



US00D362931S

# United States Patent [19]

[11] Patent Number: **Des. 362,931**

Brightbill et al.

[45] Date of Patent: **\*\*Oct. 3, 1995**

[54] **LAUNDRY HAMPER**

[75] Inventors: **Keith E. Brightbill**, Wooster; **Stephen P. Casteel**, Wadsworth; **Charles W. Craft**, Apple Creek, all of Ohio; **Richard M. O'Grady**, Southington, Conn.

[73] Assignee: **Rubbermaid Incorporated**, Wooster, Ohio

[\*\*] Term: **14 Years**

[21] Appl. No.: **32,169**

[22] Filed: **Dec. 13, 1994**

[52] U.S. Cl. .... **D32/37**

[58] Field of Search ..... D34/1, 5-9; D32/36, D32/37, 53; 232/1 E, 1 B, 43.2; 220/908-911, 675, DIG. 12, DIG. 14

[56] **References Cited**

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

D. 142,649	10/1945	Kohen	.....	D58/4
D. 147,724	10/1947	Gleitsman	.....	D58/4
D. 218,700	9/1970	Levin	.....	D49/8.2
D. 248,081	6/1978	Epstein	.....	D34/1
D. 265,261	6/1982	Gerber	.....	D32/37
D. 274,662	7/1984	Fausel	.....	D32/37
D. 302,069	7/1989	Yoshikawa	.....	D34/40
D. 312,519	11/1990	Hobson	.....	D32/37
D. 327,555	6/1992	Juergens	.....	D32/53

(List continued on next page.)

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Catalog page, Laundry hampers; Tucker Housewares, 345 Central Street, Leominster, Massachusetts 01453. Publication date 1992.

P. 36, Hampers; Tucker Housewares, 345 Central Street, Leominster, Massachusetts 01453. Publication date 1992.

Sell sheet, Hampers; Burlington Basket Company, Burlington, Iowa 52601. Published at least as early as Jan., 1992.

Catalog page, Hamper; LaMont, P.O. Box 399, Burlington, Iowa 52601. Published at least as early as May, 1993.

Pp. 8, 9, Hampers; Shamrock Industries, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Publication date Jan., 1980.

Catalog page, Hampers; Joy of California, 148 East Virginia Street, San Jose, California 95112. Publication date Jul., 1983.

Sell sheet, Hampers; Raja Products Co., Ltd., 9502 Ditmas Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11236. Publication date Jul., 1983.

Catalog page, Hamper; Curver, Takkebijster 75, Postbus 6810, 4802 HV Breda, Netherlands. Publication date 1992. P. 12, Hamper; Curver, Takkebijster 75, Postbur 6810, 4802 HV Breda, Netherlands. Publicaiton date 1992.

P. 2, Hamper; Dupol-Rubbermaid GmbH, An Der Trift 63, D-6072 Dreieich, Germany. Publication date 1989.

P. 22, Hamper; Zenith Products Corp., 200 Commerce Drive, Aston, Pennsylvania 19014. Published at least as early as Sep., 1993.

Pp. 11, 12, 22 and 25, Hampers; LaMont, P.O. Box 399, Burlington, Iowa 52601. Published at least as early as May, 1993.

Sell sheet, Hamper; Sterilite Corporation, P.O. Box 524, Main Street, Townsend, Massachusetts. Publication date 1991.

P. 36, Laundry hampers; Tucker Housewares, 345 Central street, Leominster, Massachusetts 01453. Pbulicaiton date 1991.

*Primary Examiner*—A. Hugo Word

*Assistant Examiner*—Robin V. Taylor

*Attorney, Agent, or Firm*—Richard B. O'Planick; Lisa B. Riedesel

[57] **CLAIM**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a top left rear perspective view of a laundry hamper showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is a rear elevational view thereof;

