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[54] **CONNECTING PIECE FOR THE HANDLE AND SHAFT OF A RACKET**

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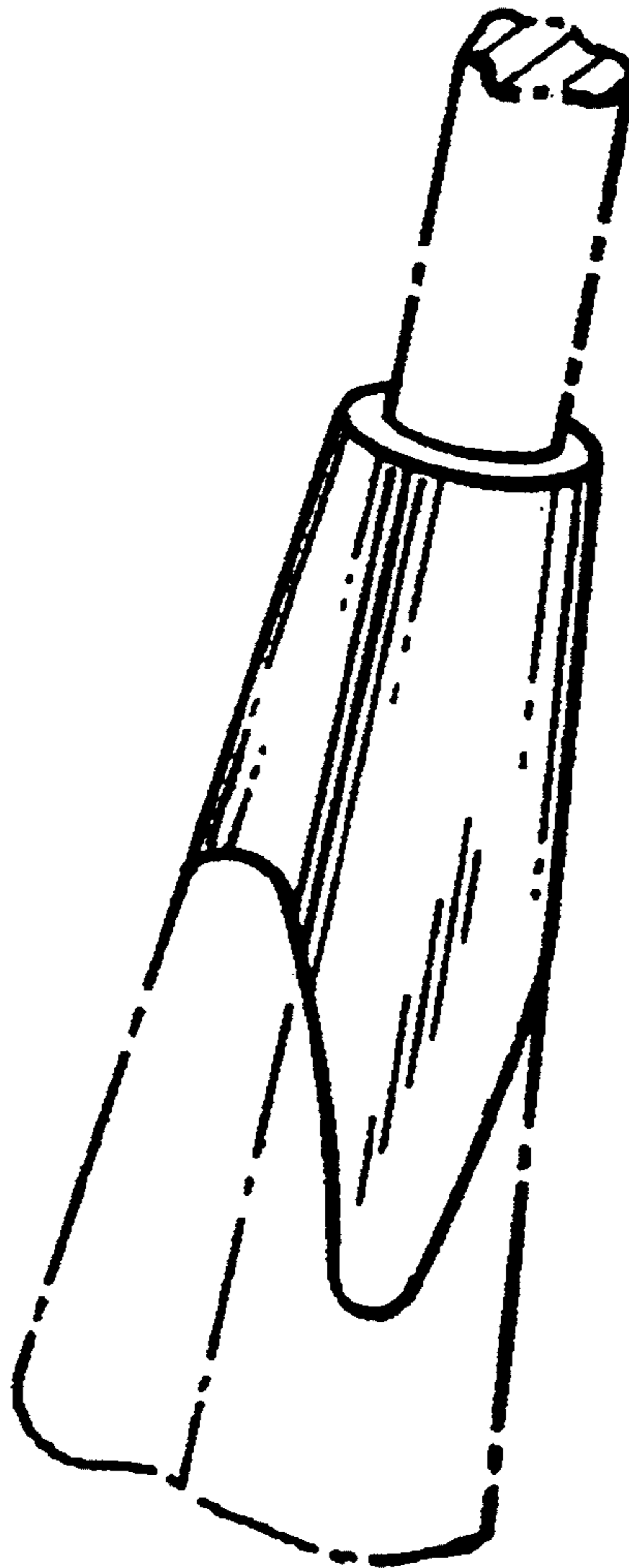
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[57] **CLAIM**

The original design for a connecting piece for the handle and shaft of a racket, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a connecting piece for the handle and shaft of a racket showing my new design, the opposite side being a mirror image; FIG. 2 is a side elevational view thereof; FIG. 3 is a perspective view thereof; and, FIG. 4 is an enlarged perspective view thereof. The racket is shown in broken lines for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claim.



