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[54]	WATER SKI TOW FIXTURE FOR SECURING
	A WATER SKI TOW ROPE TO A BOAT

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#### **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a water ski tow fixture for securing a water ski tow rope to a boat, as shown and described.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is perspective view of a first embodiment of a water ski tow fixture for securing a water ski tow rope to a boat and showing our design, the dotted line showing typical related environment, in the form of (1) normally rearwardly extending studs and flanking hollow tubular stern rail segments for mounting on the stern portion of a boat and (2) a ski tow rope for pulling a water skier;

FIG. 2 is a view similar to FIG. 1 but without the dotted line stern rail segments and rope;

FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a bottom view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a back elevational view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side view being a mirror image of the left;

FIG. 8 is a perspective view showing a second embodiment of this invention;

FIG. 9 is a top plan view thereof;

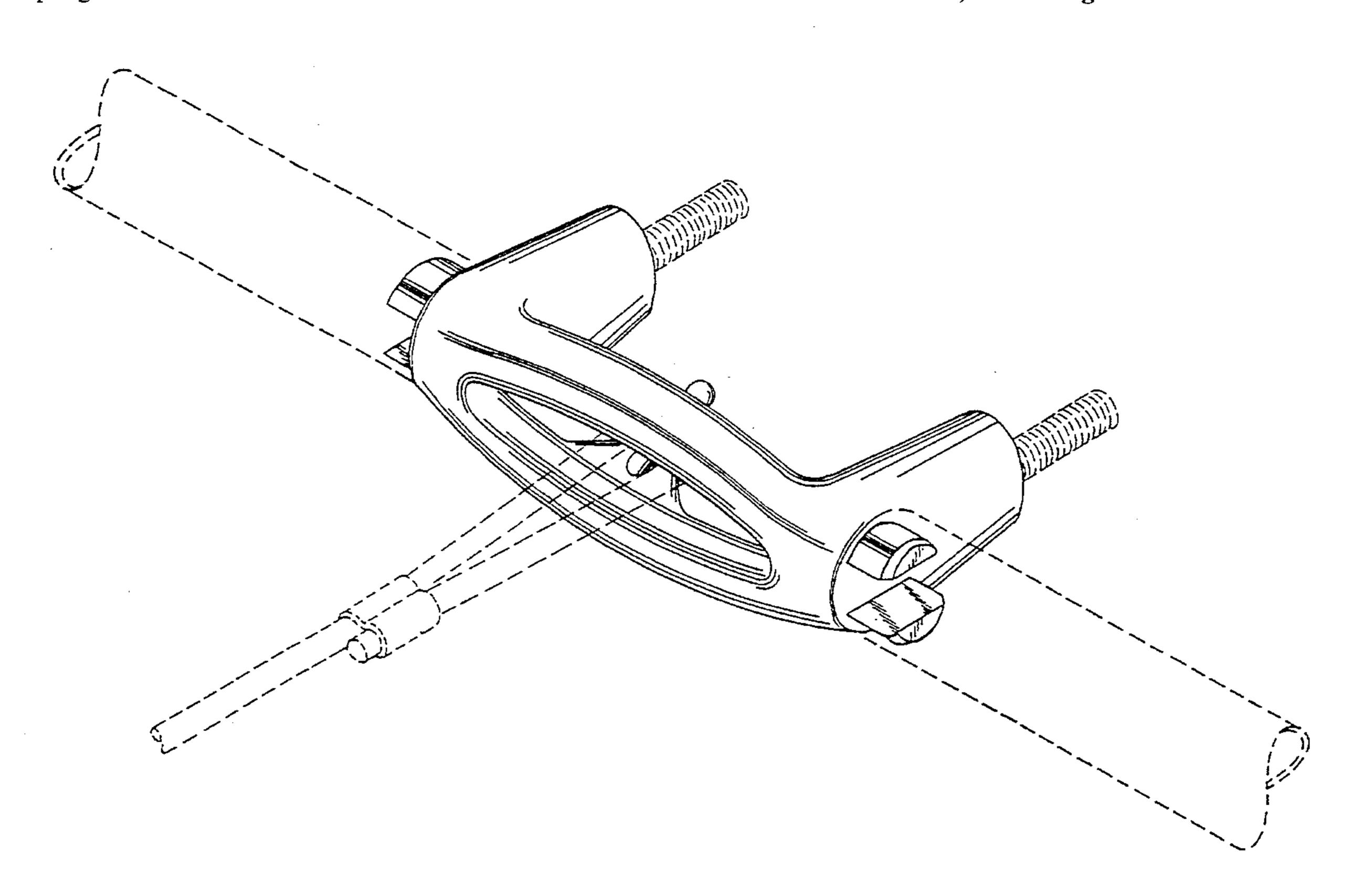
FIG. 10 is a bottom view thereof;

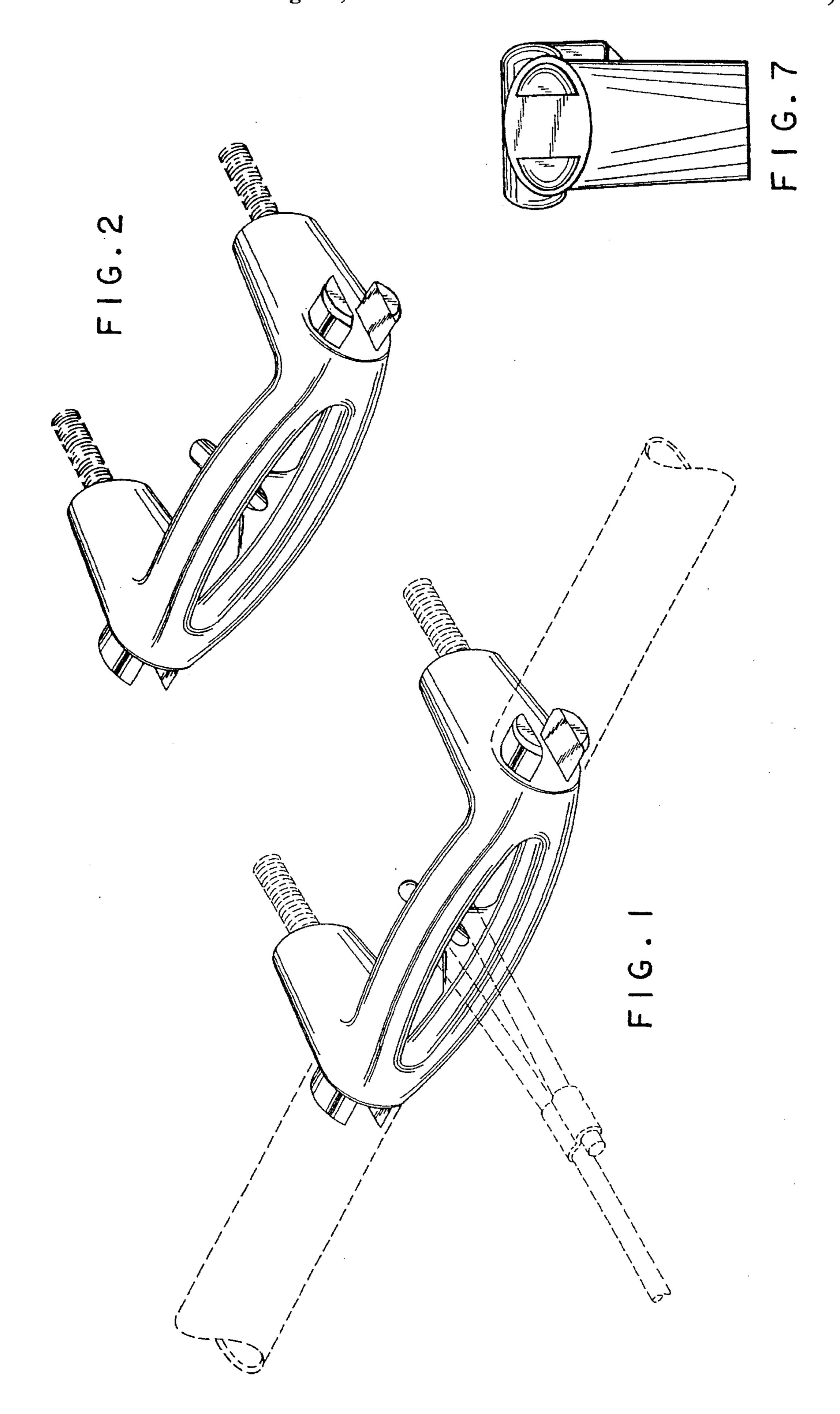
FIG. 11 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 12 is a back elevational view thereof; and,

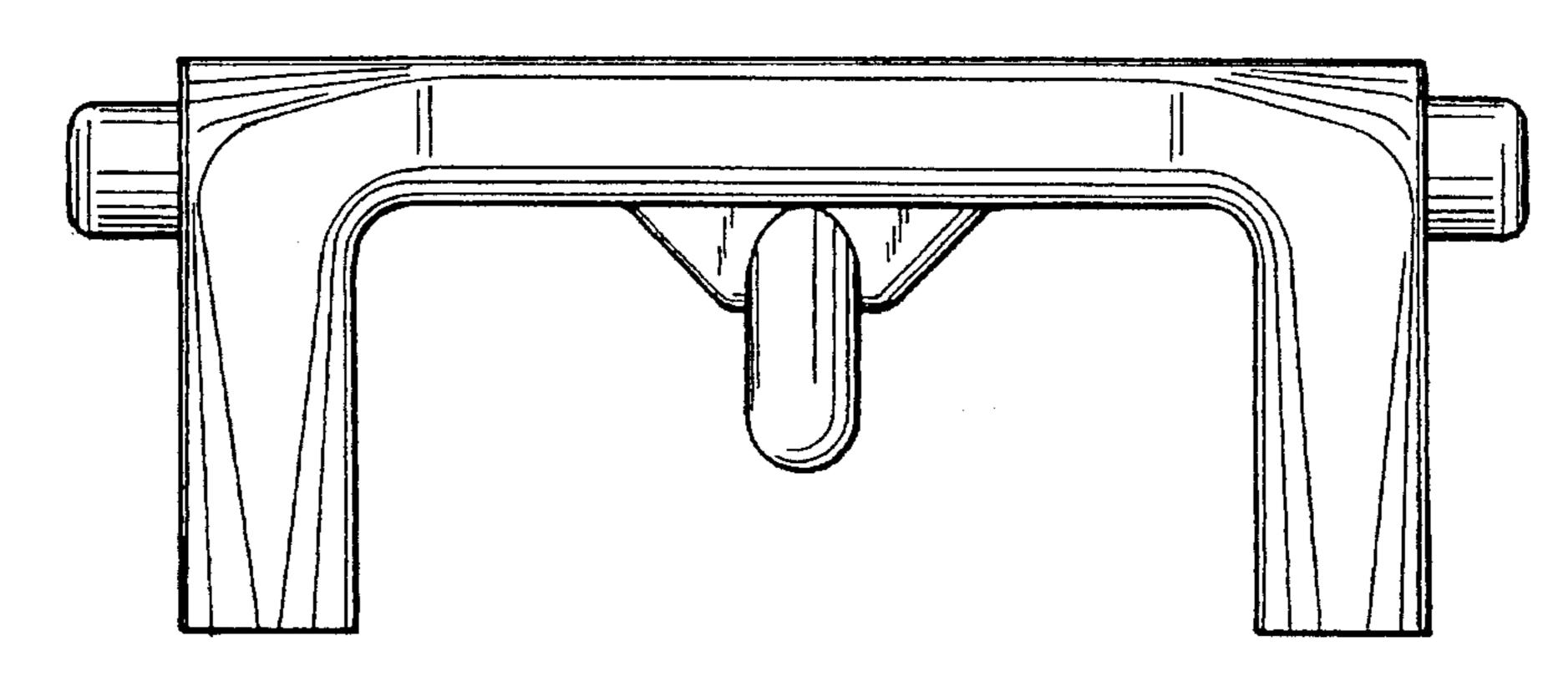
FIG. 13 is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side view being a mirror image of the left.

