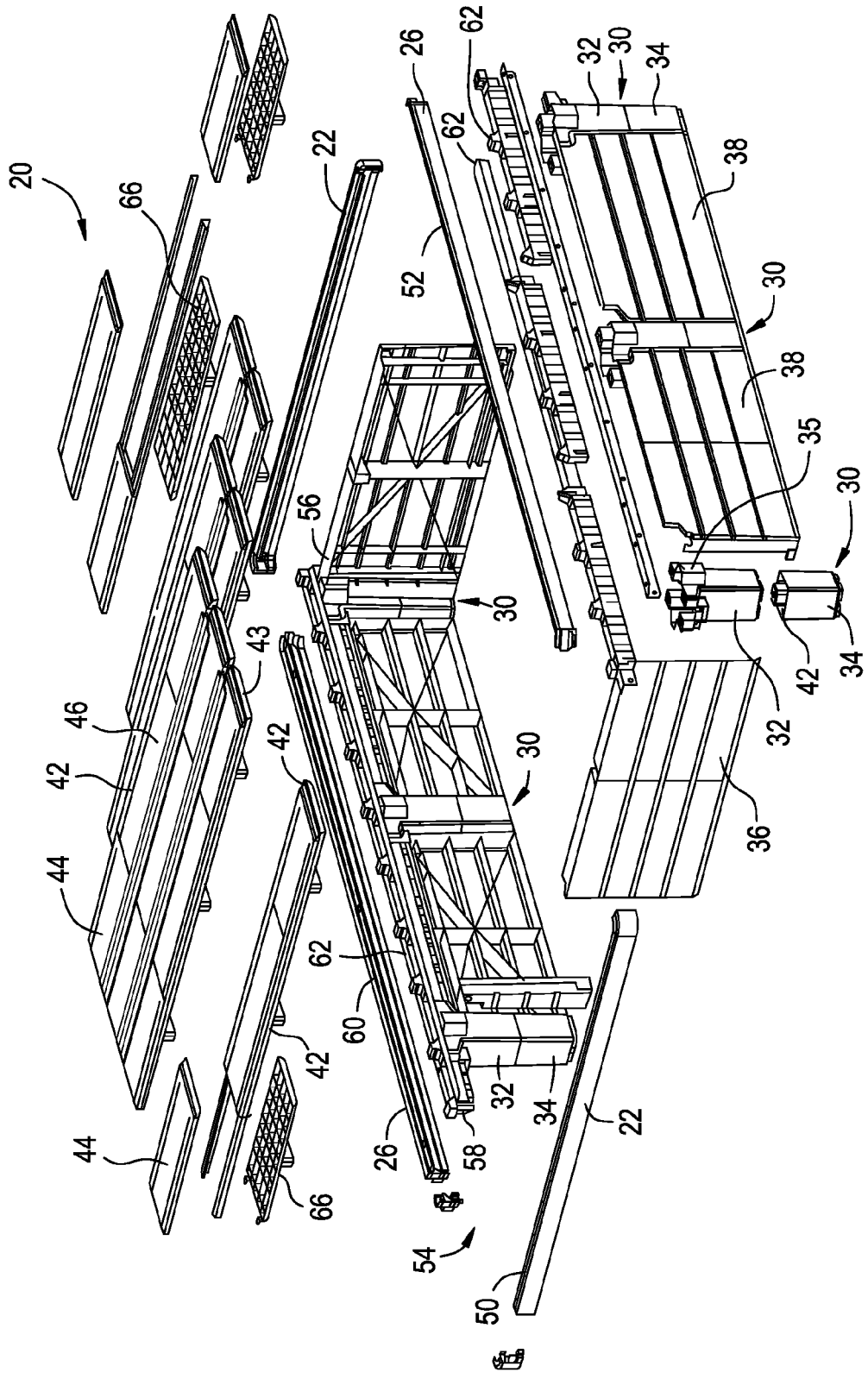
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PLATFORM HOTEL BED FRAME

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to a bed frame for supporting a mattress and, more particularly, to a platform bed frame specially designed for commercial sleeping facilities, such as hotels.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] A traditional sleep surface consists of a mattress and box spring or foundation supported on a bed frame. Bed frames are usually constructed of wood or metal. Of the metal type of bed frame there are decorative and functional types. The highly ornamented types would include brass beds with head boards and foot boards. The functional types include the instamatic type, the Hollywood type and the metal bed bases.

