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[54] **HITCH BALL**

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The ornamental design for a hitch ball, as shown and described.

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### DESCRIPTION

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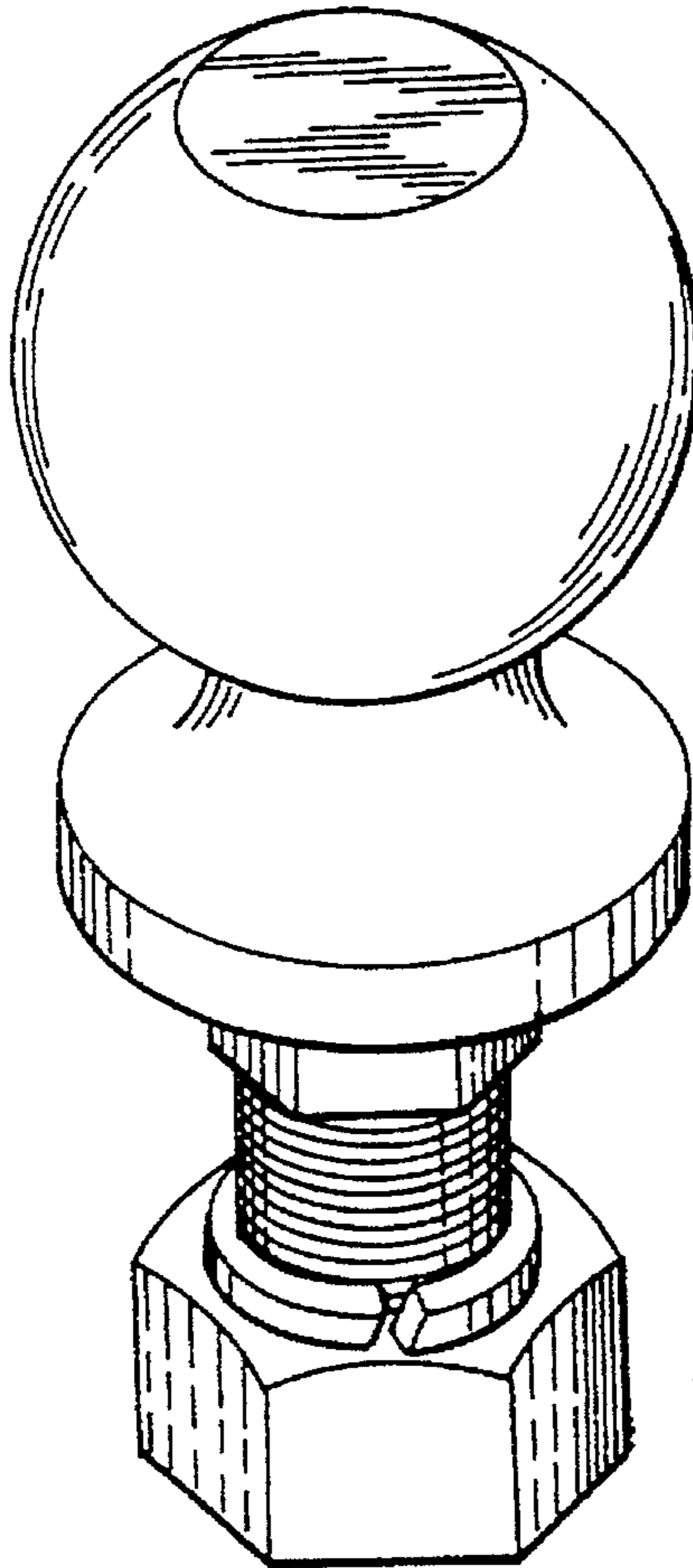
FIG. 1 is an isometric view of the hitch ball of the present invention;

