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[54] **SPRING SUPPORT FOR A WIND DRAG REDUCING TAILGATE**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a spring support for a wind drag reducing tailgate, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front, top and side perspective view of the spring support for a wind drag reducing tailgate embodying the design of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged front, top and side perspective view of the spring support for a wind drag reducing tailgate embodying the design of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof;

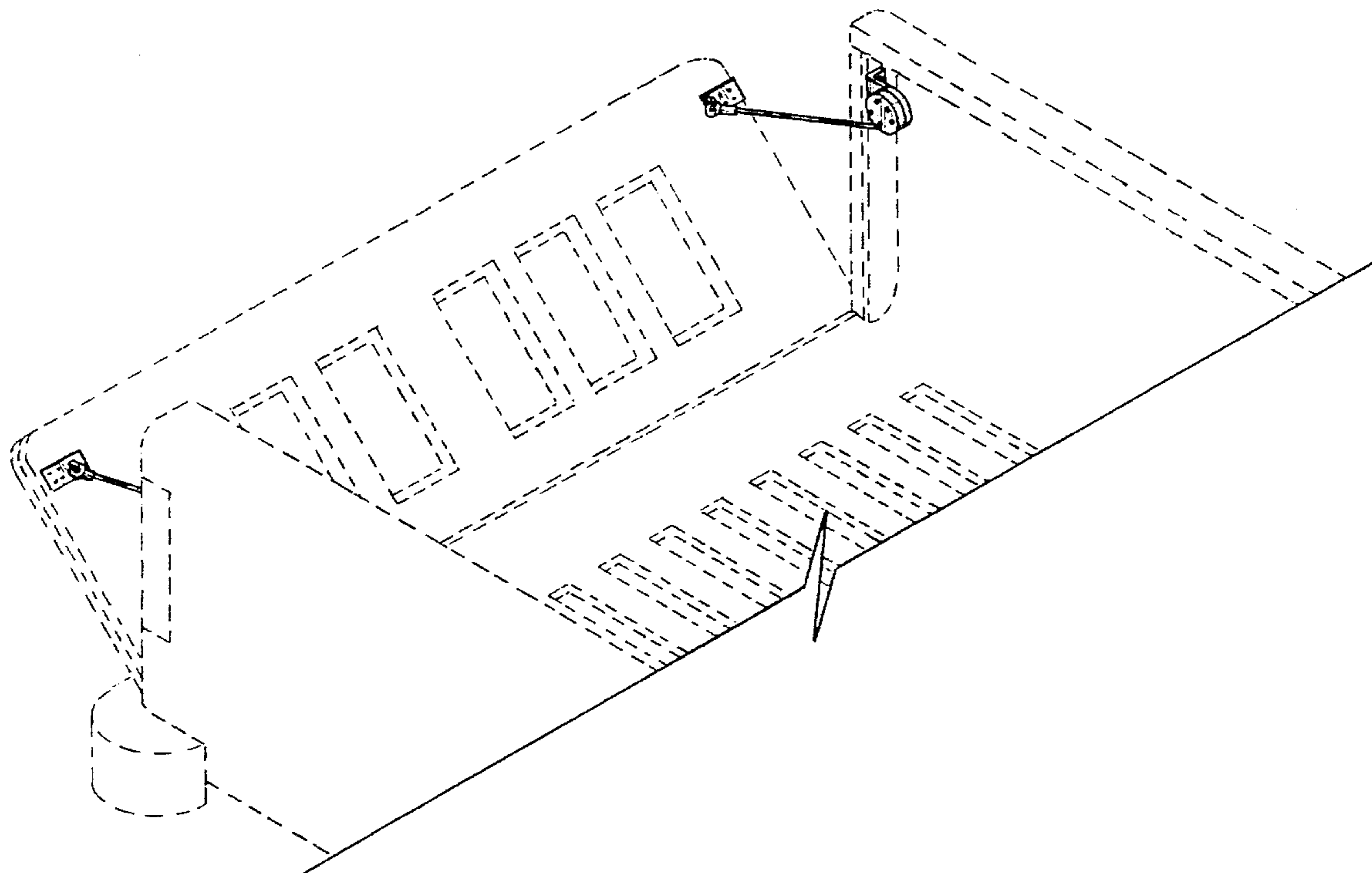
FIG. 6 is a left hand side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a top plan view thereof; and,

FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof.