[0003] As box springs and foundations have become increasingly unnecessary and unpopular with the insurgence of no-flip one sided mattresses, the popularity of platform beds has arisen. Platform beds or beds for mattresses alone are typically taller than other bed frames in order to bring the sleep surface up to a standard height without a foundation. Also they would typically have a platform or deck that acts as the mattress support surface replacing the foundation. Platform beds can be either wood or metal and either decorative or purely functional.

[0004] The hotel industry uses primarily bed bases because they are inexpensive. They are considered durable and they block the space under the bed. Because they block the space under the bed, that space doesn't need to be cleaned and guests do not have the opportunity to leave items in this location. The typical bed base consists of four rolled steel panels that are linked together at the corners and form the structure of the base. These are bisected on top by tubular steel cross rails. The ends are upturned and capped to form retaining clips that hold the bedding. It is recognized that these clips can be a hazard to people walking around the bed as they often protrude beyond the mattress and are often concealed by bedding fabrics.

[0005] The current hotel bed bases are held together with bolts and nuts, thus requiring tools for the assembly. It is also recognized that the metal panels have sharp edges and can injure the assembler. In addition, the fasteners are difficult to handle and often loosen over time making the frame noisy and unstable.

[0006] Accordingly, it would be advantageous to have a platform bed frame usable for commercial installation, such as hotels, that overcomes the disadvantages and drawbacks heretofore outlined.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] The invention described herein is a platform type bed that uses new technology to combine the structural elements of a functional platform bed and the visual appeal of the decorative platform bed. Accordingly, the present invention overcomes the deficiencies of the prior art with respect to platform bed frames intended for hotel use and where the bed frame assembly is adapted to support a mattress and, in turn, is supported on a floor.

[0008] Additionally, the present platform bed frame has further advantageous features, such as a tool free, drop-together assembly and two height options, that is, a regular bed height and platform bed height. As such, with the present platform bed configured in its platform height, only a mattress is needed, however, if the bed is in its regular, or lower height, a foundation as well as a mattress can be used.

[0009] The product of the present invention is superior to both regular bed frames and platform type bed frames and incorporates a unique structure and use of materials. Basically, the present inventive platform bed frame has several features that make it superior to current hotel bed bases.

[0010] The present platform bed frame invention includes panels to block access under the bed and it can be configured to a height in which a box spring is not required.

[0011] It has a supporting deck surface that supports a mattress without the need for a box spring. This deck surface is re-enforced to allow the use of support foam mattresses, no-flip mattresses, pocketed coil mattresses and hybrid mattresses.

[0012] The supporting deck surface has a consistent lip all the way around the edge to retain the mattress in a stable location. The constant lip assures that there are no sharp protruding clips to injure users. The legs are composite resin and the steel structure is entirely encased, thereby eliminating any sharp edges and makes handling for assembly safe.

[0013] The frame is dropped together and the sides and ends snap in place making the assembly simple and tool free. The wedge type of construction will not loosen over time and remain free from movement that can cause noise such as squeaking.

[0014] If constructed in the platform version, without privacy panels, the platform version allows for storage of household items under the bed in the area that is normally occupied by the foundation.

[0015] Because the side rails are not the primary load bearing elements, the support rails support the deck in a unique way that allows the legs to be recessed under the bed. This creates the visual illusion that the bed is floating and also reduces the chances of kicking the bed and incurring potential injury.

[0016] These and other features and advantages of the present invention will become more readily apparent during the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the drawings herein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0017] FIG. **1** is a perspective view of the platform bed frame of the present invention at the tall height with privacy panels installed thereon/

[0018] FIG. **2** is a side view of the platform bed frame of FIG. **1** showing the privacy panels.

[0019] FIG. **3** is an end view of the platform bed frame of FIG. **1**.

