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FOLDING ROTARY SIT-INSIDE DESK

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates generally to horizontally supported planar surfaces, and more particularly to desks that can rotate about a vertical axis.

BACKGROUND ART

A desk, sometimes also termed a “bureau” is a piece of furniture with a substantially flat work surface. Desks are widely used in schools, home, and the like for academic or domestic activities, such as reading and writing. Of particular present interest is the use of desks in business environments, such as reception areas and offices. Such desks are used for professional or domestic activities, again such as reading and writing, and especially for supporting equipment such as telephone, intercom units, and computers. The top side of a desk may also be used as a place to store frequently referenced documents or to keep a supply of frequently needed forms.

From the preceding it can be gathered that the top of a desk has many potentially competing uses. On a conventional desk these uses may especially compete because of the inherent limitation of how much of the desk top a user may easily reach. Conventional desks are rectangular or L-shaped, and this limits the reachable desktop area.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a rotary sit-inside desk.

Briefly, one preferred embodiment of the present invention is a desk. A top section has a central hole wherein a user of the desk may sit and a gap where they may enter into the central hole. The top section includes multiple sub-sections that assemble such that the top section is substantially round with a flat top side whereupon objects may be placed on the desk. A central section (16) includes a plurality of uprights each having one or more wheels upon which the top section rotatably rests when the desk is assembled.

Briefly, another preferred embodiment of the present invention is an improved desk of the type having a top section that includes one or more sub-sections, a central section that includes multiple uprights that support the sub-sections by having the top section rest upon the central section, and a base section that includes multiple baseplates that support the uprights of the central section. The improvement comprises the top section having a central hole wherein a user of the desk may sit and a gap where they may enter into the central hole, and where the sub-sections provide the top section with a shape substantially round horizontally and with a flat top side whereupon objects may be placed on the desk. The improvement further comprises the uprights in the central section each having one or more wheels upon which the top section rotatably rests when the desk is assembled.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will become clear to those skilled in the art in view of the description of the best presently known mode of carrying out the invention and the industrial applicability of the preferred embodiment as described herein and as illustrated in the figures of the drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S)

The purposes and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description in conjunction with the appended figures of drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a first embodiment of a desk in accord with the present invention;

FIGS. 2a-b are top and bottom views of the top section of the desk in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a top view of the central section and the base section of the desk, that is of the desk with the top section removed;

FIG. 4 is a front view of an upright, taken when the desk is disassembled;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of an upright and a baseplate assembled together;

FIGS. 6a-b are, respectively, a top perspective view and a partial bottom perspective view of a second embodiment of a desk that is also in accord with the present invention;

FIGS. 7a-b are a partial cross-sectional views showing an example of grooves in a desk; and

FIG. 8 is a partially exploded view of a sub-section of a desk.

In the various figures of the drawings, like references are used to denote like or similar elements or steps.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

A preferred embodiment of the present invention is a folding rotary sit-inside desk. As illustrated in the various drawings herein, preferred embodiments of the invention are depicted by the general reference character **10**.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a first embodiment of a desk **10a** in accord with the present invention (generically, a desk **10** for all embodiments discussed herein). Common to all embodiments of the desk **10** is a circular shape with a central hole **12** in the middle (an annulus) where a user sits. The embodiment of the desk **10a** in FIG. 1 can be viewed as having three major sections, a top section **14**, a central section **16**, and a base section **18**.

FIGS. 2a-b are top and bottom views of the top section **14** of the desk **10a** in FIG. 1. The top section **14** here has three flat sub-sections **20a-c** that are held together when the desk **10a** is assembled, using easily connectable cleats **22** (FIG. 2b).

A flange **24** is provided at the outer periphery of the top section **14** and the three sub-sections **20a-c**. The flange **24** optionally extends above and, here, necessarily extends below the sub-sections **20a-c** (*see e.g.*, FIG. 1). The flange **24** is preferably, but not necessarily, one piece that is separable from the sub-sections **20a-c** and which can be rolled up when the desk **10a** is disassembled (*see also* FIG. 8). This runs somewhat counter to a goal of making a desk **10** that has a minimum number of generally flat pieces when disassembled, but is offset against a goal of stiffening an overall assembled desk **10**.

A gap **26** is provided in the top section **14**, for entry and egress of a user to the central hole **12**. If desired, an optional flip-up or other type of door can be supplied to fill this gap **26**. Such doors are common in the art of desks and counters and therefore not shown here.

Adjacent to the gap **26**, optional endpieces **28** can be provided on the top side of the top section **14**, as shown. These can generally resemble handles, and may be used to rotate the top section **14** (as described presently).

Collectively the above-ward extending flange **24** and the endpieces **28** can act as walls to keep things from falling off of the desk **10a**.

FIG. 3 is a top view of the central section **16** and the base section **18** of the desk **10a**, that is of the desk **10a** with the top section **14** removed. Here it can be seen that the central section **16** includes six uprights **30**, and that the base section **18** includes six baseplates **32**. Similar to how the cleats **22** secure the top section **14** together when the desk **10a** is assembled, easily connectable clamps **34** are used to secure the baseplates **32** together when the base section **18** of the desk **10a** is assembled. To minimize tripping, the baseplates **32** can be 1/8" beveled steel plates, painted black. Between each pair of uprights **30** is a user entrance point **36** (where the gap **26** in the top section **14** can be rotated to coincide with the respective entrance point **36**).

