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[54] **HEARING PROTECTIVE EARPLUG**

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[57] **CLAIM**

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The ornamental design of a hearing protective earplug, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

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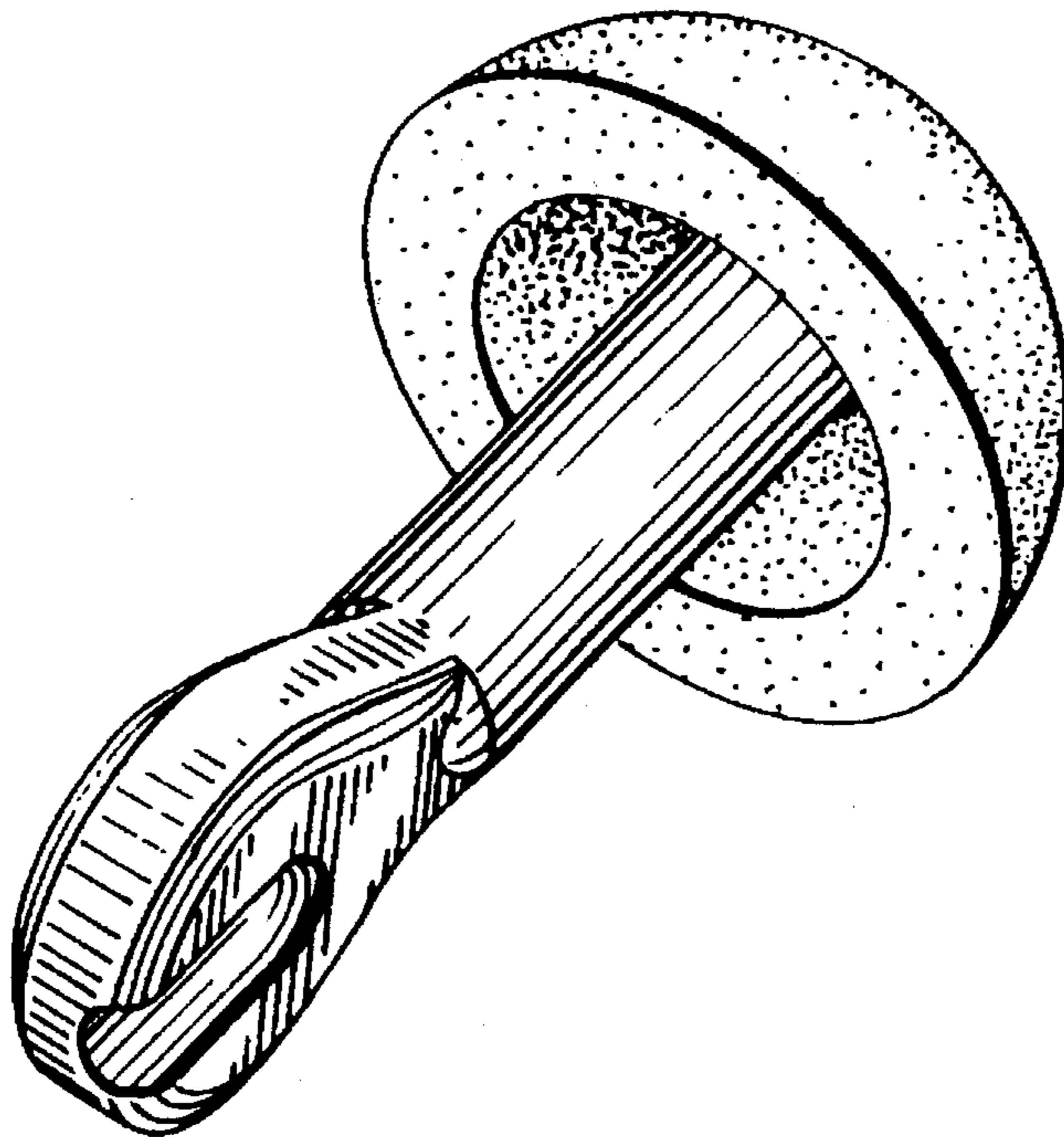
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a hearing protective earplug showing our new design;
FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a back elevational view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side elevational view being a mirror image; and,
FIG. 6 is a front elevational view thereof.

