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[54] **FLOWER POT COVER**

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[\*] Notice: The portion of the term of this patent subsequent to May 14, 2005, has been disclaimed.

Exhibit A—Speed Cover® Brochure—The Simple Solution . . . , ©1989.

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

Exhibit A. Curtis Wagner Co., Inc., Houston, Tex., shows thick, stiff shiny red plastic pot cover with large scalloped border. (Photograph) Date unknown.

[21] Appl. No.: **809,636**

Exhibit B. Jacobson Pot Cover Company of Scranton, Pa. advertising literature. Date of first use unknown.

[22] Filed: **Dec. 16, 1991**

Exhibit C. Photograph of pot cover, manufacturer unknown, but very similar to #C21 on Exhibit B (Jacobson literature). Date unknown.

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**Related U.S. Application Data**

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[63] Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 710,272, Jun. 4, 1991, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 617,454, Nov. 21, 1990, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 411,249, Sep. 22, 1989, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 411,247, Sep. 22, 1989, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 411,245, Sep. 22, 1989.

[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a flower pot cover, as shown and described.

[52] **U.S. Cl.** ..... **D11/164; D11/143**  
[58] **Field of Search** ..... D11/143, 152, D11/153, 154, 155, 156, 164; 47/66, 72; 206/423; 215/100.5; 229/1.5 B, 4.5, 922; 248/27.8, 35.1, 542.6

**DESCRIPTION**

[56] **References Cited**

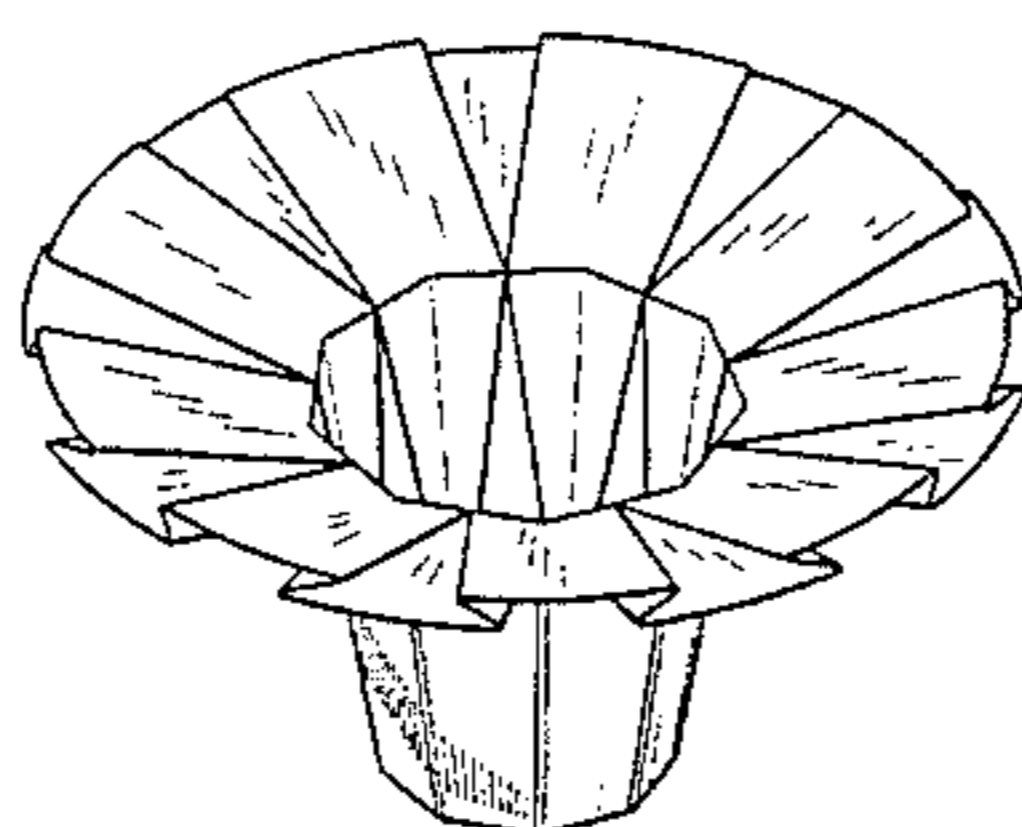
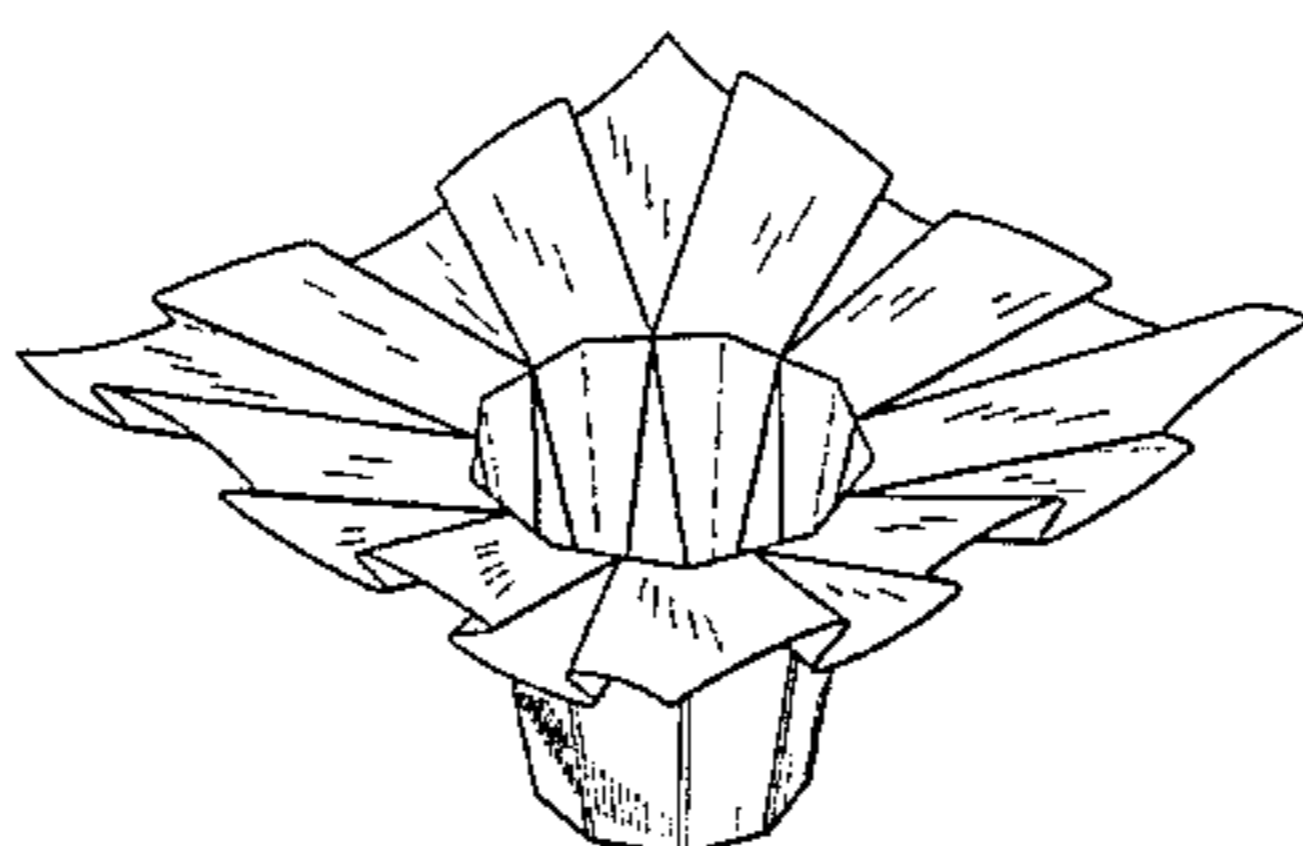
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of our new flower pot cover design;  
FIG. 2 is a reduced side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a reduced top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a reduced bottom plan view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a reduced side elevational view of the design of FIG. 1, the only difference being the angle of the skirt;  
FIG. 6 is a reduced side elevational view of the design of FIG. 1, the only difference being the angle of the skirt;  
FIG. 7 is a perspective view of another embodiment of our new flower pot cover design;  
FIG. 8 is a reduced side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 9 is a reduced top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 10 is a reduced bottom plan view thereof;  
FIG. 11 is a reduced side elevational view of the design of FIG. 7, the only difference being the angle of the skirt; and,  
FIG. 12 is a reduced side elevational view of the design of FIG. 7, the only difference being the angle of the skirt.