The broken line showing of a part of a truck bed and tailgate is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**



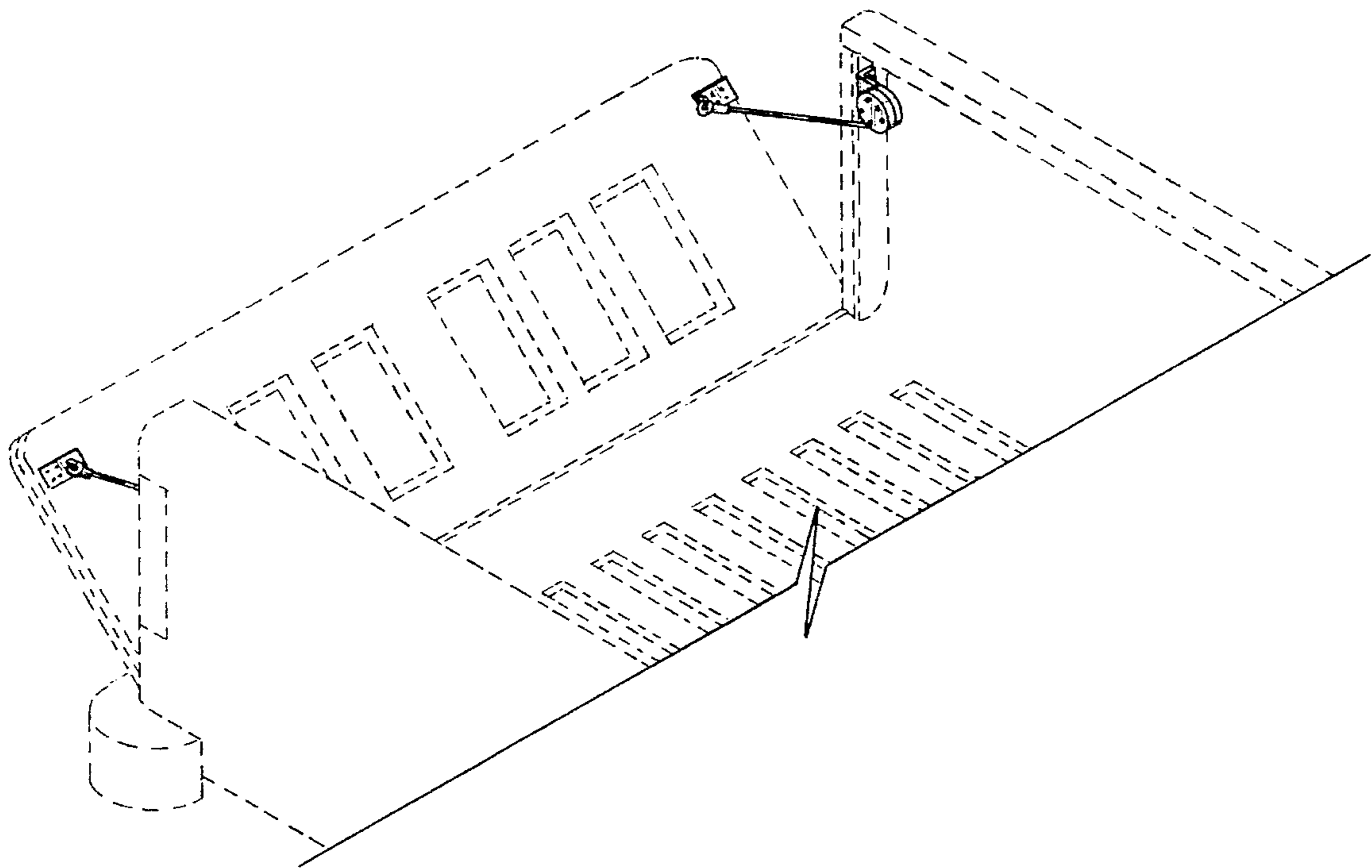


FIG. 1

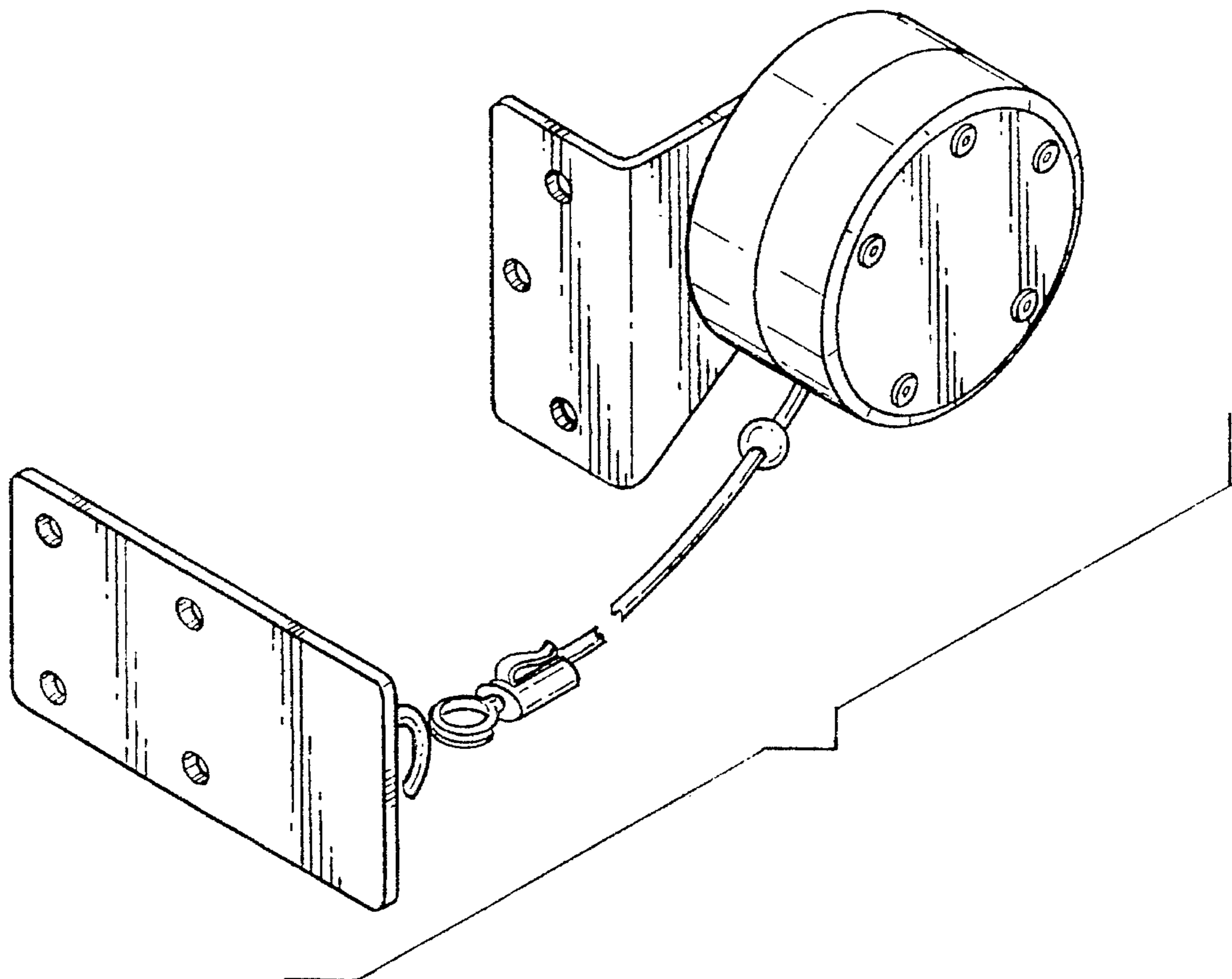


FIG. 2

