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[54] **STAPLER**

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### [57] CLAIM

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The ornamental design for a stapler, as shown and described.

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### DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a front, right side perspective view of a stapler showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a right side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof;

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

FIG. 6 is a rear elevational view thereof.

The bottom of the claimed stapler is plane and unornamented.

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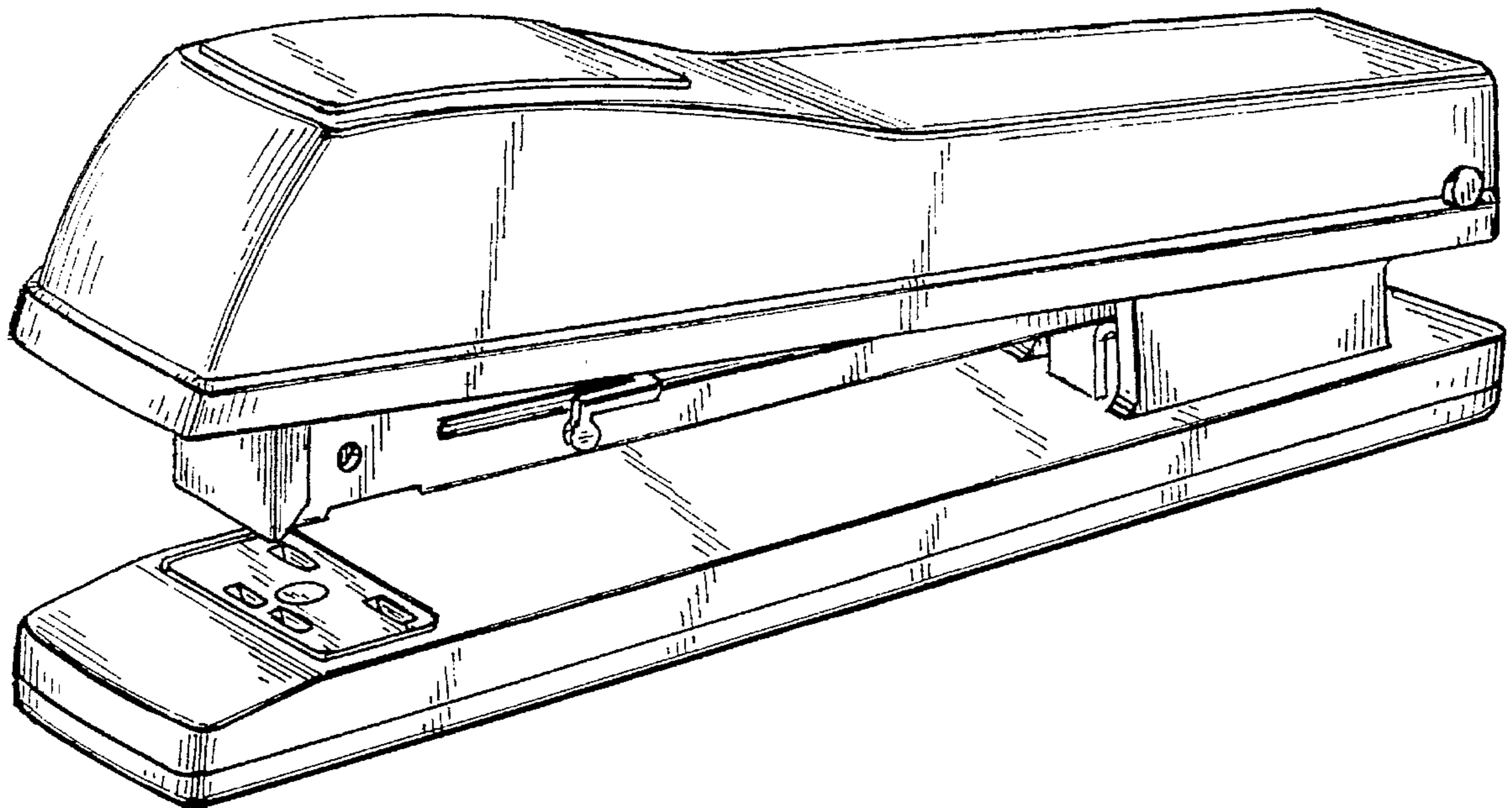