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- Exhibit D. Photocopy of photo of pot cover ("Platform Pot Dresser") made by John Raisen Corp., San Francisco, Calif. Date of first use unknown.
- Exhibit E. Photograph of 2-part pot cover system made by Floral Decor, subsidiary of John Henry Co., Lansing, Mich. Date unknown.
- Exhibit F. Photo of pot cover made by a Holland company (K.P.I.). Date of first public use believed to be late 1984.
- Exhibit G. "The Glass of Frederick Carder", copyright 1971 by P. V. Gardner, showing various styles of glass basket-like vases or containers.
- Exhibit H. "Speed Cover®" brochure, published in 1983 by Applicants, showing various pot covers for sale.
- Exhibit I. "Speed Cover®" brochure, published in 1983 by Applicants, showing various pot covers for sale.
- Exhibit J. Item published in 1936 by Gellman Bros., Minneapolis, Minn. Shows an assortment of paper hats.
- Exhibit K. Photo of various other flower pot wrappings, sold in rolls or sheets and used in the floral industry for years. Date unknown.
- Exhibit L. Photo of pot cover made of woven straw-like material. Date unknown.
- Exhibit M. Photo of basket-type pot cover used in the floral industry. Date unknown.
- Exhibit N. "Speed Cover®" brochure, published in 1984 by Applicants, showing various pot covers for sale.