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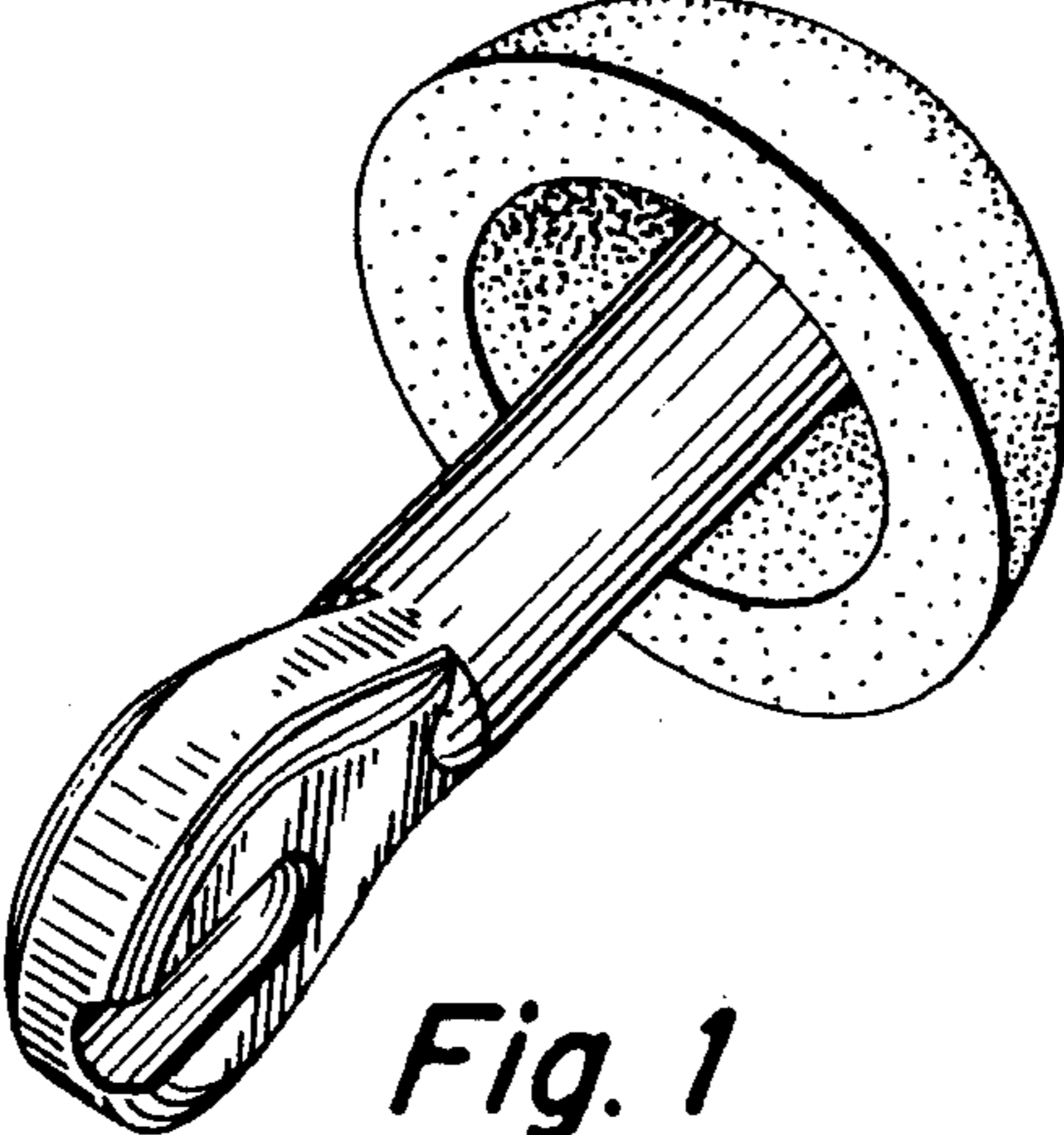