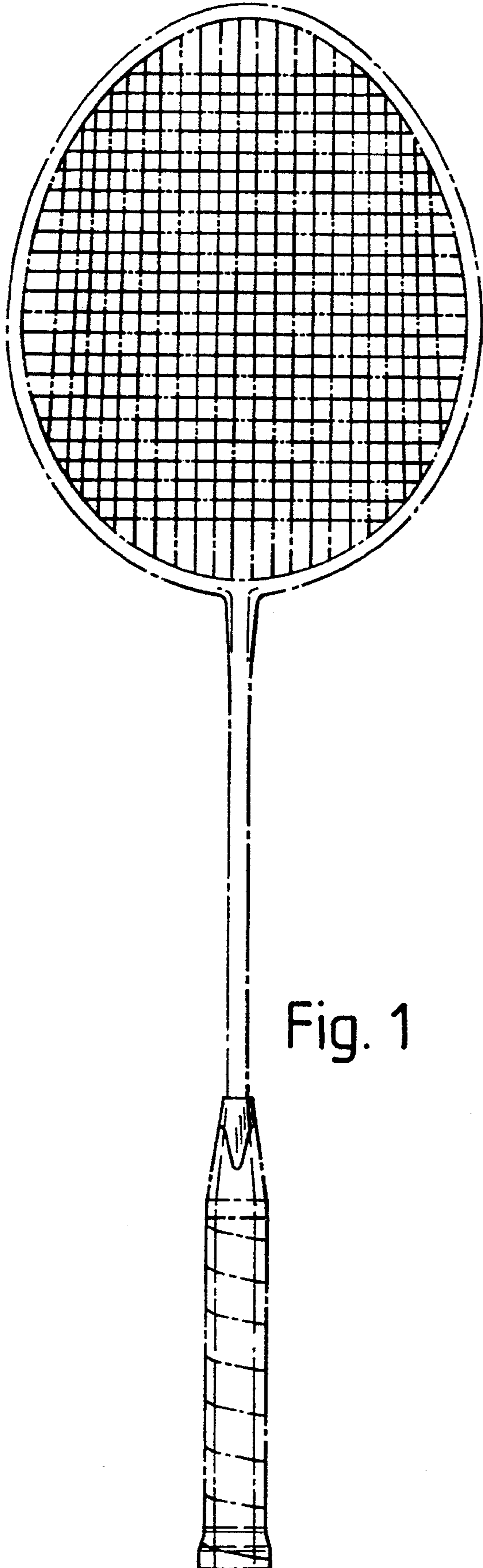


Fig. 1

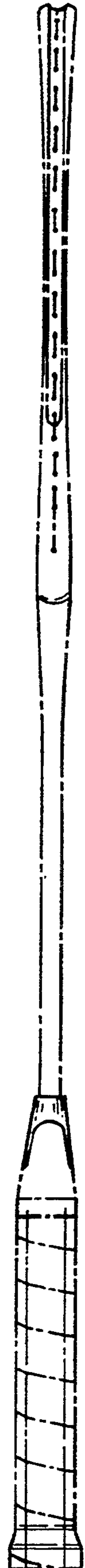


Fig. 2

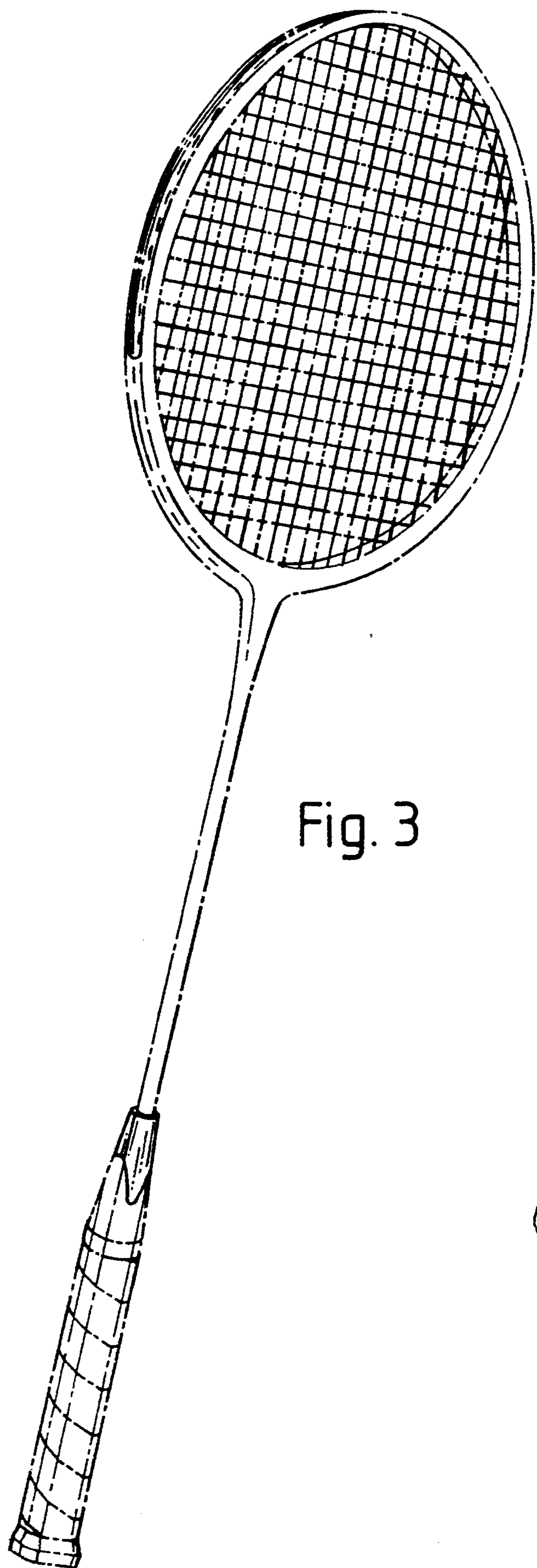