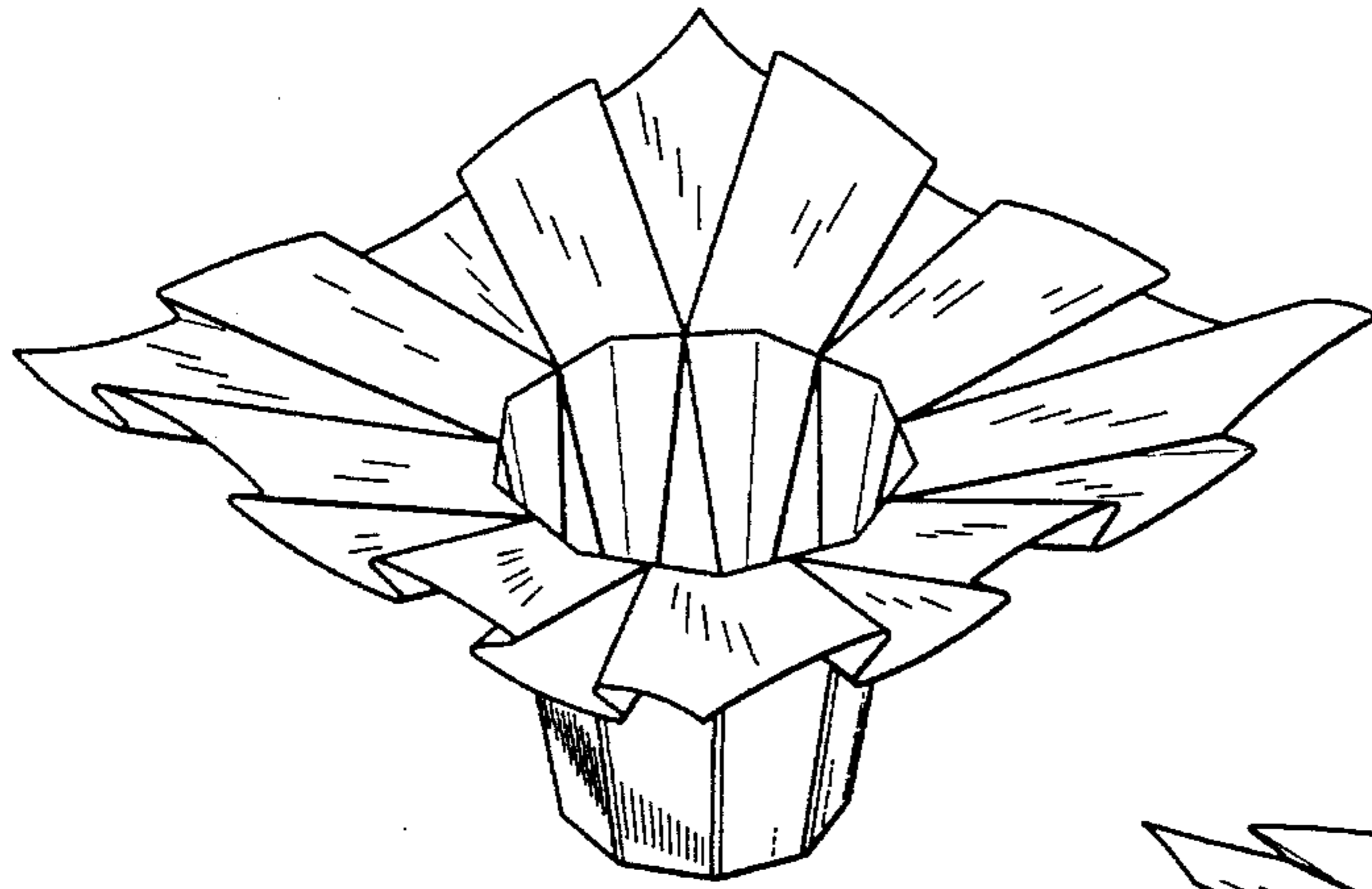


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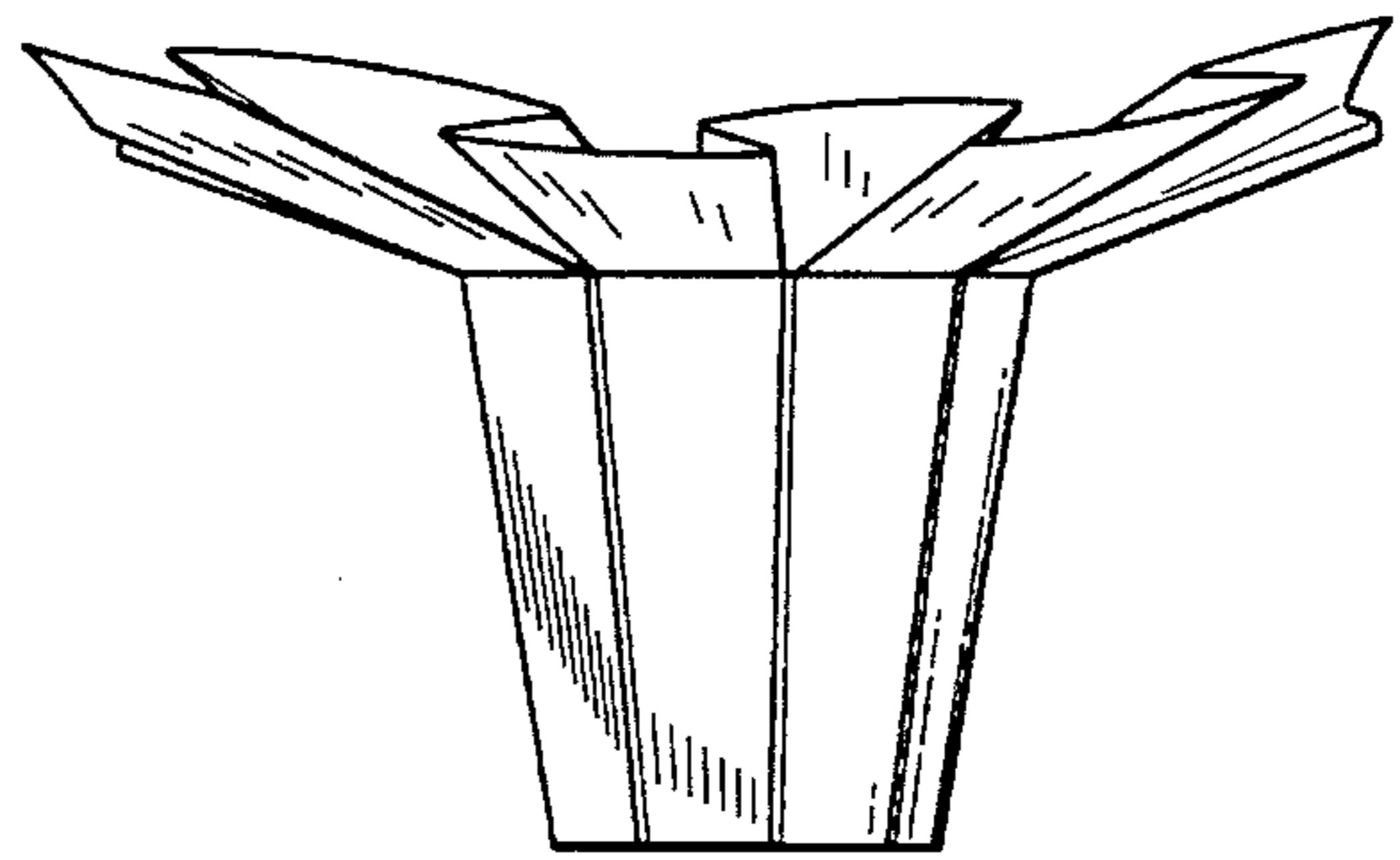


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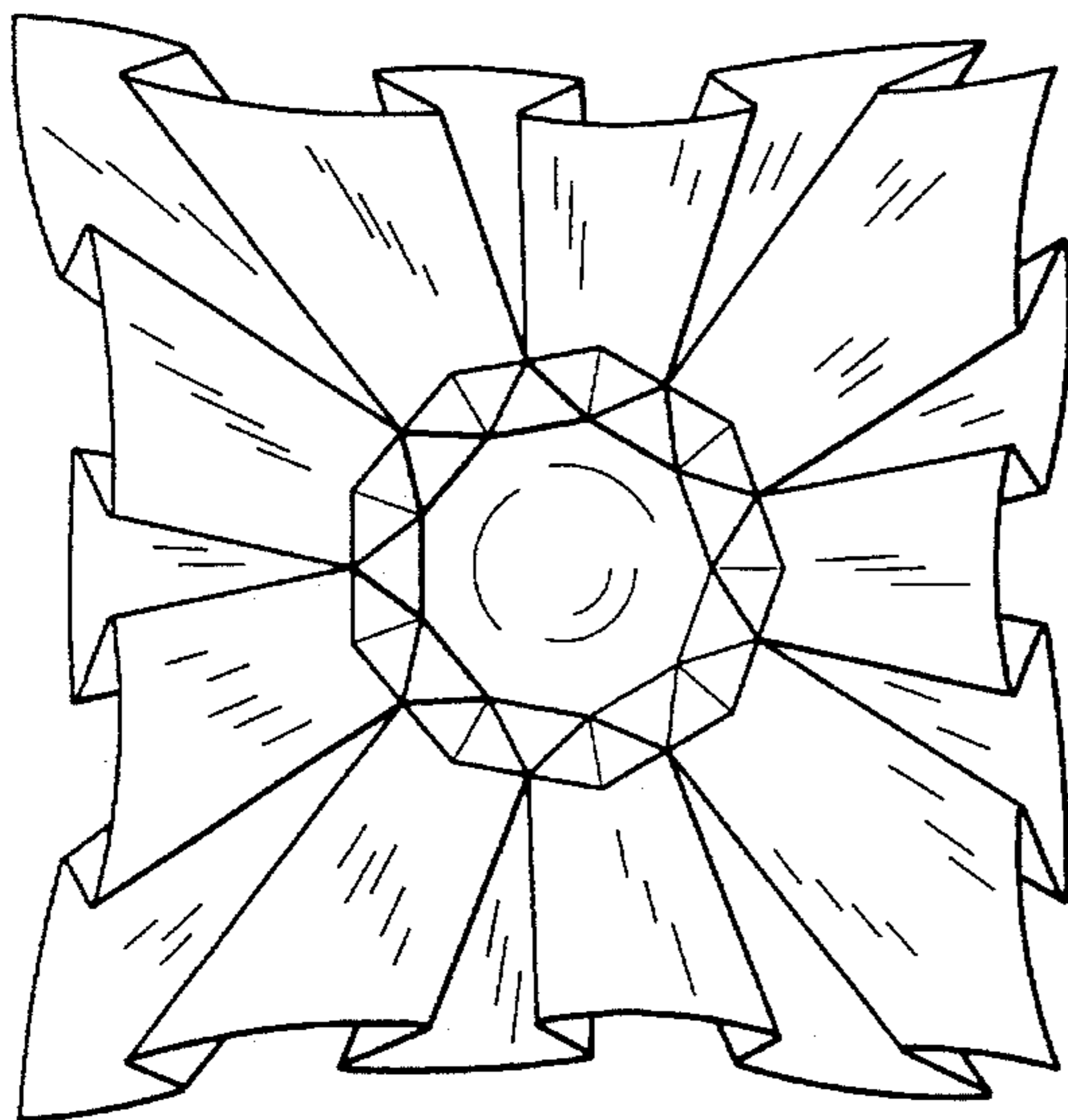


