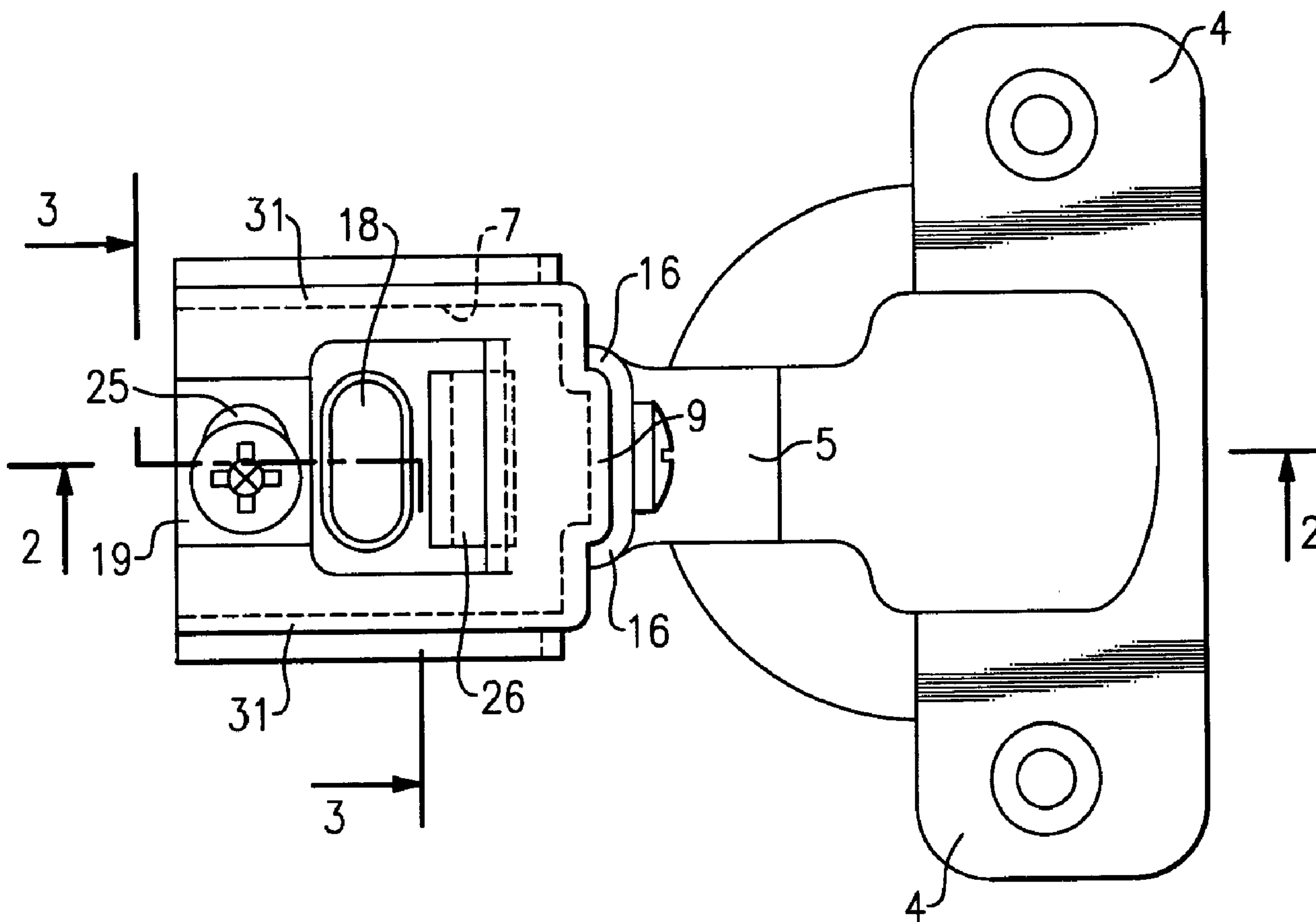




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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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## FURNITURE HINGE

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a furniture hinge and, more particularly a furniture  
5 hinge with a door fitting in the form of a recessed cup that is rotatably  
accommodated on one end of a carrier arm and on the other end of the carrier arm a  
fastening plate that is adjustably accommodated and longitudinally adjustably  
connected to a mounting plate attached to a furniture body.