Fig. 1

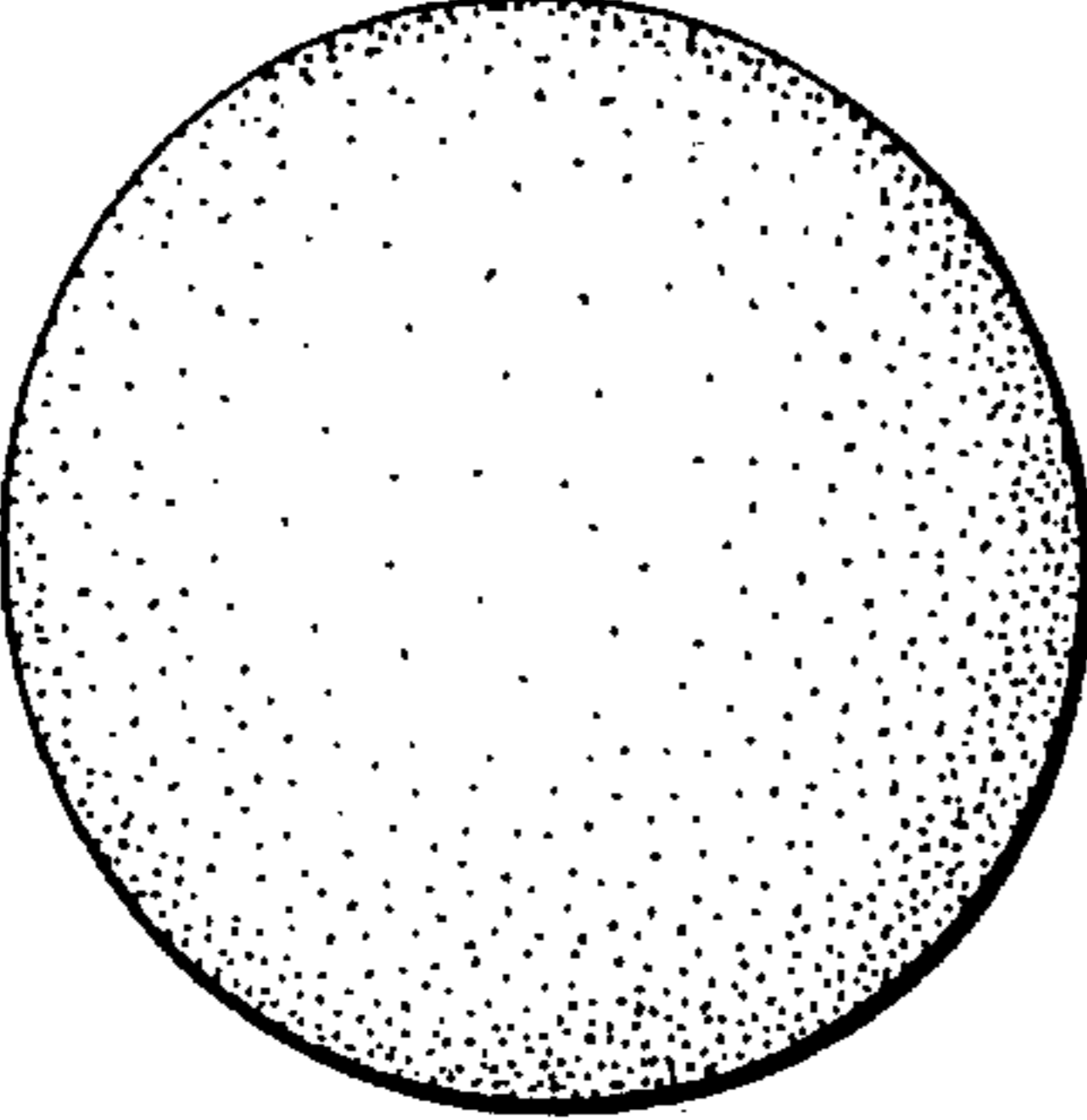


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