FIG. 4 is a front view of an upright **30** (only), taken when the desk **10a** is disassembled. As can be seen, the upright **30** includes two outer poles **38**, one inner pole **40**, two horizontal braces **42a-b**, and a cross brace **44**. The poles **38**, **40** each have wheels **46**, and the two outer poles **38** each have hinges **48**. Many parts of the upright **30** can be welded steel, and yet still permit the upright **30** to be folded flat. For instance, the cross brace **44** can be permanently welded, and the end opposite the swivel tube or sleeve portion of the horizontal brace **42b** can be permanently welded to the inner pole **40**.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of an upright **30** and a baseplate **32** assembled together. This figure schematically shows how the uprights **30** hingably attach to the baseplates **32**. Together with FIG. 3 it can now be appreciated how six of the assemblies in FIG. 5 can be connected together to form the central section **16** and the base section **18** of the desk **10a**. With reference again to FIG. 1, it can now also be appreciated how the assembled top section **14** can be placed atop the wheels **46** of the uprights **30** in the assembled central section **16**, which in turn are connected to and resting on the baseplates **32** in the assembled base section **18**. Once assembled in this manner a user may easily rotate the desk **10**, **10a** around quickly, giving them access to papers, tools, open books, etc.

In FIGS. 4-5 particular attention should be paid to the two horizontal braces **42a-b** and how they attach to the poles **38**, **40**. One end of the horizontal brace **42a** (the right end in FIG. 5) is rotatably attached to one of the outer poles **38** at a sleeve **41**. The other end of this horizontal brace **42a** (the left end in FIG. 5) is temporarily attachable to (assembled to) the inner pole **40** at a connection point **43**. Similarly, one end of the horizontal brace **42b** (also the right end in FIG. 5) is rotatably attached to the other of the outer poles **38** at another sleeve **41**. In contrast, however, the other end of the horizontal brace **42b** (also the left end in FIG. 5) is permanently

attached to the inner pole **40** (*see e.g.*, FIG. 4).

Generalizing, embodiments of the desk **10**, such as desk **10a**, may be set up and taken down in a few minutes by a single person. Thus it is suitable for travelling office work, *e.g.*, for armies and motion picture location shooting. This sit-inside rotary desk approach provides an effective width for the desk **10** that is far wider than a conventional rectangular desk, extending the virtual size of the desk **10** to many feet (depending on the diameter of the particular model). Different models of the desk **10** can have different diameters. For example, a 4' hole in the middle gives an effective width for the desk **10** of 12.5 feet ($4 \times \pi$), a 6' hole in the middle gives an effective width of nearly 19 feet ($6 \times \pi$), etc. However, smaller models are also possible, and can be made small enough to fit into some office cubicles. Of course, to facilitate constructing such embodiments of the desk **10** with different diameters, or other goals, different quantities of sub-sections, uprights, and baseplates may be used.

The desk **10** has a number of advantages. It may be erected in minutes, or folded flat in minutes for storage or shipment. The user may sit in a fixed position. The user may even sit in a recliner, (although some rotation of the user's chair may be required to exit the desk **10**). The user may exit in different directions, depending on where they turn the gap **26** in the desk **10**. A computer may be provided in a fixed position outside of the desk **10**, with its keyboard potentially remaining on the desk **10**. The desk **10** may then be moved to any position without affecting the fixed computer, provided that a cordless mouse and keyboard are used, which can be moved to any part of desk **10**.

The desk **10** has a few slight disadvantages. In some embodiments, an upright **30** may be exposed depending on the rotation of the desk **10**, which might be considered unsightly (for instance, picture FIG. 1 with the top section **14** rotated 30 degrees clockwise or counterclockwise from what is shown there). There is also a fixed number of possible entrance/exit angles, and a user must step between fixed uprights **30** to get in or out (as shown by the entrance points **36** in FIG. 3).

FIGS. 6a-b are, respectively, a top perspective view and a partial bottom perspective view of a second embodiment of a desk **10b** that is also in accord with the present invention. The desk **10b** is also circular with a central hole **12** in the middle where a user sits, and also has a gap **26** through which a user enters and exits the desk **10b**.

The desk **10b** has a top section **14**, which may be and here is the same as the top section

14 of the desk **10a**. However, the desk **10b** shown here, unlike the desk **10a**, has a different support section **52** and essentially no base section.

FIG. 6b particularly shows details of the support section **52**. It includes six pedestals **54**, which each have three legs **56** ending with an upper wheel **58**, as shown. Functionally, the pedestals **54** operate similarly to the uprights **30** of the desk **10a**, that is, the top section **14** rotatably sits on the upper wheels **58**.

As noted, FIGS. 6a-b show no base section. This is to emphasize that other options exist. For instance, the pedestals **54** may be heavily weighted, say, at the bases, to make them hard to move and thus keep them in place. Alternately, the pedestals **54** may be attached to a floor on which they rest. Yet alternately, a base section like the base section **18** (FIG. 1) may be used. The latter is the inventor's preferred approach, but FIGS. 6a-b show that other approaches are encompassed within the spirit of the present invention.

Continuing with features that are the inventor's preferences, which are not limitations, the flange **24** is the preferred method of retaining the top section **14** above the uprights **30** or the pedestals **54**, but other approaches are possible. FIGS. 7a-b are a partial cross-sectional views showing examples. Here the sub-sections **20a-c** may each have one or more grooves **60** provided on their under side, for the wheels **46** or the upper wheels **58** to ride in. The flange **24** is then optional. This approach has the disadvantage, however, in that the top section **14** needs to be thick enough that the groove **60** or grooves **60** are deep enough that the wheels **46** or the upper wheels **58** engage securely to retain the sub-sections **20a-c** above the uprights **30** or the pedestals **54**. Making the sub-sections **20a-c** this thick tends to increase the weight and cost of the desk **10**.

