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- [54] **LAUNDRY BASKET**
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Label, Basket, Frem Corporation, 60 Webster Place, Box 4, Worcester, Massachusetts 01603. It is believed that the product depicted herein has been on sale for more than one (1) year prior to the application date of this instant application.

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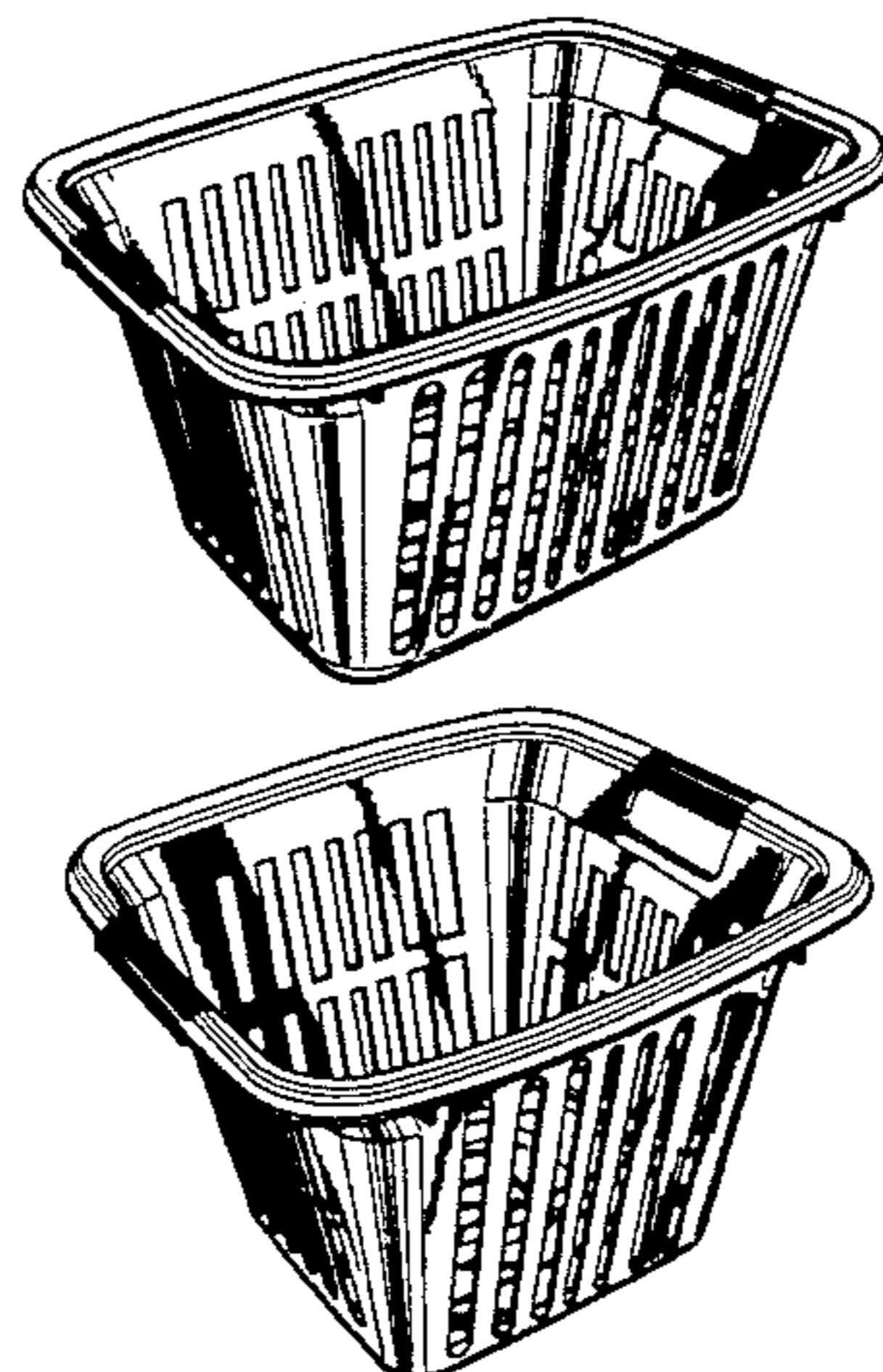
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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a laundry basket, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top left front perspective view of a laundry basket showing our new design;
 FIG. 2 is an enlarged front elevational view thereof; the rear elevational view being a mirror image;
 FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;
 FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof;
 FIG. 5 is a side elevational view thereof; the opposite side being a mirror image.