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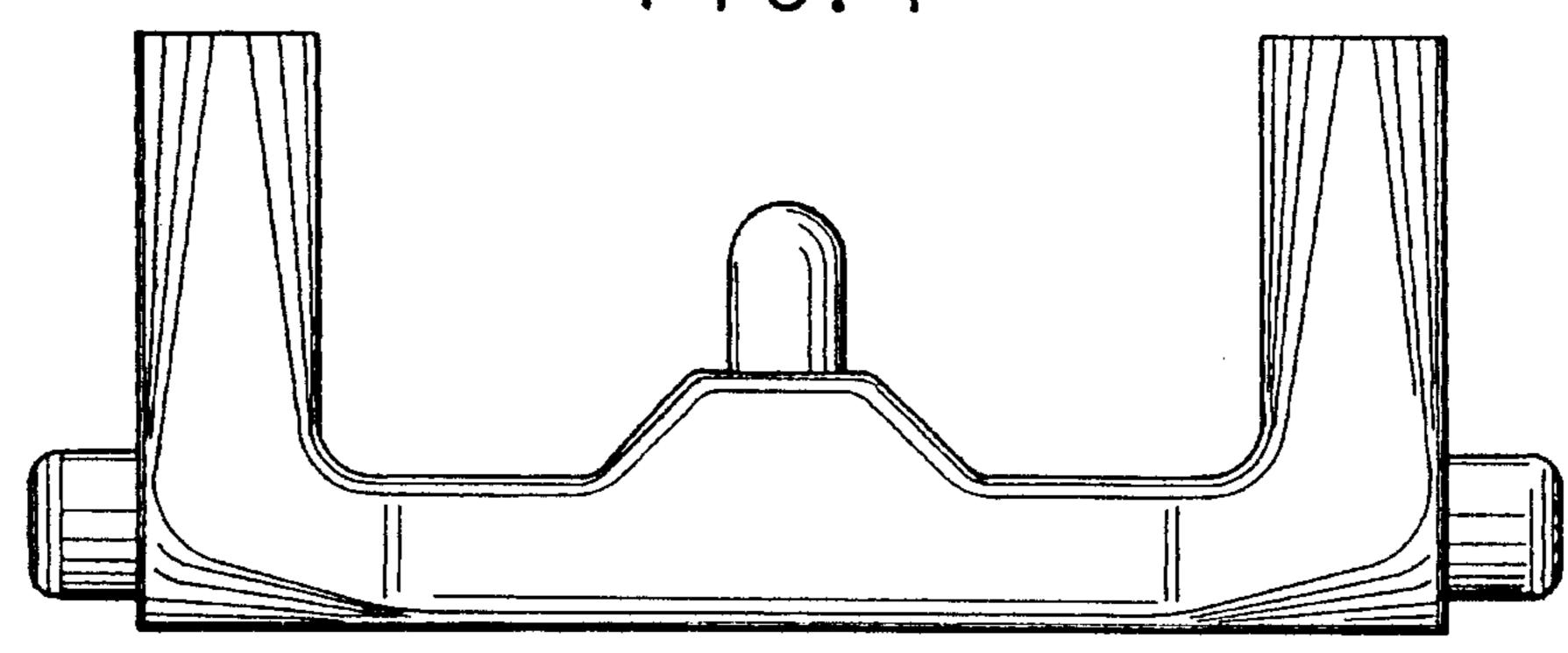




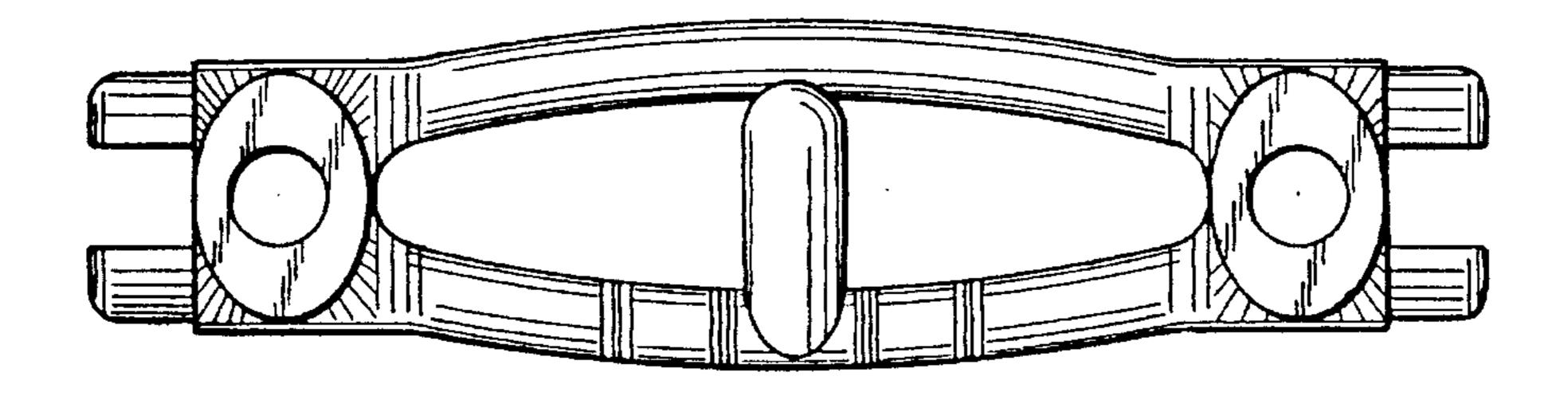