FIG. 1

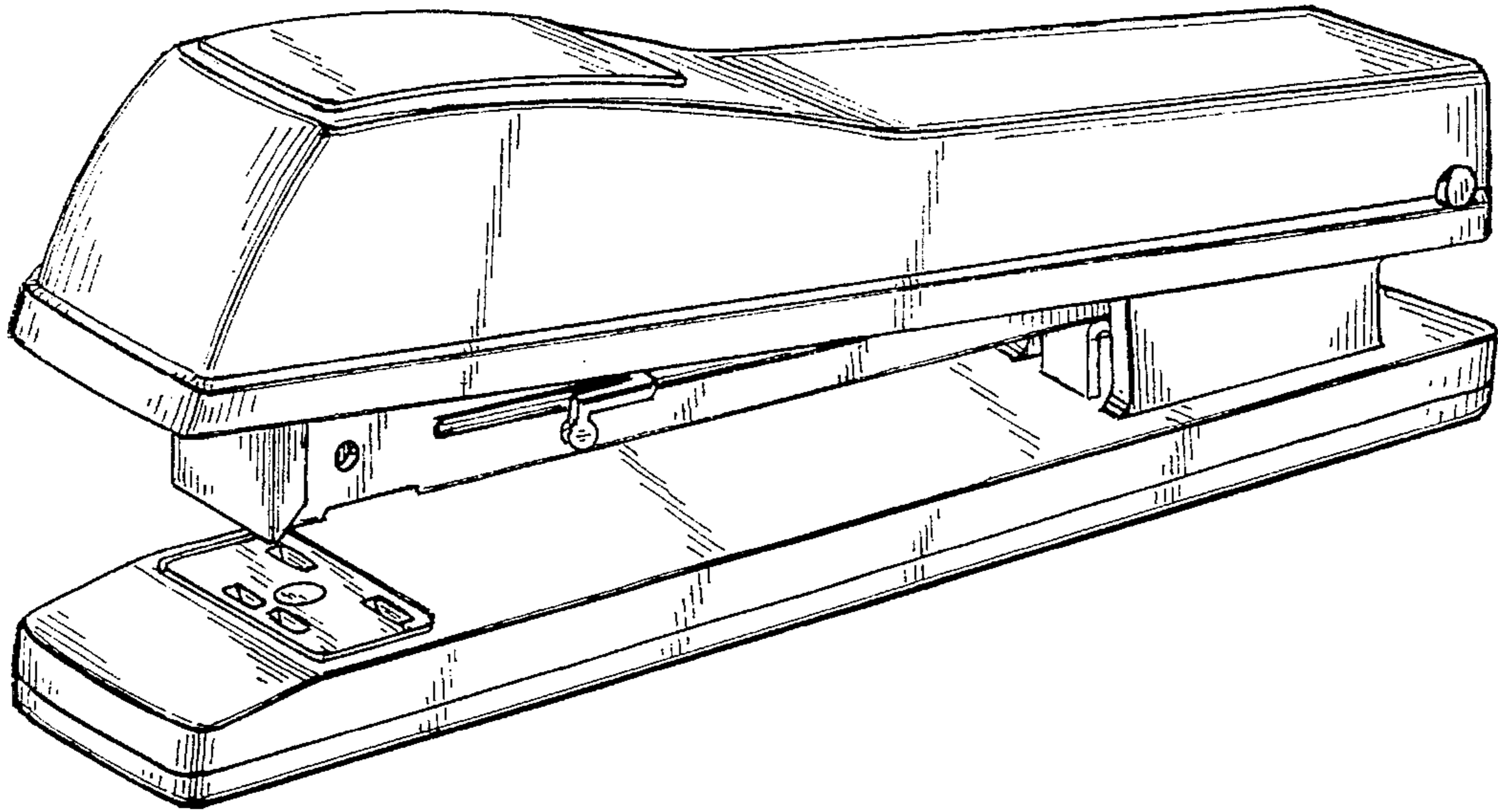


FIG. 2

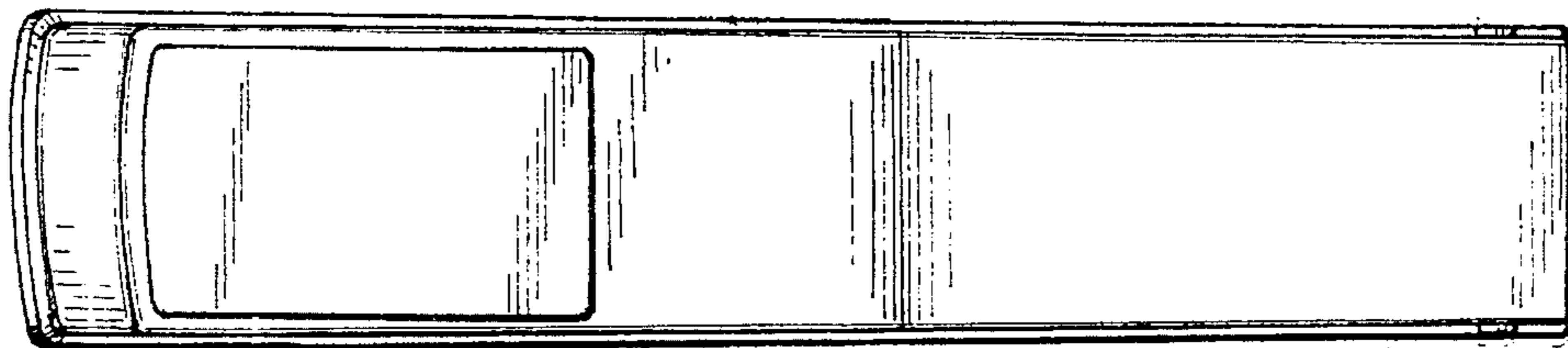


