

[54] **UPPER PORTION OF A VACUUM CLEANER**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an upper portion of a vacuum cleaner, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of an upper portion of a vacuum cleaner showing my new design; FIG. 2 is a right side elevational view thereof; FIG. 3 is a left side elevational view thereof; FIG. 4 is a rear elevational view thereof with a portion of the coiled cord broken away; FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view thereof with the cord and cleaner hose removed; FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof; and FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof. The cord is partially removed in FIG. 4 and completely removed along with the vacuum cleaner hose in FIG. 5 for clarity of illustration only. The cross hatch pattern shown in FIGS. 1-5 is understood to repeat throughout the indicated area.

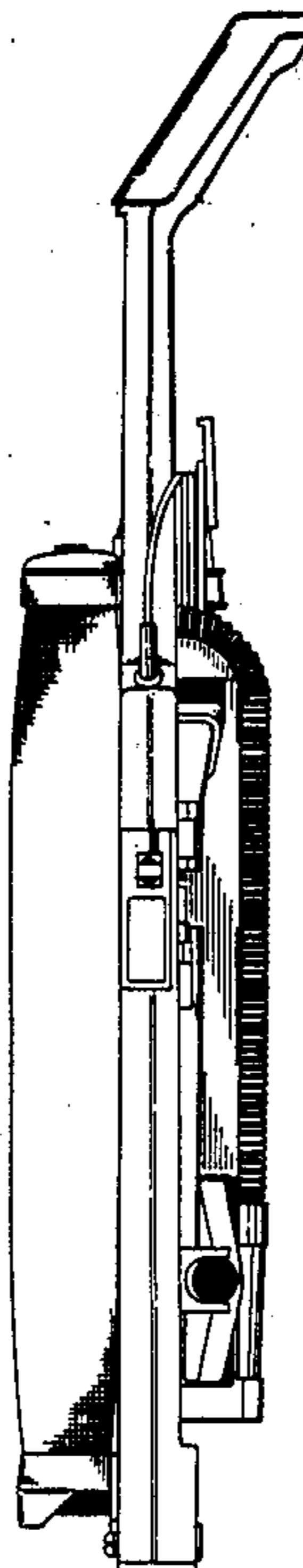
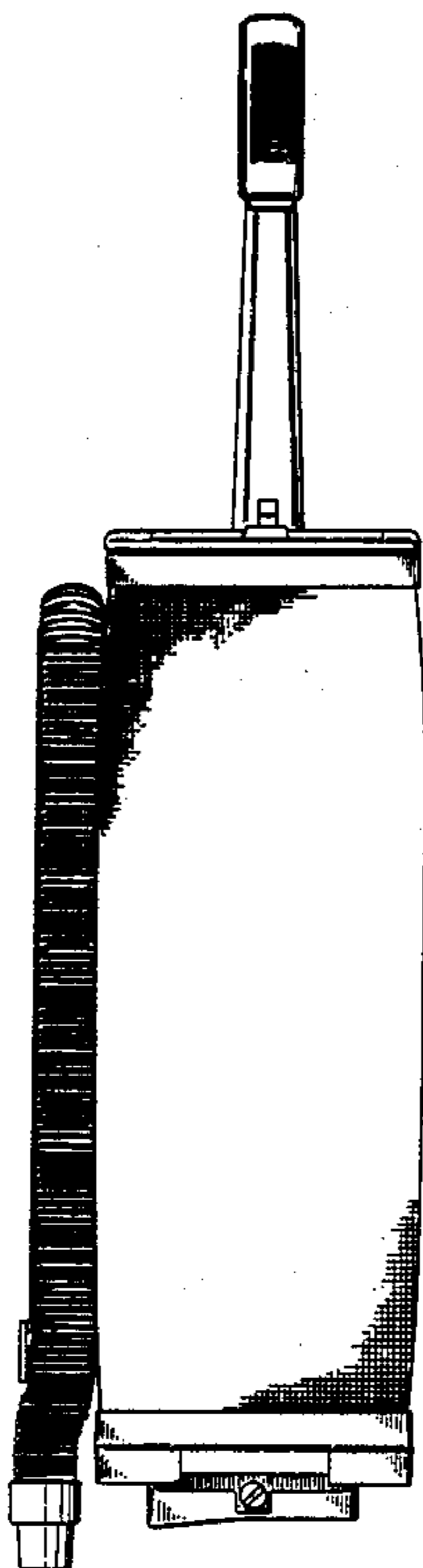


