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(54) **ACCESSIBILITY RULER**

(57) **CLAIM**

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The ornamental design for an accessibility ruler, as shown  
and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a top plan view of my accessibility ruler showing  
my new design when folded;

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FIG. 2 is a left side view of the design of FIG. 1;

(51) **LOC (8) Cl.** ..... **10-04**

FIG. 3 is a right side view of the design of FIG. 1;

(52) **U.S. Cl.** ..... **D10/71**

FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view of the design of FIG. 1;

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FIG. 5 is a front end view of the design of FIG. 1;

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FIG. 6 is a rear end view of the design of FIG. 1;

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FIG. 7 is a top plan view of my accessibility ruler showing  
my new design when extended;

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FIG. 8 is a left side view of the design of FIG. 7;

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FIG. 9 is a right side view of the design of FIG. 7;

FIG. 10 is a bottom plan view of the design of FIG. 7;

FIG. 11 is a front end view of the design of FIG. 7;

FIG. 12 is a rear end view of the design of FIG. 7;

FIG. 13 is a enlarged top plan view of a portion of the design  
of FIG. 1;

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FIG. 14 is a enlarged top plan view of a second portion of  
the design of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 15 is a enlarged top plan view of a third portion of the  
design of FIG. 1.

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FIG.1

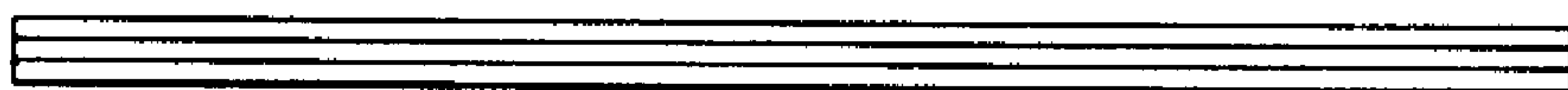


FIG.2

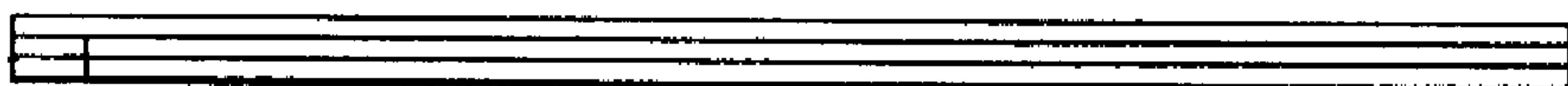


FIG.3



FIG.4

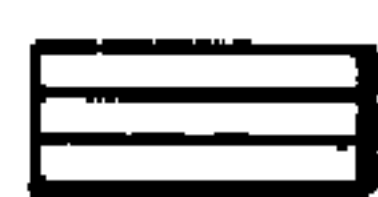


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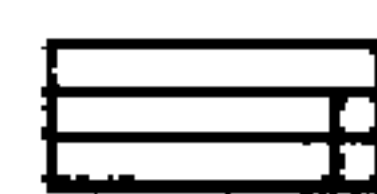