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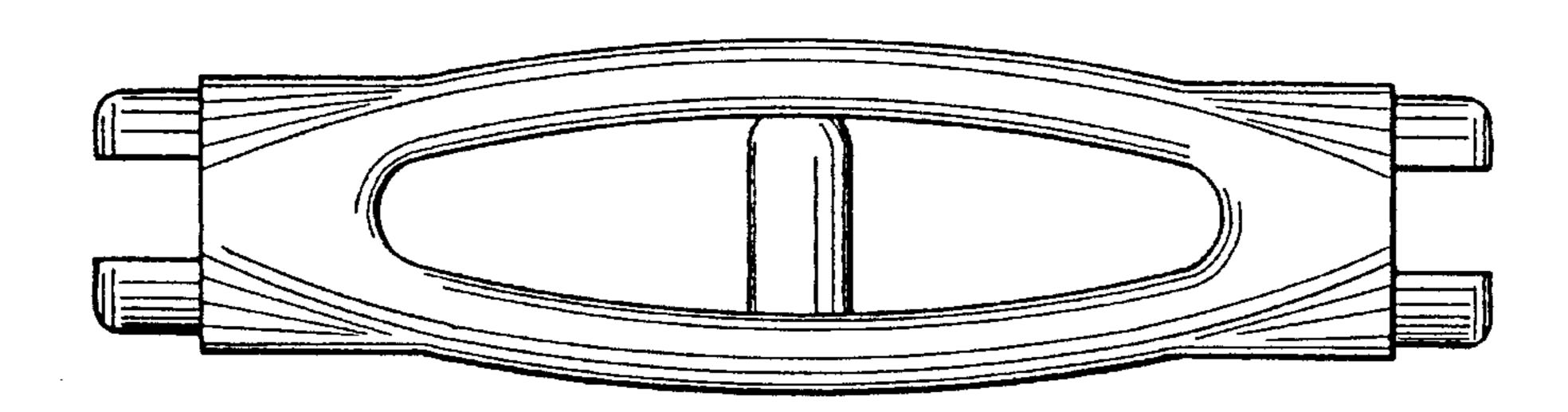