[0020] FIG. **4** is a top view of the platform bed frame showing the surface and the slats that support the mattress.

[0021] FIG. **5** is an exploded view illustrating the main components of the platform bed frame of FIG. **1**.

[0022] FIG. **6** is a cross sectional side view of a leg located at the foot end of the platform bed frame.

[0023] FIG. **7** is a perspective view, partly in cross section, showing a leg at the foot end of the platform bed frame with a slat in position to be installed.

[0024] FIG. **8** is a side cross sectional view showing the foot support end of the platform bed frame with a slat in position to be installed.

[0025] FIG. **9** is a cross section view of the leg at the foot end of the platform bed frame showing the separate components making up a leg.

[0026] FIG. **10** is a side view of the leg at the foot end of the platform bed frame showing the separate components making up a leg.

[0027] FIG. **11** is an exploded view of the leg at the foot end of the platform bed frame and shows the joining of a leg to a slat rail.

[0028] FIG. **12** is a cross section of the side rail showing the engagement thereof with the foot support end of the platform bed frame.

[0029] FIG. **13**(A, B) is a perspective view of the head support end with the side panels removed.

[0030] FIG. **14** is an exploded view of the slat support rail **76** and illustrating the nesting of the support rail blocks in the construction of the assembled slat rail with the side panels removed.

[0031] FIG. **15** is a top view of a slat.

[0032] FIG. **16** is an exploded view of the entire platform bed frame illustrating the assembly thereof.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0033] Turning first to FIG. **1** there is shown, a perspective view of the platform bed frame **20** constructed in accordance with the present invention. As can be seen, the platform bed frame **20** is assembled and ready for a mattress and is comprised of end rails **22** and side rails **26**. The platform bed frame **20** will be referred to as having a head end **24** and a foot end **28** simply for reference in describing the various components.

[0034] The end rails **22** and side rails **26** are constructed of steel and will be explained later. As also can be seen, the end rails **22** and side rails **26** are supported by legs **30** and, in the exemplary embodiment, the legs **30** are constructed in two sections, that is, there is an upper leg **32** and a lower leg **34** and, as will be seen, the upper and lower legs **32**, **34** are removably affixed to each other such that the lower leg **34** can be separated from the upper leg **32** by the user if desired. The platform bed frame **20** employs six legs **30**, with three legs **30** provided along each lateral side of the platform bed frame **20**, however, only **4** are shown in FIG. **1**.

[0035] As also can be seen in FIG. **1**, there are end panels **36**, preferably comprised of extruded plastic, located at both the head end **24** and foot end **28** the platform bed frame **20** and plastic side panels **38**, it being seen that similar panels are positioned as a mirror image of the end and side panels **36**, **38** illustrated in FIG. **1**. As will become clear, the end and side panels **36**, **38** are optional and can be removed by the user if desired, however, when present, the panels prevent objects from going underneath the platform bed frame **20** and avoid the need for personnel to remove those objects.

[0036] The end and side panels **36**, **38** can readily be installed and removed by fastening or attaching means provided on the legs **30**. In the exemplary embodiment, the end and side panels **36**, **38** may be provided as single panels, however, it can be seen that each of the end and side panels **36**, **38** may be comprised of two panels or three panels or more, i.e. an upper and lower panel, or two or more side by side panels making up each of the end and side panels **36**, **38**. he side panels **36**, **38** may be flush with the legs **30** to prevent dust from accumulating underneath the platform bed frame **20** and prevent patrons from leaving articles such as shoes behind. Further, in FIG. **1**, there are a plurality of slats **42** that form the supporting surface for the mattress. In the exemplary embodiment, there are eight slats **42**, however, there can be a greater or lesser number of slats **42** used in constructing the platform bed frame **20** of the present invention. To complete the supporting surface for the mattress, the slats **42** include caps that are located at the upper surface of each slat **42** and, as shown, there are two end caps **44** and one middle cap **46** on each slat **42**. The end caps **44** and middle cap **46** can preferably be injection molded plastic resin and the intermediate caps **48** also plastic resin but created in the extrusion manufacturing process.