FIG.6

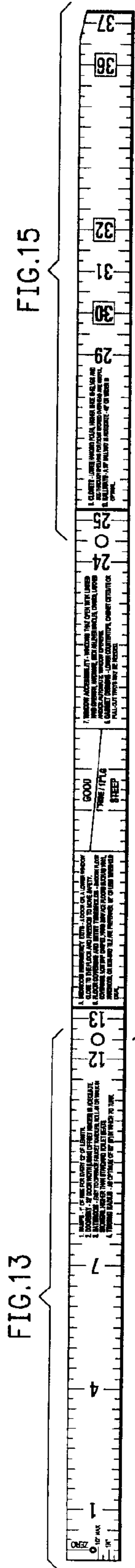


FIG.13

FIG.15



FIG.7

FIG.14



FIG.8



FIG.9

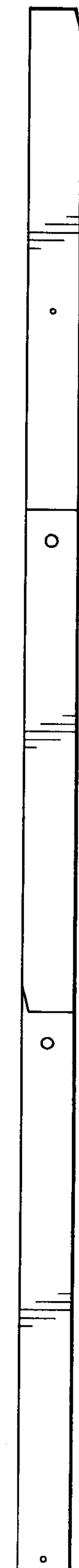


FIG.10



FIG.11



FIG.12

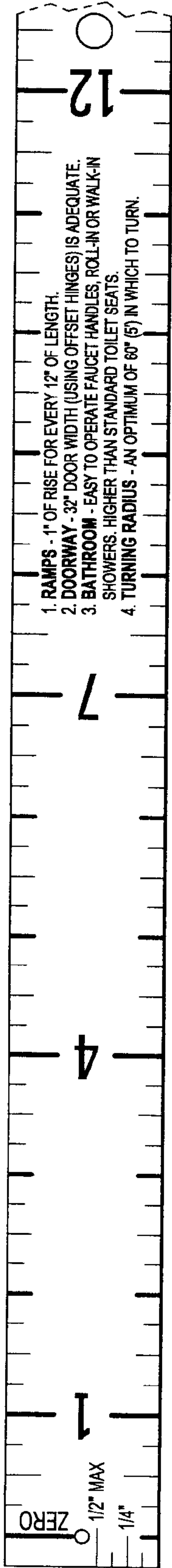


FIG. 13

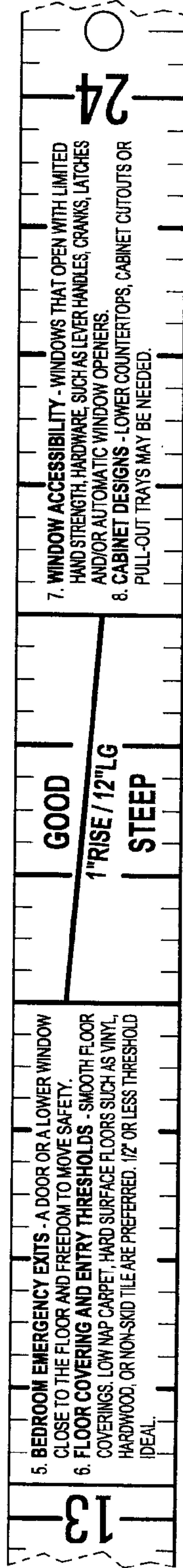


FIG. 14

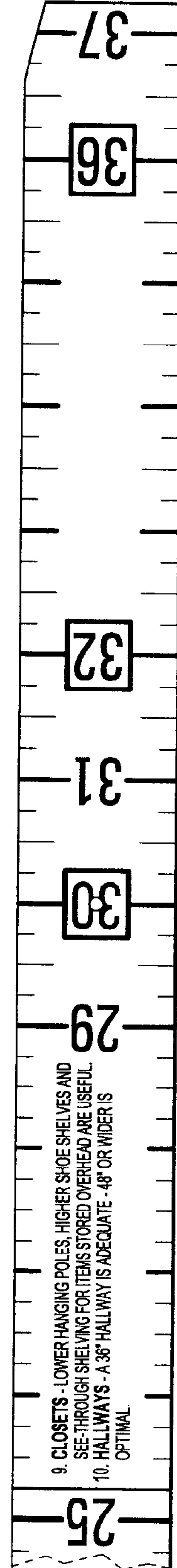


FIG. 15

- 1. RAMP - 1" OF RISE FOR EVERY 12" OF LENGTH.
- 2. DOORWAY - 32" DOOR WIDTH (USING OFFSET HINGES) IS ADEQUATE.
- 3. BATHROOM - EASY TO OPERATE FAUCET HANDLES, ROLL-IN OR WALK-IN SHOWERS. HIGHER THAN STANDARD TOILET SEATS.
- 4. TURNING RADIUS - AN OPTIMUM OF 60" (5') IN WHICH TO TURN.

- 5. BEDROOM EMERGENCY EXITS - A DOOR OR A LOWER WINDOW CLOSE TO THE FLOOR AND FREEDOM TO MOVE SAFELY.
- 6. FLOOR COVERING AND ENTRY THRESHOLDS - SMOOTH FLOOR COVERINGS. LOW NAP CARPET. HARD SURFACE FLOORS SUCH AS VINYL, HARDWOOD, OR NON-SKID TILE ARE PREFERRED. 1/2" OR LESS THRESHOLD IDEAL.
- 7. WINDOW ACCESSIBILITY - WINDOWS THAT OPEN WITH LIMITED HAND STRENGTH, HARDWARE, SUCH AS LEVER HANDLES, CRANKS, LATCHES AND/OR AUTOMATIC WINDOW OPENERS.
- 8. CABINET DESIGNS - LOWER COUNTERTOPS, CABINET CUTOUTS OR PULL-OUT TRAYS MAY BE NEEDED.

- 9. CLOSETS - LOWER HANGING POLES, HIGHER SHOE SHELVES AND SEE-THROUGH SHELVING FOR ITEMS STORED OVERHEAD ARE USEFUL.
- 10. HALLWAYS - A 36" HALLWAY IS ADEQUATE - 48" OR WIDER IS OPTIMAL.