Furniture hinges serve to rotatably attach a furniture door to a piece of  
10 furniture. In order to permit adjustment of the hinge axis perpendicularly to the  
front surface of the furniture, the fastening plate is connected to the carrier arm in  
such a way that the fastening plate can be adjusted longitudinally with respect to the  
mounting plate. The fastening plate is thereby guided in the direction of adjustment  
on the mounting plate by means of, for example, bent flanges on both longitudinal  
15 edges of the fastening plate, which flanges straddle the mounting plate.

The fastening plate is usually connected to the mounting plate on the side  
facing the interior of the furniture by means of a longitudinal adjustment means. A  
longitudinal guide for the fastening plate must be provided on the other side of the  
mounting plate, the side directed toward the exterior.

20 Here it is known to provide a stud extending on both sides of the mounting  
plate, which stud protrudes into a longitudinal guide slot in the bent flanges of the  
fastening plate, which can thereby be displaced along with these studs. The studs  
can, for example, be provided in the form of a penetrating pin.

This longitudinal guide between the fastening plate and the mounting plate is  
25 relatively expensive, particularly since at least one extra component must be  
provided to form the stud, the manufacture of which increases the production and  
assembly costs. Additionally, the sideways protrusion of the stud can be  
inconvenient, for example, during cleaning, when cleaning materials such as dusting  
clothes become snagged on it.

30 The purpose of the invention is therefore to provide a furniture hinge of the  
kind cited in the introduction that achieves longitudinal guidance between the

fastening plate and the mounting plate by means of a simple design and particularly without protruding parts.

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

5 An example furniture hinge includes a carrier arm and a door fitting having a recessed cup that is rotatably disposed at one end of the carrier arm. A fastening plate is adjustably connected to another end of the carrier arm. A mounting plate is longitudinally adjustably attached to the fastening plate and is attachable to a furniture body. Either the fastening plate or the mounting plate includes a guide wall  
10 having a guide slot where the guide wall is bent perpendicularly to a plane of the respective plate. The other of the fastening plate or the mounting plate includes a guide tongue extending into the guide slot where the guide tongue is parallel to a plane of the other respective plate.

In one example, the longitudinal guidance between the mounting plate and  
15 the fastening plate is achieved by using components that are produced by stamping. For example, the fastening plate and the mounting plate are stamped metal and consequently do not require extra production steps. The guide wall is formed guide and the slot is punched out during the stamping. The guide tongue, which is bent at a right angle to a base plate of the mounting plate in one example, is also formed  
20 during the stamping of the mounting plate without any extra production step being required.

In one example, the guide wall with its guide slot and the guide tongue lie in an interior of the space enclosed by the fastening plate and the mounting plate so that no components extend outward to pose a problem or increase the external  
25 dimensions of the furniture hinge.

The various features and advantages of this disclosure will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the following detailed description. The drawings that accompany the detailed description can be briefly described as follows.

### 30 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows a furniture hinge in the open state in a vertical view.

Figure 2 shows a cross-section along the section line 2 in Figure 1.

Figure 3 shows a cross-section along the section line 3 in Figure 1.

Figure 4 shows a cross-section through the mounting plate and the fastening plate of the furniture hinge in accordance with Figures 1-3 in a disassembled condition.

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### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT**

The furniture hinge shown in Figures 1-4 serves for rotatable attachment of a furniture door 1 on a piece of furniture. For example, the furniture hinge provides rotatable attachment on the front frame 2 of a piece of furniture having a “face-frame” design.

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In the disclosed example, the furniture hinge includes a door fitting component in the form of a recessed cup 3 that is attached to the furniture door 1 using fastening screws (not shown) through side attachment ears 4.

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The furniture hinge includes a carrier arm 5 formed from sheet-metal. The carrier arm 5 includes a rotating hinge on its door end. The rotating hinge includes a hinge pin 6 on which the recessed cup 3 is rotatably disposed on carrier arm 5. A fastening plate 7 is adjustably attached to the other end of carrier arm 5. In the illustrated example, the fastening plate 7 consists of a sheet metal stamping that is connected to a mounting plate 8. The mounting plate 8 also consists of a sheet metal stamping, which is screwed onto the front frame (Figure 2).