Fig. 3

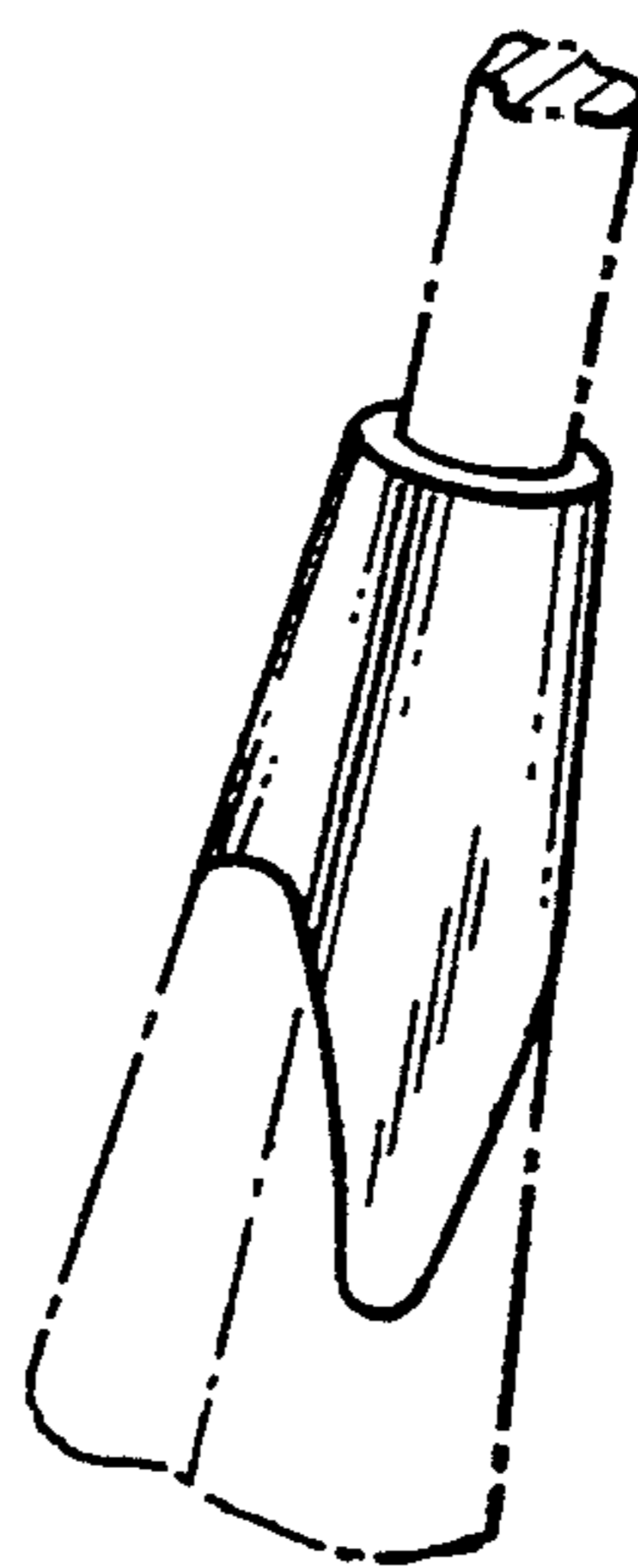


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