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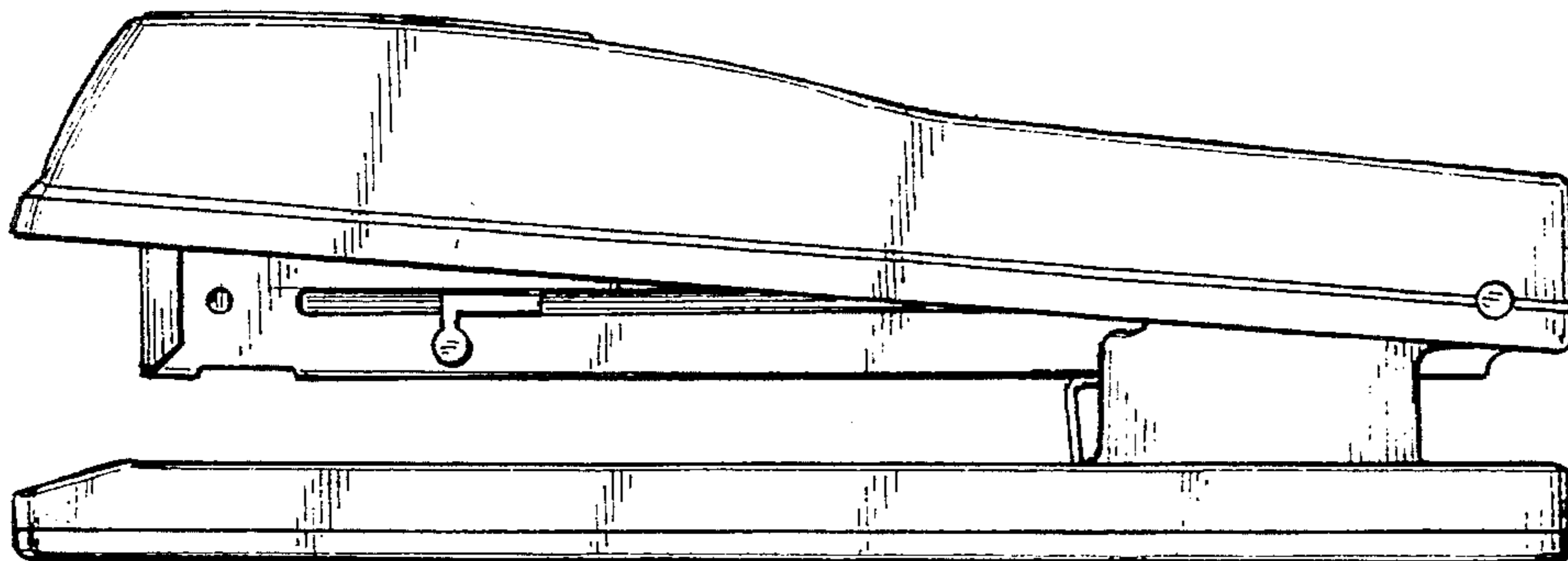