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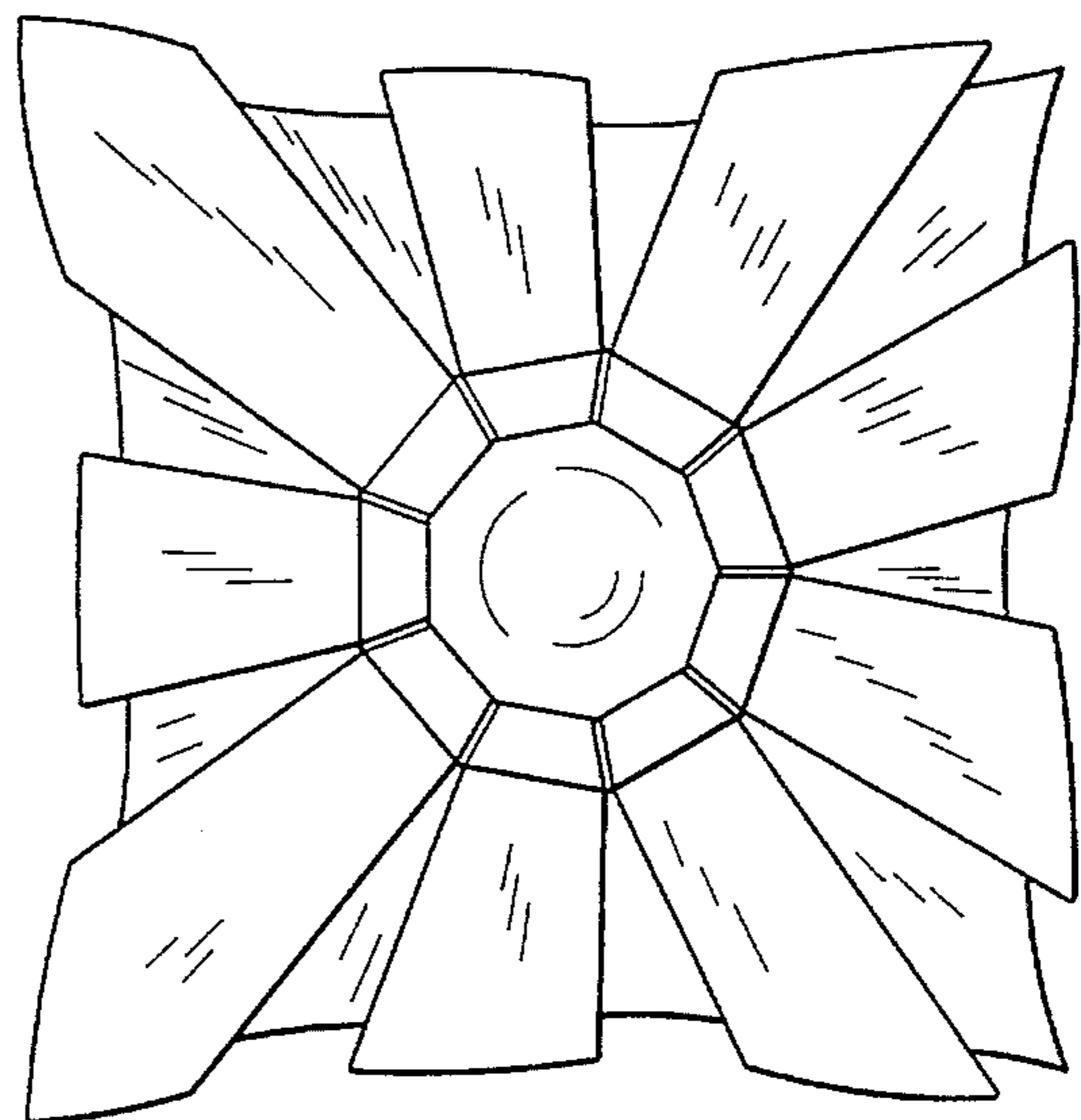


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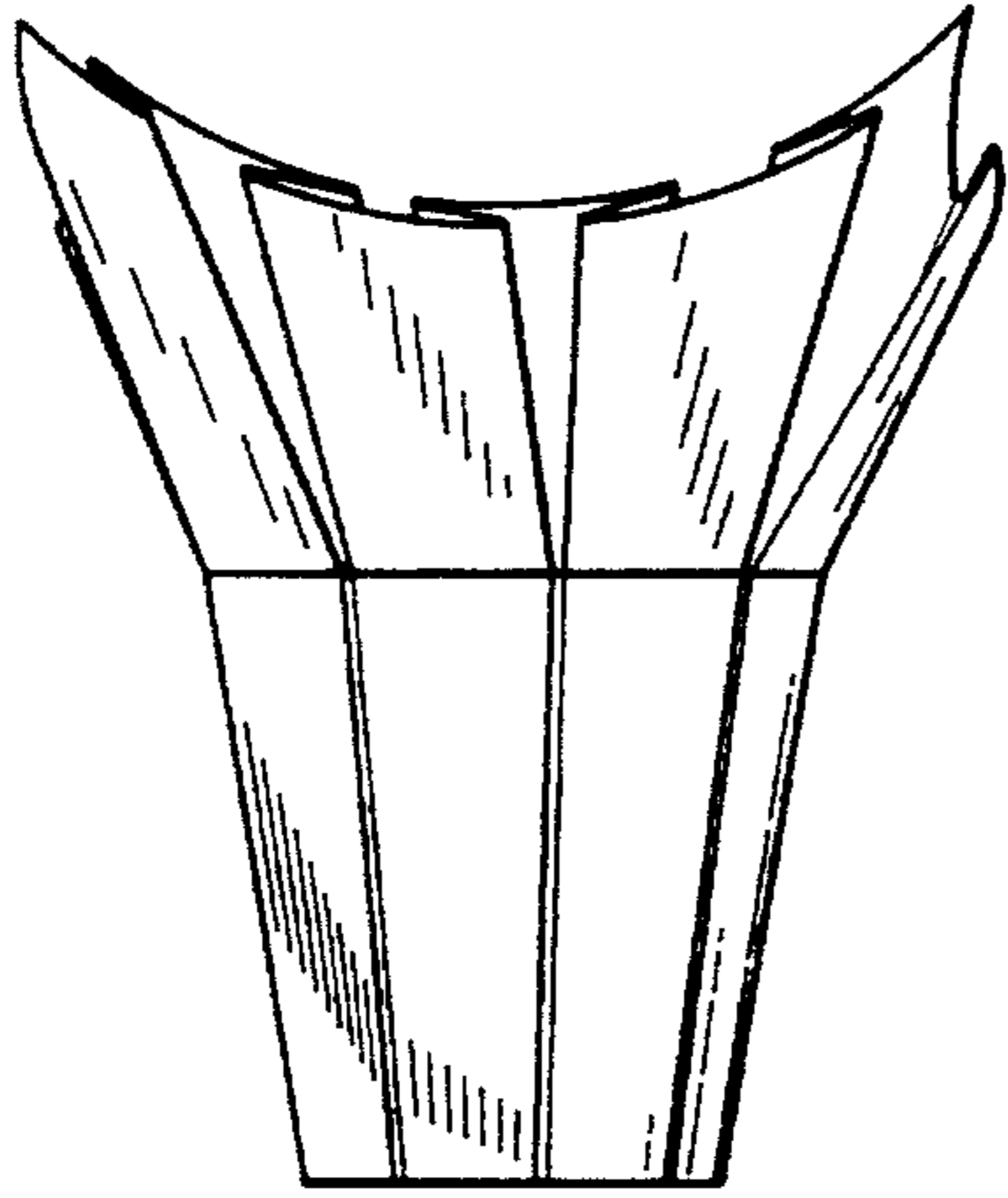