 FIG. 6 is a top left front perspective view of a second embodiment of the design shown in FIGS. 1-5, the only differences residing in the length of the basket and the number of elongated apertures along the front and rear walls; and,
 FIG. 7 is an enlarged front elevational view thereof, the rear elevational view being a mirror image.



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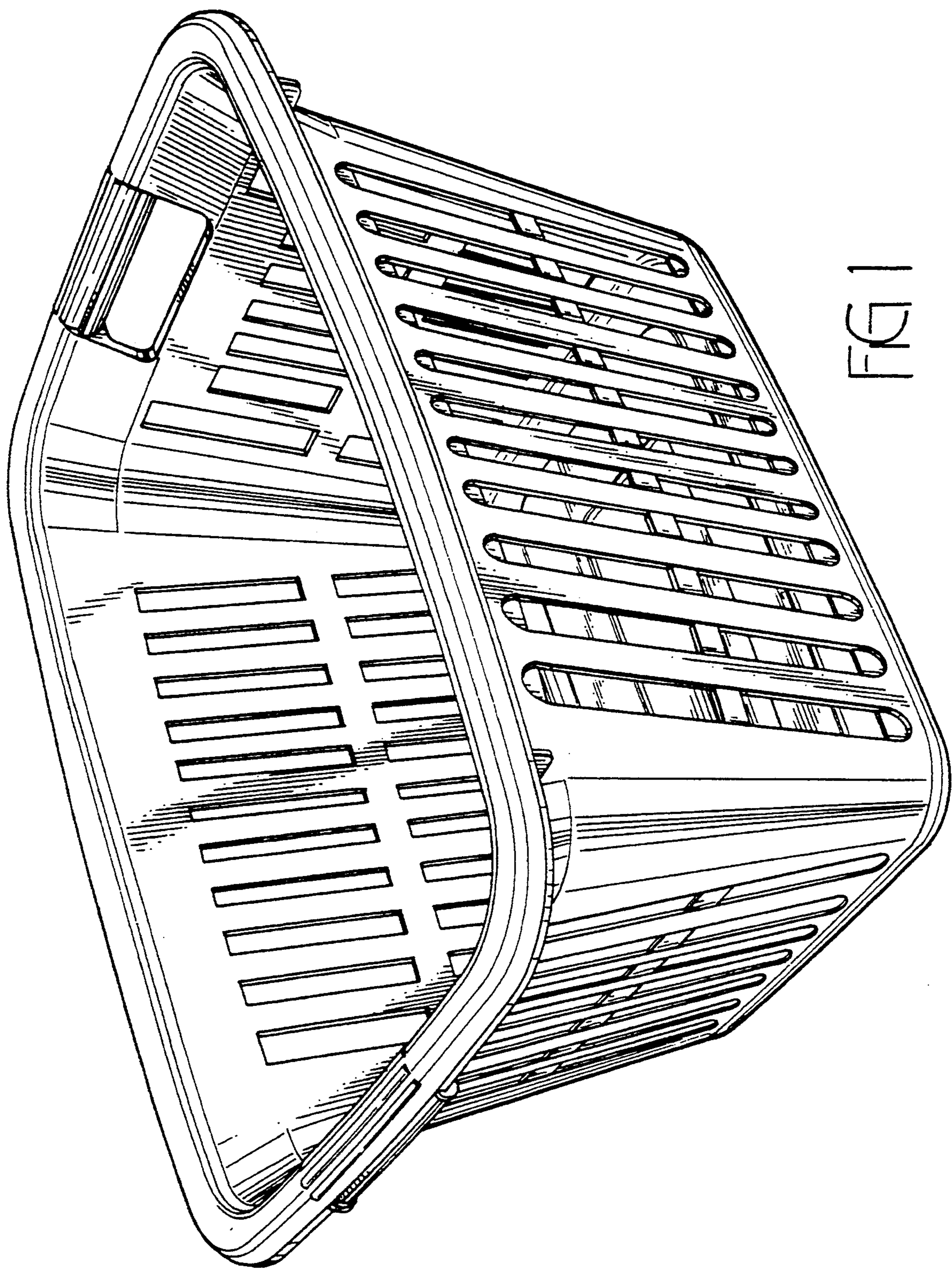