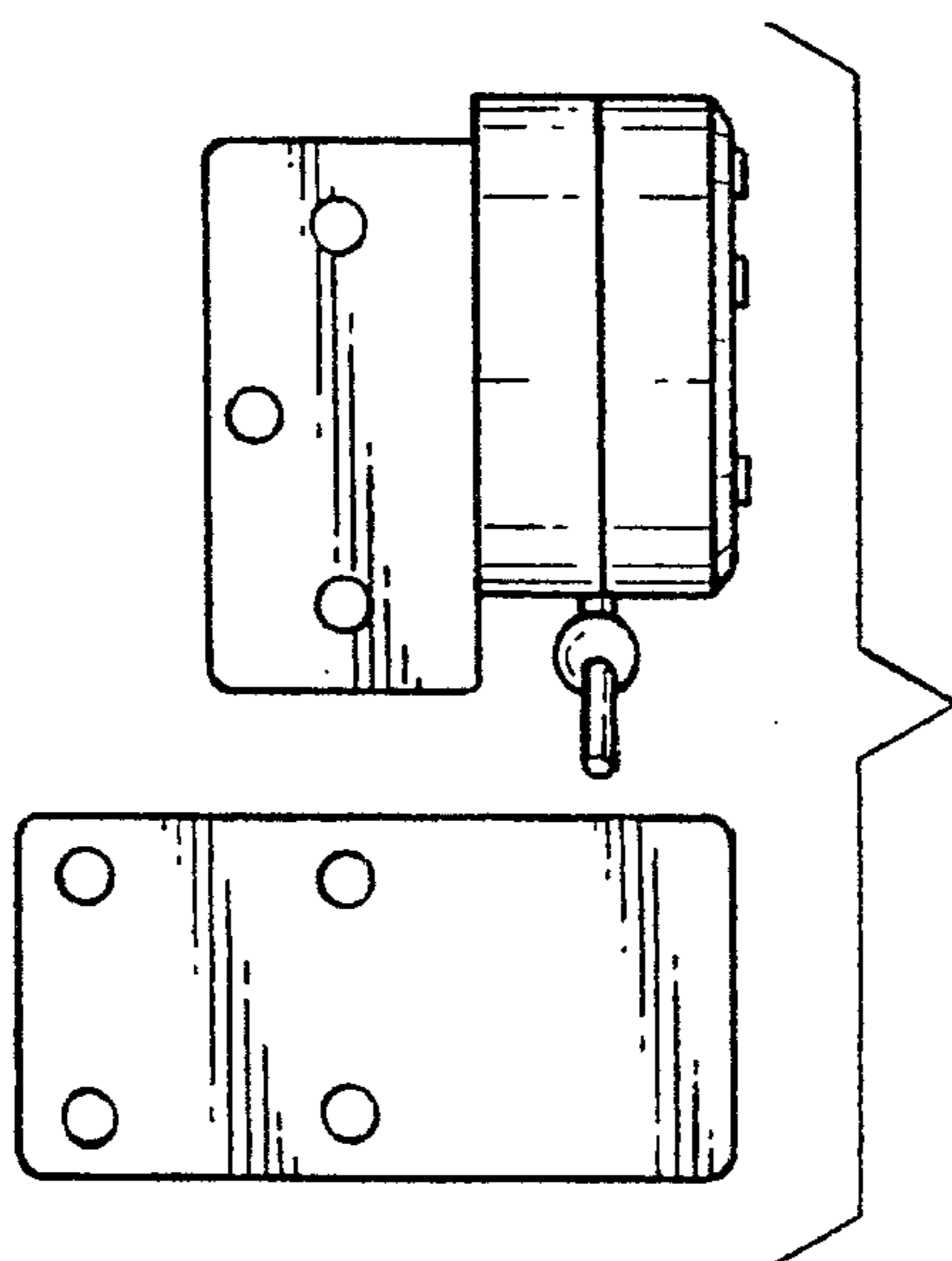


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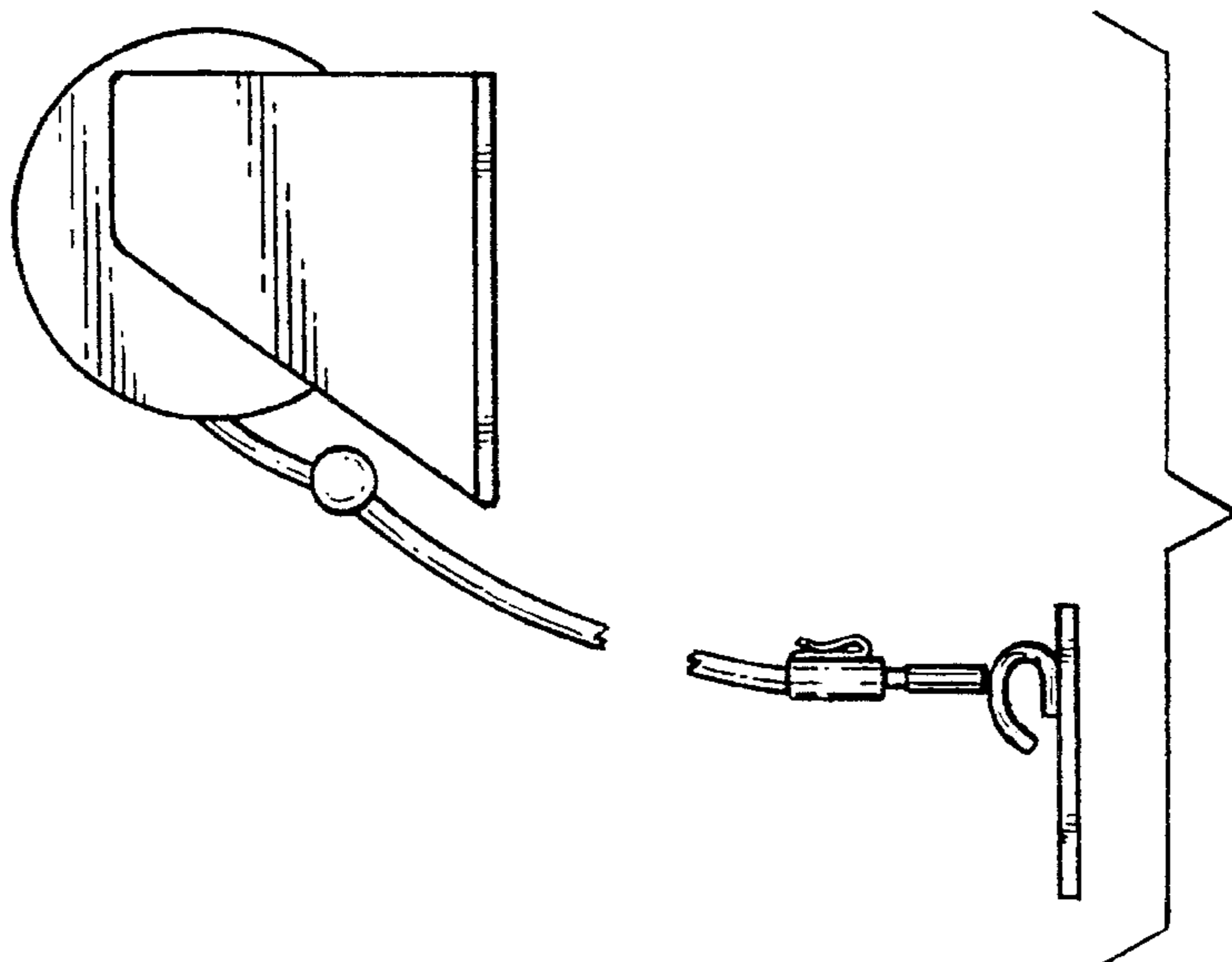