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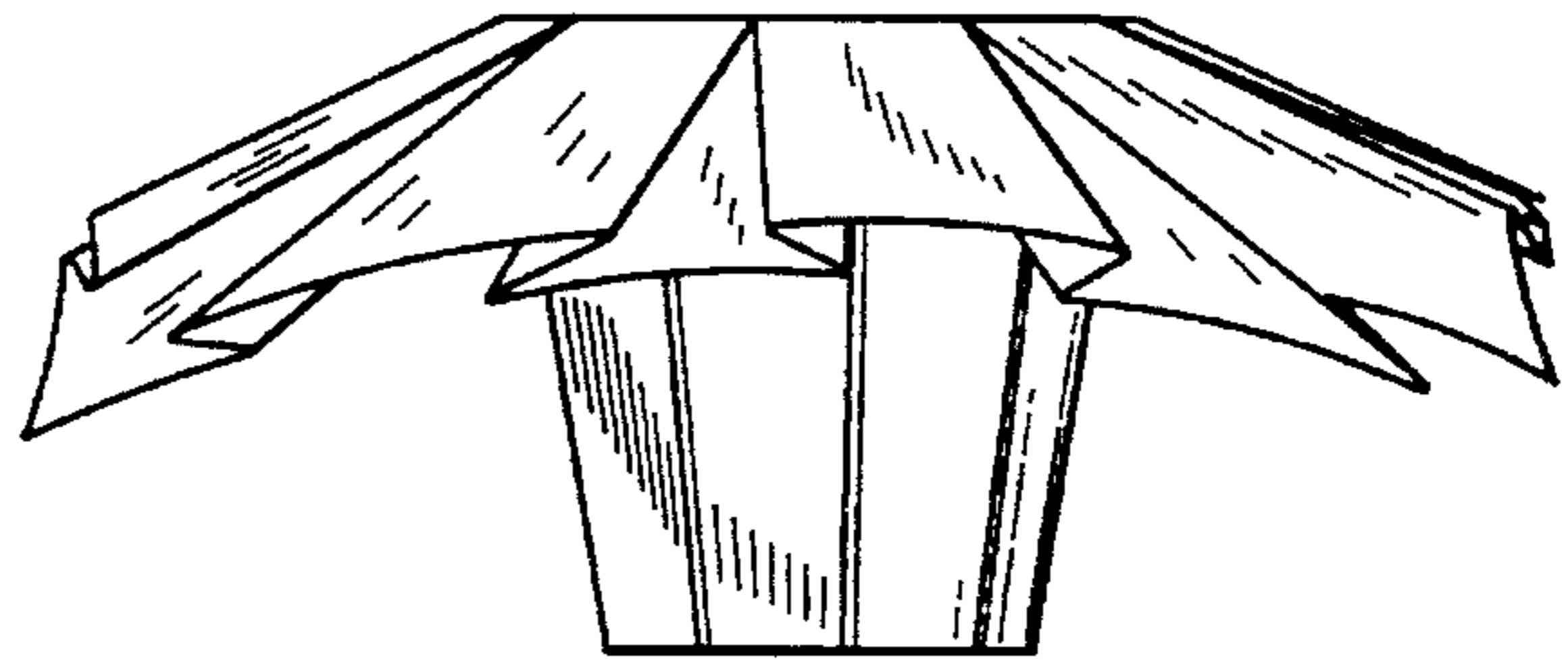


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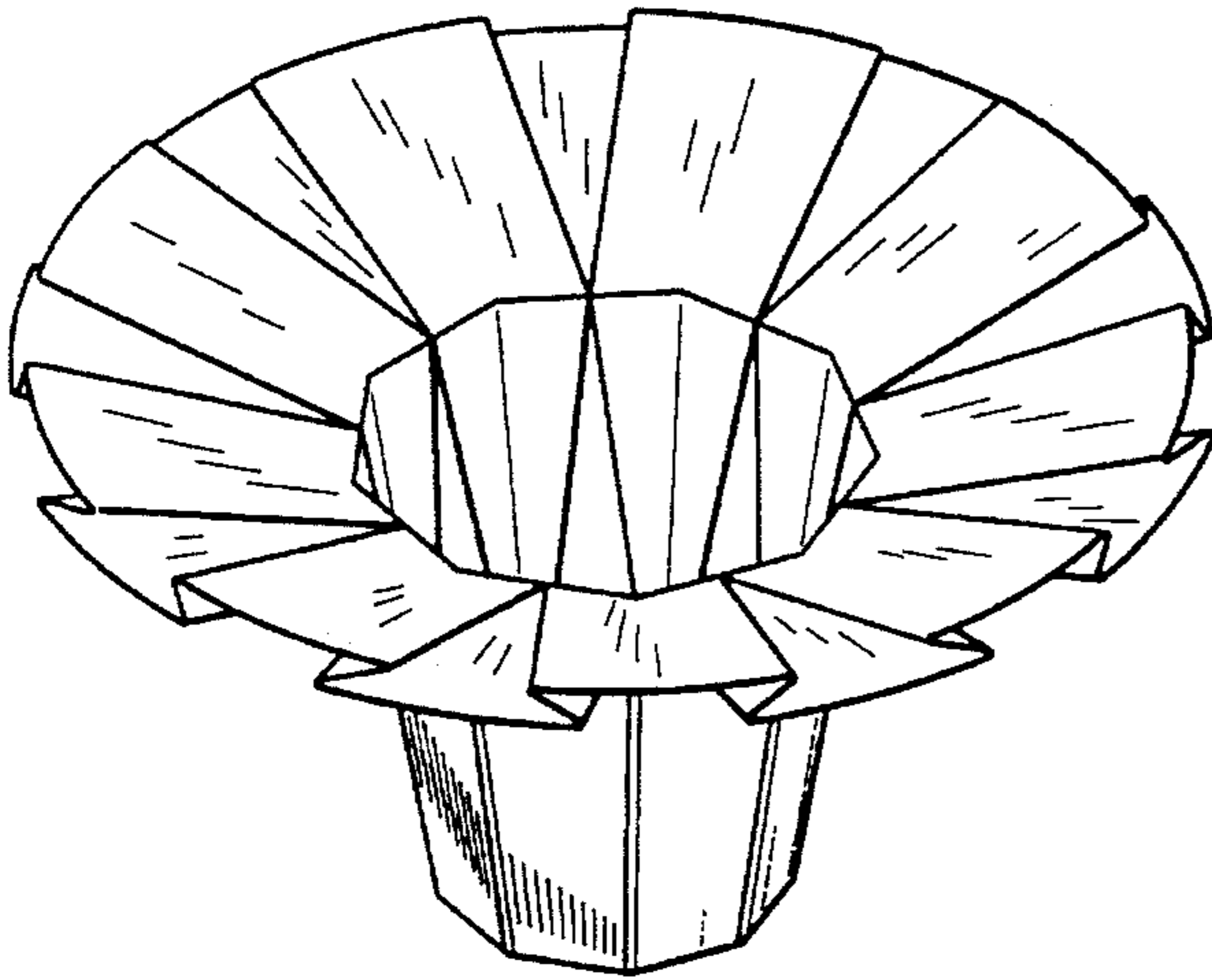


