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(54) **Folding structure**

(57) Folding structure comprising at least two supporting elements that are connected to one another by means of a hinge joint allowing movement between a folded position and a folded-out position, which supporting elements each comprise two parallel lateral supports (1, 3) that are connected to one another by at least one transverse support (2, 4) and also a plateau (6), which is rotably connected to each pair of lateral supports with the aid of means of rotation (13, 26 and 15, 25) and which, in the folded-out position, constitutes a horizontal bearing surface between the lateral supports, the plateau resting directly on the lateral supports in the folded-out position.

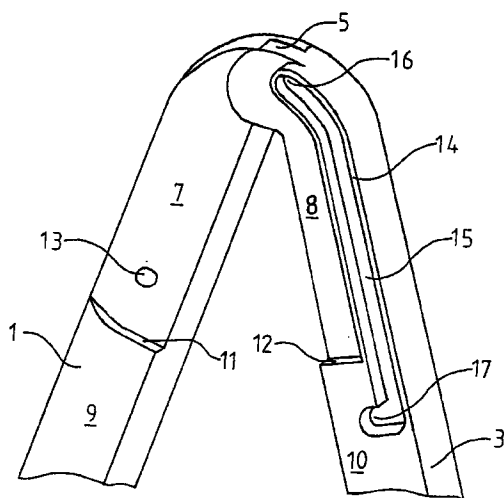
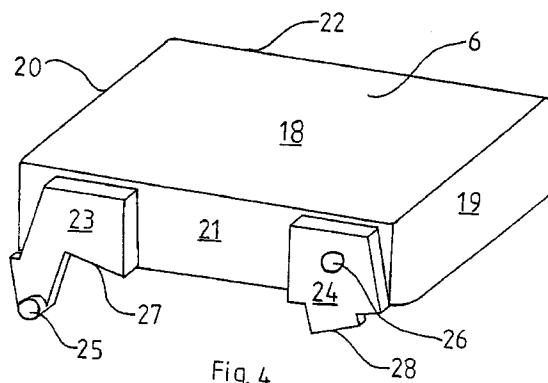


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Fig. 4

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