FIG. 8 is a partially exploded view of sub-section **20a** of the desk **10**, **10a**, **10b**. This particularly shows the inventor's preferred approach to attaching the flange **24** to the top section **14**. Multiple hooks **70** (or pegs, etc.) are provided on the flange **24** to engage with corresponding support holes **72** in the sub-section **20a** (and similarly with the other sub-sections **20b-c**). At the end of the sub-section **20a**, proximate to the gap **26** a hook hole **74** is provided to receive a catcher hook **76** at the end of the flange **24** (and similarly in the end of the sub-section **20c** proximate to the gap **26**).

Just as with many prior art desktops, the desks **10** here can also have color and texture options and be built with plastic snap-on covers to enclose photographs, frequently-used information, or for such overall across the entire desktop. One or more optional transparent parts

can be provided in the sub-sections **20a-c** to show computer monitor(s) that are placed below the top section **14**, instead of or in addition to monitor(s) above the desk **10**.

If desired, possibly on large embodiments of the desk **10**, motors can be provided on the uprights or pedestals. Also possible, say, on larger embodiments of the desk **10**, a removable center plug section can be provided in the central hole **12**. This can be used for a computer monitor that is installed inside the desk **10**.

The height of the uprights may also be variable, say, with snapable height choices. The height of the pedestals may also be similarly variable, albeit probably with a more complex mechanism needed due to the tripod-like shape of the pedestals.

While various embodiments have been described above, it should be understood that they have been presented by way of example only, and that the breadth and scope of the invention should not be limited by any of the above described exemplary embodiments, but should instead be defined only in accordance with the following claims and their equivalents.

CLAIM OR CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A desk (10, 10a, 10b), comprising:
 - a top section (14) having a central hole (12) wherein a user of the desk may sit and a gap (26) where said user may enter into said central hole;
 - said top section is of a plurality of sub-sections (20a-c) assemble able such that said top section is substantially round and forms a top side whereupon objects may be placed on the desk; and
 - a central section (16) including a plurality of uprights (30, 54) each having one or more wheels (46, 58) upon which said top section rotatably rests when the desk is assembled.
2. The desk of claim 1, wherein said plurality of sub-sections are attached together with cleats (22).
3. The desk of claim 1, wherein said plurality of sub-sections totals three said sub-sections.
4. The desk of claim 1, wherein two said sub-sections include endpieces (28) adjacent to said gap and that extend above the rest of the top section.
5. The desk of claim 4, wherein said endpieces extend along said gap to assist in holding objects placed on said top side of the desk from falling off the desk.
6. The desk of claim 4, wherein said endpieces are graspable by an adult human hand, to facilitate said top section of the desk being rotatably moved.
7. The desk of claim 1, said top section has an outer periphery, the desk further comprising:
 - a flange (24) at said outer periphery.
8. The desk of claim 7, wherein:

said flange is a single unitary piece.

9. The desk of claim 7, wherein:

said flange extends above the rest of the top section to assist in holding objects placed on the desk from falling off the desk.

10. The desk of claim 14, wherein:

said flange extends below the rest of the top section to retain said top section above said wheels and upon said plurality of uprights.

11. The desk of claim 1, wherein:

said top section includes at least one groove (60) in which said wheels partially engage, thereby retaining said top section on said wheels and above said central section when the desk is assembled.

12. The desk of claim 1, further comprising:

a base section (18) of a plurality of assemble able baseplates (32) that said plurality of uprights attach to and rest upon when the desk is assembled.

13. The desk of claim 12, wherein:

said plurality of baseplates are attached together with clamps (34).

14. The desk of claim 12, wherein:

said plurality of uprights are each hingably attached to a said baseplate.

15. The desk of claim 1, wherein:

each said upright includes three poles (38, 40) each having a said wheel.

16. The desk of claim 15, wherein:

said poles are held in a fixed relationship by diagonal braces (44) when the desk is assembled.

17. The desk of claim 15, wherein:

said poles are held in a fixed relationship by horizontal braces (42a-b) when the desk is assembled.

18. The desk of claim 14, wherein:

said uprights each include three legs forming a pyramidal shape having an apex, wherein said one or more wheels is a single wheel located at said apex.

19. An improved desk (10, 10a, 10b) of the type in which:

a top section (14) includes one or more sub-sections (20a-c);

a central section (16) includes a plurality of uprights (30, 54) that support said sub-sections by said top section resting upon said central section; and

a base section (18) includes a plurality of baseplates (32) that support said plurality of uprights of said central section;

the improvement comprising:

said top section has a central hole (12) wherein a user of the desk may sit and a gap (26) where said user may enter into said central hole, and wherein said one or more sub-sections (20a-c) provide said top section with a shape substantially round horizontally and with a top side whereupon objects may be placed on the desk; and

said plurality of uprights in the central section each have one or more wheels (46, 58) upon which said top section rotatably rests when the desk is assembled.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A desk (10, 10a, 10b) having a top section (14) including a central hole (12) wherein a user of the desk may sit and a gap (26) where they may enter. The top section has multiple sub-sections (20a-c) that assemble so the top section is substantially round and forms a top side whereupon objects may be placed on the desk. A central section (16) includes multiple uprights (30, 54) each having one or more wheels (46, 58) upon which the top section rotatably rests when the desk is assembled.

