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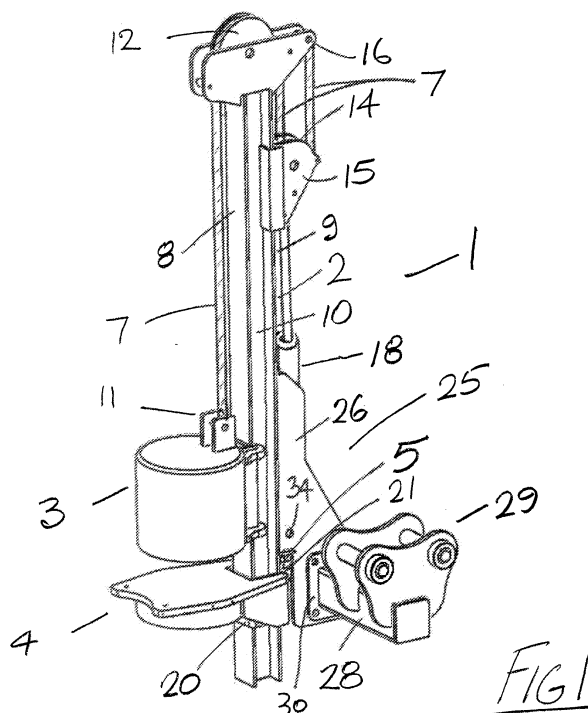
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(54) **A post driver**

(57) A post driver (1) has an upright mast (2). A hammer (3) is slidably mounted on the mast (2) and is operable for driving a post into the ground. A post cap (4) is

slidably mounted on the mast (2) below the hammer (3). A stop element (5) is provided for limiting upward movement of the post cap (4) on the mast 2.





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