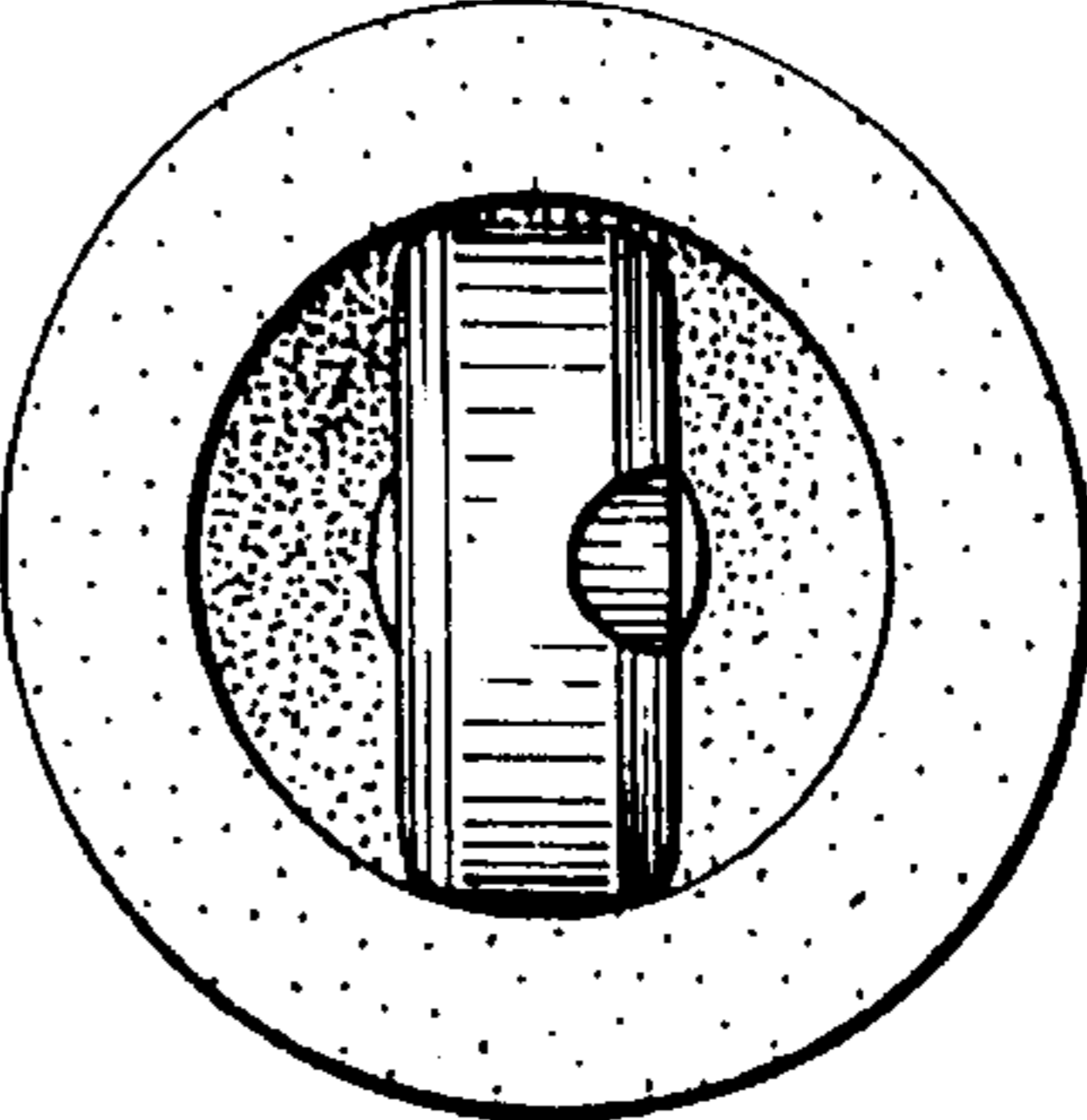


