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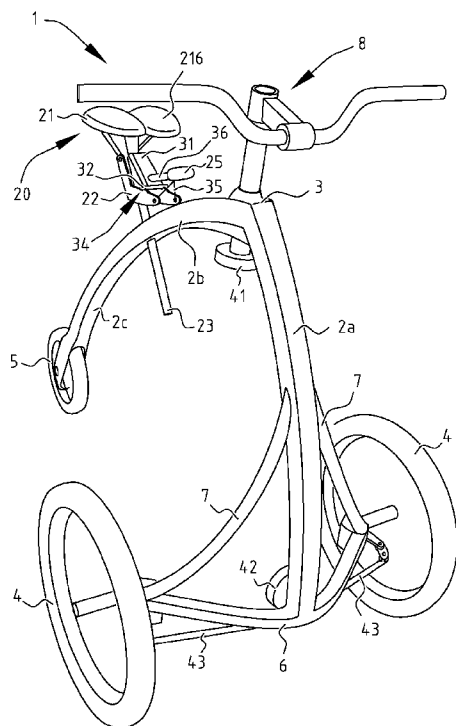


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a walker device comprising an overarching frame with an overarching top, and a sitting assembly coupled to said frame, which frame extends at least primarily in a first direction between a front side with at least two front wheels and a rear side with a first rear wheel. The frame has a rear frame part and a middle frame part. The rear frame part has a height allowing a user to walk over the rear frame part and take place on the sitting assembly. The middle frame part has a width allowing a user to place his or her legs on either side of the middle frame part. The sitting assembly suitably comprises a hinge with a saddle pad for a transition between a first state and a second state.



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1. claims: 1-15

Walker device comprising an overarching frame with an overarching top.

2. claims: 16-25, 27

Sitting assembly and walker including such a sitting assembly, the sitting assembly being provided with a saddle coupled to a hingeing means.

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Claims Nos.: 26

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy. In particular, independent claim 26 is directed to a method of using a walker for assisted walking, the purpose and inevitable effect being therapeutic, namely rehabilitation, training muscles to prevent their further degradation, and preventing injury while walking.