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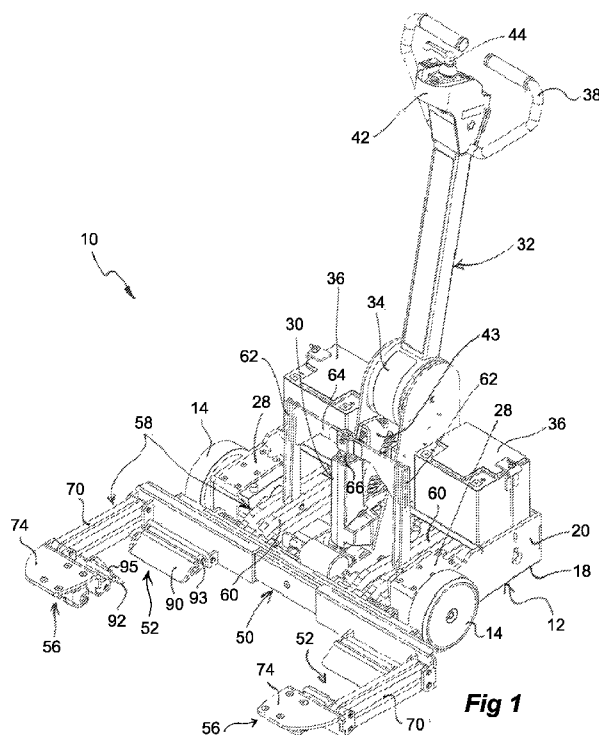
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a lifting and transporting device. The device of the invention is useful for lifting and moving any object which has a pair of spaced apart wheels but is particularly adapted for the lifting and transporting of hospital beds. The bed lifter includes an improved means of supporting the load of a bed and/or bed/patient combination during lifting and transportation.