FIG.-1

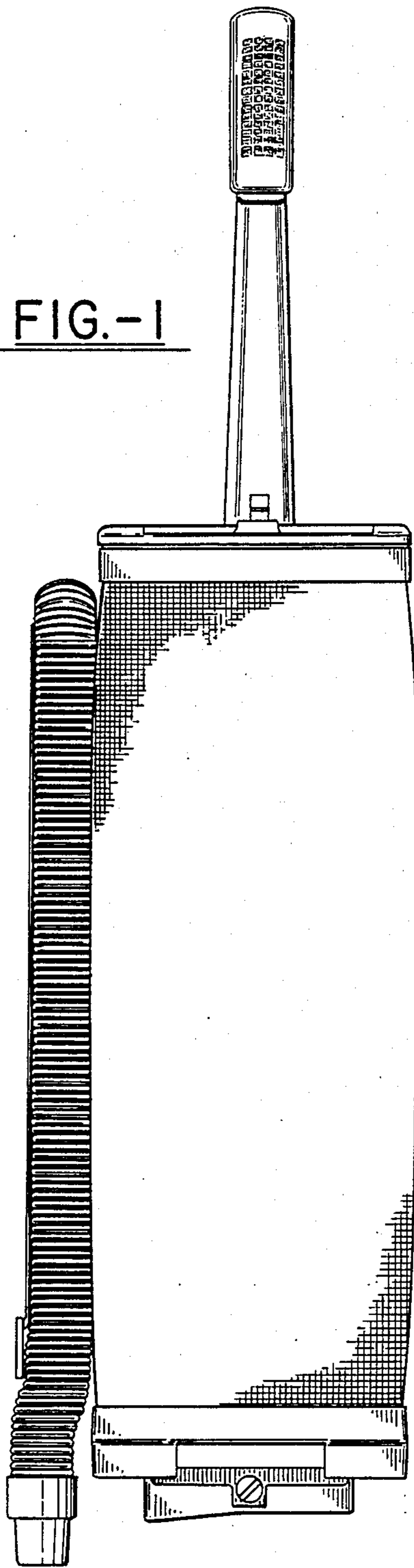
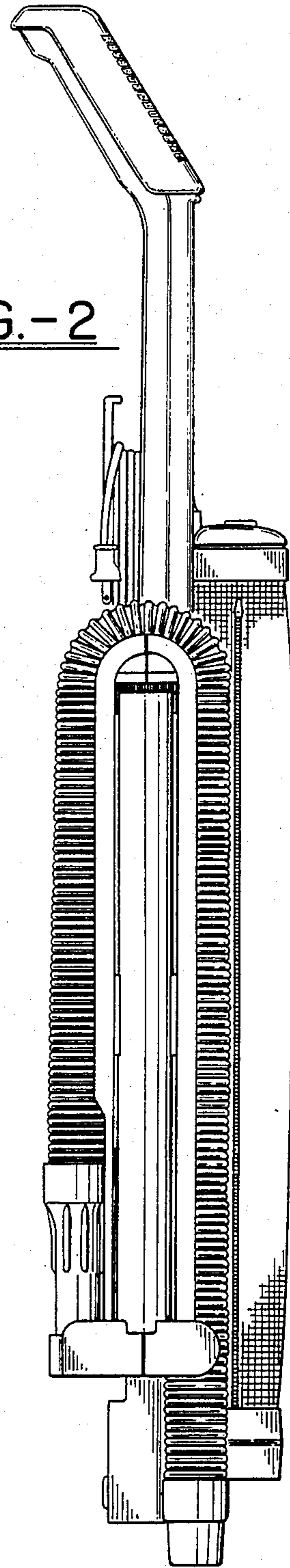