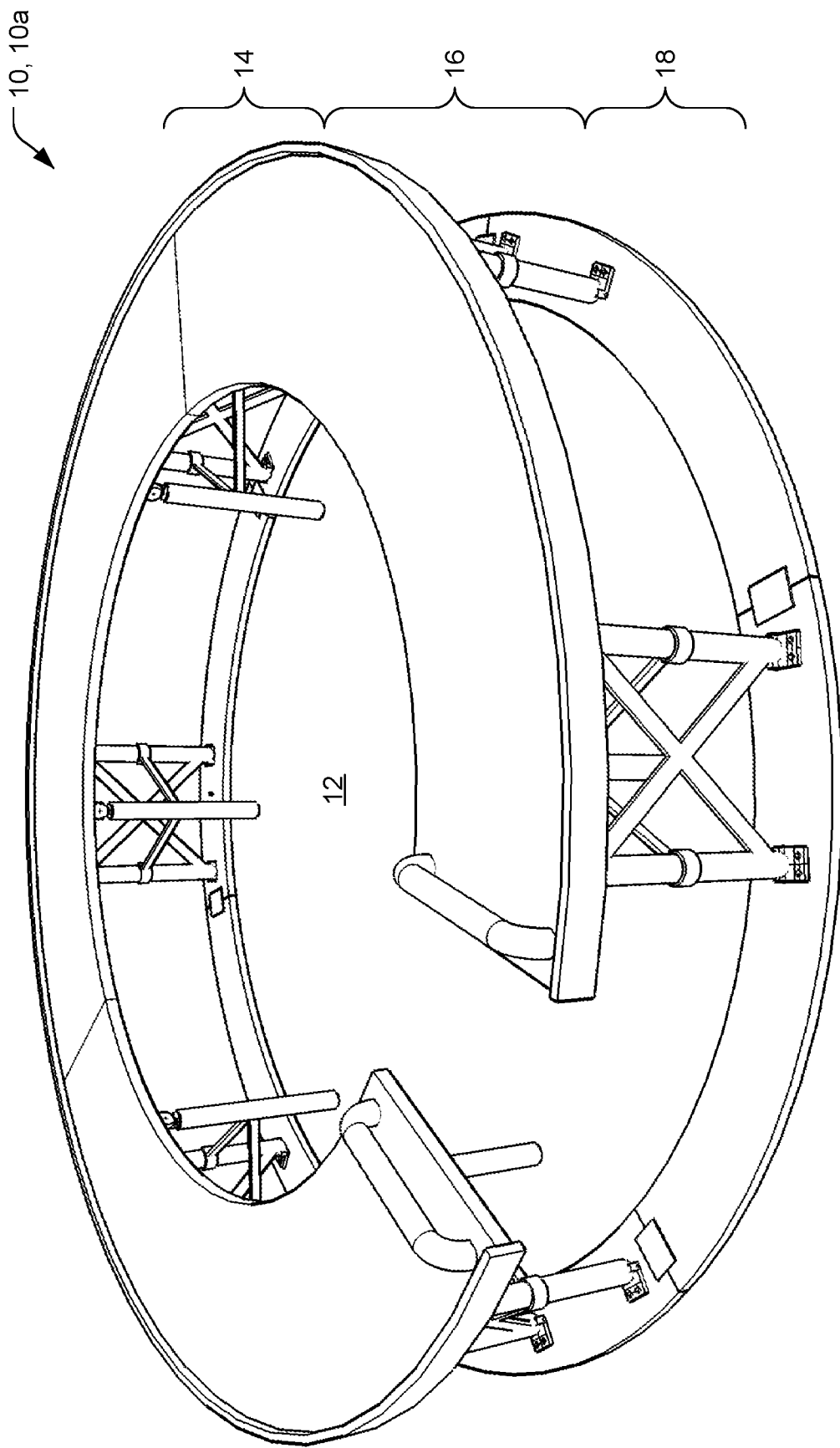


FIG. 1

FIG. 2a

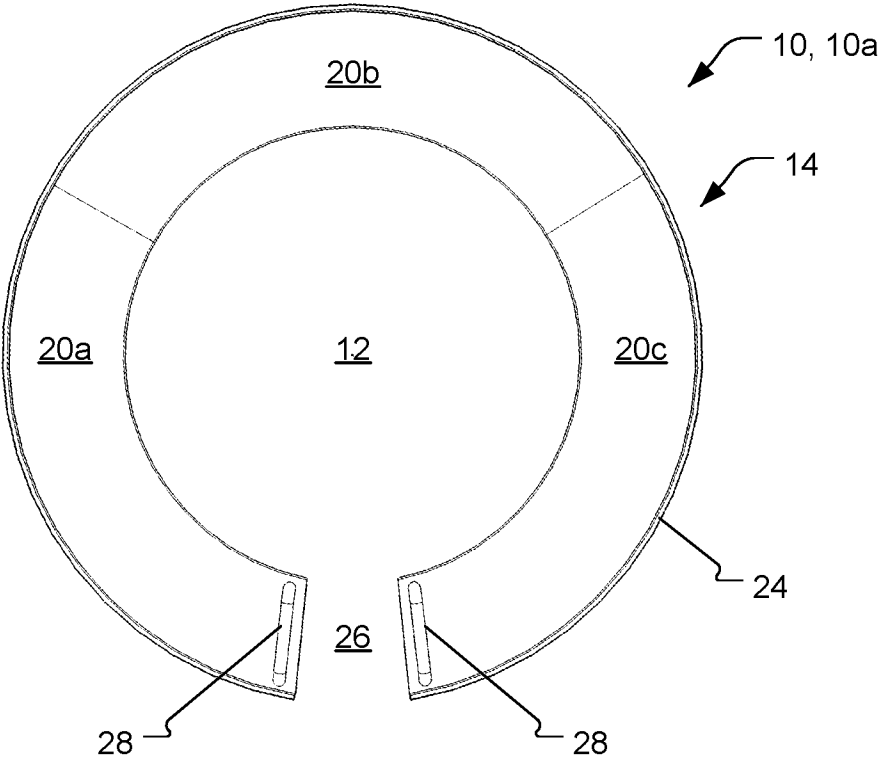
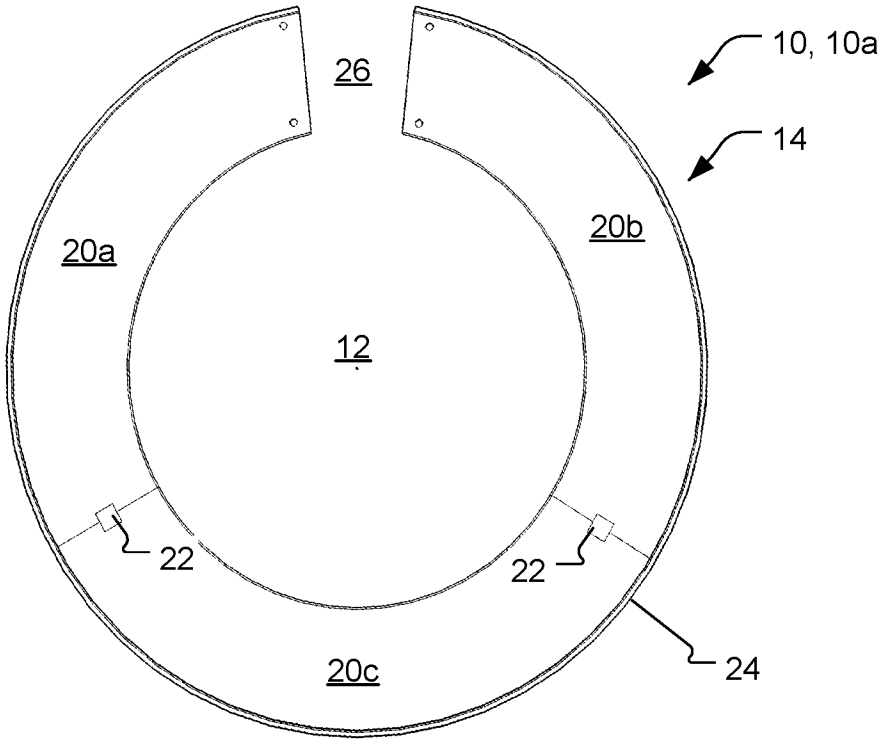