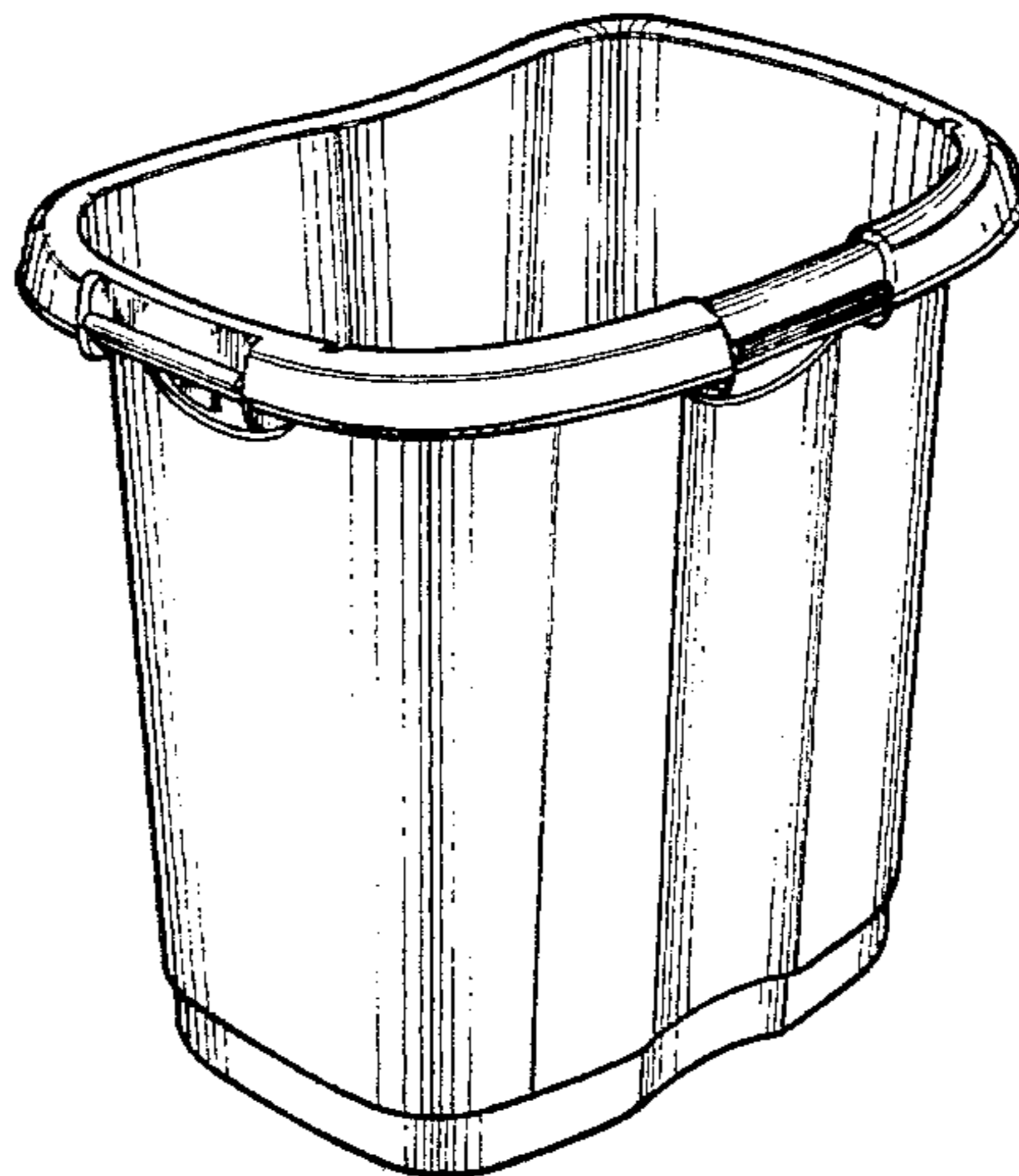
FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof; the right side elevational view being a mirror image;