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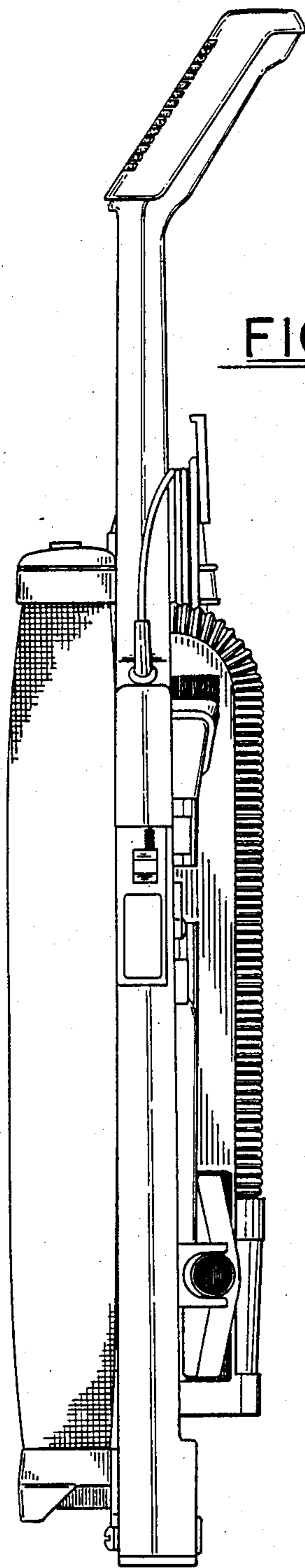


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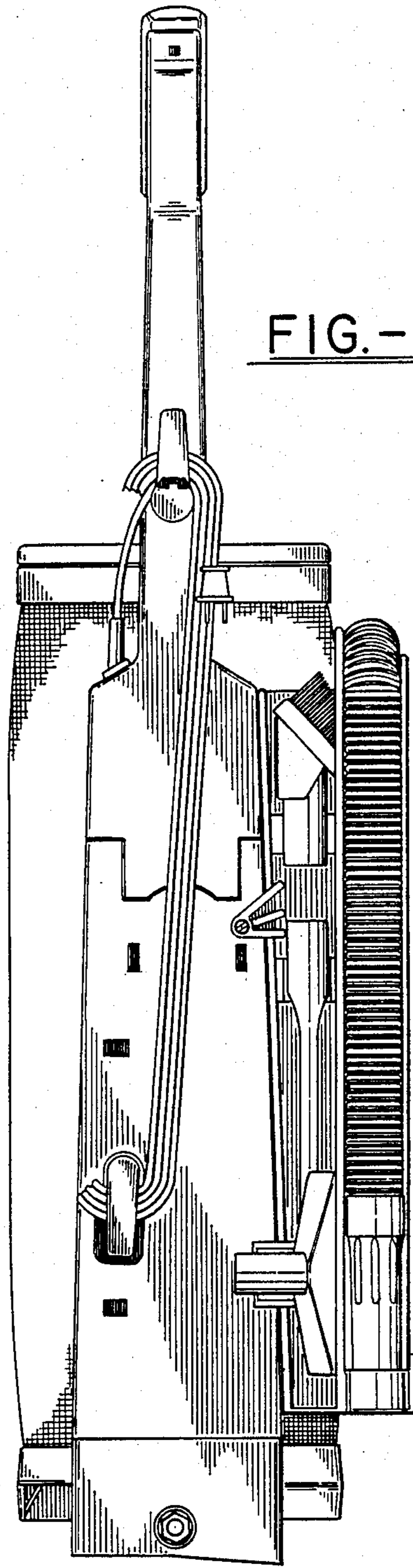


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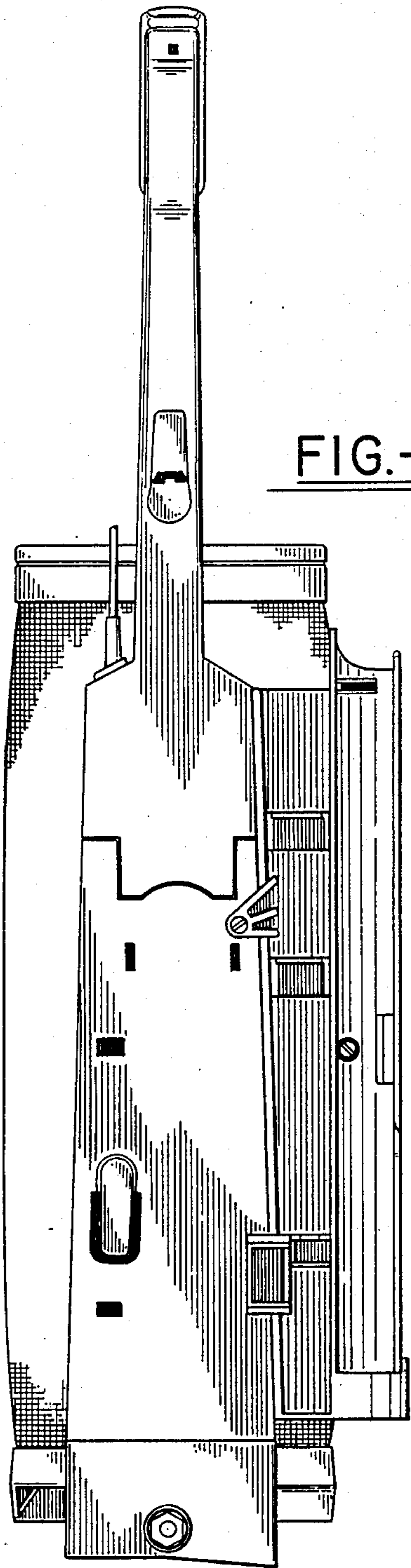