[0037] Accordingly, the upper supporting surface of the platform bed frame **20** supports a mattress and each of the end rails **22** and side rails **26** have an upper edge **50**, **52**, respectively, that is elevated above that supporting surface so as to retain the mattress properly positioned on the supporting surface so that it cannot slide from the proper position on the platform bed frame **20**. The upper edges **50**, **52** combine to form a continuous edge that stabilizes a mattress sitting atop of the platform bed frame **20**.

[0038] Turning then to FIG. **2**, there is a side view of the platform bed frame **20** of the present invention. As can be seen in FIG. **2**, the side rail **26** is supported by the legs **30** and the underside area of the platform bed frame **20** is contained by the side panels **38** intermediate those legs **30**. As also shown, there is a corner member **54** that provides a smooth transition between the end rails **22** and the side rails **26** that will be later explained. There is a corner member **54** located at each of the four corners of the platform bed frame **20**. The legs **30** may not be centered with respect to the platform bed frame **20**. Rather the front legs **30** may be provided near to the front end so that the platform bed frame rests when positioned near to a wall to minimize or prevent vacant space. The legs **30** may be positioned so as to be inset at the foot of the bed frame **20** to provide more vacant space. In FIG. **3**, there is an end view of the platform bed frame **20** of the present invention. Again, there can be seen in FIG. **3**, the end rail **26** is support by the legs **30** and the underside area of the platform bed frame **20** is closed in by the end panel **38** intermediate those legs **30**. As also shown, the corner member **54** is located between the end rail **22** and the side rail **26**. The side panels **36** attach underneath the leg **30** with a fastening means **33**.

[0039] Turning to FIG. **4**, there is a top view of the present platform bed frame **20** and showing the individual slats **42** extending or spanning between the side rails **26**. A corner member **54** is provided in each of the four corners. The slats **42** may be positioned approximately one inch apart from each other.

[0040] Turning next to FIG. **5**, there is an exploded view of the platform bed frame **20** of the present invention. There can also be seen a head support end **56** and a foot support end **58** that are affixed at the opposed ends of a slat supporting rail **59**. There is also shown a plurality of support rail blocks **60** that are included in the slat supporting rail **59**, each forming a cavity **62** therein for receipt of the slats **42** in a manner to be described. The side panels **36**, **38** may be provided in three pieces, and the side panels **36**, **38** attach to the legs with a fastening means **33**. The side panels **36**, **38** may be provided in a three piece construction. The fastening means **33** may be a hook that attaches to the leg **30**. Fastening means may be provided on each piece of the side

panels **36**, **38** for engaging the multiple pieces of the side panels **36**, **38**. Each slat has 42 has downward attachment or piece **43** that fits into the cavity **62** of the supporting rail **59** to form a connection with the slat **42** and supporting rail **59**. A corner member **54** connects each end rail **22** and side rail **26** to surround the assembly.

[0041] Also, there may be a down wedge present to interfit into a third support rail in the case of a king sized bed frame where additional support is needed.

[0042] Taking next, FIG. **6**, there is a cross sectional side view of a leg **30** located at the foot end **28** of the platform bed frame **20**. In this Fig, it can be seen that the foot **30** supports the slat supporting rail **59** as well as the slats **42** seated into the cavities **62** of the support rail blocks **60** of the slot supporting rail **59**.

[0043] As can be seen, and will be later detailed, the slats **42** have a lower surface **64** that is shaped to seat in the complementary shaped block cavities **62** to secure the slats **42** in a stable position on the slot supporting rail **59** of the platform bed frame **10**. In addition, the foot support end **58** is affixed to the slot supporting rail **59** and supports the end rail **22**. The leg **30** is a two piece construction with an upper leg **32** and a lower leg **32** that may snap together or fasten together via a fastening means to engage and form the leg **30**. It is thereby possible to remove one piece, i.e. either the upper leg **32** or the lower leg **34** so that the leg **30** may be adjusted to different heights, for instance, about 10" or about 16" in total height. Thereby, space may be provided under the bed frame **20** for storage.