FIG. 5 is a front elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**



# Des. 362,931

Page 2

---

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

D. 342,365	12/1993	Conaway et al. ....	D32/37	D. 348,127	6/1994	Van Berne .....	D32/37
D. 343,711	1/1994	Craft et al. ....	D32/37	D. 352,810	11/1994	Cassel .....	D32/37
D. 344,167	2/1994	Hobson et al. ....	D32/37	2,736,454	2/1956	McConnell .....	220/20
D. 344,823	3/1994	Wilgus et al. ....	D32/37	3,958,715	5/1976	Capelli .....	220/22
				5,242,074	9/1993	Conaway et al. ....	220/254

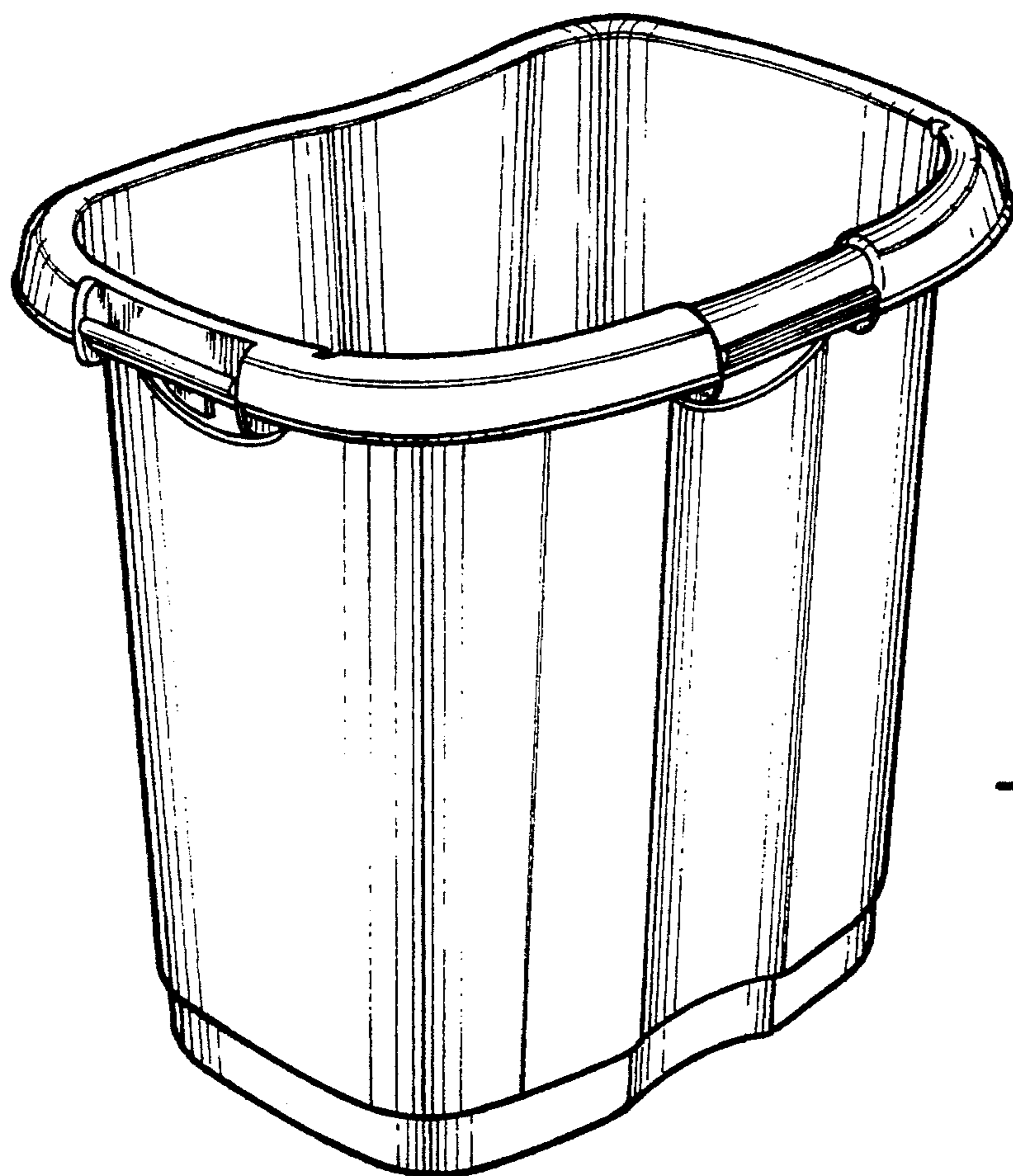


Fig-1

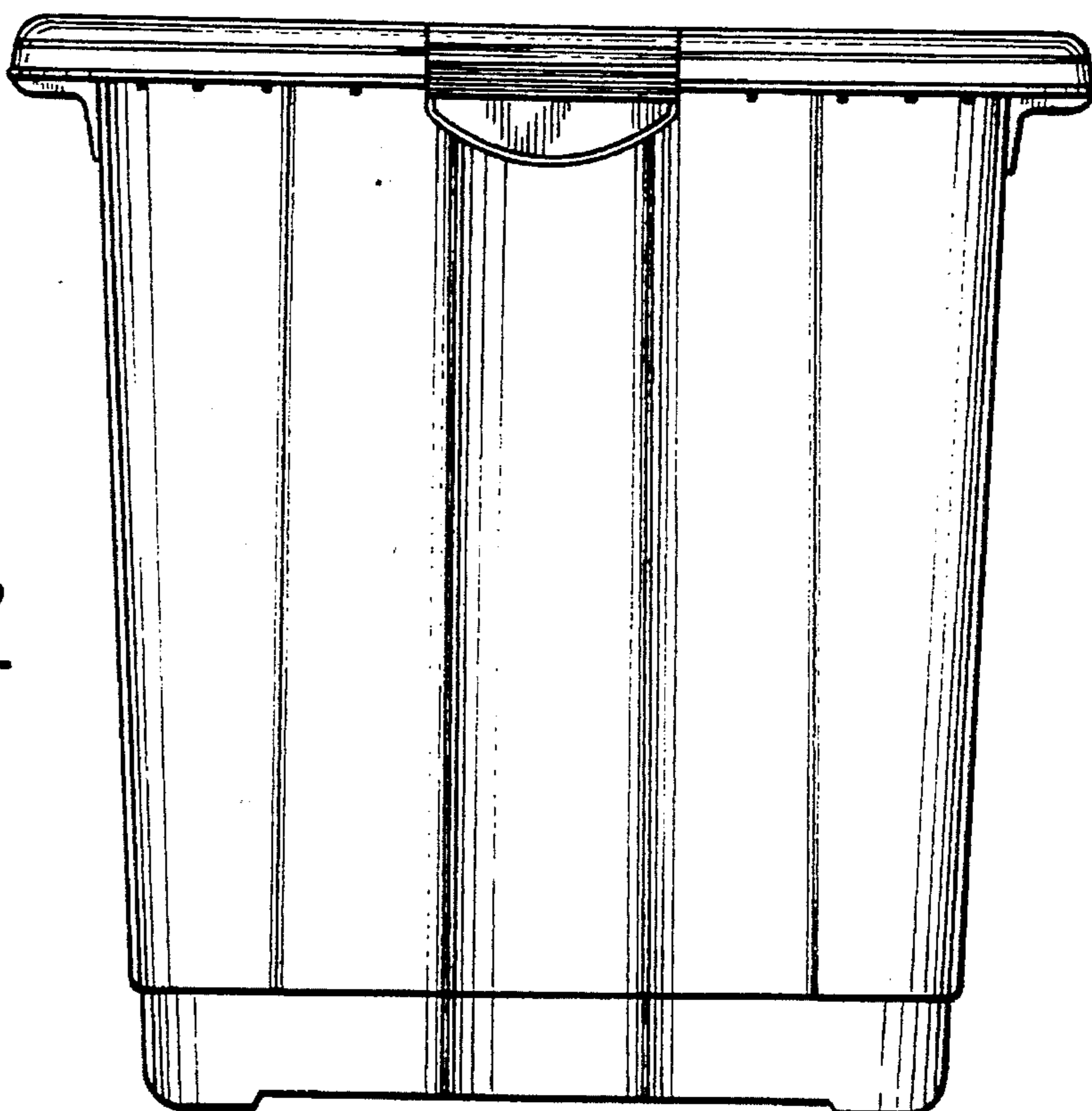


Fig-2

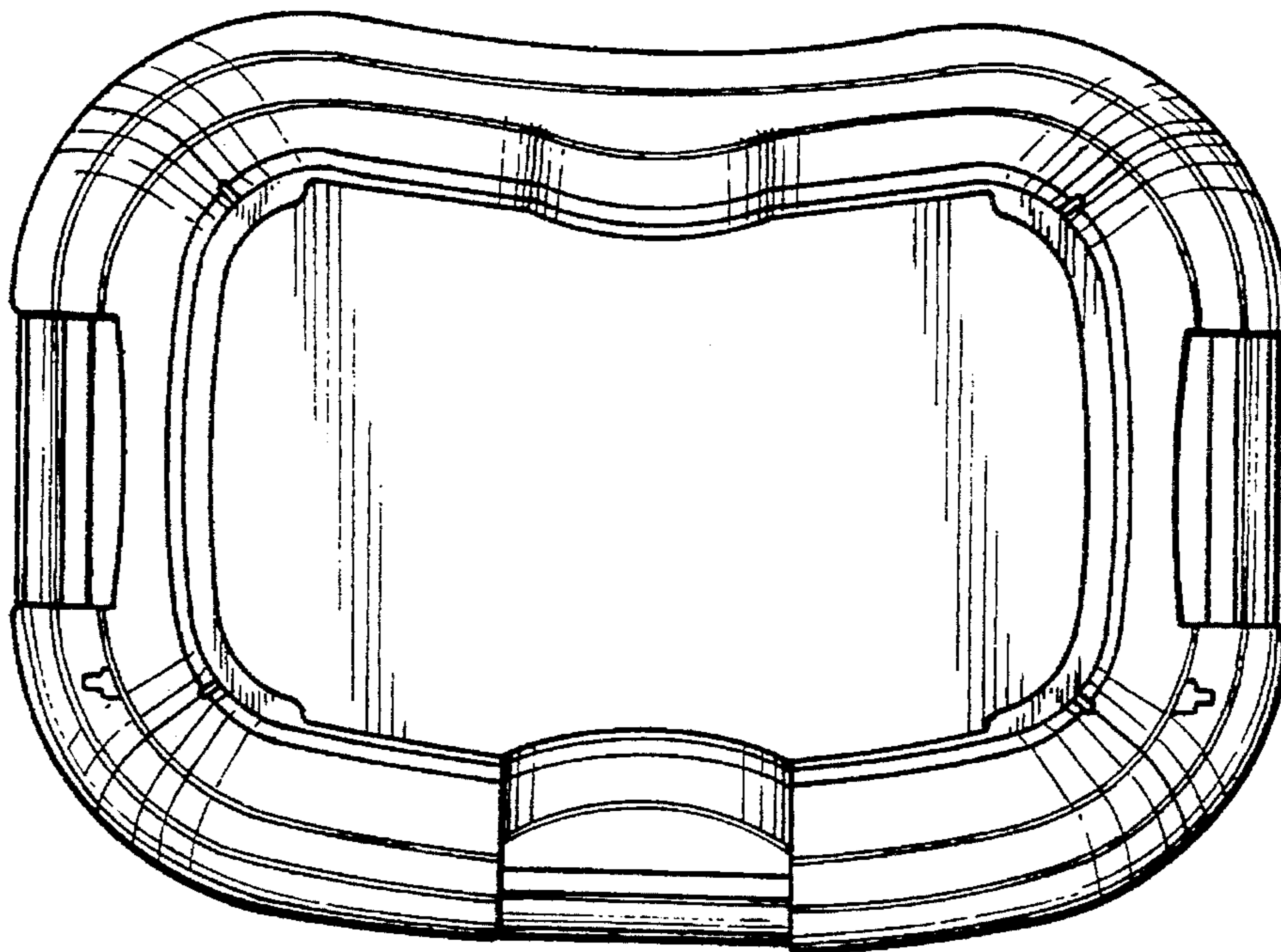


Fig-3

