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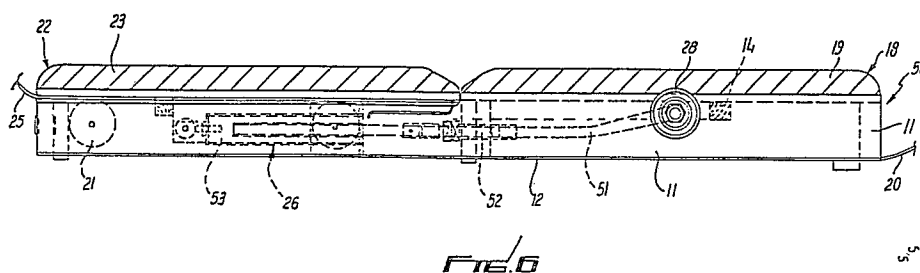
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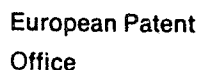
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54 **Traction apparatus.**

57 Traction apparatus which is readily portable and enables a patient to subject himself or herself to treatment in the home is provided. The traction apparatus (10,50) comprises a frame (11) on which two body support members (18,22) are mounted. One body support member (22), or both of them, is provided with tracks (24) which move on wheels (21) rotatably mounted in the frame (11) so that that body support member (22) can move towards or away from the other body support member (18) and relative to the frame (11). The movement is effected by a jack (26) connected between the body support members (18,22) and operated by a handwheel (28) conveniently mounted at the side of the frame (11) adjacent the other body support member (18).





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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

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- ☐ Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claims:
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims 1-3: Apparatus as in claim 1 with a jack as extension means and one fixed body support member
2. Claims 1,2,4: Apparatus as in claim 2 with operating means connected to the jack by a gearing
3. Claims 1,2,5: Apparatus as in claim 2 with operating means connected to the jack by a flexible shaft
4. Claims 1,6: Apparatus as in claim 1 with harness attachment means
5. Claims 1,7: Apparatus as in claim 1 with wheels on the frame and tracks on the body support member
6. Claims 1,2,8: Apparatus as in claim 2 with a push rod between the jack and the second support member
7. Claims 1,9: Apparatus as in claim 1 with a head support mounted on the frame
8. Claims 1,10: Apparatus as in claim 1 with two movably mounted support members

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