FIG. 5

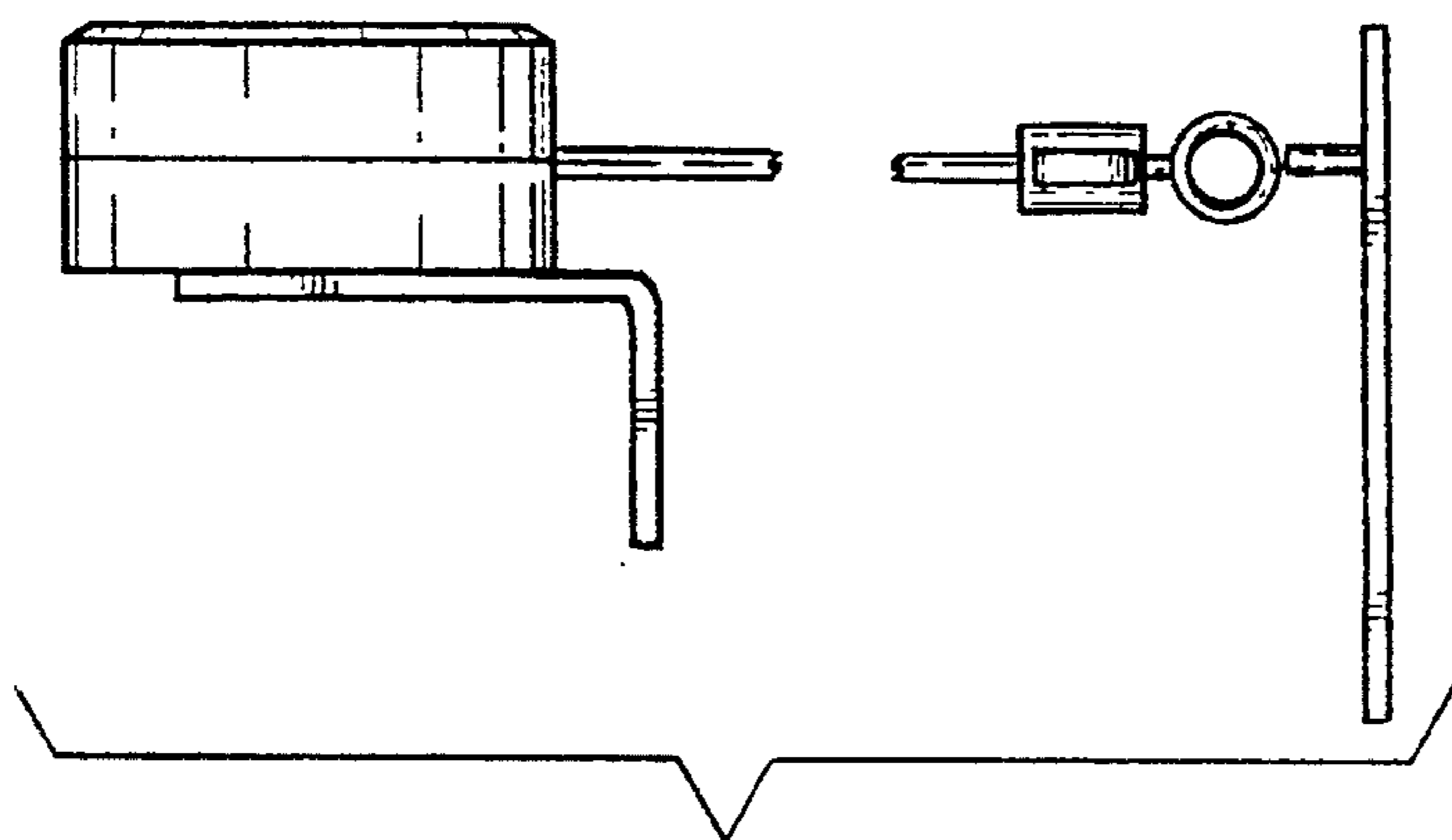


FIG. 7