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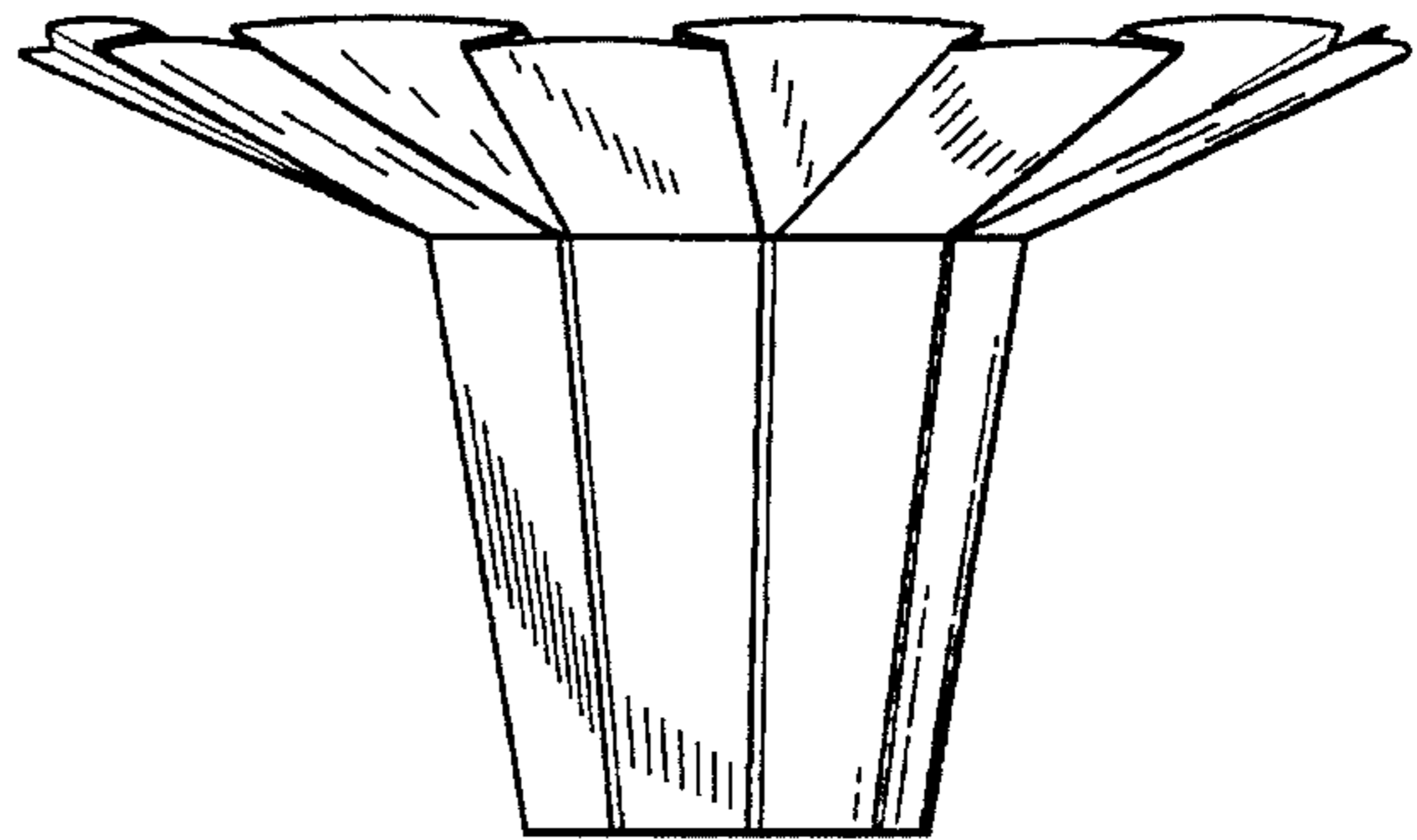


