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(54) **WHEEL SECURING DEVICE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A wheel securing device is utilized with a wheel cradle of a
automobile dolly for securing an automobile wheel towing
an automobile. The wheel securing device includes a frame,
a shaft mounted to rotate in the frame. The shaft extends
beyond the frame and the shaft has a slot through it within
the frame. A ratchet gear is mounted on the shaft outside and
adjacent to the frame. A latch is mounted to rotate on the
frame to engage the ratchet gear to permit rotation of the
ratchet gear and the shaft in only one direction. A web
assembly is utilized for mounting on the automobile wheel.
The web assembly is connected to the shaft at the slot. A
drive pulley is mounted on the shaft and the drive pulley has
a nut extending from it on the side of the drive pulley
opposite from the side facing the ratchet gear for tightening
the web assembly on the automobile wheel. By placing the
ratchet gear and latch on the outside of the frame and
extending the shaft, the drive wheel can be placed outside
the cradle for easy operation.

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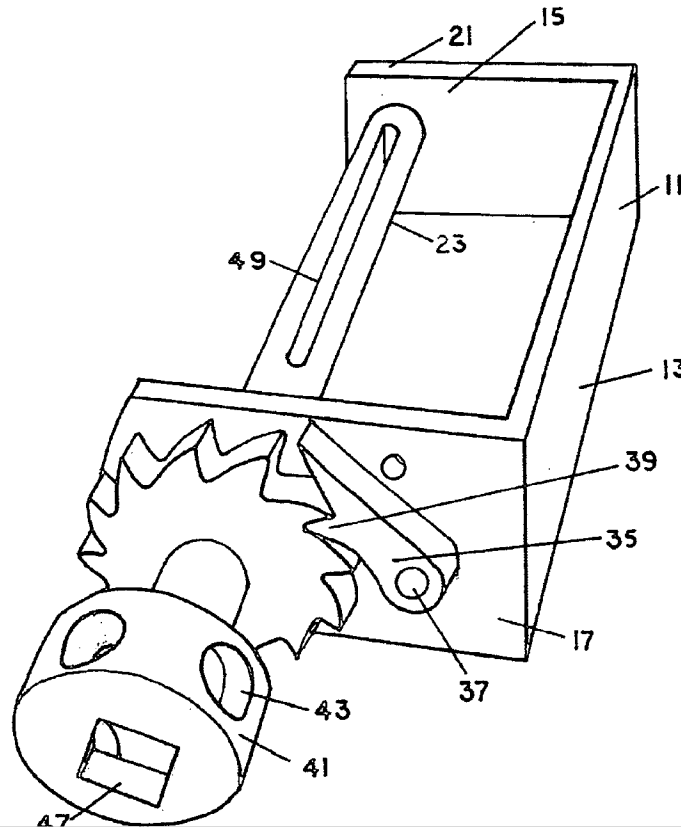
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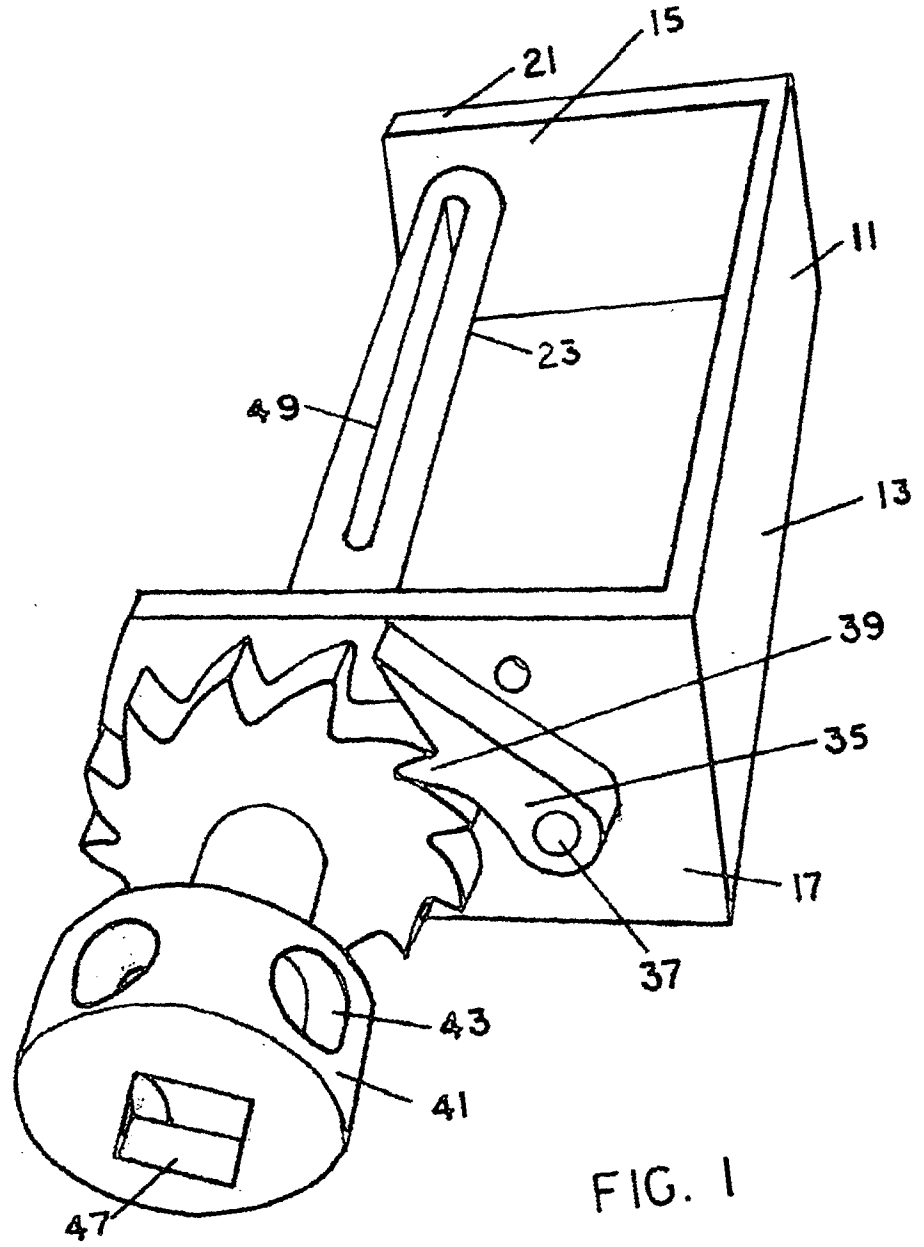