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The other end of carrier arm 5 (i.e., the end away from furniture door 1) bears against a front wall 9 of the fastening plate 7. In the disclosed example, the front wall 9 is oriented perpendicular to a plane of the fastening plate 7, and the mounting plate 8 and is adjustably attached to the fastening plate 7 using a lateral adjustment member 10. The front wall 9 is oriented perpendicular to the plane of fastening plate 7. An eccentric component 11 is rotatably disposed on front wall 9 using a mounting pin 12. An eccentric section 13 of the mounting pin 12 extends into a guide slot 14 in the carrier arm 5. In this example, the eccentric component 11 can be adjusted using an adjusting tool, for example, by using Philips screw head 15.

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When the eccentric component 11 is turned, the eccentric component displaces the carrier arm 5 along front wall 9. The end of carrier arm 5 directed toward the front wall 9 includes lateral flanges 16 that straddle and guide the two

side edges of the front wall 9. Thus, the lateral adjustment member 10 provides the benefit of lateral adjustment of the furniture door 1 with respect to the furniture body.

5 The mounting plate 8 is attached to the front frame 2 using an attachment screw 17 (Figure 2). Attachment screw 17 grips through an elongated hole 18 that extends perpendicular to the long dimension of the mounting plate to permit height adjustment in attachment mounting plate 8.

10 A cross-step 19 in the fastening plate 7 is connected to the mounting plate 8 using a longitudinal adjustment member 20. In this example, the longitudinal adjustment member 20 is similar in design to the lateral adjustment member 10. An eccentric component 22 is rotatably disposed on a mounting pin 23 and can be adjusted using an adjusting tool, for example, a Philips screw head. An eccentric section 24 of the eccentric component 22 fits into a transverse slot 31 in the cross-step 19. By turning the eccentric component 22, the eccentric component  
15 longitudinally adjusts the position of the fastening plate 7 relative to mounting plate 8 (i.e., horizontally in Figure 1), which is fixed to the piece of furniture. The fastening plate 7 grips the longitudinal edges of mounting plate 8 using edge flanges 25 and is thus guided in the longitudinal direction.

20 In the disclosed example, the door-end of the mounting plate 8 includes a guide tongue 26 for guiding movement between the fastening plate 7 and mounting plate 8. The guide tongue 26 extends parallel to the plane of mounting plate 8 and includes a 90° bend relative to a base plate 27 of the mounting plate 8. The guide tongue 26 fits into a guide slot 28, which in this example is cut into a guide wall 29 of the fastening plate 7. The guide wall 29 is oriented perpendicular to the plane of  
25 fastening plate 7.

The guide wall 29 is bounded by upper wall 30 of the fastening plate 7, which is spaced a distance from the base plate 27 of the mounting plate 8. The front wall 9 of the fastening plate 7 is parallel to and spaced from guide slot 28 in the guide wall 29 of the fastening plate 7.

30 Instead of the arrangement shown in the exemplary embodiment, in which the guide tongue 26 is formed on mounting plate 8 and the guide slot 28 is formed on the fastening plate 7, the reverse arrangement may be selected in which mounting

plate 8 includes a guide wall with a guide slot and the fastening plate includes a guide tongue.

Although a combination of features is shown in the illustrated examples, not all of them need to be combined to realize the benefits of various embodiments of this disclosure. In other words, a system designed according to an embodiment of  
5 this disclosure will not necessarily include all of the features shown in any one of the Figures or all of the portions schematically shown in the Figures. Moreover, selected features of one example embodiment may be combined with selected features of other example embodiments.

10 The preceding description is exemplary rather than limiting in nature. Variations and modifications to the disclosed examples may become apparent to those skilled in the art that do not necessarily depart from the essence of this disclosure. The scope of legal protection given to this disclosure can only be determined by studying the following claims.

