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54 **Interlocking pivot device for adjustable ballusters.**

57 A two-piece interlocking pivot device for pivotably connecting a balluster (20) to a hand rail (16) or a foot rail (18) of a staircase assembly (10) is provided. The pivot device includes a disk-like element (26) and an enclosure element (28) which receives the disk-like element (26) in order that the latter is slidably pivotable within the enclosure element (28).

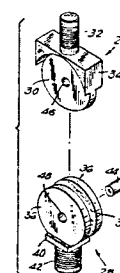
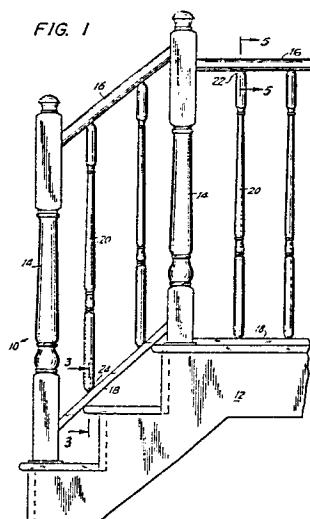


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