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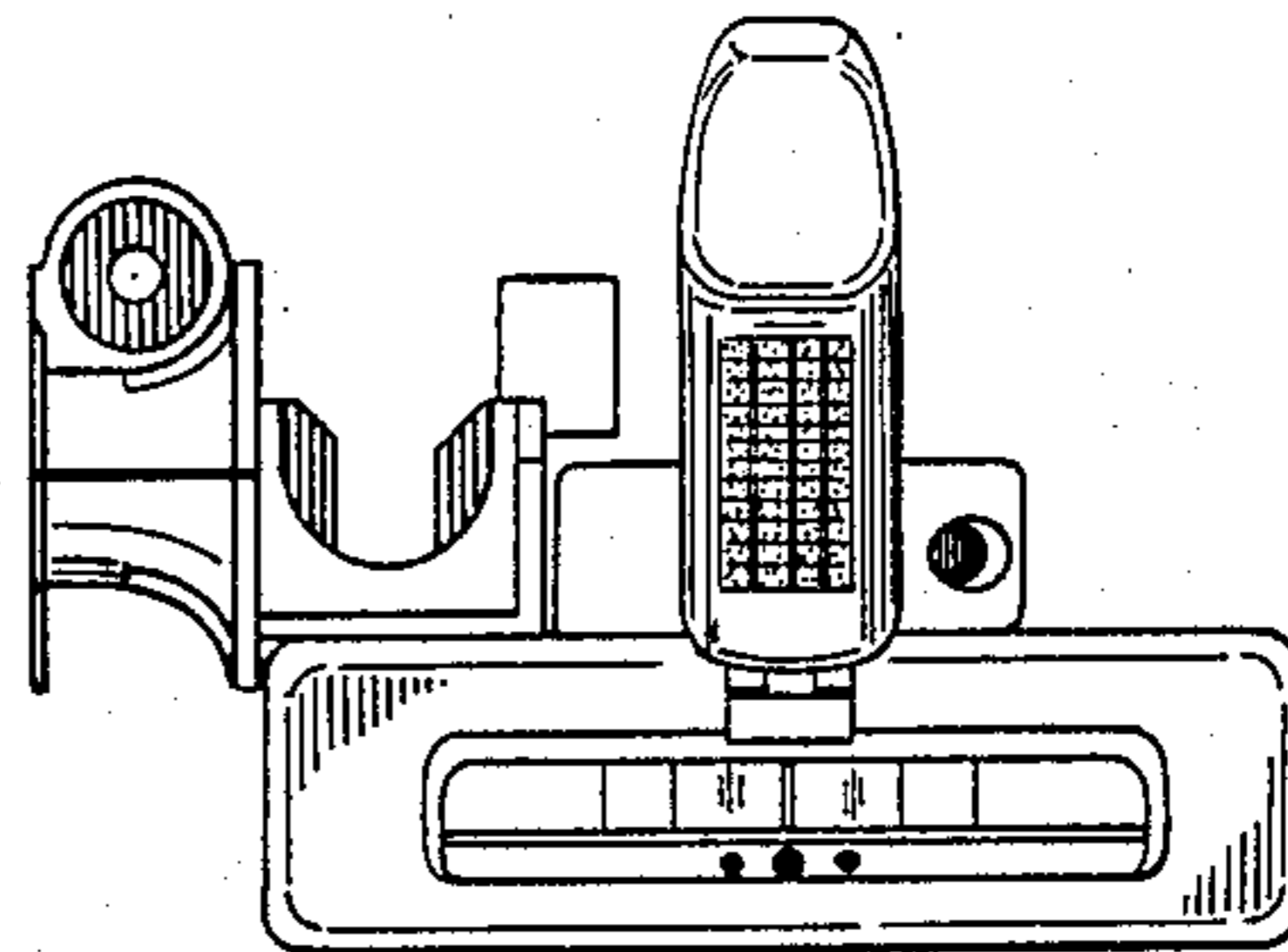