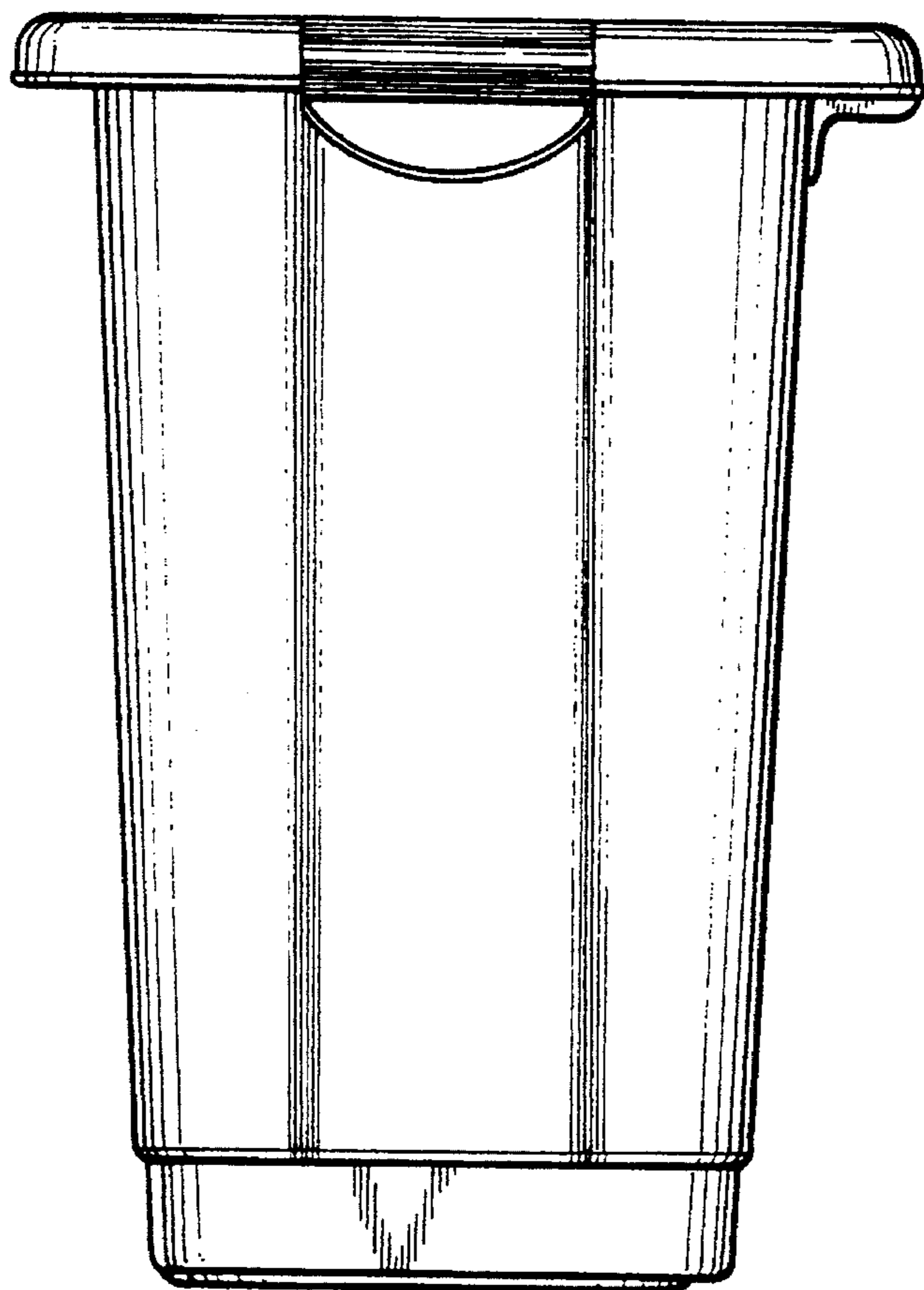


Fig-4

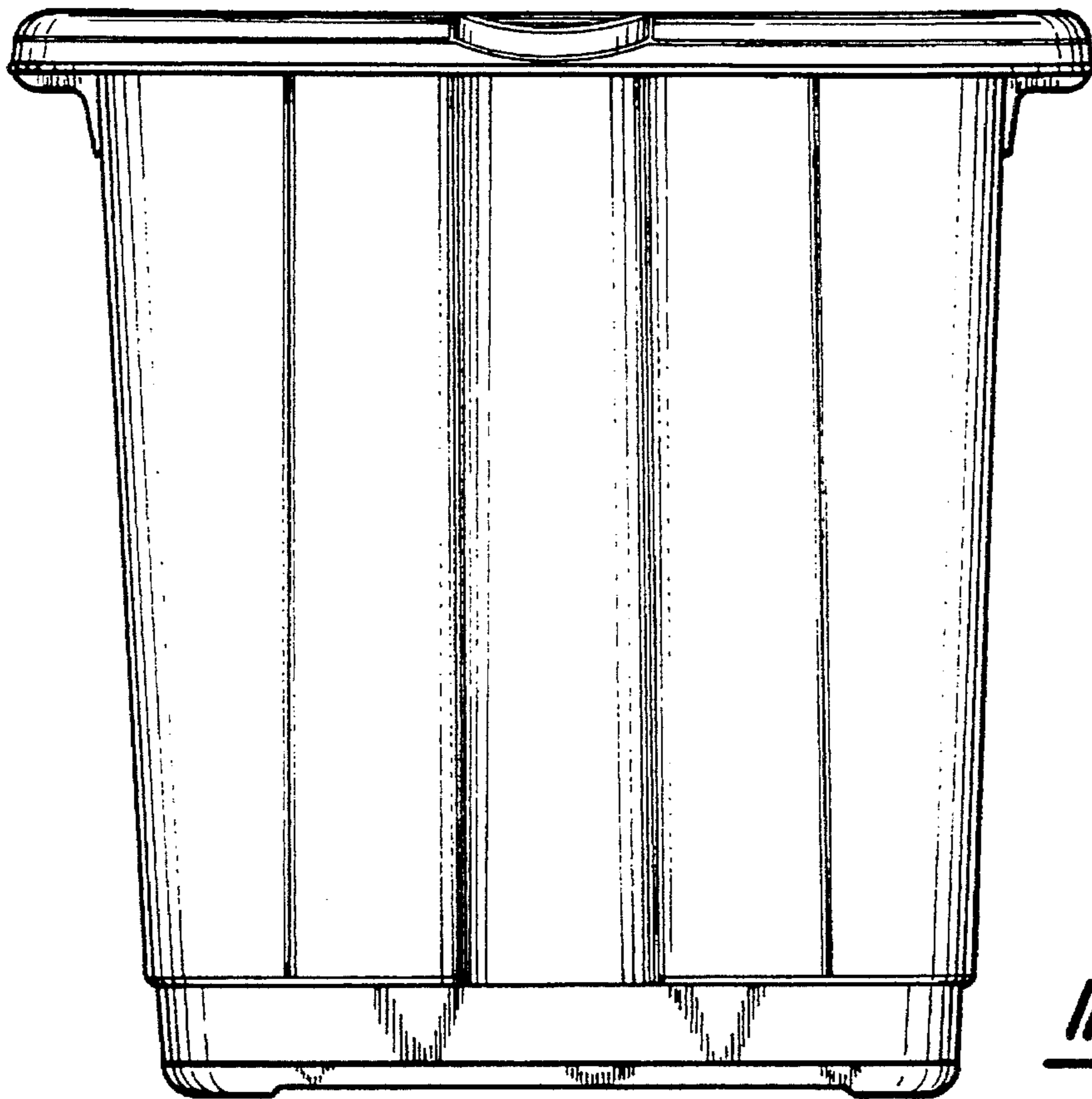


Fig-5

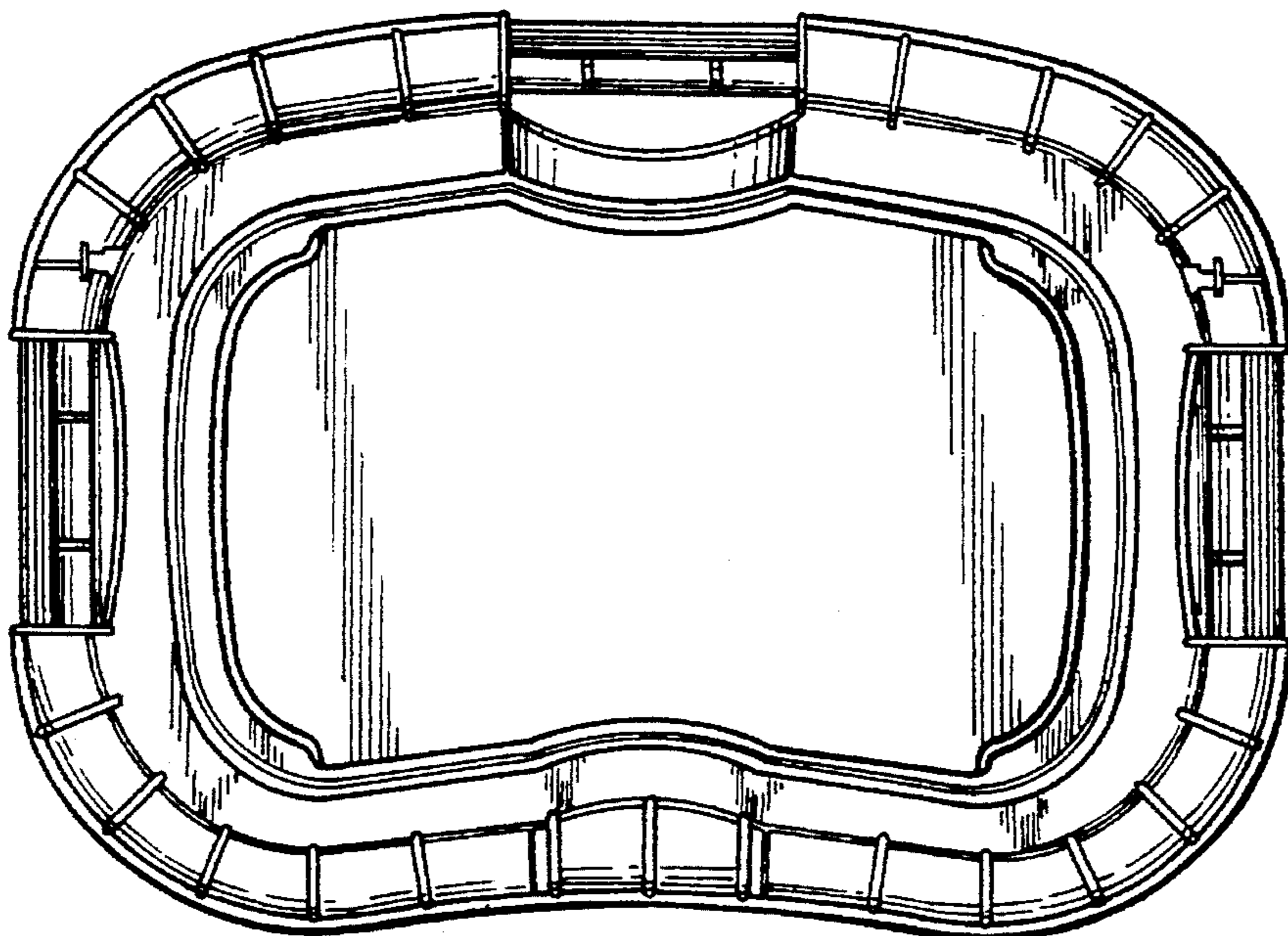


Fig-6