FIG. 2b



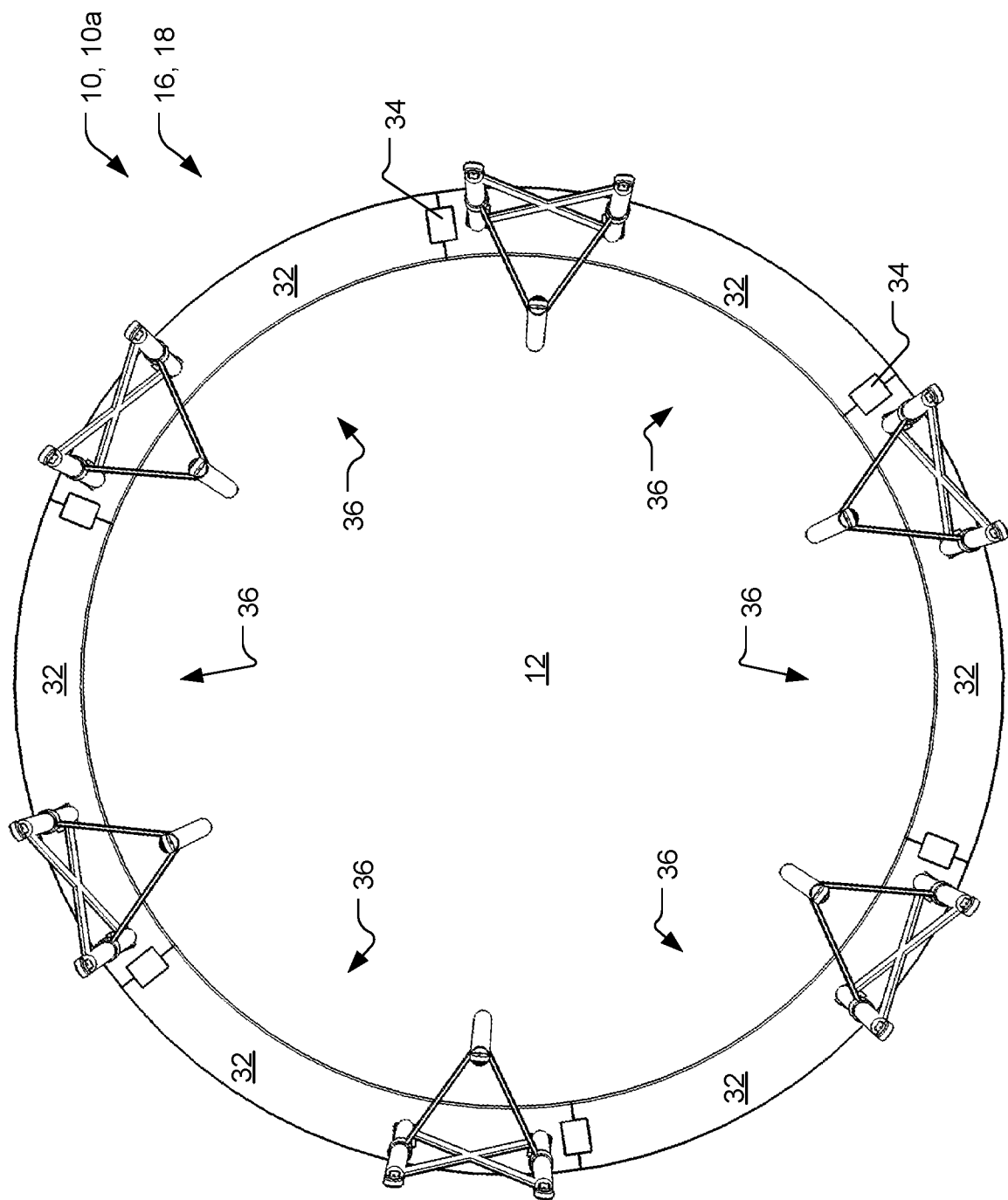


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