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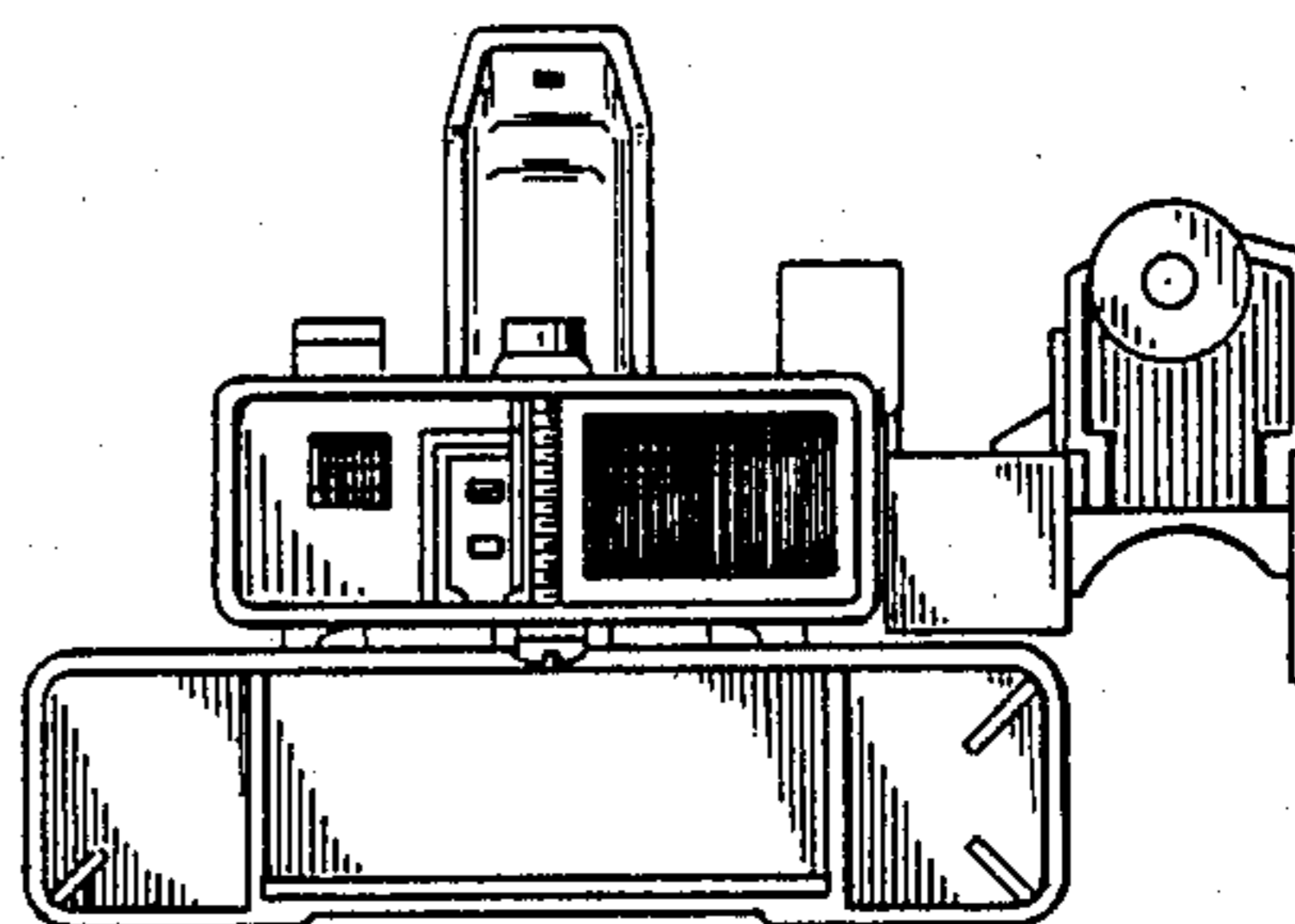


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