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(54) **Sweeping aiding device for sweepers**

(57) A sweeping aiding device for sweepers comprises a servo-controlled articulated arm associated with the sweeper and comprising blower means provided for air supplying a blowing lance to be gripped by an operator of the sweeper.

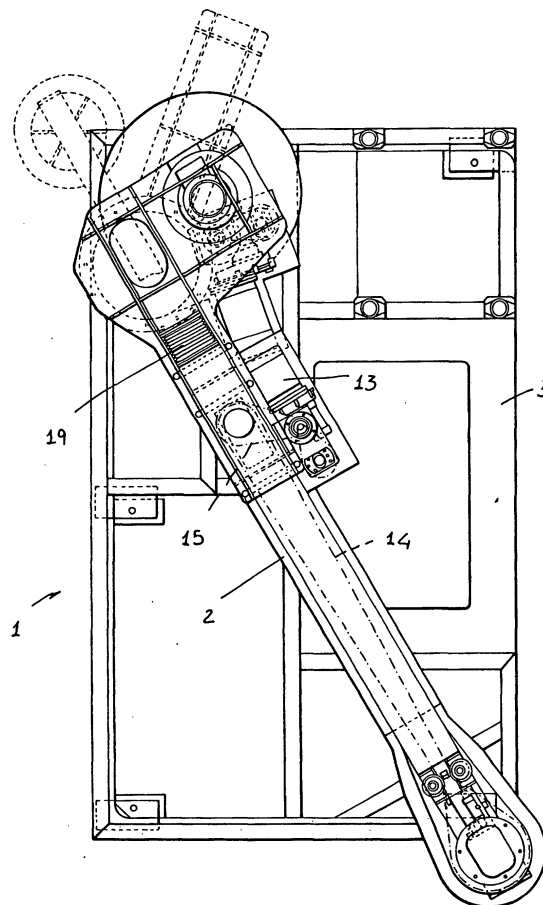


FIG. 1

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