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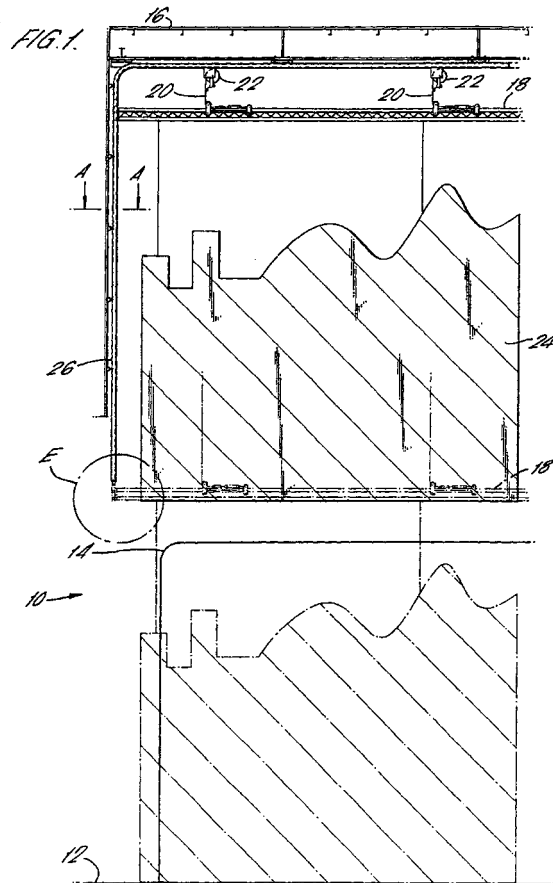
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(54) **Theatrical equipment**

(57) Apparatus for supporting scenery in a stage structure is disclosed. The apparatus comprises an elongate member (18), commonly known as a flying bar, suspended substantially horizontally above a stage and from which scenery items can be suspended. A winch system is used to raise and lower the flying bar. A substantially vertical guide rail (26) is mounted above the stage adjacent each end of the flying bar (18). A chain (28) is freely slidable within each guide rail (26), the lower end of the chain being rigidly secured to one end of the flying bar (18). The links of the chain are configured to permit the chain on one side of the stage to bend towards the opposite side of the stage and to prevent bending in the opposite direction. Thus, the apparatus provides an improved method for guiding and stabilising flying bars and scenery items. It substantially eliminates any side to side motion of the flying bar and allows it to be raised and lowered as desired during a performance without the need for any manual intervention to align the flying bar with the guide rails.





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