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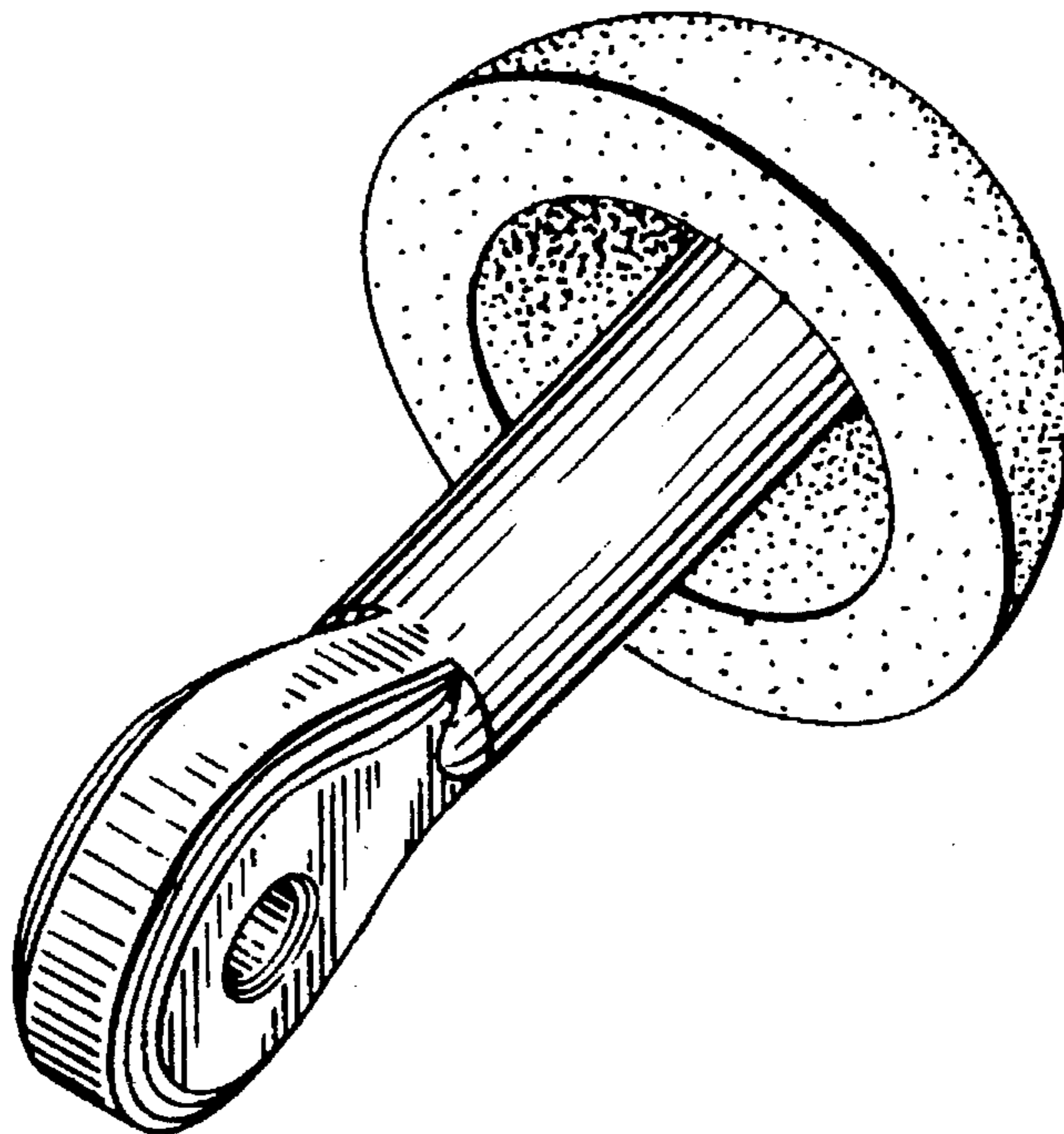
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a hearing protective earplug showing our new design;  
FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a bottom plan view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a