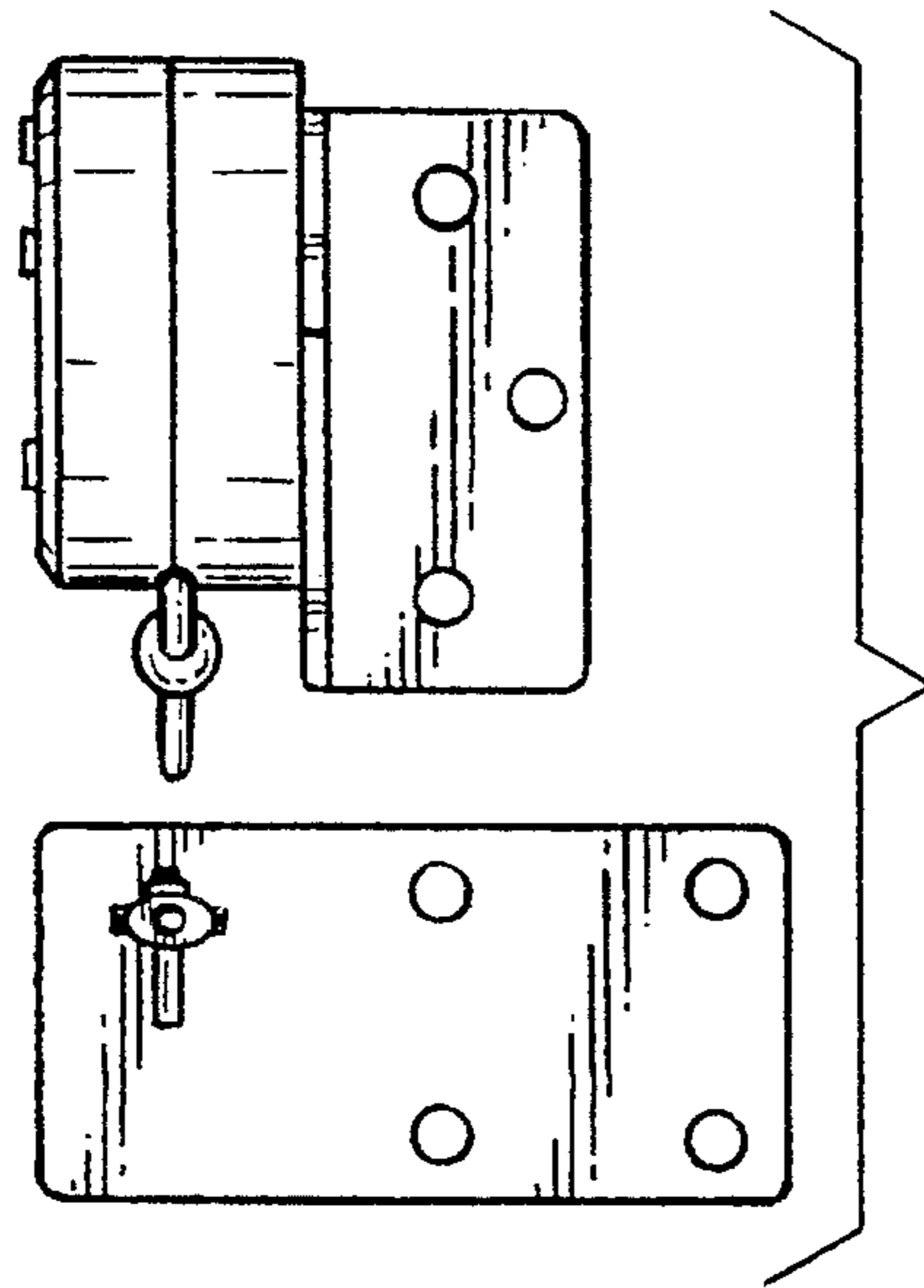


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