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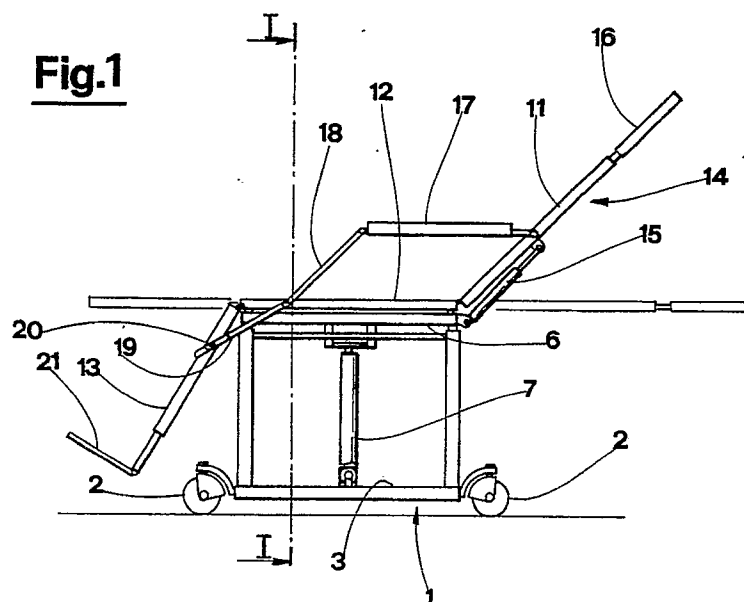
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(54) **A wheeled stretcher for the easy transfer of patients from bed to stretcher and vice versa.**

(57) The present invention concerns a wheeled stretcher aimed in particular at enabling the easy transference of a patient from bed to stretcher and vice versa.

A height-adjustable upper structure (6) is mounted to a frame (1) equipped with wheels (2). On this structure (6) a variable-configuration element (14) is arranged, formed by at least three principal segments (11), (12) and (13) which are hinged consecu-

tively and are positionable in such a way as to enable the formation of a plurality of wheelchair configurations as well as a flat stretcher configuration. The central element (14) is mounted to the upper structure (6) in such a way as to permit of sideways sliding from a centred position on same structure (6) to an overhanging position, and vice versa.



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