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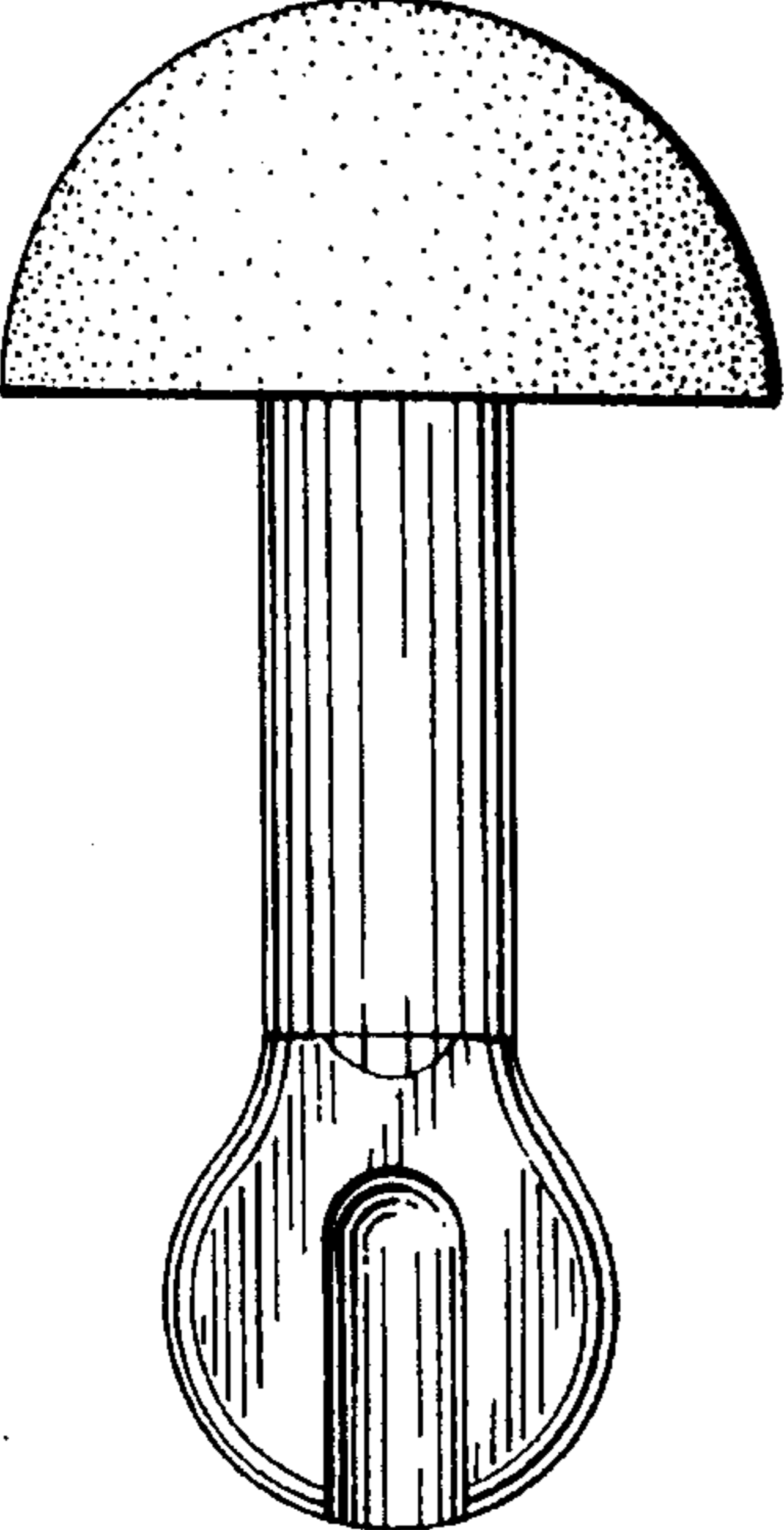