FIG. 4

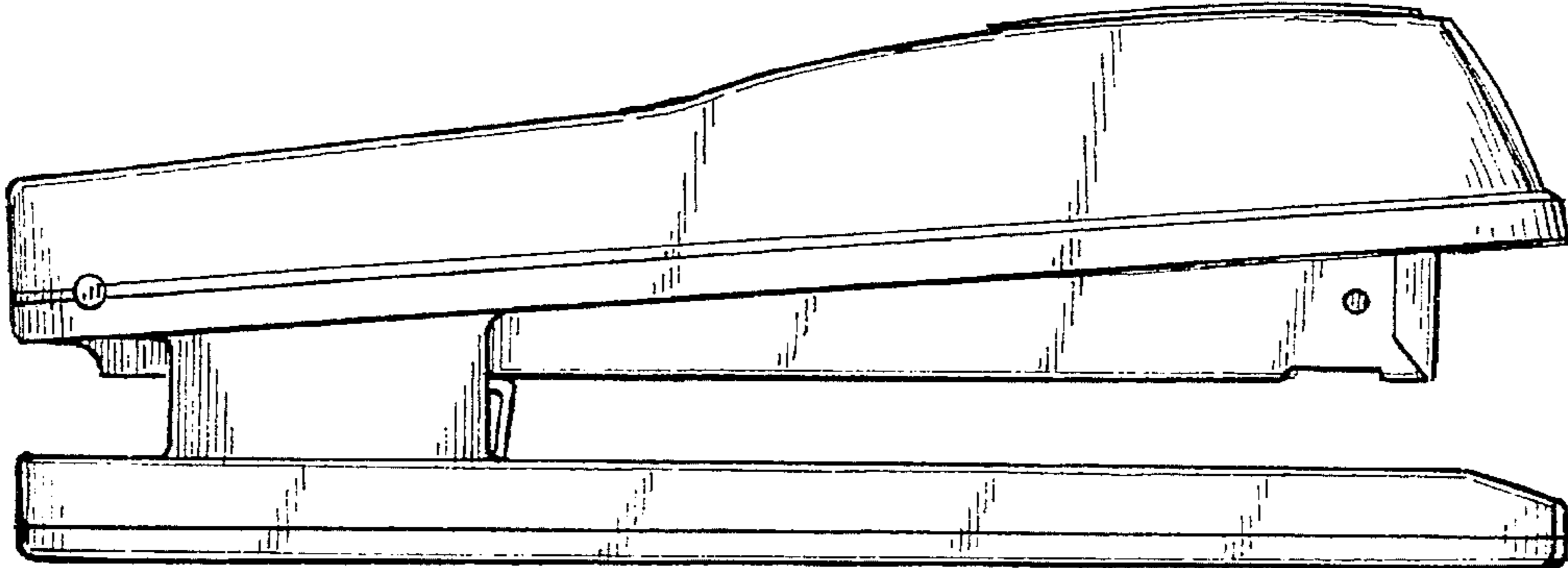


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