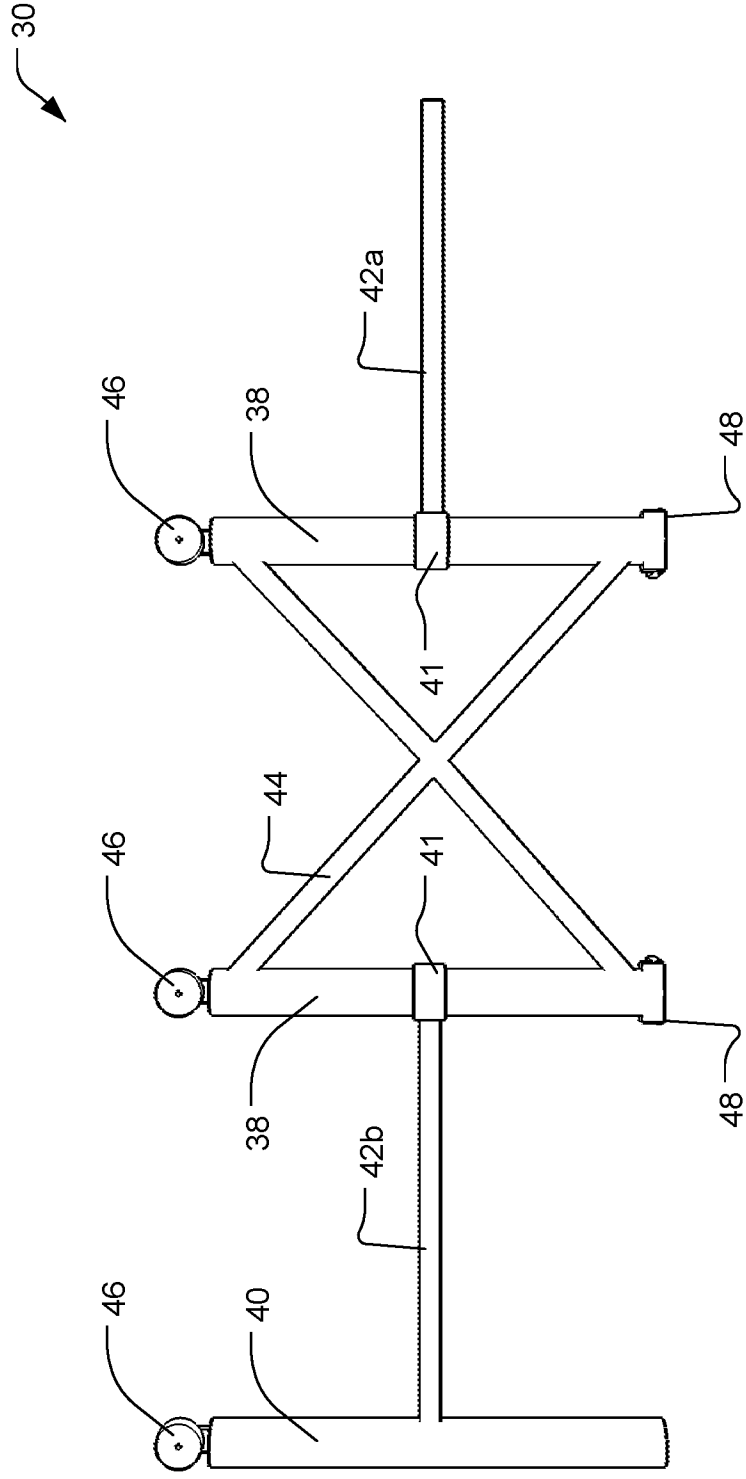


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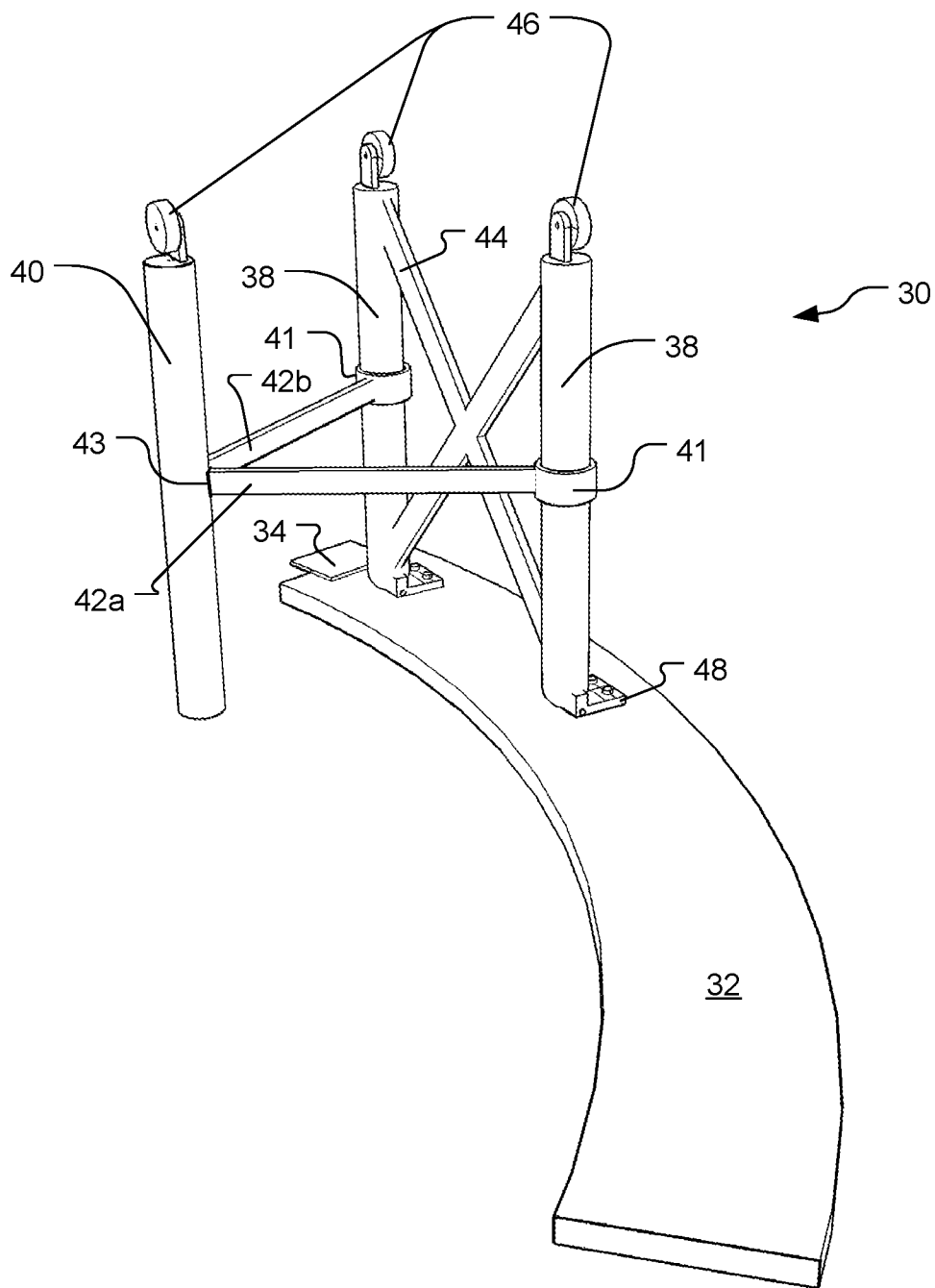


