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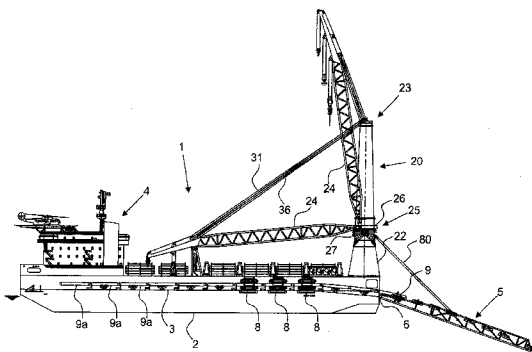
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(57) Abstract: A hoisting crane has a substantially hollow vertical column with a foot which is or can be fixed to a support, and with a top. Furthermore, the hoisting crane has a jib with an associated annular bearing structure which extends around the vertical column and guides and carries a jib connection member, so that the jib connection member can rotate about the column, the jib connection member forming a substantially horizontal pivot axis so that the jib can be pivoted up and down. Furthermore, the hoisting crane has a winch and an associated hoisting cable for hoisting a load. At the top of the vertical column there is a top cable guide, and furthermore there is a hoisting cable guide on the jib of the hoisting crane. The winch is disposed in or in the vicinity of the foot of the vertical column, so that the hoisting cable extends from the winch through the hollow vertical column to the top cable guide and then to the hoisting cable guide on the jib. The top cable guide comprises a rotary bearing structure, so that the top cable guide can follow rotary movements of the jib about the vertical column and adopt substantially the same angular position as the jib. The winch is arranged on a movable winch support, which is mounted movably with respect to the vertical column, the winch support having an associated drive motor assembly for moving the winch support, in such a manner than the winch support maintains a fixed orientation with respect to the top cable guide in the event of rotary movements of the jib about the vertical column.



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