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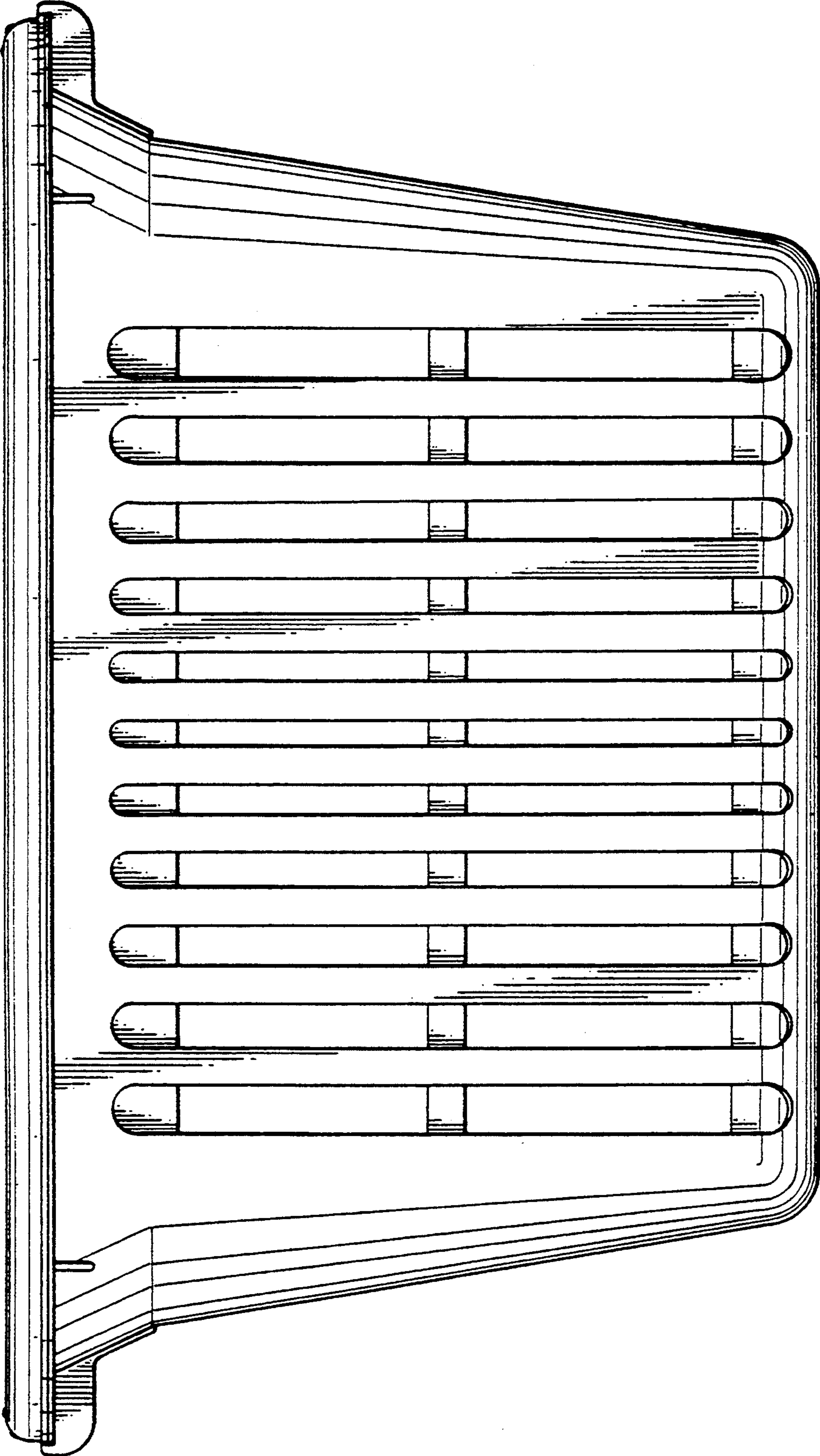


