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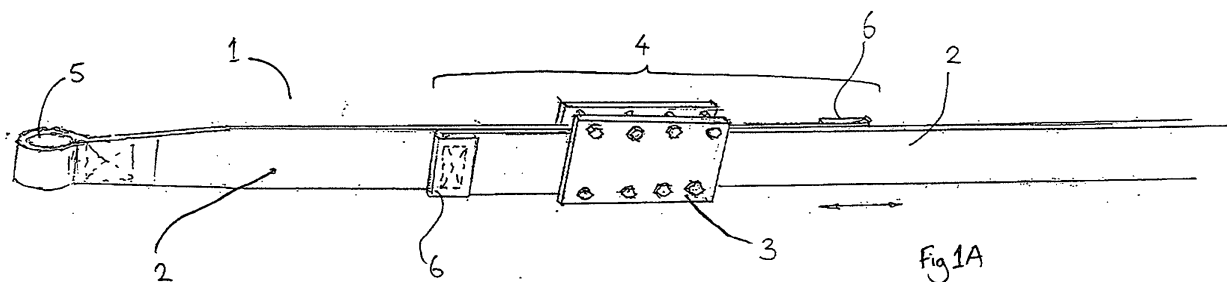
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(54) **Strap for reinforcing a gate**

(57) Described is a strap for reinforcing a gate, the strap comprising at least one flexible elongate member having a load bearing capacity of x, the strap comprising one or more sections along its length which each have at least two different load bearing capacities, said at least

two different load bearing capacities comprising a load bearing capacity of x and one or more load bearing capacities of less than x. Further described is a gate, barrier or fence comprising one or more of the straps, and a clutch mechanism for use in the strap.





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