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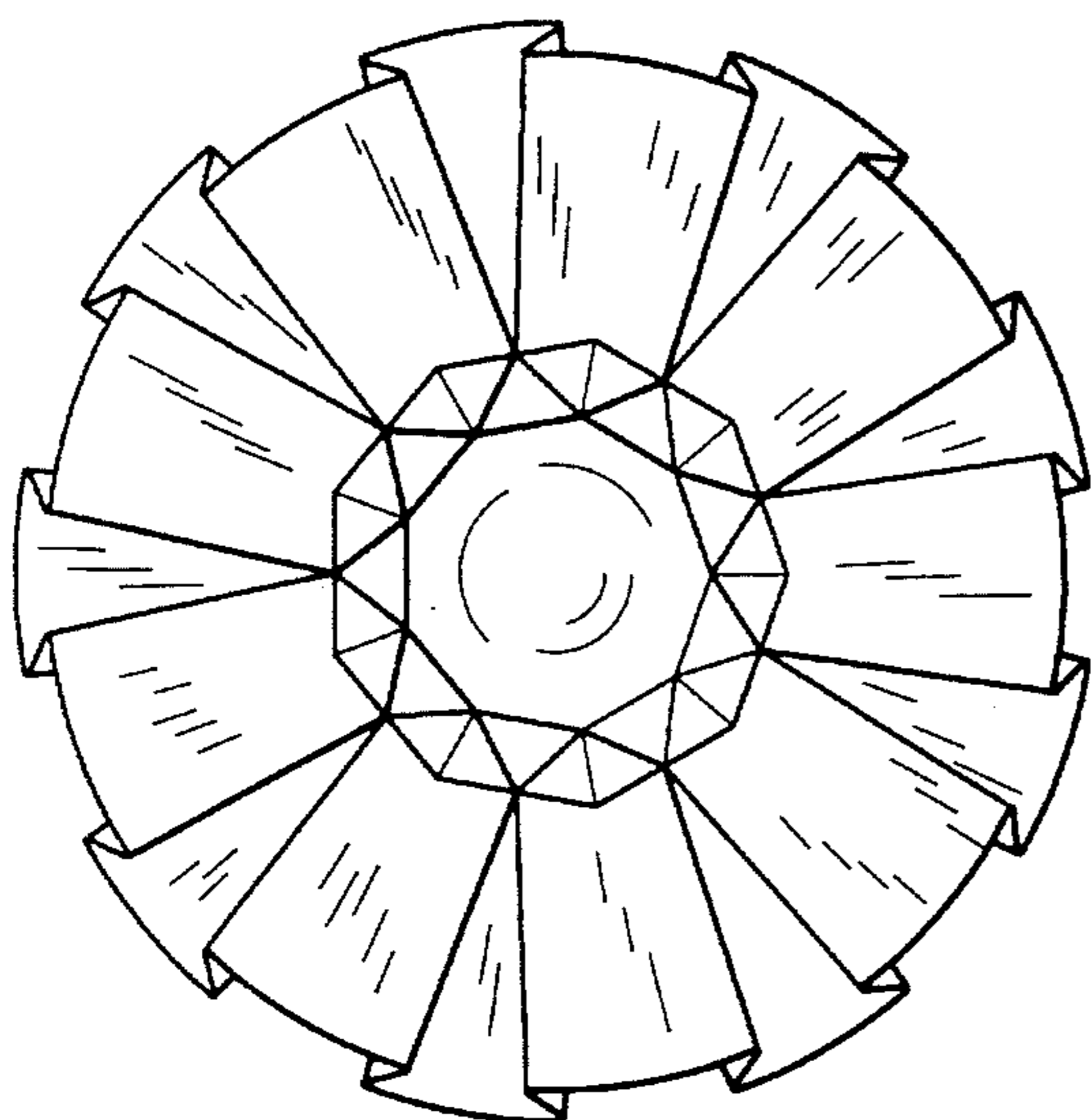


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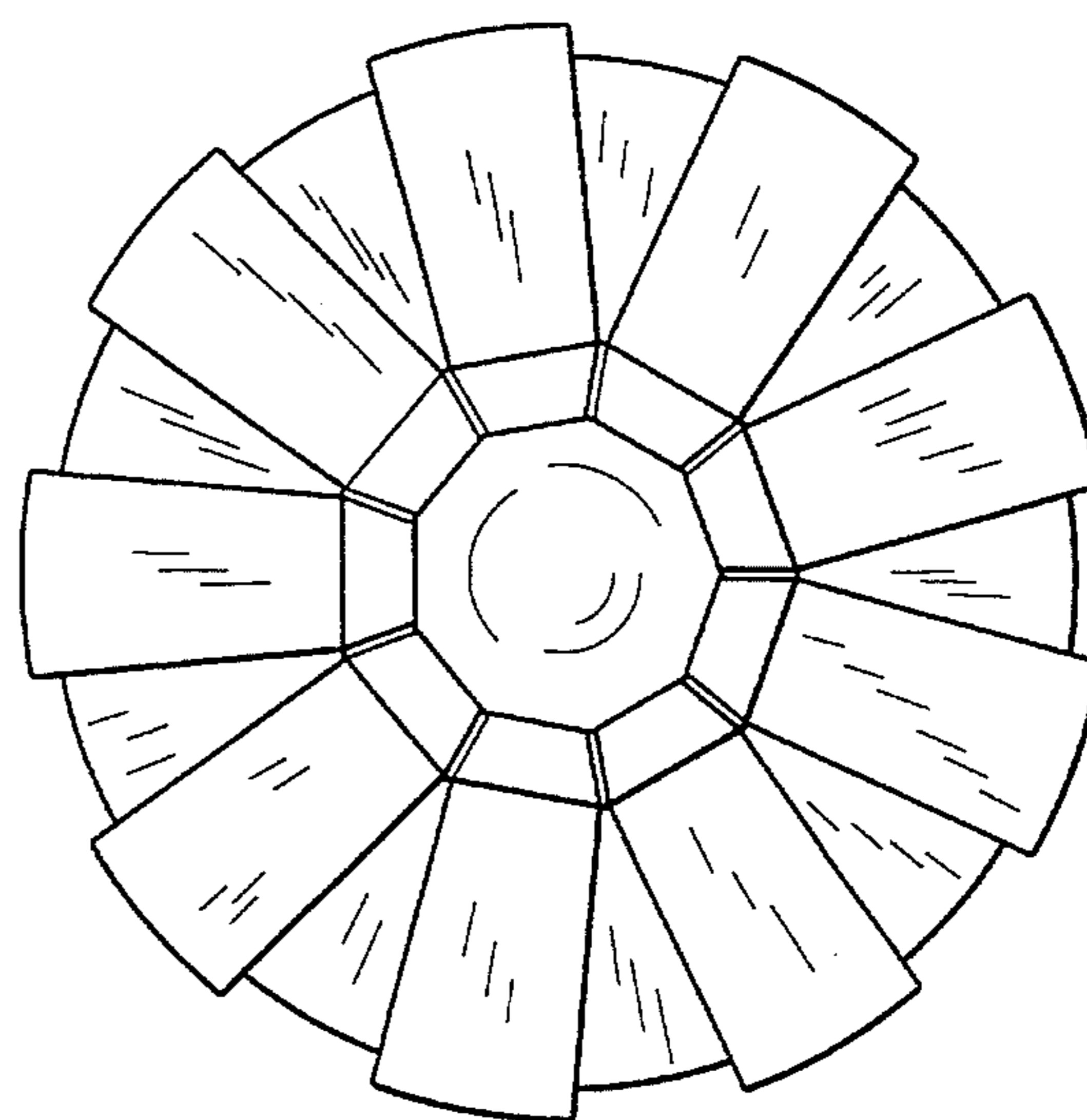


