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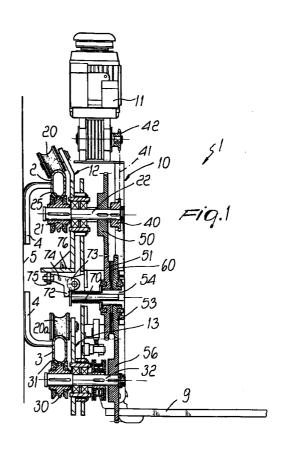
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(54) Stairlift for variable-slope flight portions

(57)A stairlift for variable-slope flight portions which comprises an upper guiding bar (2) and a lower guiding bar (3) which can be fixed to a fixed structure (5) and have a constant distance in a vertical direction. A movable frame (10) is slideable on the guiding bars (2,3) and supports an actuation motor (11). A main driving pinion (21) is actuated by the motor (11) and meshes with an upper toothed guide (25) formed on the upper guiding bar (2), and a stabilizer pinion (30) meshes with a lower toothed guide (31) which is formed on the lower guiding bar (3). The stabilizer pinion (30) is freely rotatable if the inclination of the guiding bars (2,3) exceeds a preset value, whereas the stabilizer pinion (30) is connected to the main driving pinion (21) if the inclination of the guiding bars (2,3) is lower than the preset value.





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