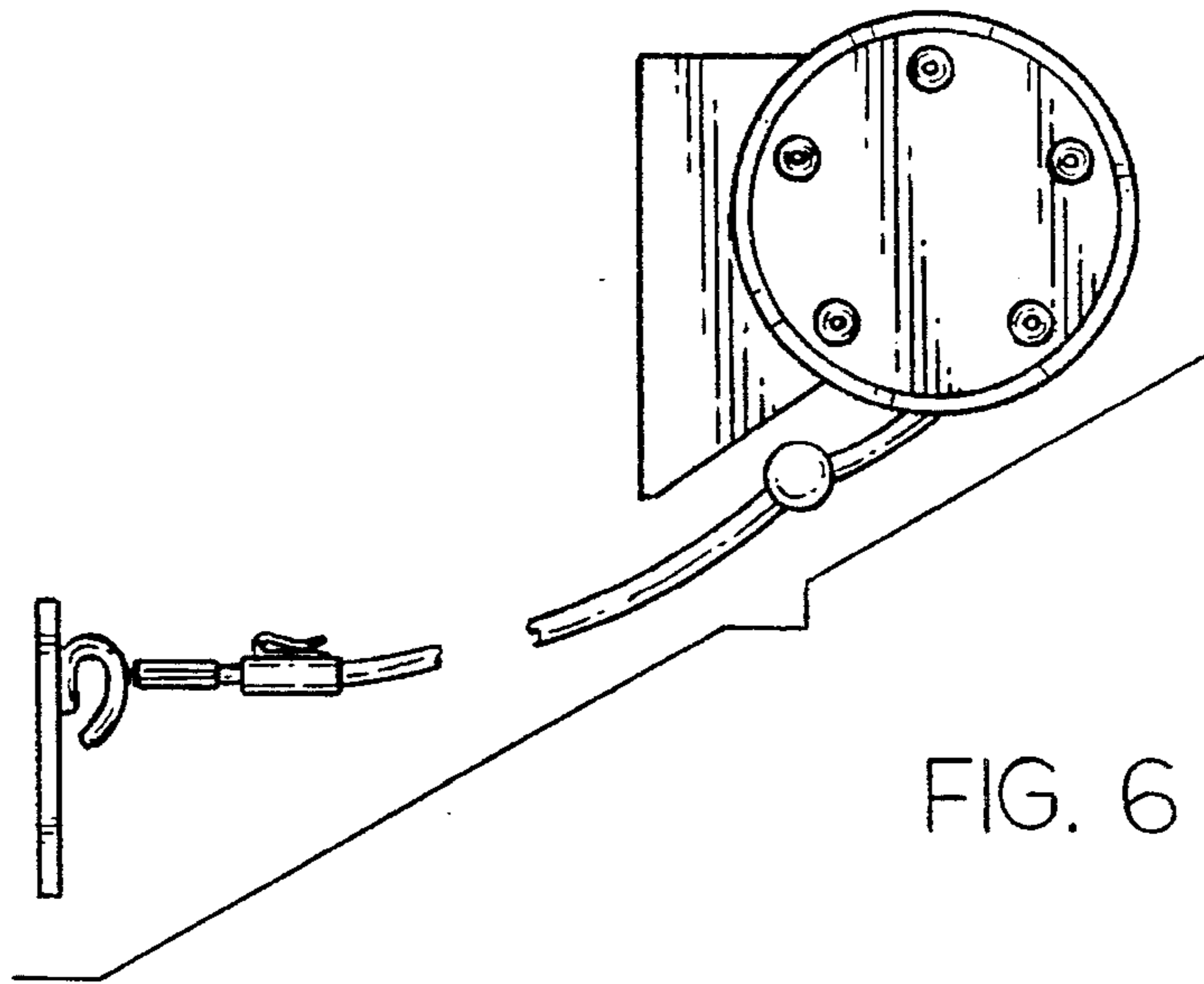