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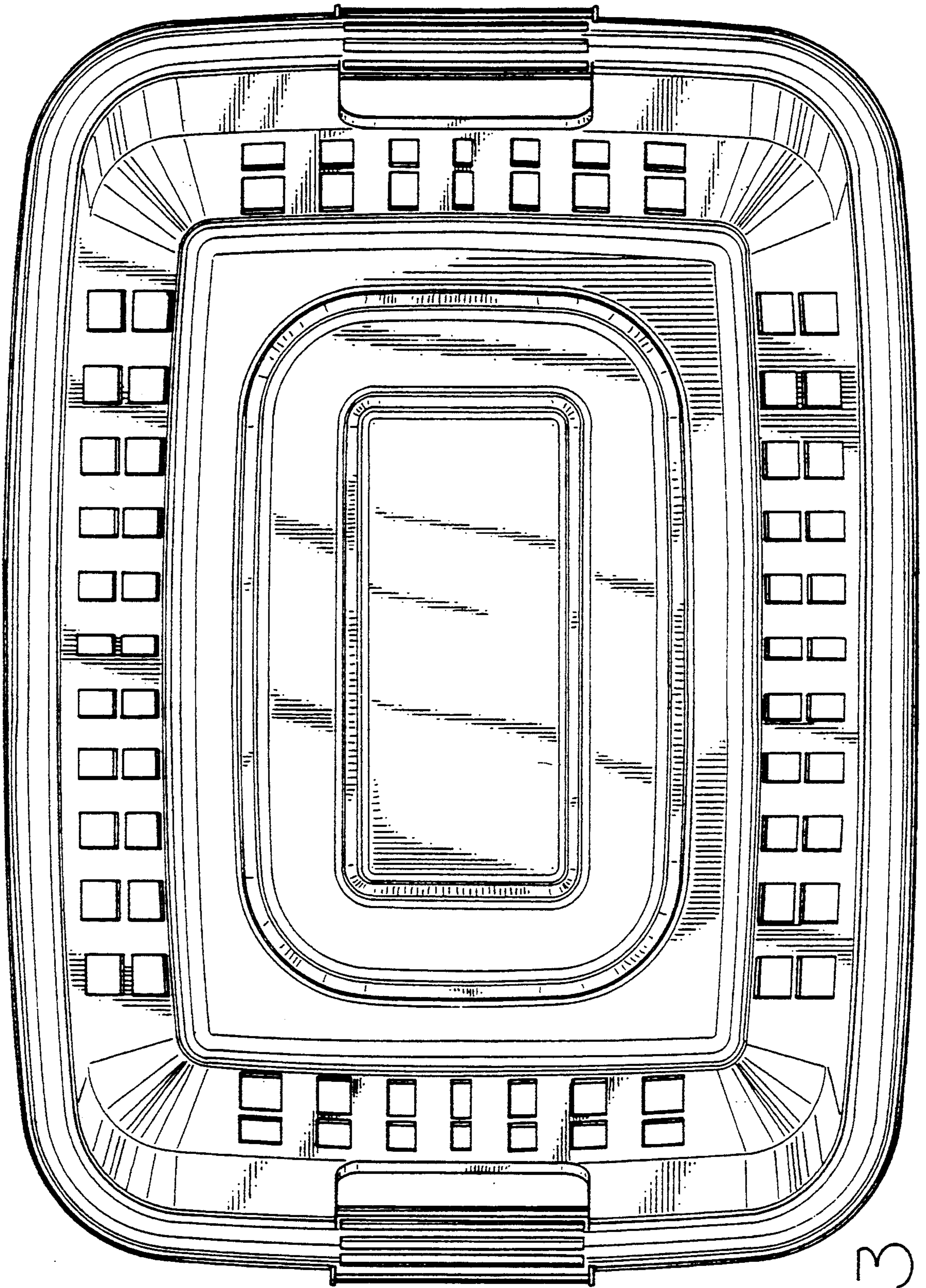


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