[0044] FIG. **7** is a perspective view, partly in cross section, showing a leg **30** at the foot end **28** of the platform bed frame **20** with a slat **42** in position to be assembled thereto. As noted, the slat **42** is in position to be lowered onto the cavity **62** of the foot support end **58**. A slat end base **66** is affixed to the slat **42** such that the end of the slat **42** is comprised of the end cap **44** and the end base **66** and the end base **66** includes a wedge **68** depending downwardly that interfits into the cavity **62** formed in the foot support end **58** to install the slat **42** into the platform bed frame **20**. The leg **30** is a two piece construction with an upper leg **32** and a lower leg **34** that may snap together or fasten together via a fastening means to engage and form the leg **30**. It is thereby possible to remove one piece, i.e. either the upper leg **32** or the lower leg **34** so that the leg **30** may be adjusted to different heights, for instance, about 10" or about 16" in total height. Thereby, space may be provided under the bed frame **20** for storage.

[0045] A pair of angle irons **70** are used to strengthen the slats **42** and the slat end bases **66** are clam shelled to the angle irons **70** and are affixed to the angle irons **70** by means of rivets passing through slotted holes in the angle irons **70**. The affixation is carried out by the manufacturer. The middle cap **46** is snapped into place and oriented by means of molded in pins (not shown) that correspond with stamped holes in the angle iron **70**.

[0046] FIG. **8** is a side cross sectional view showing the foot support end **58** of the platform bed frame **20** with a slat **42** in position to be installed therein. In FIG. **8**, there can be seen the foot support end **58** having a cavity **62** formed therein with the end rail **22** affixed to the distal end of the foot support end **58**. The end of the slat **42** can also be seen and wherein the end cap **44** and the end base **66** of the slat **42** are extrusions that surround the pair of steel angle irons **70** to provide strength to the slats **42**. As such, the wedge **68** extends downwardly from the end base **66** and the lower surface **64** of the end base **66** of the slat **42** is shaped to conform to internal shape of the cavity **62**. The leg **30** is a two piece construction with an upper leg **32** and a lower leg **34** that may snap together or fasten together via a fastening means to engage and form the leg **30**. It is thereby possible to remove one piece, i.e. either the upper leg **32** or the lower leg **34** so that the leg **30** may be adjusted to different heights, for instance, about 10" or about 16" in total height. Thereby, space may be provided under the bed frame **20** for storage.

[0047] Turning then to FIG. **9**, there is a cross sectional view of the leg **30** at the foot end **28** of the platform bed frame **20** showing the separate components making up a leg **30**. Accordingly, as can be seen, the leg **30** is comprised of the upper leg **32** and lower leg **34** that is removable affixed to the upper leg **32**. Thus, the lower leg **34** has a projection **72** extending upwardly therefrom and which interfits into a recess **74** formed in the upper leg **32**. The upper and lower legs **32**, **34** may be thereby affixed together by a force fit and yet separated by the user as desired in case the user wants to lower the platform bed frame **20** by removing the lower legs **34** and letting the platform bed frame **20** be supported on the floor solely by the upper legs **32**. In this way, the bed height is at the standard sleep surface with only a mattress. If the lower legs **34** are removed, the sleep surface is lower. In such case, smaller side and end panels can be installed between the legs **30**. The side and end panels may be fastened to the leg **30** by a fastening means **33** such as a hook or clamp.

[0048] Accordingly, the platform bed can be oriented in a high or platform elevation or a low, regular elevation depending on whether both an upper and lower leg are used or just an upper leg is used and which then sits on the floor to put the platform bed frame **20** into its regular or lower elevation. In such case, the number of slats **42** can be reduced, that is, as an example, if the lower bed elevation is chosen, the number of slats **42** may be reduced from 9 to 3 slats.

[0049] In FIG. **10**, is a side view of the leg **30** at the foot end of the platform bed frame **20** showing the separate components making up a leg **30**. Again, there can be seen the joining of an upper leg **32** and a lower leg **34** featuring a projection **72** extending upwardly and which interfits into a recess **74** formed in the upper leg **32**. The side and end panels may be fastened to the leg **30** by a fastening means **33** such as a hook or clamp.

