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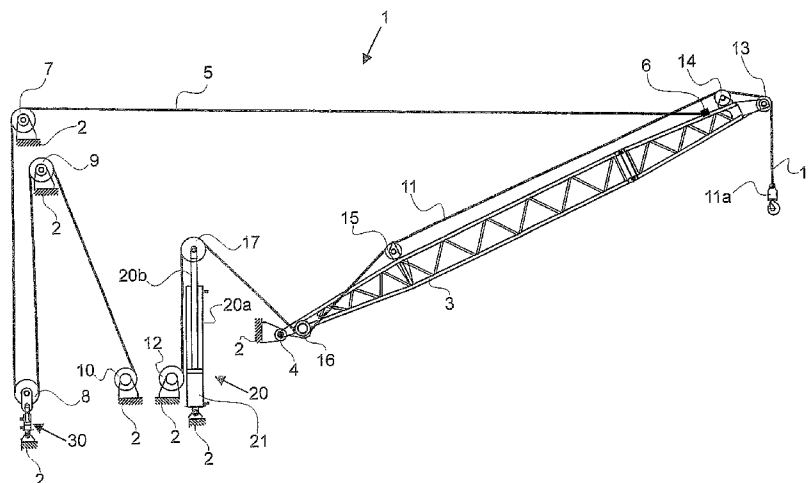
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(57) **Abstract:** A hoisting mechanism has a frame (2) and a jib (3). The jib (3) can be topped. Furthermore, the hoisting mechanism has a hoisting cable (11) and a hoisting-cable drive (12). Hoisting-cable drive (12) means (14, 15, 16, 17) form a path for the hoisting cable. A displaceable hoisting-cable guide (17) is provided for the hoisting cable, in such a manner that displacement of the displaceable hoisting-cable guide changes the length of the path. This displaceable hoisting-cable guide has an associated first hydraulic component (20) with a first chamber (21), which can be connected to a second hydraulic component (40) having a second chamber (41) of variable volume. Furthermore, a pressure source (44) is coupled to the second hydraulic component in order to maintain a substantially constant hydraulic pressure in the second chamber. A pressure-limiting valve assembly (60), which is partially actuated by a topping-means loading sensor (30), is incorporated in the connection.

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