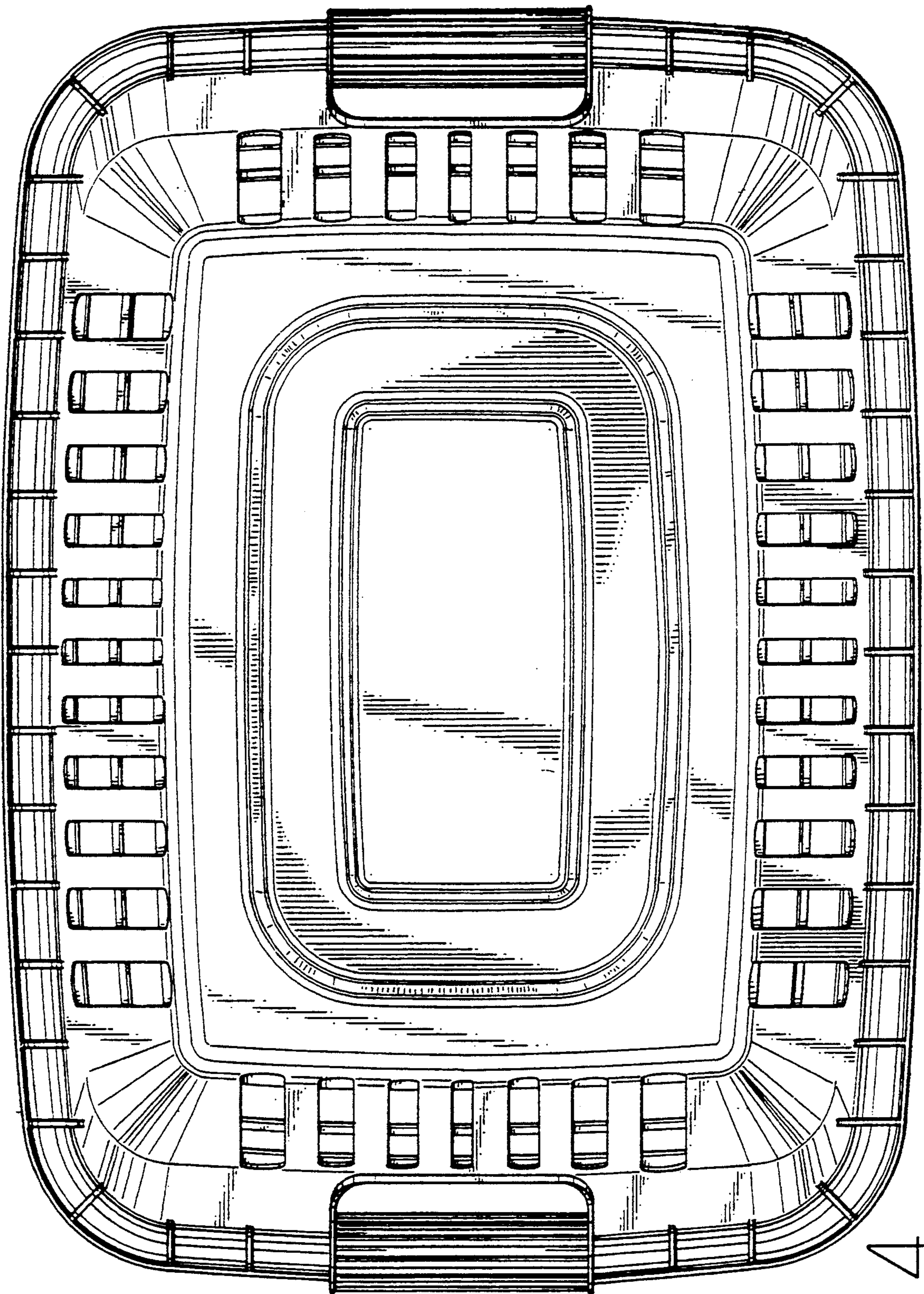


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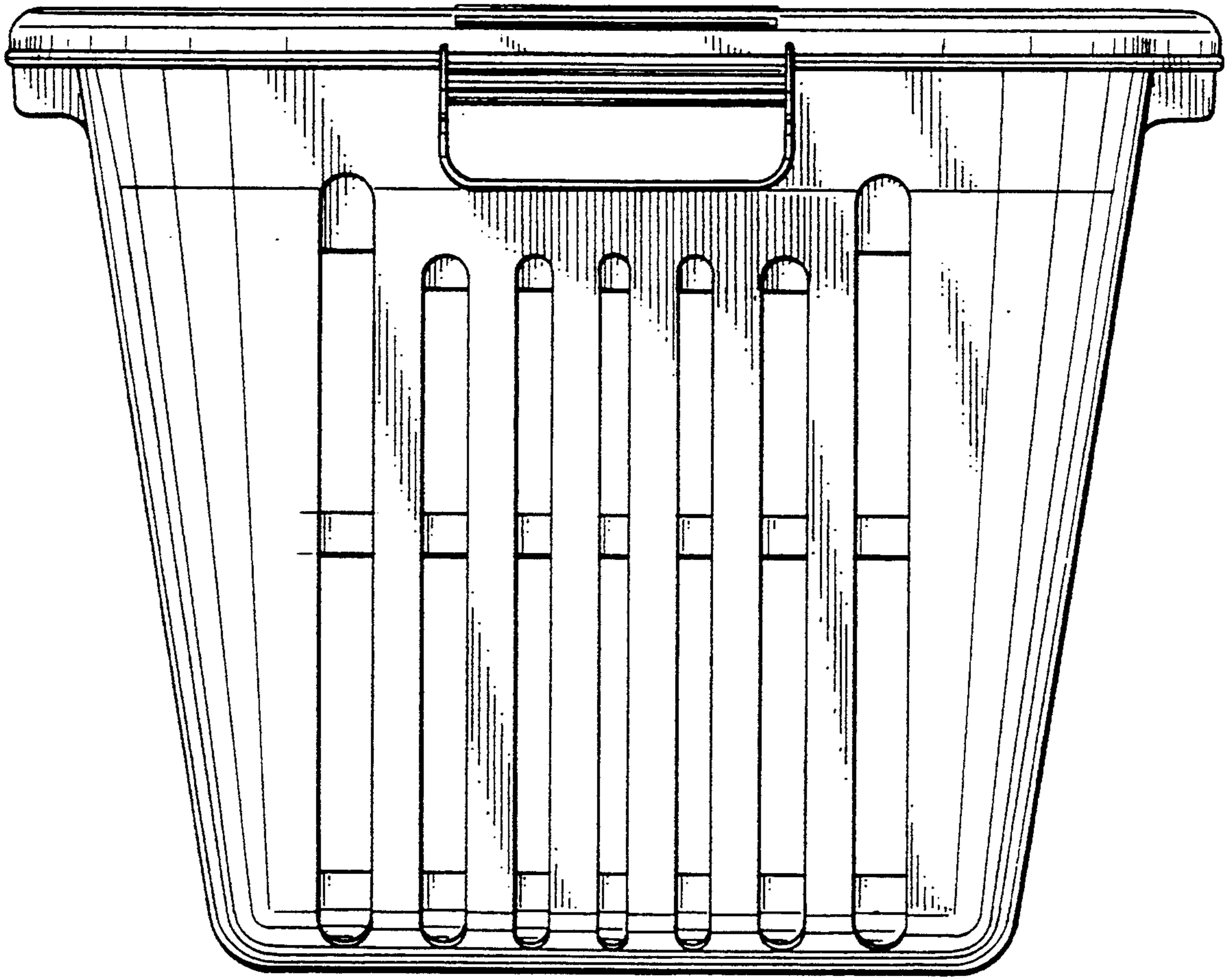


