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(54) **A balustrade**

(57) A balustrade comprises a handrail (1) with a joint (2) and at least one grid section (3, 4) extending approximately parallel with the handrail and beneath it. The handrail (1) with joint is interconnected in both the longitudinal direction of the handrail and transversely thereof by a joint device. The grid section (3, 4) has a joint (8, 9). Mutually meeting end portions of the grid section (3, 4) in the joints (8, 9, respectively) are disposed end-to-end. The end portions are surrounded by a sleeve-shaped joint element which prevents movement of the end portions transversely of the longitudinal direction of the grid section.

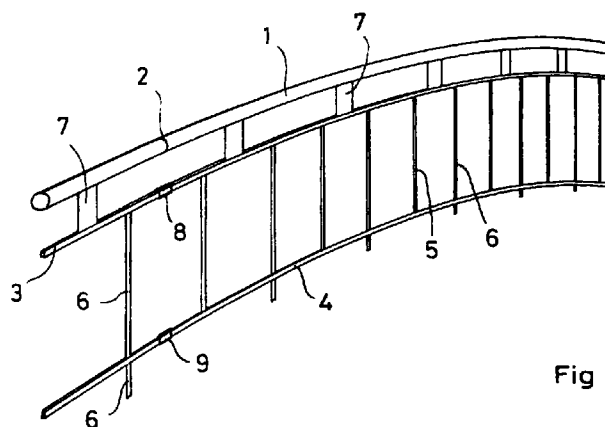


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