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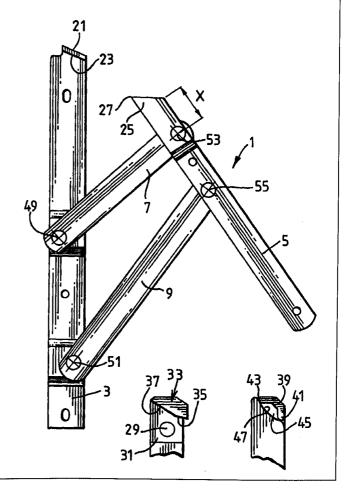
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(57) Abstract

A hinge (1) for a vent, the hinge comprising mounting means (3) for attachment to a fixed frame, a vent arm (5) for attachment to a movable vent, a first link (7) pivotally attached at pivot points (49, 53) to the mounting means (3) and to the vent arm (5) and a third link (9) pivotally attached to the mounting means (3) and to the vent arm (5) at pivot points (51, 55) spaced from the pivot points (49, 53) of the first link (7), wherein the vent arm (5) has an end point (25) which engages an end cap (33) when the hinge (1) is closed. An improved hinge is thereby provided.



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