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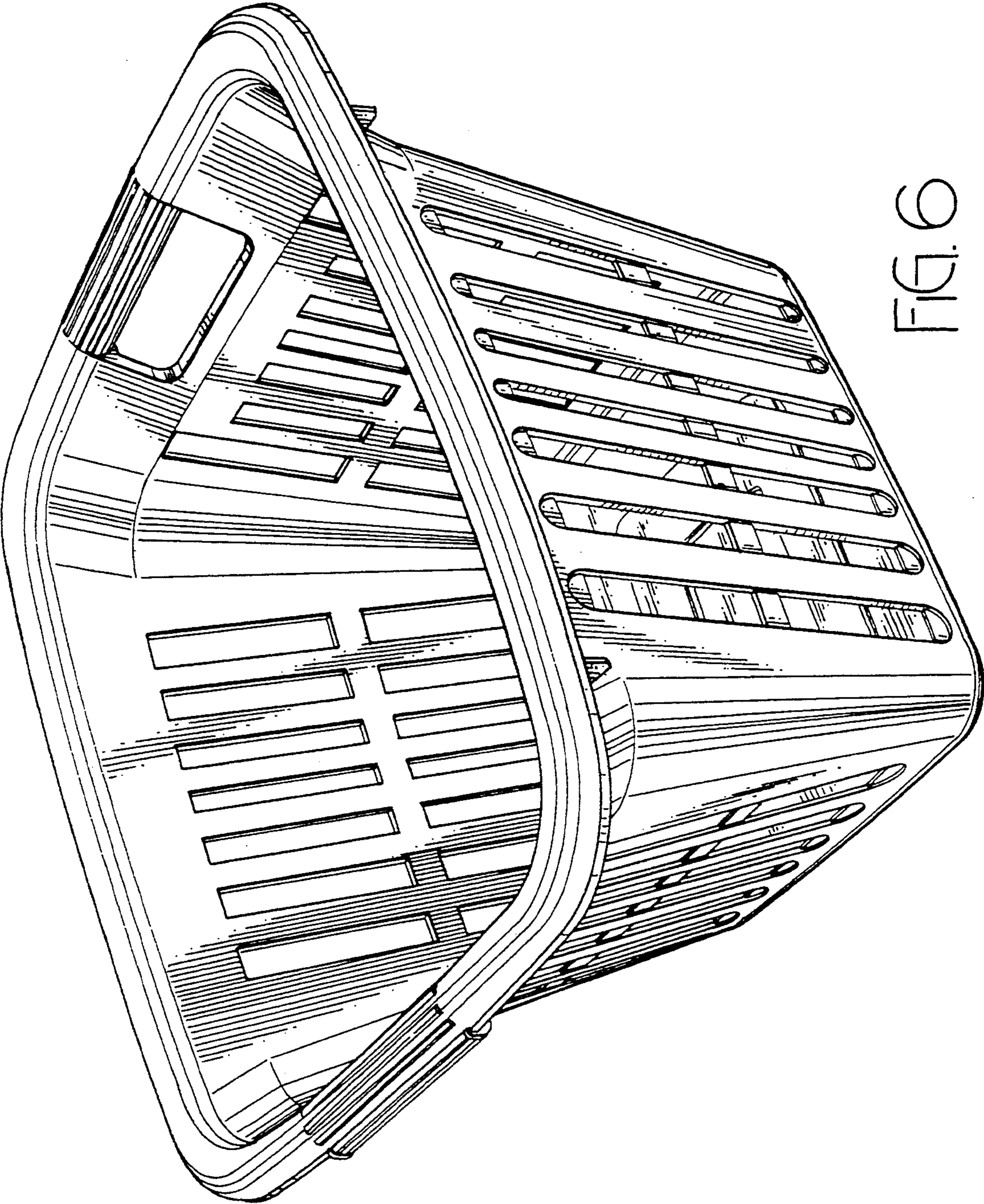


FIG. 6

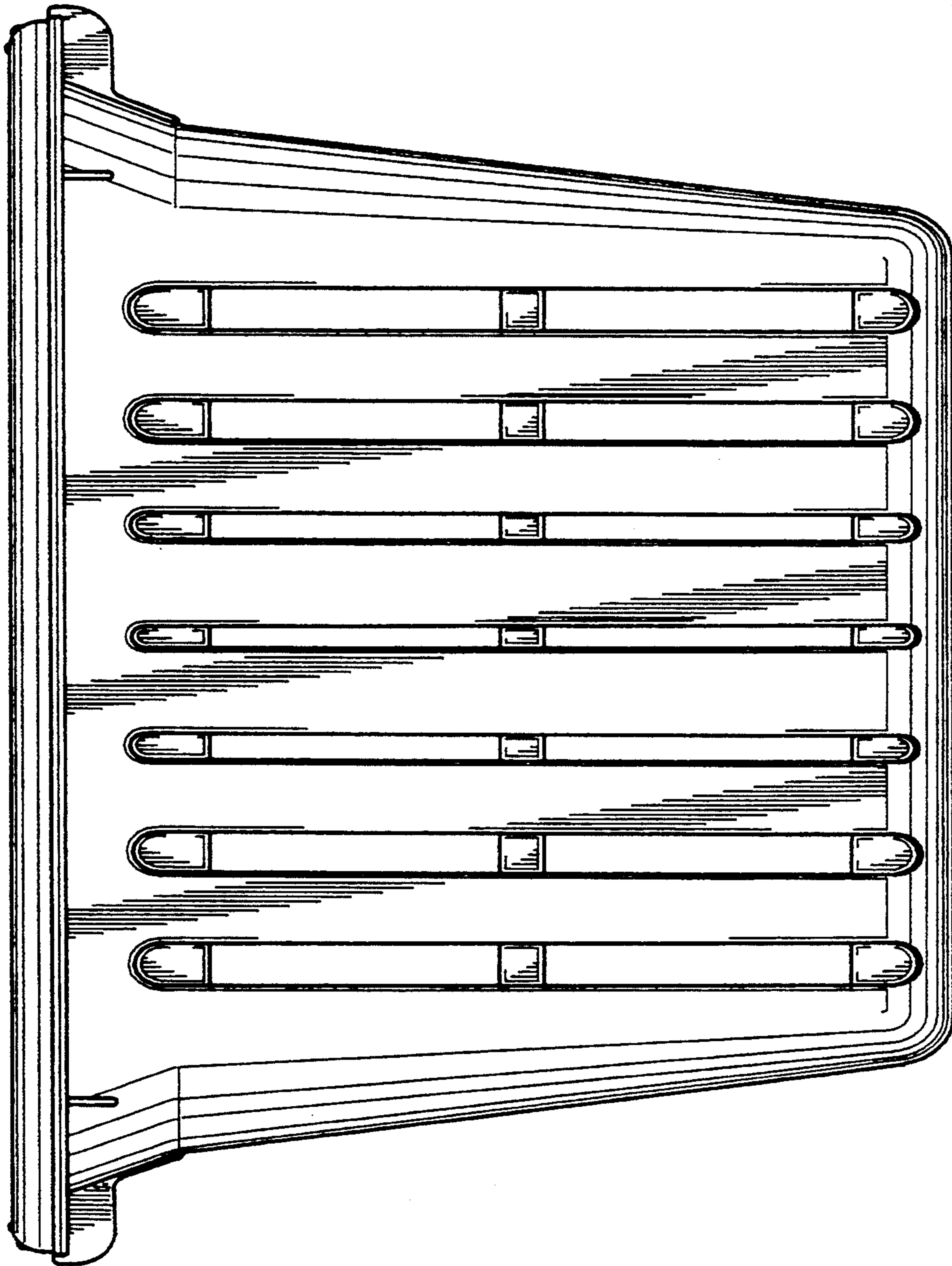


FIG. 7