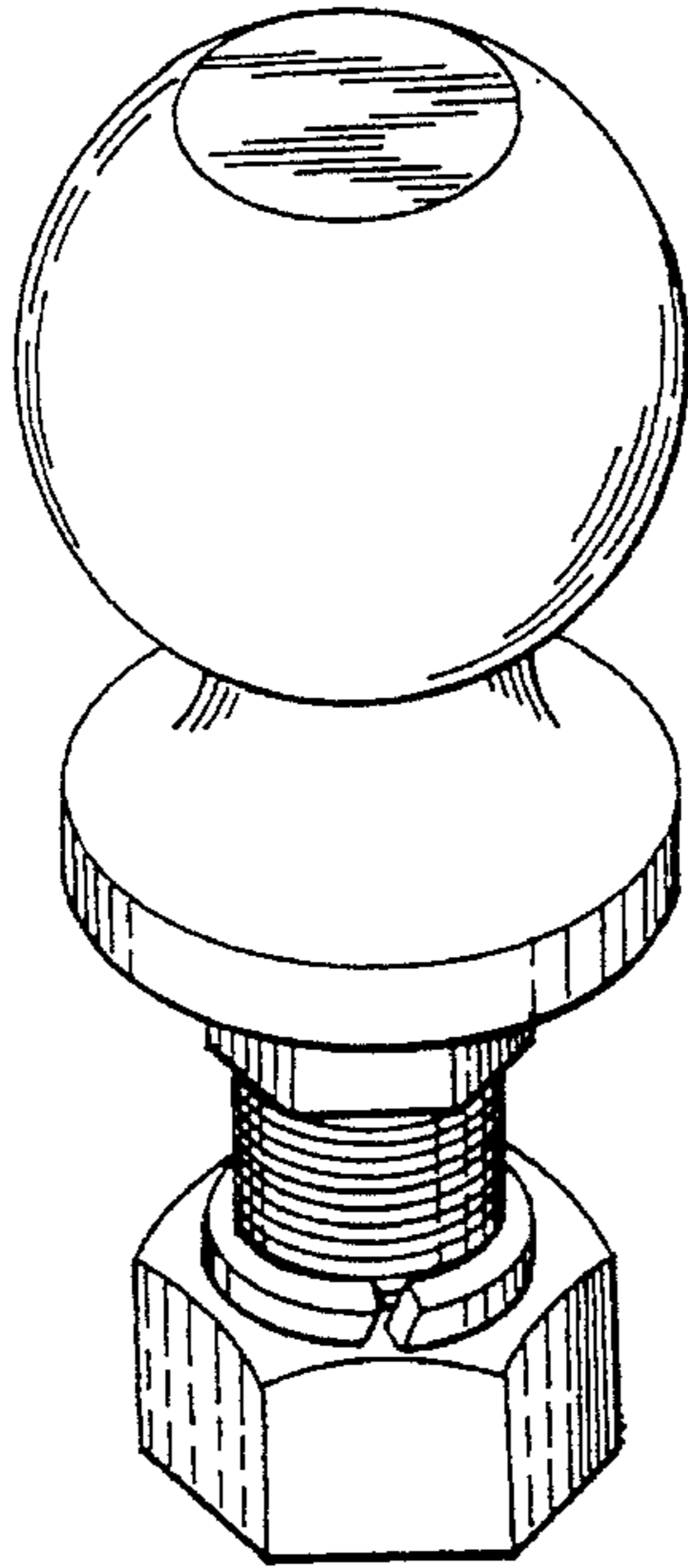
FIG. 2 is a left side elevational view, where the right side elevational view, front elevational view, and rear elevational view being a substantial mirror image thereof;

FIG. 3 is a bottom plan view thereof; and,

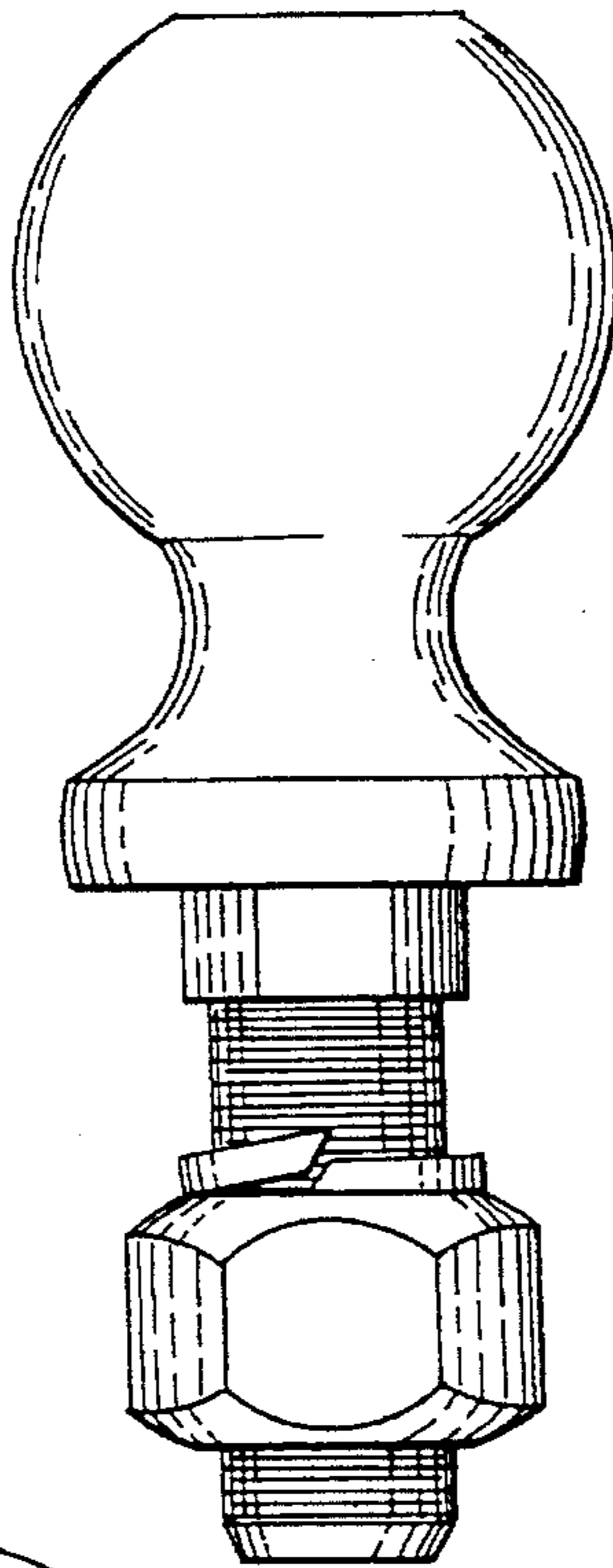
FIG. 4 is a top plan view thereof.

