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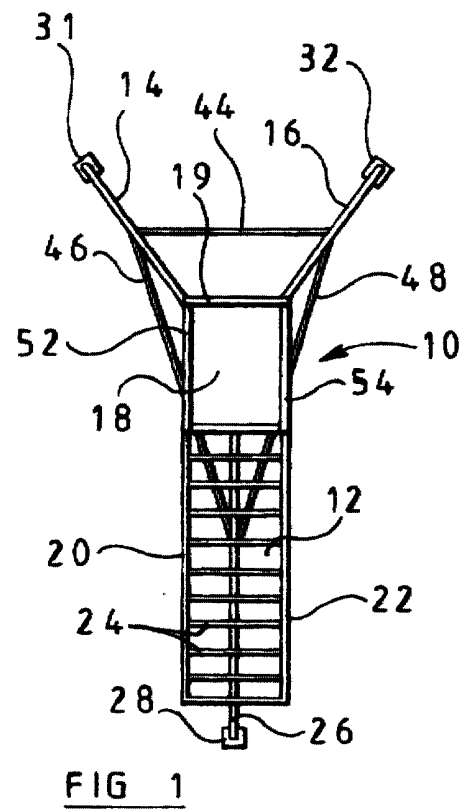
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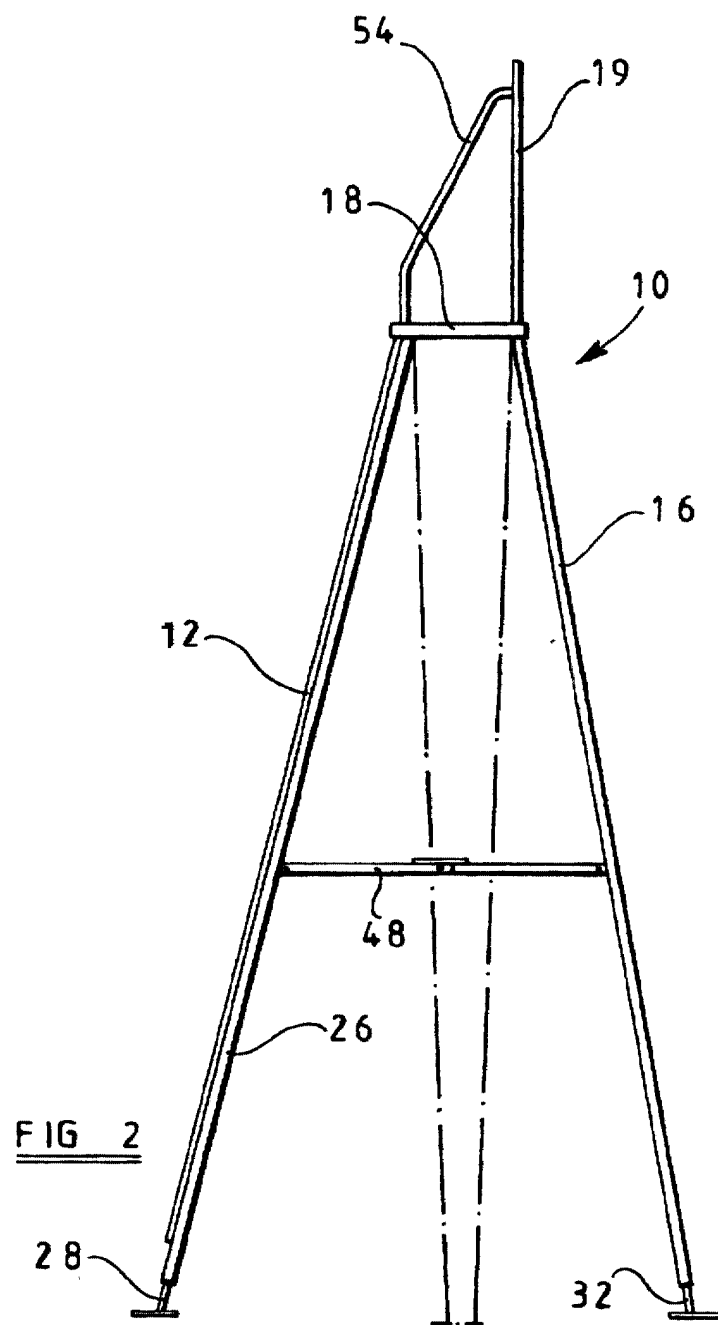
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(54) **Step Ladder**

(57) A step ladder, including a rung assembly (22) and first and second legs (14, 16) characterised by a single support member (26) depending from the rung assembly (22) such that, in use, an end of the support member (26) and one end of each of the first and second legs (14, 16) define the contact points upon which the ladder rests.







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