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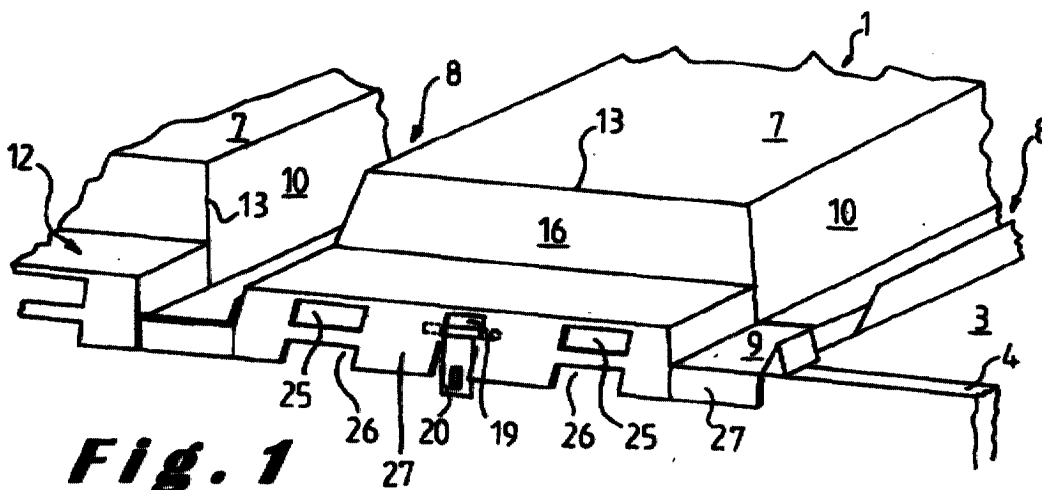
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(54) **Hatch cover**

(57) Nestable hatch cover (1), in particular of the "Frisian cap" type, for covering a hatchway giving access to a vessel's hold (3), which hatchway is bounded by two hatch beams (4) situated opposite each other. The hatch cover (1) has two end parts (12) situated opposite each other, each provided underneath with a bearing surface which is designed to rest upon said hatch beams (4), and each forming an outermost end of the hatch cover. In order to keep the clear width of the gangways of the vessel as great as possible or to be

able to make the hatchway as wide as possible, in particular so wide that the maximum number of containers can be stacked in the hold (3), the bearing surfaces below the end parts (12) are bounded on their outside by at least one projection (27) projecting below said bearing surfaces, which projection in each case is situated substantially at one of the abovementioned outermost ends of the hatch cover (1). Compared with the known hatch covers, this hatch cover therefore projects less far beyond the hatch beams.



**Fig. 1**



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