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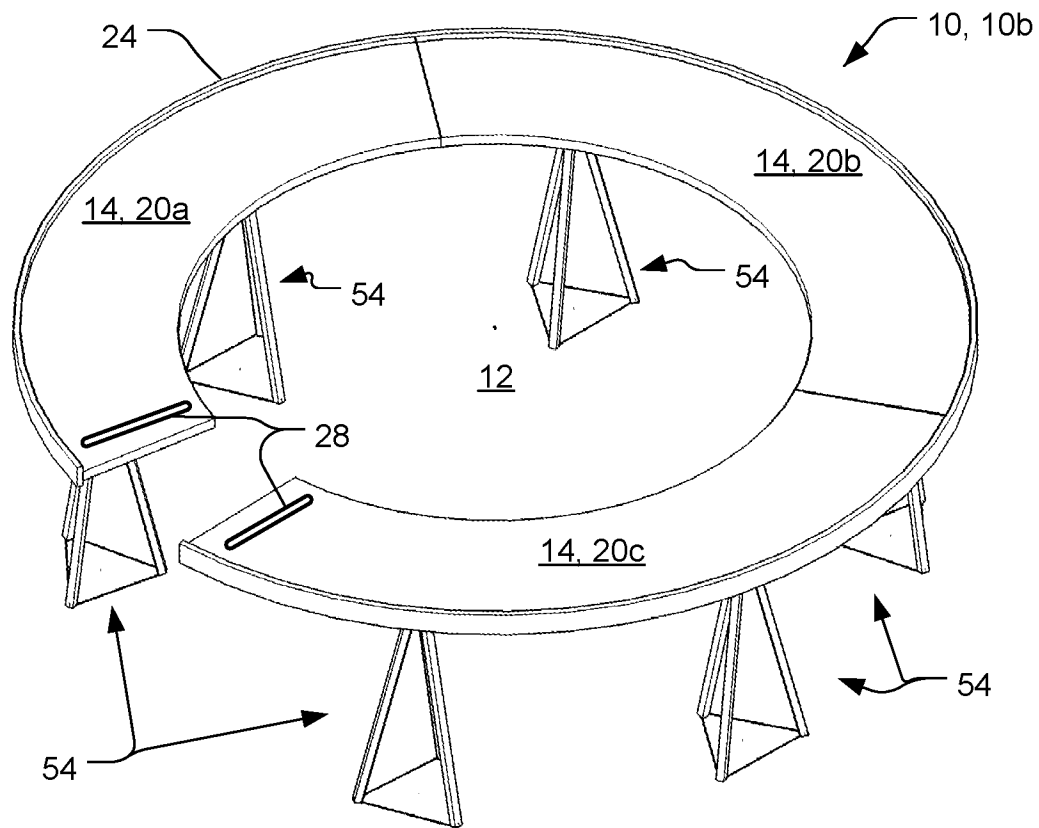