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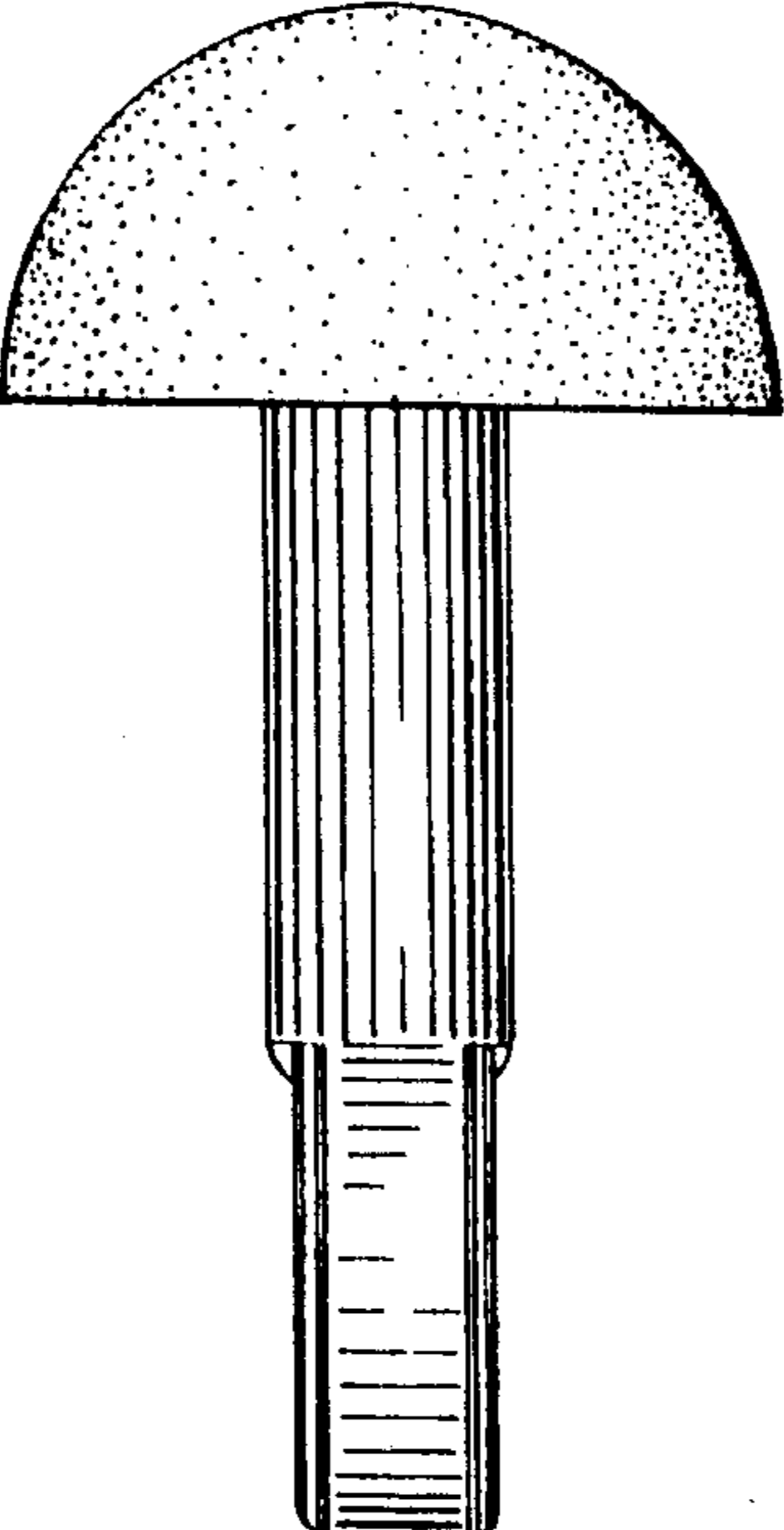