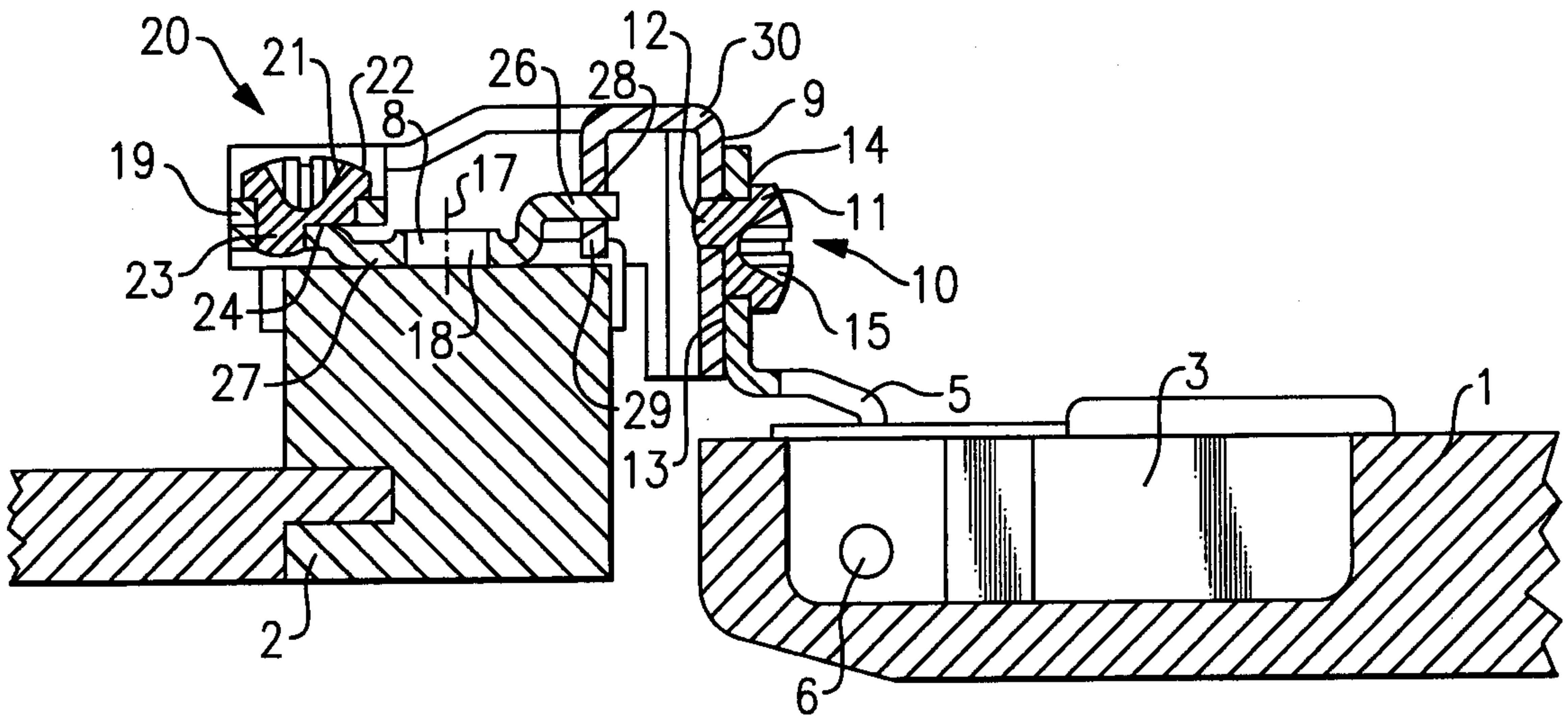
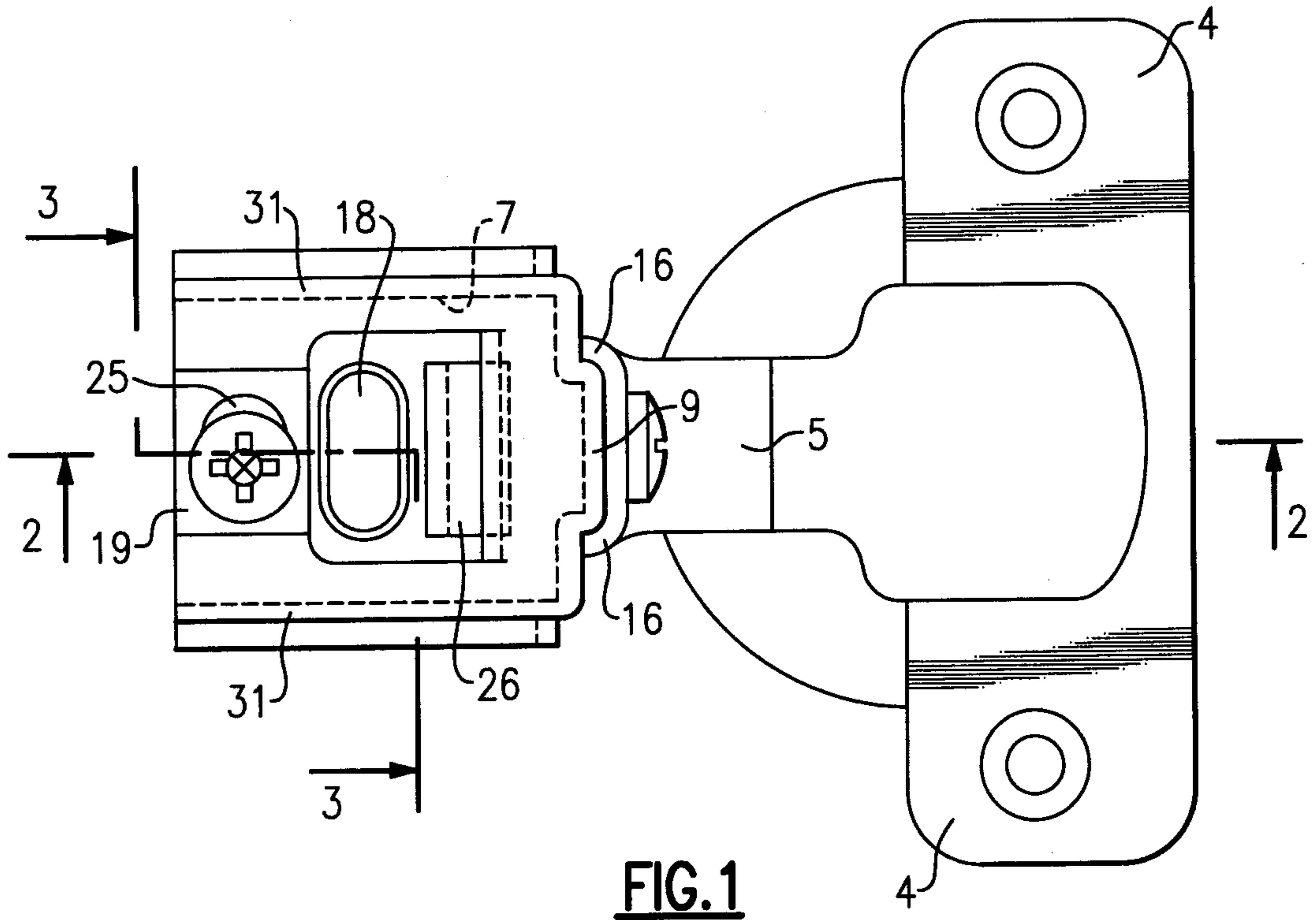
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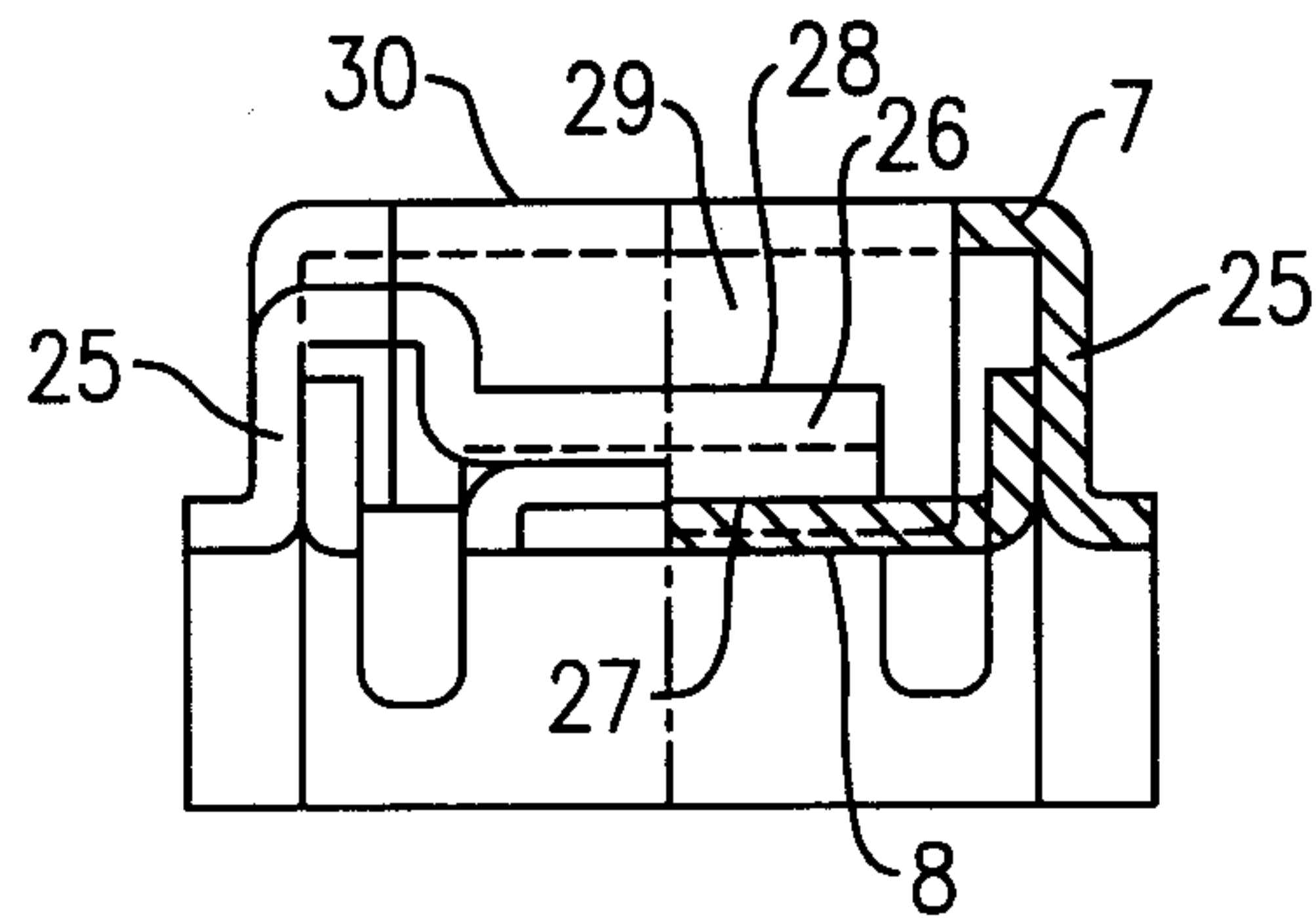
1. A furniture hinge comprising:
  - a carrier arm;
  - 5 a door fitting having a recessed cup that is rotatably disposed at one end of the carrier arm,
  - a fastening plate adjustably connected to another end of the carrier arm; and
  - a mounting plate that is attachable to a furniture body and longitudinally adjustably attached to the fastening plate,
  - 10 wherein one of the fastening plate or the mounting plate includes a guide wall having a guide slot and the guide wall is bent perpendicularly to a plane of the respective plate, and the other of the fastening plate or the mounting plate includes a guide tongue extending into the guide slot and the guide tongue is parallel to a plane of the other respective plate.
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2. The furniture hinge according to claim 1, wherein the guide tongue is orientated at right angles to a base plate of the mounting plate.
3. The furniture hinge according to claim 2, wherein the guide wall is bounded
  - 20 by an upper wall of the fastening plate located a distance from the base plate of the mounting plate.
4. The furniture hinge according to claim 1, wherein the fastening plate includes the guide wall and the guide slot and the guide wall is bent perpendicularly
  - 25 to the plane of the fastening plate, and the mounting plate includes the guide tongue extending into the guide slot and the guide tongue is parallel to the plane of the mounting plate.