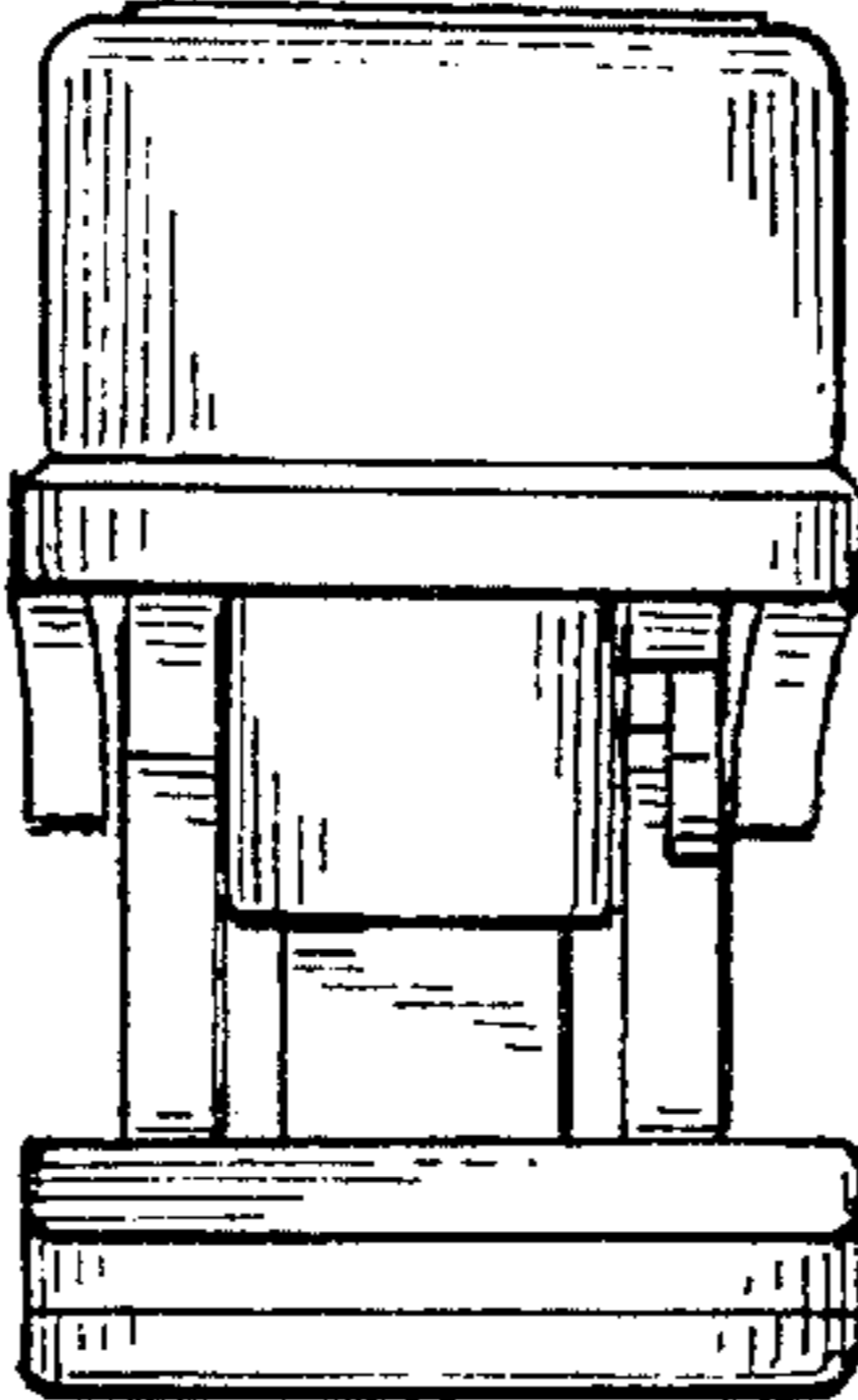


FIG. 6