FIG. 6

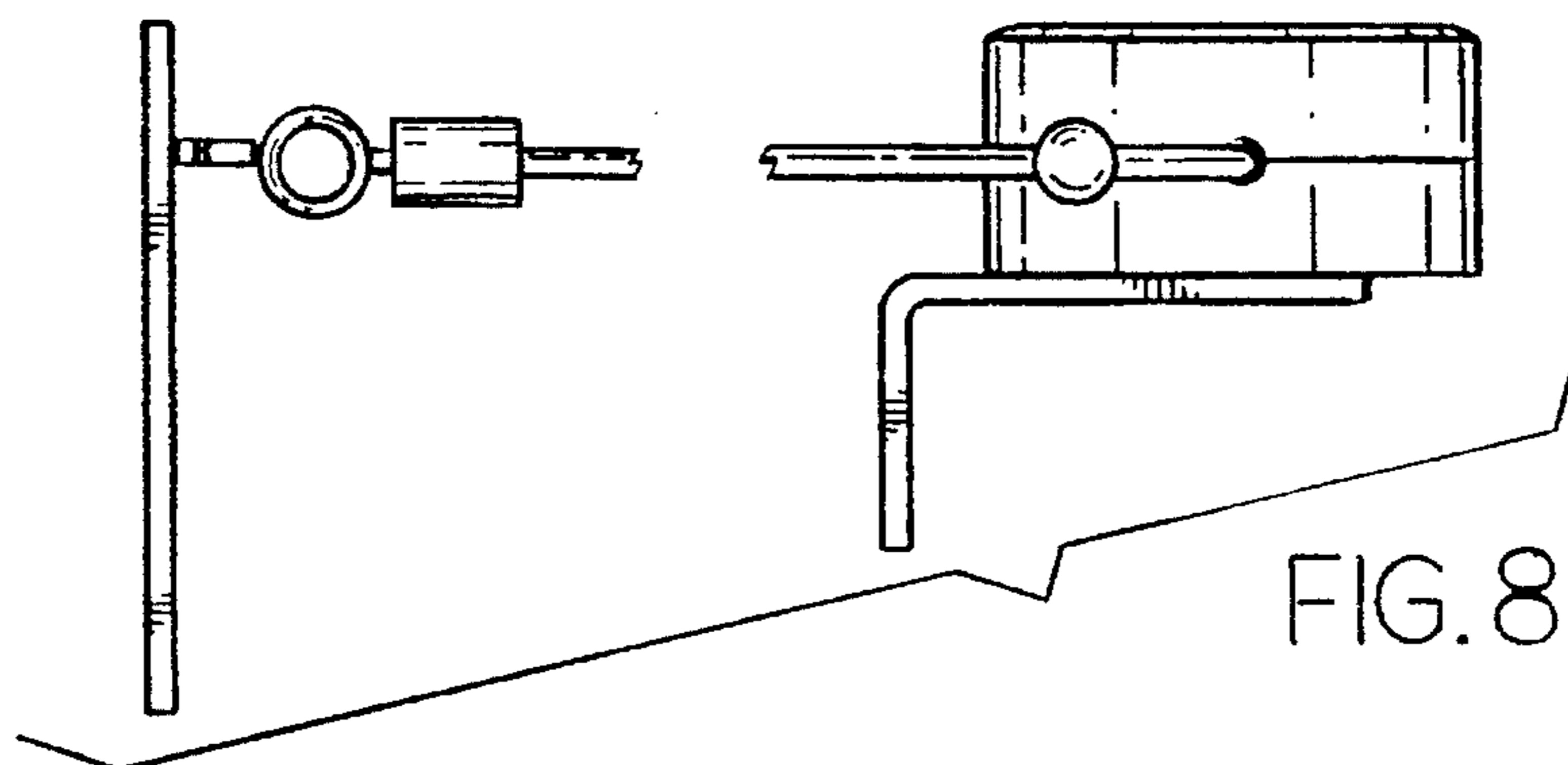


FIG. 8