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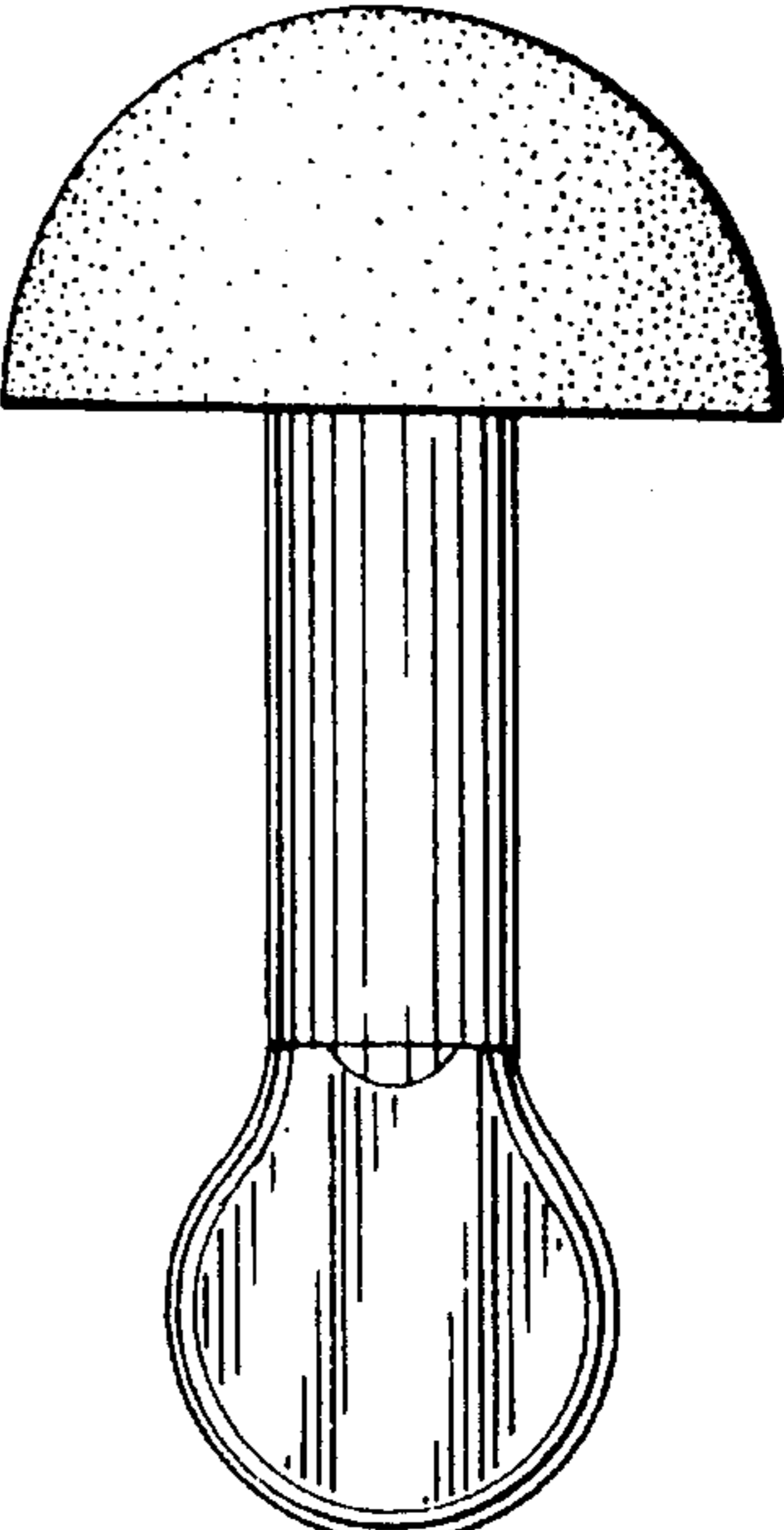


Fig. 6