5. The furniture hinge according to claim 1, wherein the mounting plate includes the guide wall and the guide slot and the guide wall is bent perpendicularly to the plane of the mounting plate, and the fastening plate includes the guide tongue extending into the guide slot and the guide tongue is parallel to the plane of the fastening plate.
6. The furniture hinge according to claim 1, further comprising a lateral adjustment member that is operative to adjust a position of the carrier arm relative to a front wall of the fastening plate that is perpendicular to the fastening plate.
7. The furniture hinge according to claim 6, wherein the front wall of the fastening plate is parallel to and spaced from the guide slot in the guide wall.
8. The furniture hinge according to claim 6, wherein the lateral adjustment member includes a rotatably disposed eccentric component having an eccentric portion that extends into a slot extending along a direction of adjustment.
9. The furniture hinge according to claim 1, wherein the fastening plate includes a cross-step and a longitudinal adjustment member that is operative to adjust a position of the fastening plate relative to the mounting plate.
10. The furniture hinge according to claim 9, wherein the longitudinal adjustment member includes a rotatably disposed eccentric component having an eccentric portion that extends into a slot extending along a direction of adjustment.

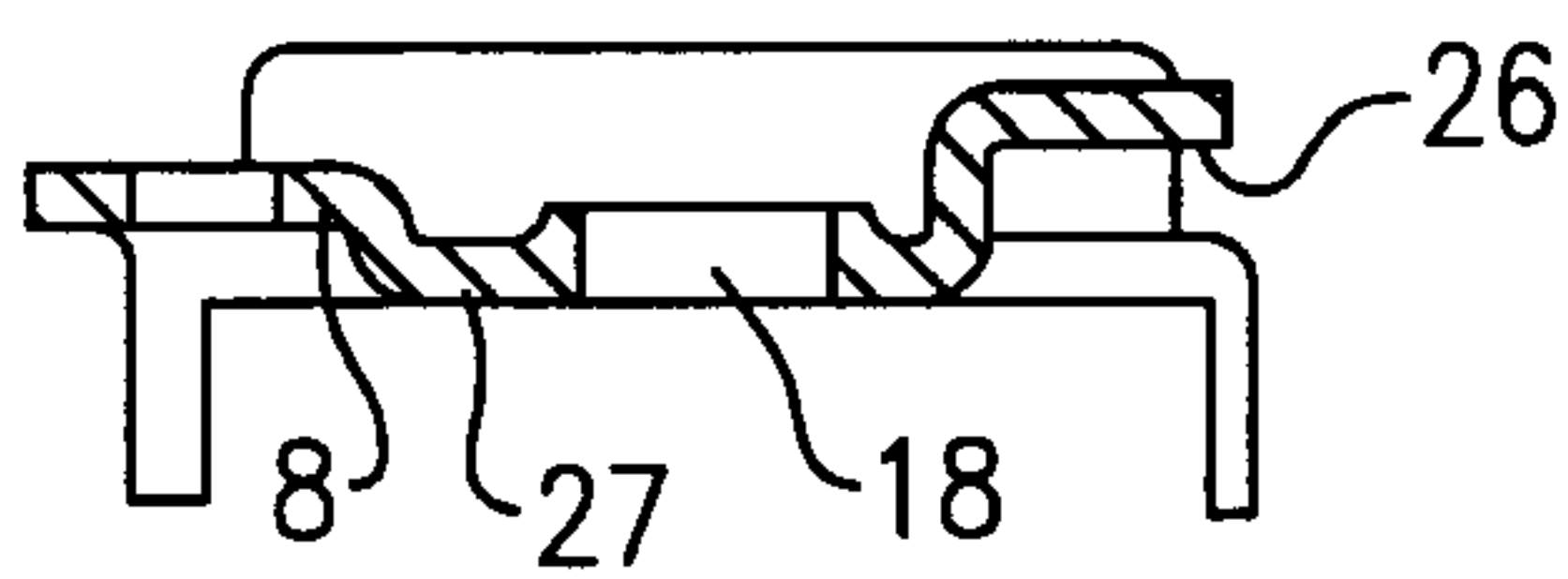
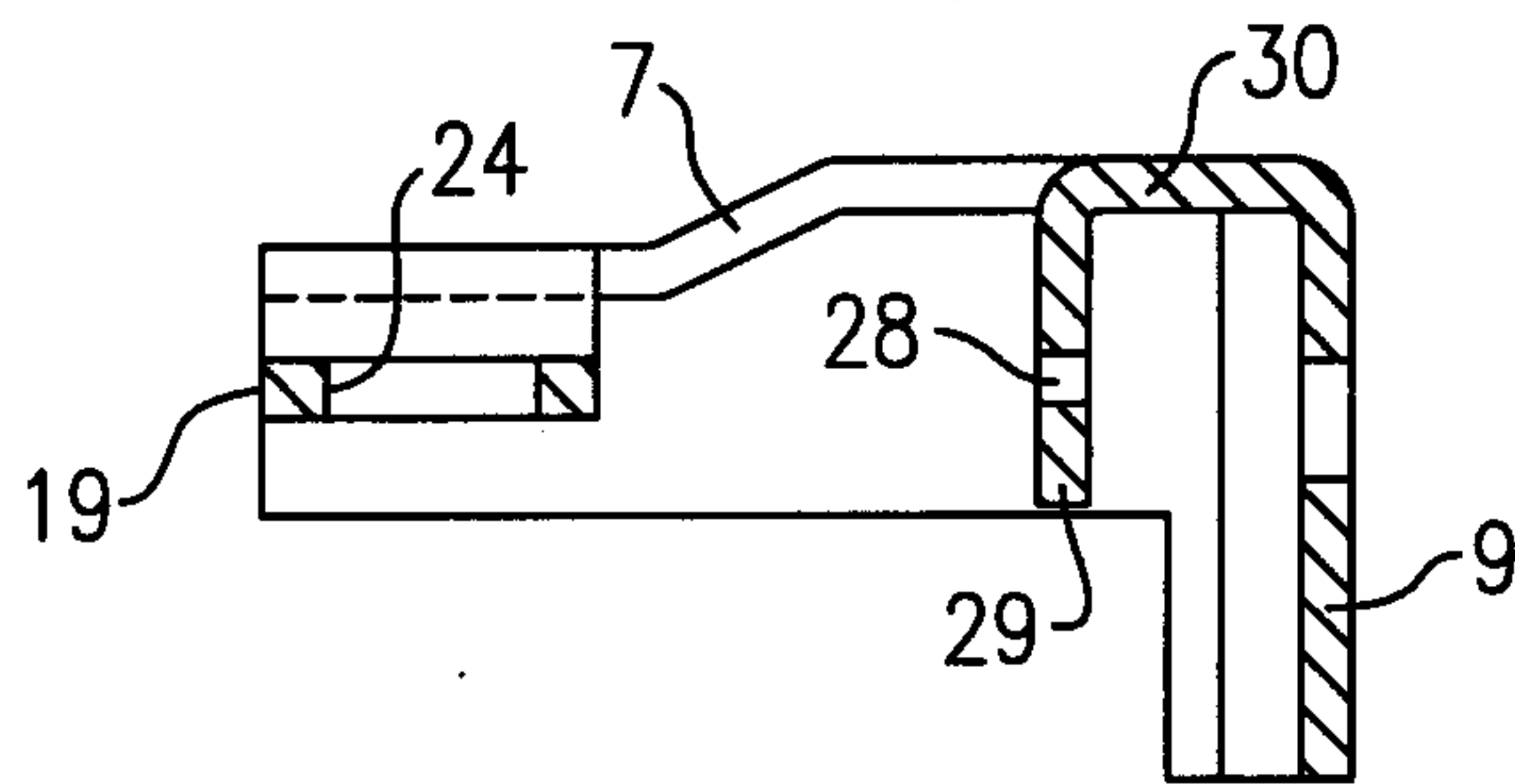
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**FIG. 3**



**FIG. 4**