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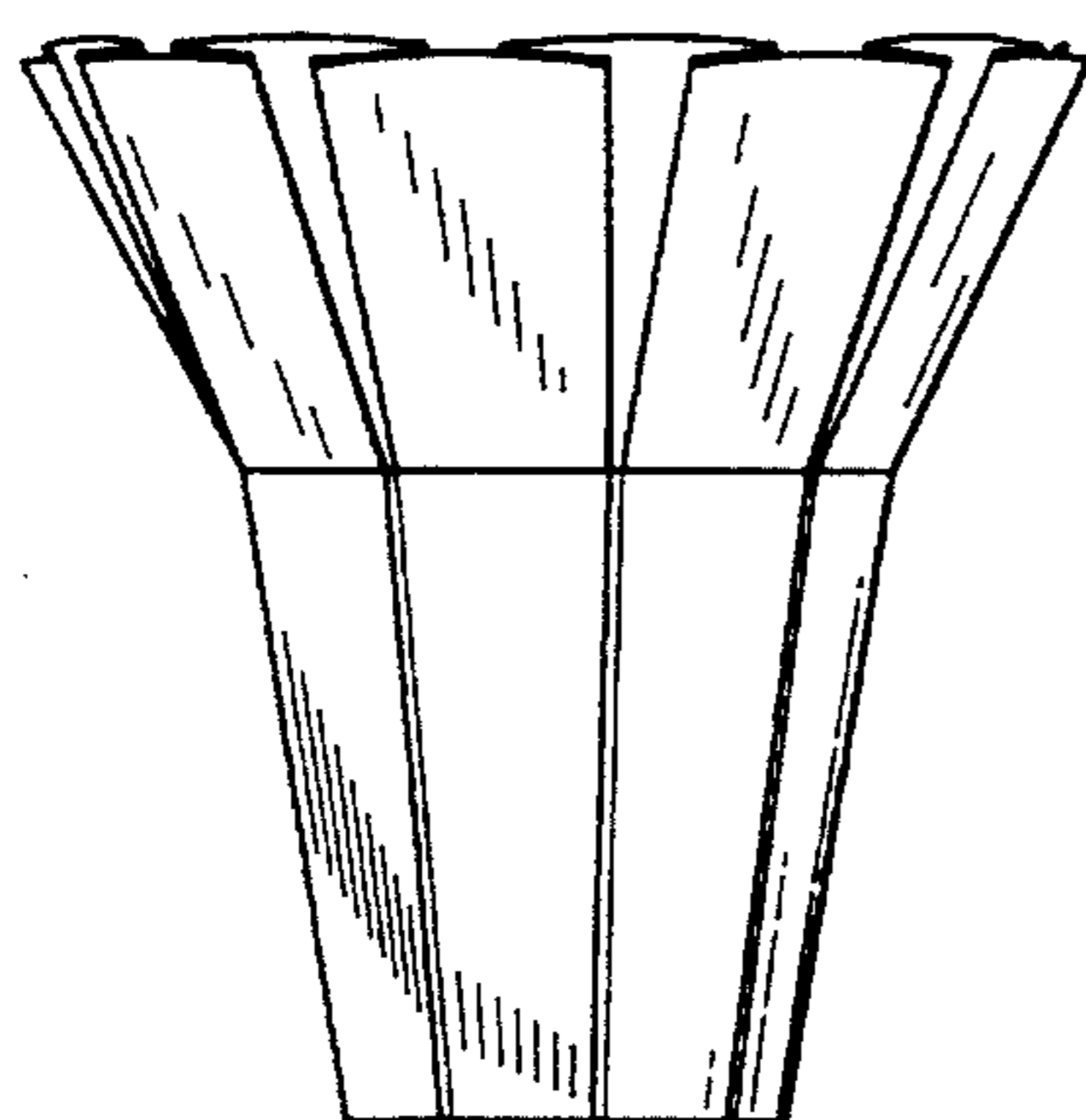


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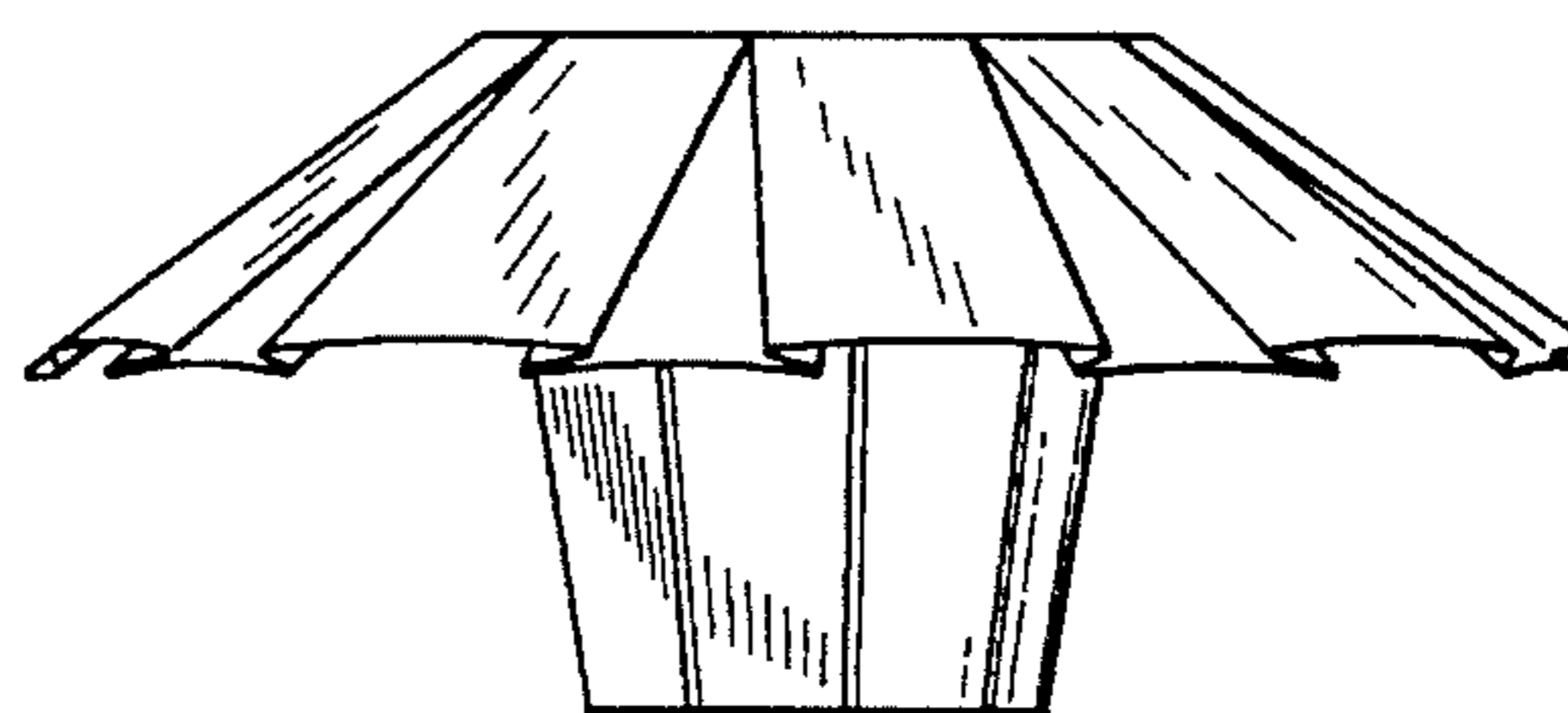


FIG. 12

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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO. : Des. 365,042  
DATED : December 12, 1995  
INVENTOR(S) : Weder et al

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, Under "DESCRIPTION" after the entire description of Figure 12, please insert the following paragraph --The characteristic feature of the design resides in the specific pleating arrangement comprised of the parallel disposition of the exterior folds in combination with the interior V-shaped folds, all as best shown in Figures 1 and 7.--

Signed and Sealed this  
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