**1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet**

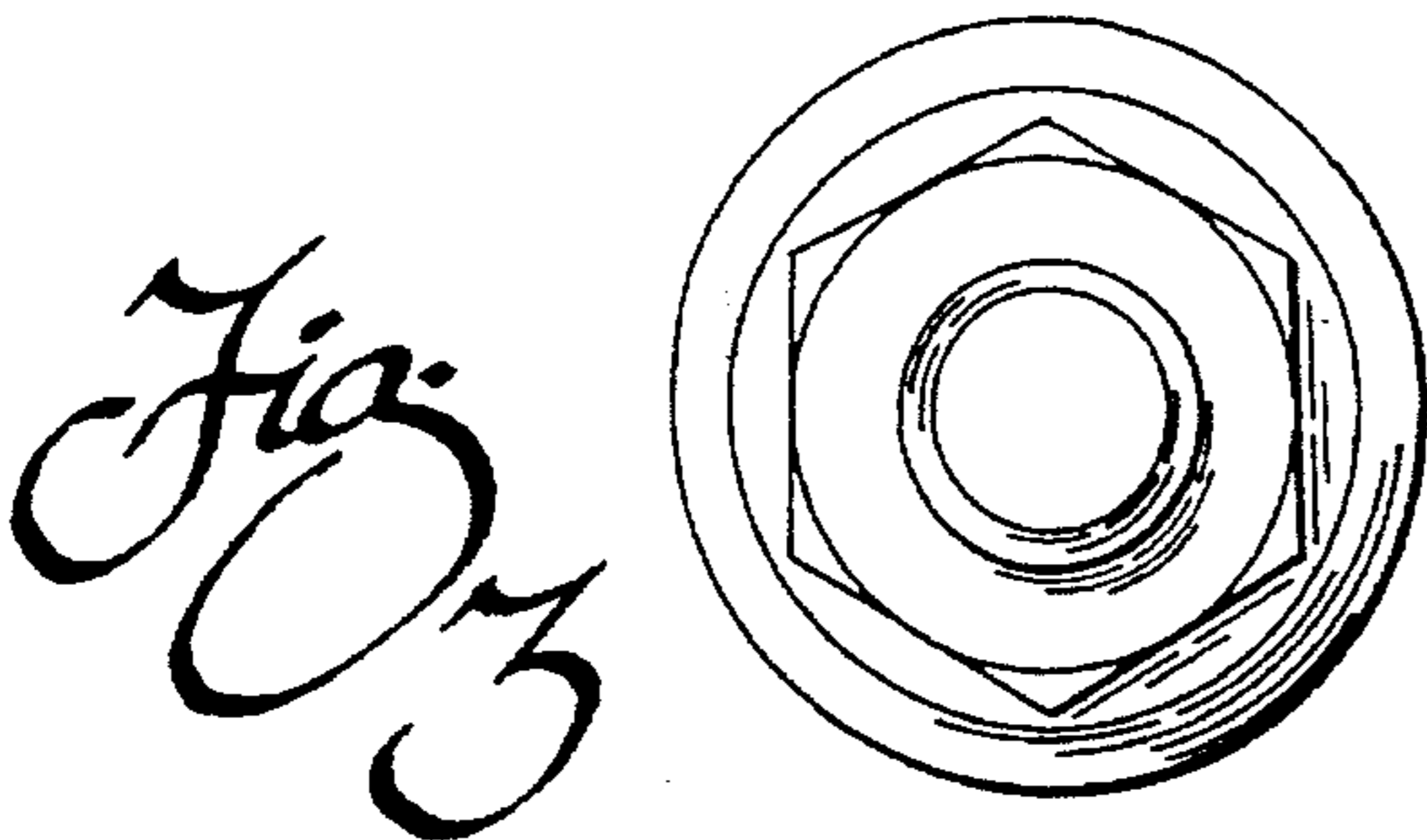