[0050] Turning to FIG. **11**, there is an exploded view of the leg **30** at the foot end **28** of the platform bed frame **20** and showing the joining of a leg **30** to the slat supporting rail **59**. As such, the upper leg **32** has a recess **78** forming opposed upper flanges **80** and the slat supporting rail **59** interfits into that recess **78**. As shown, the slat supporting rail **59** includes a pair of angle irons **82** and the upper leg **32** can be firmly affixed to the slat supporting rail **59** by means such as providing holes **84** in the angle irons **82** through which fasteners (not shown) can pass and secured in the holes **86** in the upper surface of the upper flanges **80** of the upper leg **32**. That securement can be carried out by the manufacturer. There may be provided an outcropping or protrusion **35** on the leg **30**, either the upper leg **32** or lower leg **34**, as a receiver for receiving a tab on the side panels so that the side panels may snap into place and engage the leg **30**.

[0051] Turning then to FIG. **12**, there a is a cross sectional view of a foot support end **58** and showing the engagement thereof with an end rail **22** of the platform bed frame **20**. The

end rail **22** is comprised of an angle iron **88** that is encased within a extruded plastic housing **90** and both end rails **22** and side rails **26** are similarly constructed. Thus, the plastic housing **90** may be extruded to the desired length and the angle iron **88** slipped into that housing **90** in assembling an end rail **22**.

[0052] In attaching the end rail **22** to the foot support end **58**, a lower tab **92** formed in the extruded plastic housing **90** can be affixed behind a notch **94** in the foot support end **58** to secure the lower portion of the end rail **22** to the foot support end **58** and then the upper portion of the end rail **22** can be pivoted upwardly so that a small tooth **96** engages the horizontal upper surface **98** of the foot support end **58** such that the end rail **22** can be simply manually snapped onto the foot support end **58** to affix the end rail **22** to the slat supporting rail **59** without the need for tools. Turning then to FIG. **13**A, there is a cross sectional view of a head support end **56** of the platform bed frame **20**. As can be seen, the head support end **56** is affixed to the slat support rail **59** with the legs **30** supporting that slat support rail **59** so that the head support end **56** is ready to have an end rail snapped onto or attached to the head support end **56**. FIG. **13**A also shows the cavities **62** that are formed in the support rail blocks **60** to receive the ends of slats **42** (FIG. **1**) The side panels **36** are attached to the legs **30** using a fastening means **33** such as a hook or fastener.

[0053] Turning now to FIG. **13**B, there is a cross sectional view of a head support end **56** of the platform bed frame **20**. As can be seen, the head support end **56** is affixed to the slat support rail **59** with the legs **30** supporting that slat support rail **59** so that the head support end **56** is ready to have an end rail **22** snapped onto the head support end **56**. FIG. **13**B also shows the cavities **62** that are formed in the support rail blocks **60** to receive the ends of slats **42** (FIG. **1**) The side panels **36** are attached to the legs **30** using a fastening means **33** such as a hook or fastener.

[0054] Turning now to FIG. **14**, there is an exploded view of the slat support rail **59** and illustrating the nesting of the support rail blocks **60** in the construction of the assembled slat supporting rail **59** with the side panels removed. As can be seen, the support rail blocks **60** all interfit with each other by means of having an open end **102** and a closed end **104** so that the closed end **104** of one support rail block **60** interfits into the open end **102** of an adjacent support rail block **60**. The foot support end **58** interfits into the open end **102** of the last support rail block **60**. The support rail blocks **60** are also all secured together further by means of the angle irons **82** that sandwich the support blocks **60** therebetween. There may be provided an outcropping or portrusion **35** on the leg **30**, either the upper leg **32** or lower leg **34**, as a receiver for receiving a tab on the side panels so that the side panels may snap into place and engage the leg **30**. The side and end panels may also be fastened to the leg **30** by a fastening means **33** such as a hook or clamp. The leg **30** is a two piece construction with an upper leg **32** and a lower leg **34** that may snap together or fasten together via a fastening means to engage and form the leg **30**. It is thereby possible to remove one piece, i.e. either the upper leg **32** or the lower leg **34** so that the leg **30** may be adjusted to different heights, for instance, about 10" or about 16" in total height. Thereby, space may be provided under the bed frame **20** for storage.

