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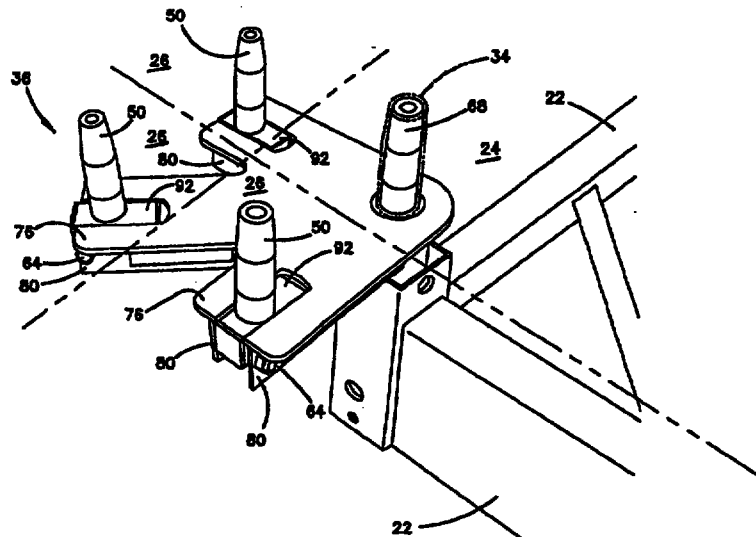
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(57) Abstract

A folding stage (20) includes deck connectors (50) that are configured for engaging a bore (34) formed in the decks (24). The connectors (50) may extend outward to support bridging decks (26) adjacent the stage (20). Pin-type connectors (50) are rotatable into a retaining position below the decks (24). The connectors (50) may also be turned to extend beyond the edge of the stage decks (24) or be retracted to a position below the stage deck (24) when not used for bridging. A deck retainer (38) includes a retaining tab portion (46) at one end for retaining bridging decks (26) against the stage decks (24) as well as the lifting surface at the other end which may engage the bottom of the decks (24) to lift the decks (24) so that the connectors (50) may be turned.