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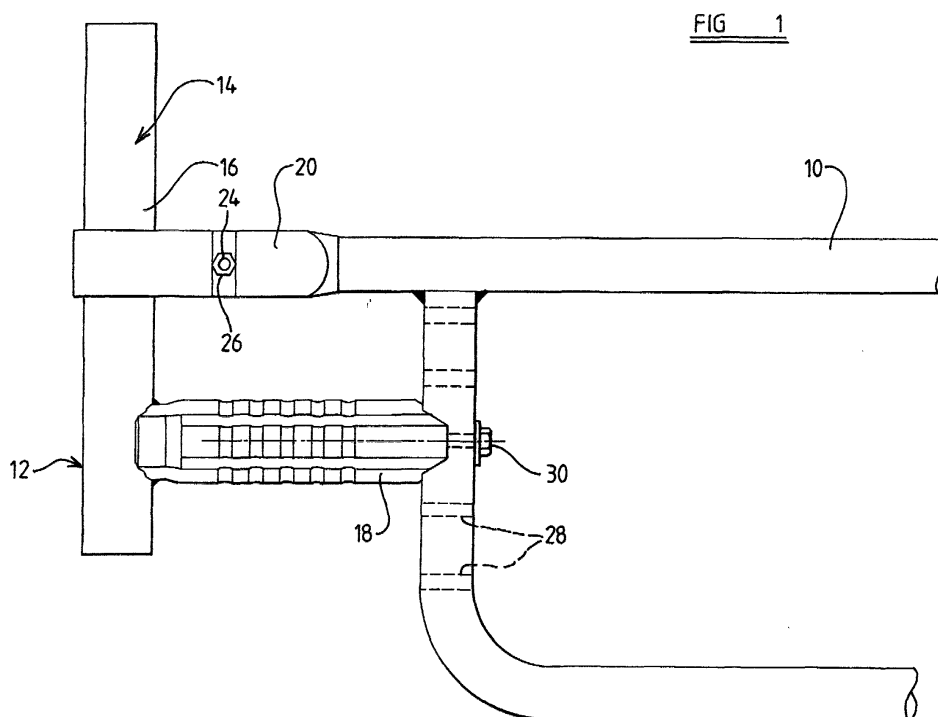
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(54) **Wheelchair**

(57) A wheelchair is described having a frame (10) and two axle assemblies (12), one for mounting each of two drive wheels to the frame by means of their associated axle. Each of the axle assemblies comprises a

frame portion (14) including an axle block (18); means for connecting the frame portion (14) to the frame in a plurality of positions; and means for securing a drive wheel axle to the axle block (18).



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