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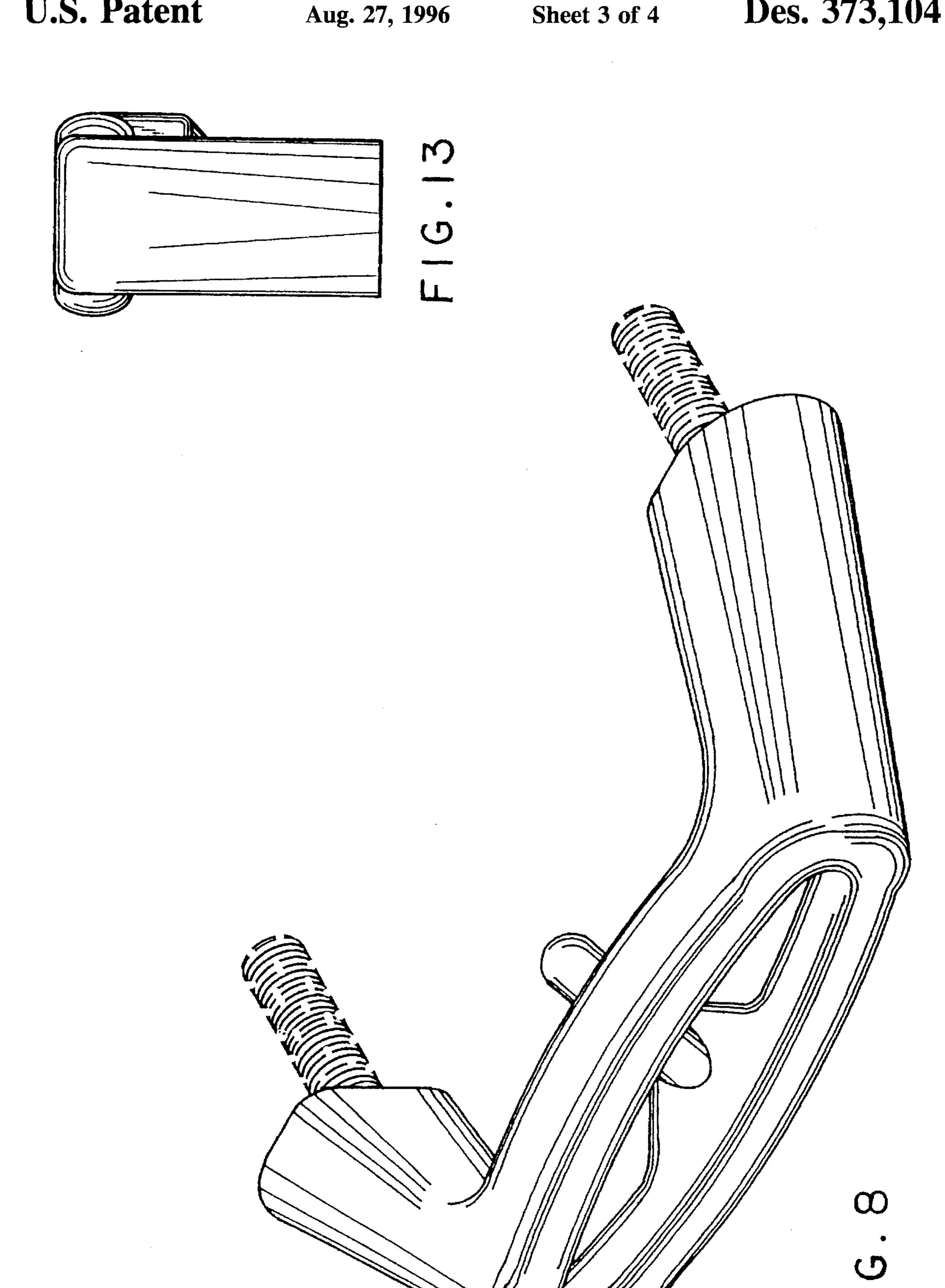


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