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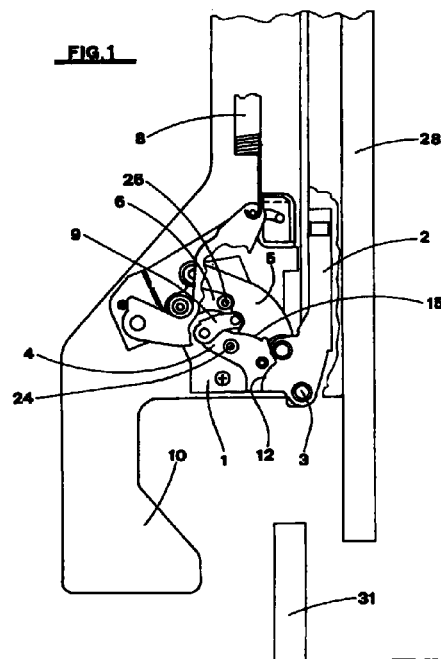
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(54) **Hinge device, particularly for the door of household electric appliances and the like, having upward and outward movement of the door during opening**

(57) The hinge device, particularly fit to be used with a door (28) of household electric appliances and the like, includes a coupling element (1), fastened to the appliance structure (10), with a rocker arm element (4) joined thereto and having a pivot (3) for the door support by means of a support element (2). The coupling element also binds a pivoting plate (6) to which is connected a shaped segment (5) hinged with an end to the support element (2). A connection element (9) joins the pivoting plate (6) to the rocker arm element (4) in opposite position with respect to the pivot (3) connected to the support element (2). The door opening defines, by means of the shaped segment (5), the oscillation of the plate (6) that, by means of connection element (9), rotate the rocker arm element (4) moving the pivot (3) upward and outward, while a counterbalancing spring (8) acts on the plate (6) by means of a L-lever (11). In this way the bottom of the door (28) can pass above a baseboard (31) placed for covering the free space under the appliance (10).



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