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(54) **Hinged closures**

(57) A hinge mechanism for assisting the lifting particularly of a boot lid or tailgate hinged to a motor vehicle body, comprises an inner link (6) and an outer link (8) permitting pivoting of the lid about the body, and a gas strut (10) acting between the fixed hinge part (2) attach-

able to the body and the movable hinge part (4) attachable to the lid. One end of the strut acts through a pivotable lever (16) whose movement is constrained by engagement with a cam (12) when the two hinge parts are in close proximity, as when the lid is in a lowered position, thereby to cause a lifting movement of the lid.

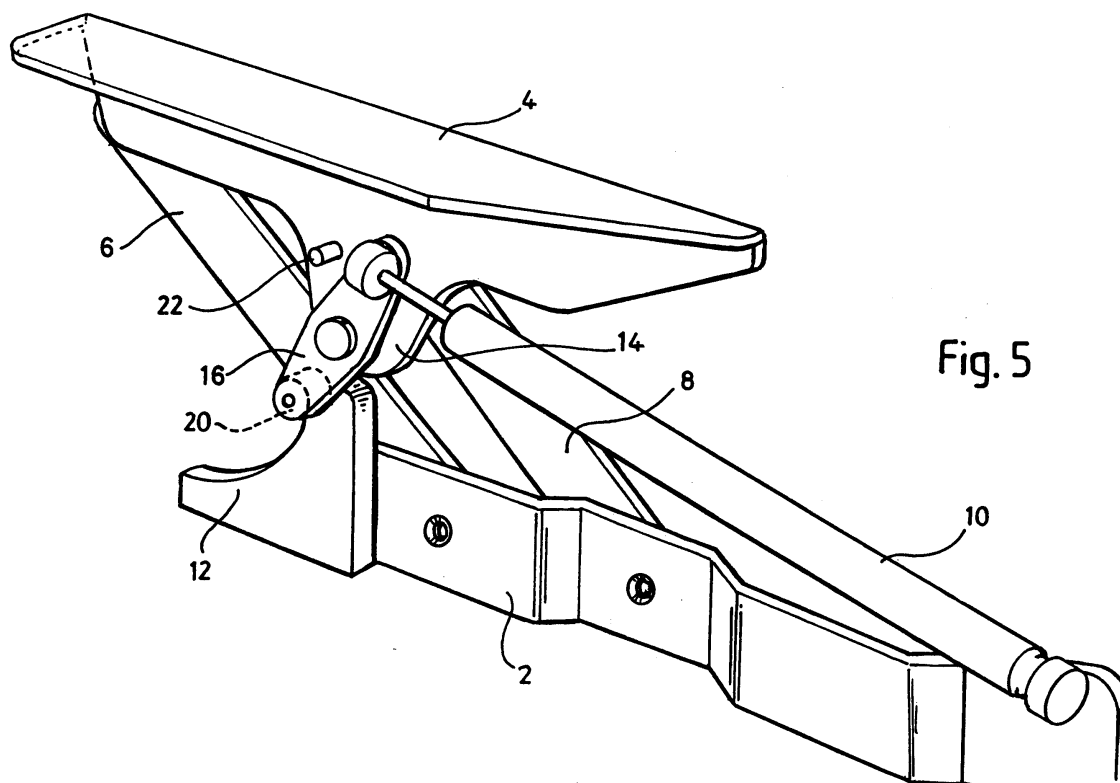


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