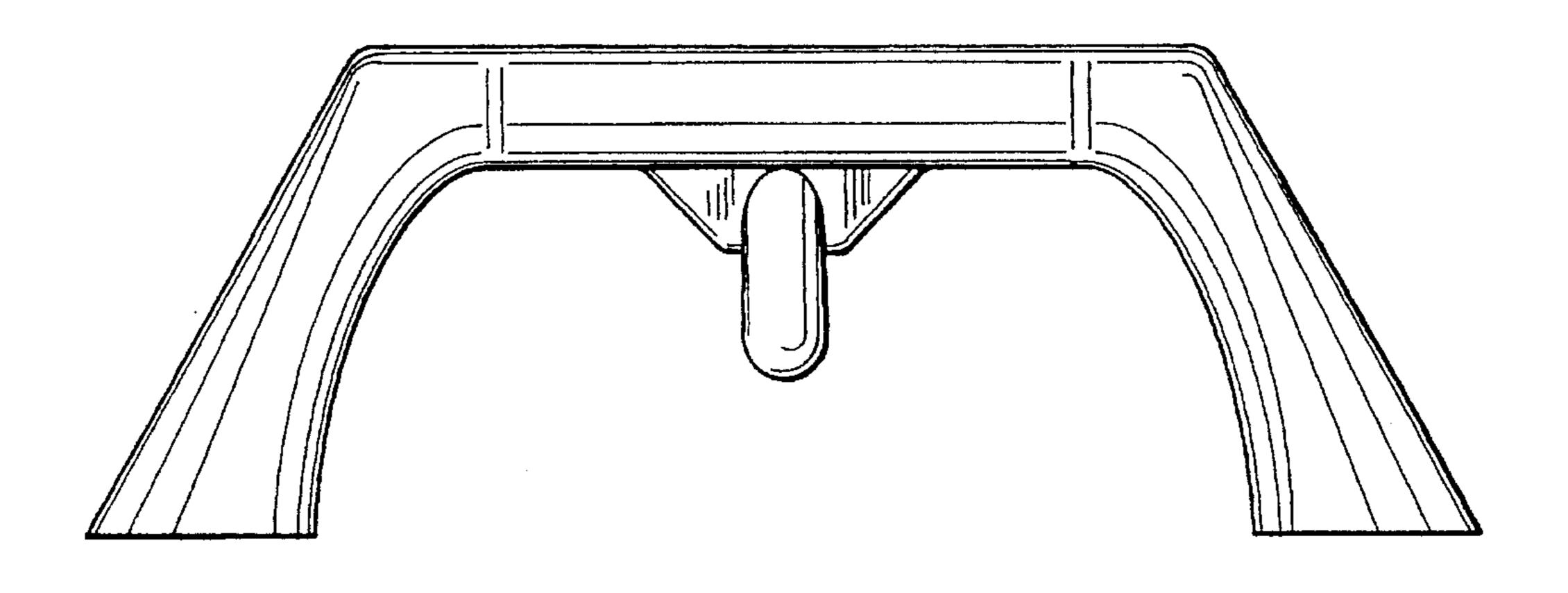


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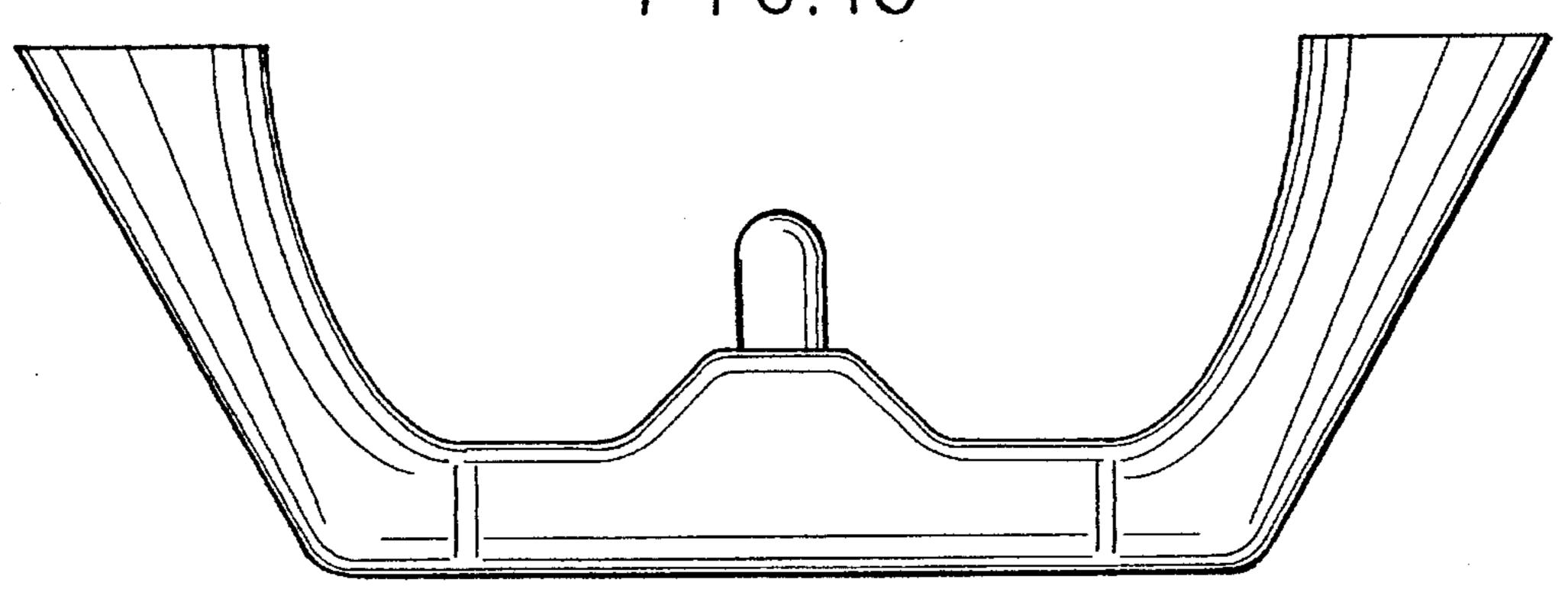
