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(54) **Improvements in or relating to an access platform**

(57) An access platform is disclosed which comprises a support, a pivotal frame (6) pivotally mounted to the support and at least one retaining element. The frame (6) is movable between a substantially horizontal storage position and a substantially vertical operational position and the at least one retaining element is provided to retain the frame in said operational position. A platform unit (14) is also provided which is configured to engage the frame (6) when the frame is in its operational position in order that the frame (6) should adopt an elevated position relative to the support.

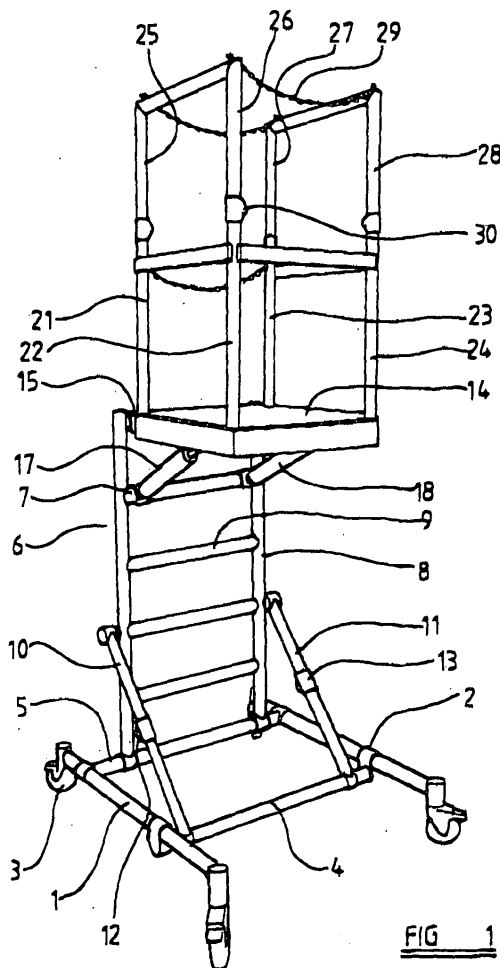


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