[0055] In FIG. **15**, there is a top view of a slat **42** of the platform bed frame **20** of the present invention. In this instance, the slat **42** is divided into 3 parts. Two pieces of angle iron **70** run along length of slat **42** and may be encased in a molding.

[0056] Finally, in FIG. **16**, there is an exploded view of the entire platform bed frame illustrating the assembly thereof.

[0057] While the present invention has been set forth in terms of a specific embodiment or embodiments, it will be understood that the present platform bed frame herein disclosed may be modified or altered by those skilled in the art to other configurations. Accordingly, the invention is to be broadly construed and limited only by the scope and spirit of the claims appended hereto.

What is claimed is:

1. A platform bed frame assembly for supporting a mattress, the bed frame assembly adapted to be positioned on a floor, the bed frame assembly comprising at least two legs, at least two slat supporting rails having a plurality of cavities along the length of the slat supporting rails, a plurality of slats that span between the slat supporting rails, the slats having end lower surfaces adapted to conform to the plurality of cavities.

2. A platform bed frame for supporting a mattress according to claim **1** further comprising side rails and end rails adapted to be affixed to the slat supporting rails wherein the legs support the slat supporting rails.

3. The platform bed frame of claim **1** wherein the legs are adaptable to differing heights.

4. The platform bed frame of claim **3** wherein the legs are adaptable to two different heights.

5. The platform bed frame of claim **1** wherein the legs comprise at least upper and lower legs that are removably affixed together.

6. The platform bed frame of claim **1** wherein the assembly further comprises panels extending between the legs.

7. The platform bed frame of claim **2** wherein the side rails and end rails combine to form a continuous upper edge that retains a mattress in a fixed position atop the platform bed frame.

8. The platform bed frame of claim **1** wherein each slat supporting rail is comprised of a pair of angle irons with a plurality of support rail blocks sandwiched therebetween.

9. The platform bed frame of claim **1** wherein a plurality of cavities are formed in or by the support rail blocks in the slat supporting rails.

10. The platform bed frame of claim **2** wherein the side rails and end rails are each comprised of an angle iron surrounded by an extruded plastic housing.

11. The platform bed frame of claim **10** wherein the side rails and end rails are affixed to the slat supporting rails.

12. The platform bed frame of claim **11** wherein the side rails and end rails are either snapped or screwed to the slat supporting rails.

13. The platform bed frame of claim **11** wherein the corners between the side rails and end rails are fitted so that the side rails form an unbroken perimeter.

14. The platform bed frame of claim **1** wherein a perimeter forms an upstanding lip to contain the mattress.

15. The platform bed frame of claim **1** wherein the slats form a deck for supporting the mattress.

16. The platform bed frame of claim **6** wherein the panels are connected to the legs via a fastening means.

17. The platform bed frame of claim **6** wherein the panels contain a tab adapted to engage a receiver on the legs.

18. The platform bed frame of claim **6** wherein the panels are removable.

19. The platform bed frame of claim **6** wherein end panels provide lateral stability.

20. A method for assembling a platform bed frame comprising the steps of:

a) providing a pair of slat supporting rails having a plurality of cavities along the length of the slat supporting rails, a plurality of legs supporting the slat supporting rails above a floor and side rails and end rails, and

b) inserting a plurality of slats having formations at opposite ends thereof into the slat supporting rails by inserting the formations into the cavities of the leg supporting slats.

21. The method for assembling a platform bed frame according to claim **20** further comprising c) attaching the side rails and end rails onto the slat supporting rails.

22. The method of claim **21** wherein the step of attaching the side rails onto the slat supporting rail comprises affixing the side rail and end rails onto the slat supporting rails.

23. The method of claim **22** wherein the affixing is performed by either snapping or screwing.

24. The method of claim **20** wherein the step of providing a pair of slat supporting rails having a plurality of cavities along the length of the slat supporting rails comprises providing a pair of slat supporting rails having a plurality of support rail blocks, each support rail block having a cavity formed therein.

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