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(54) **Wheelchair**

(57) A wheelchair for disabled people comprises a support frame (2) having an axle (4) provided with a pair of wheels (6), and a seat (15) connected to the support frame (2) by means of a crank mechanism (17) which allows the position of the seat (15) to be selectively adjusted with respect to said support frame (2).

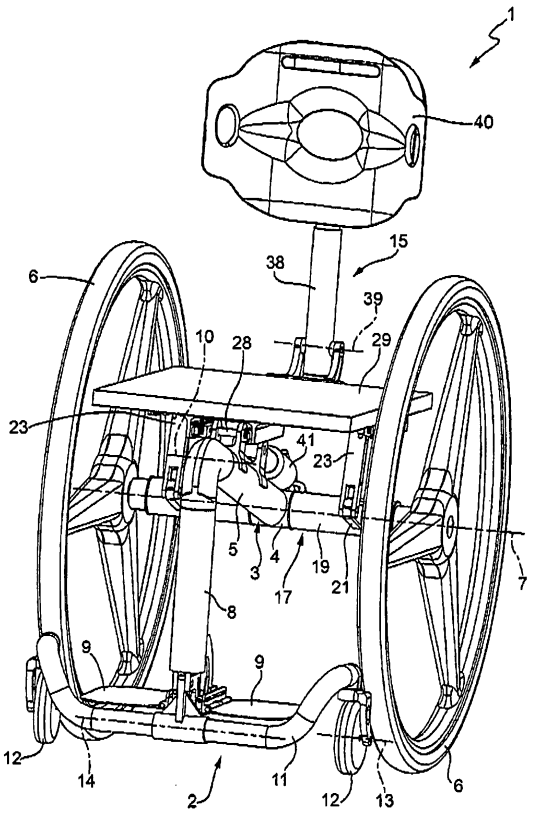


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1. claims: 2-8(completely); 1(partially)

   Wheelchair with adjustable seat including a rocker arm, a shock absorber means and a crank mechanism.

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2. claims: 9, 10(completely); 1(partially)

   Wheelchair with adjustable seat including a seating part coupled to a guide in a sliding manner.

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