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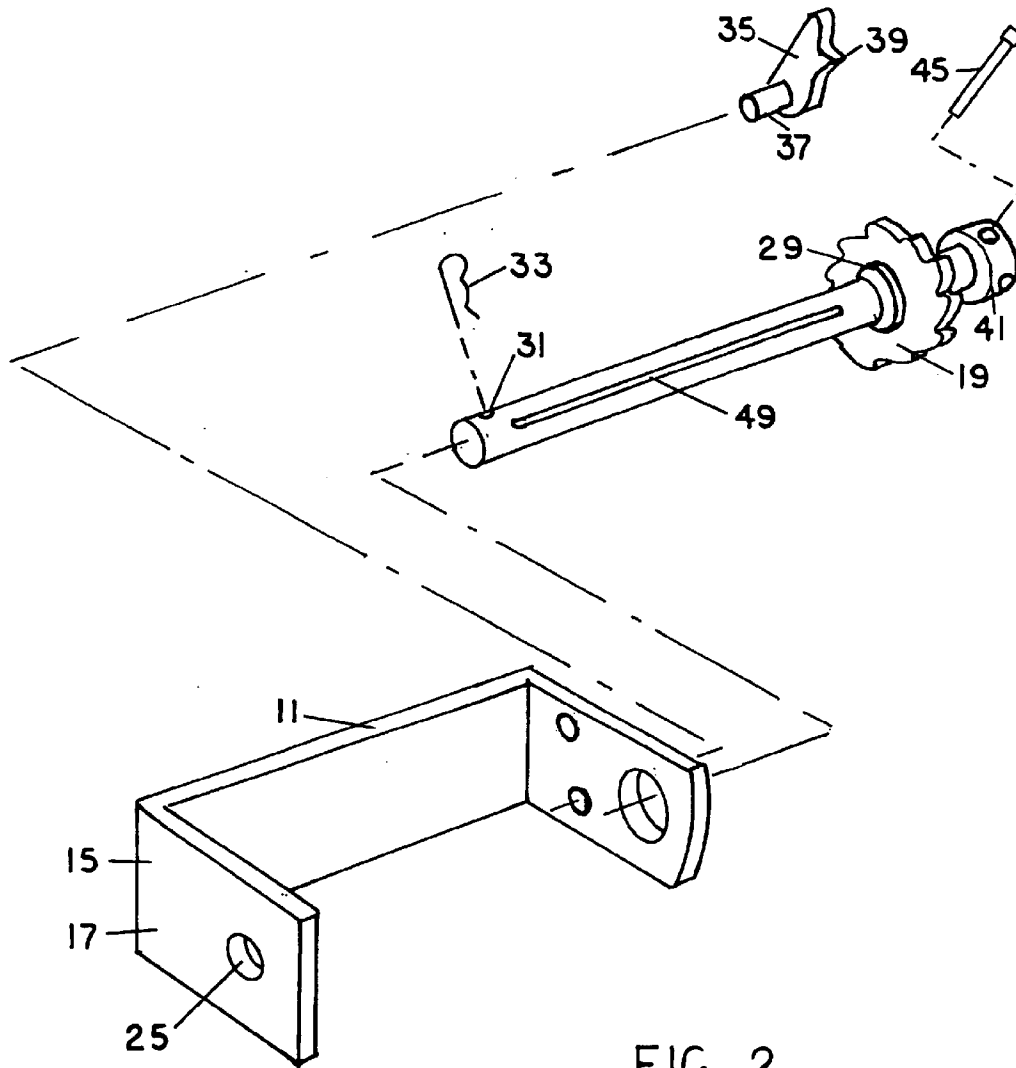


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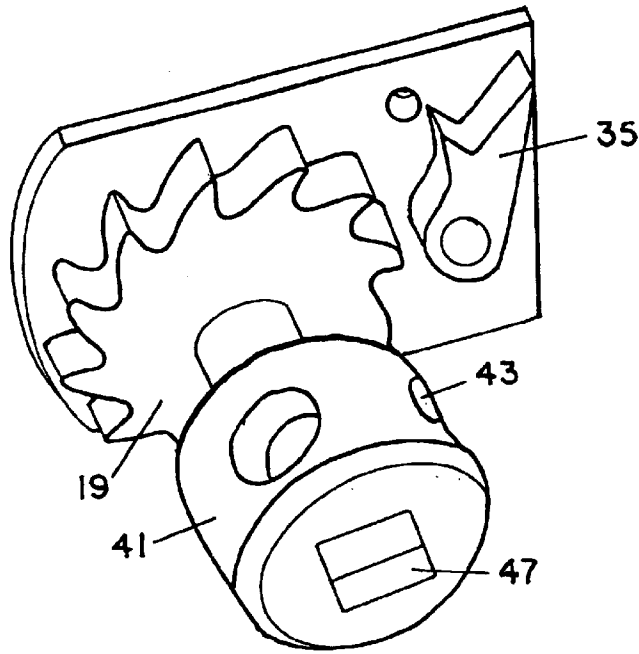


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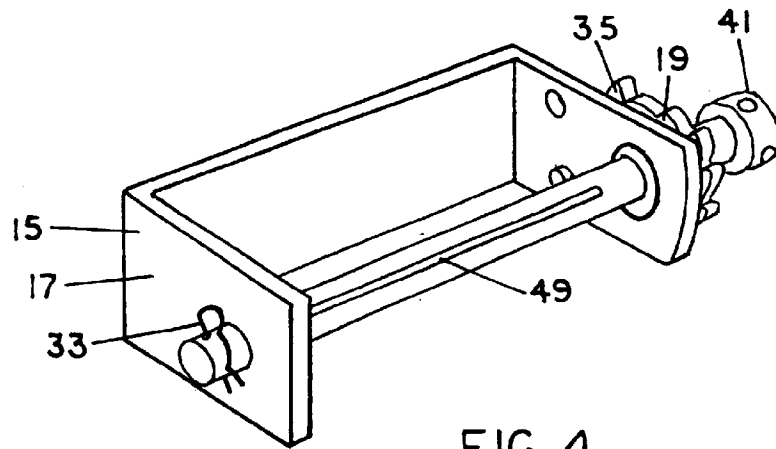


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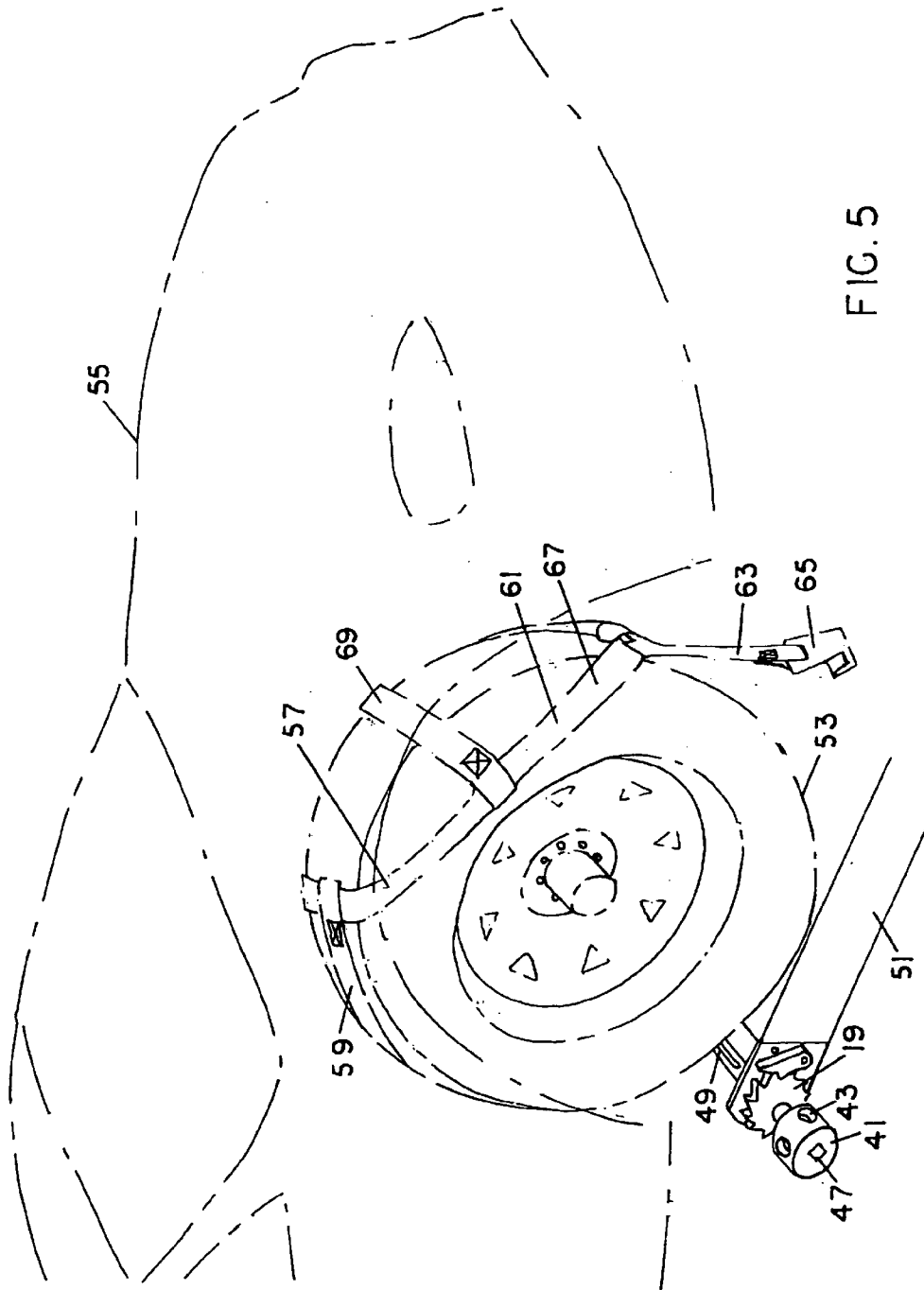


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