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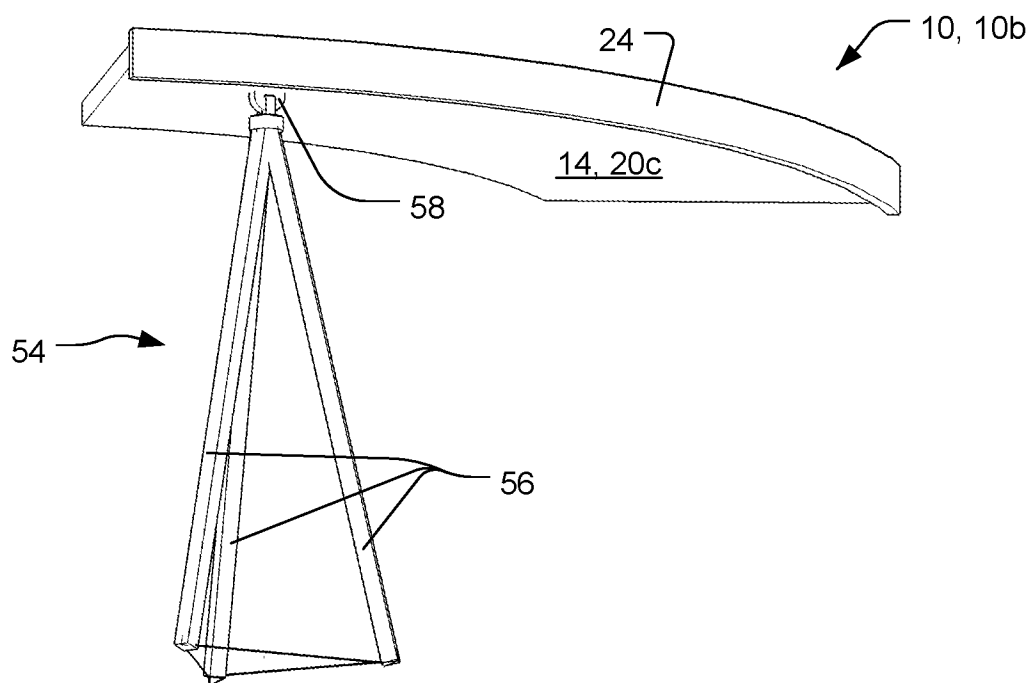


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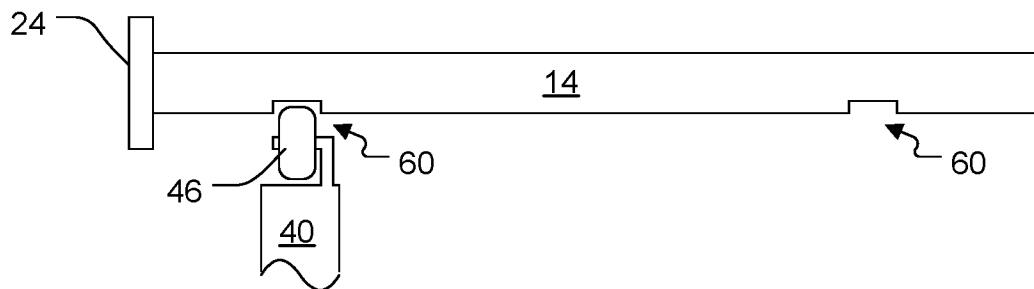


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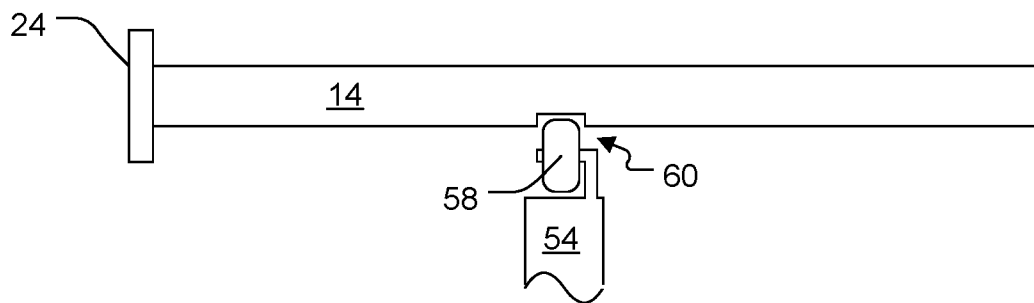


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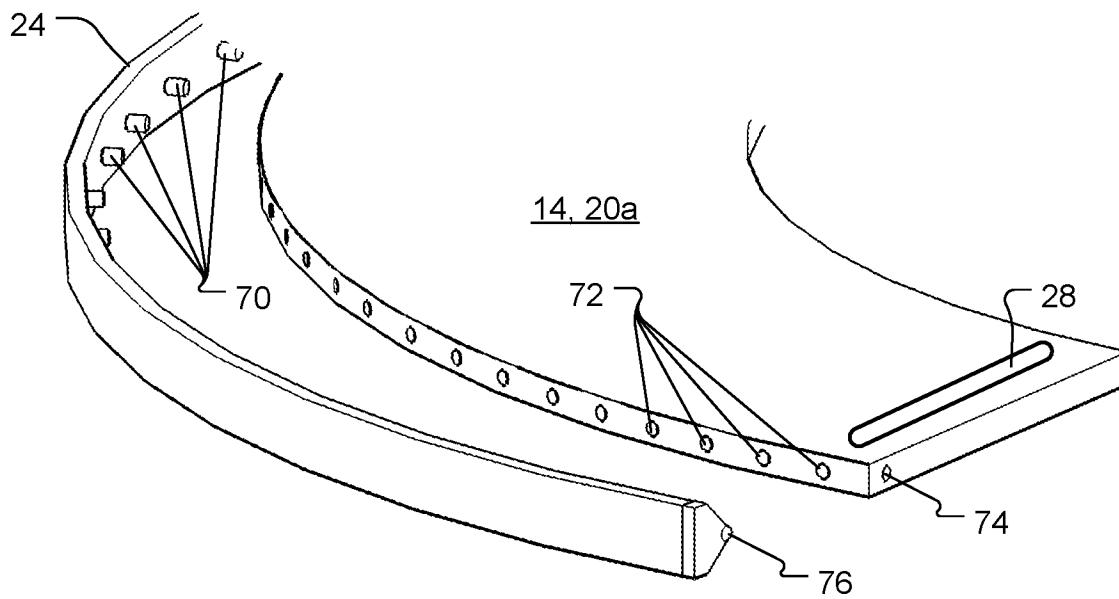


FIG. 8

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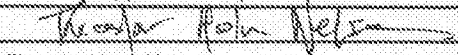
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UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)**

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First Named Inventor	Theodor Holm Nelson				
Title of Invention	FOLDING ROTARY SIT-INSIDE DESK				

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A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section II : Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

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