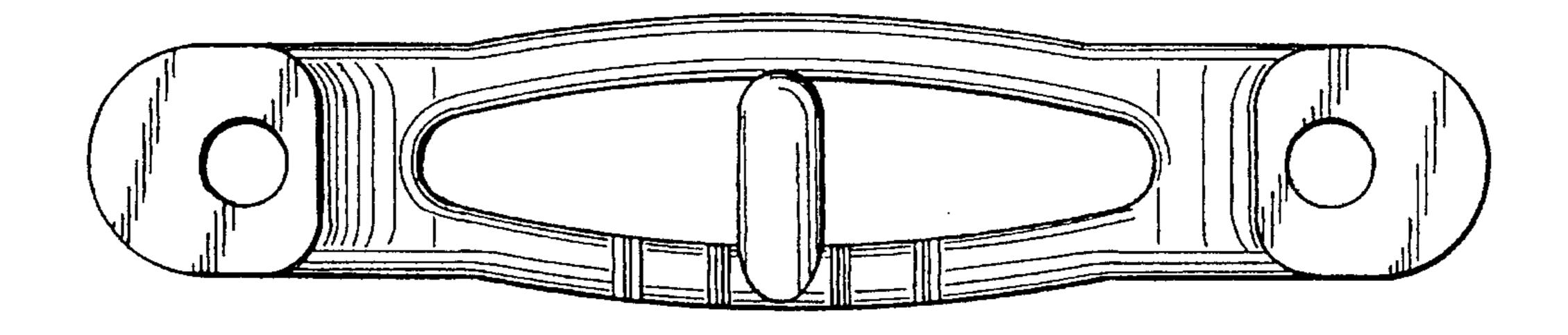


FIG. 11



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