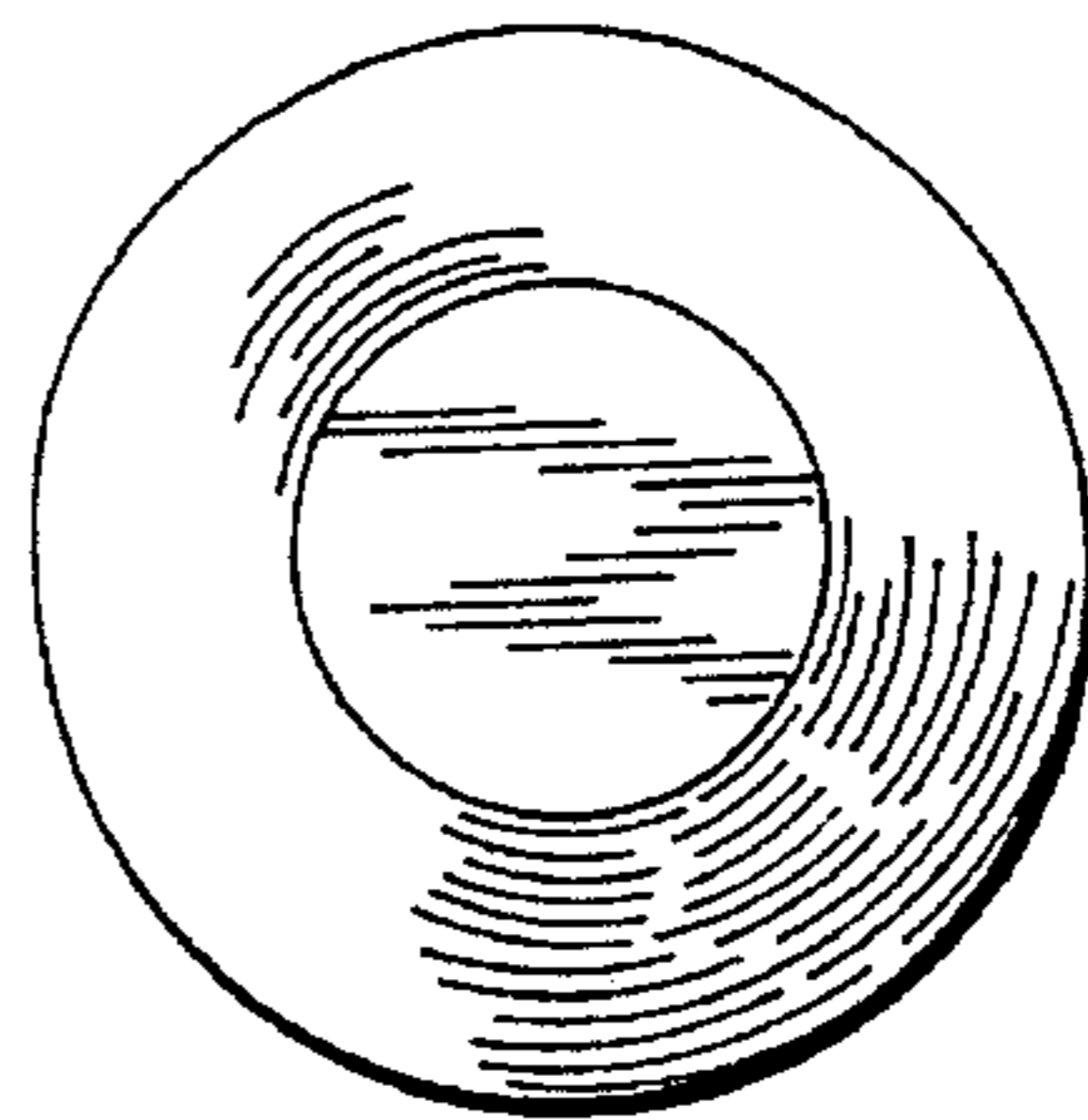
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 4*