front elevational view thereof, the back elevational view being a mirror image; and,  
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view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

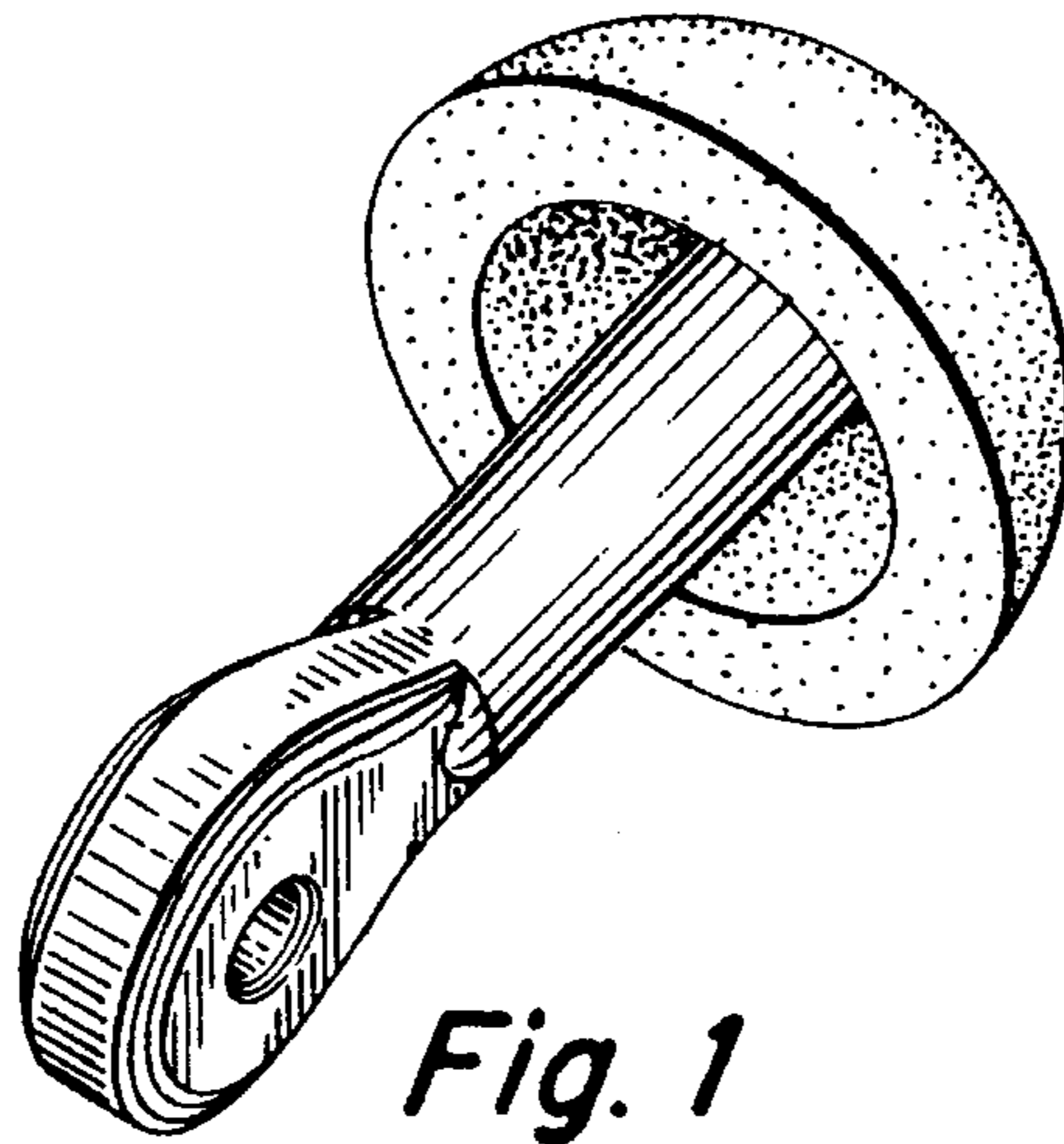
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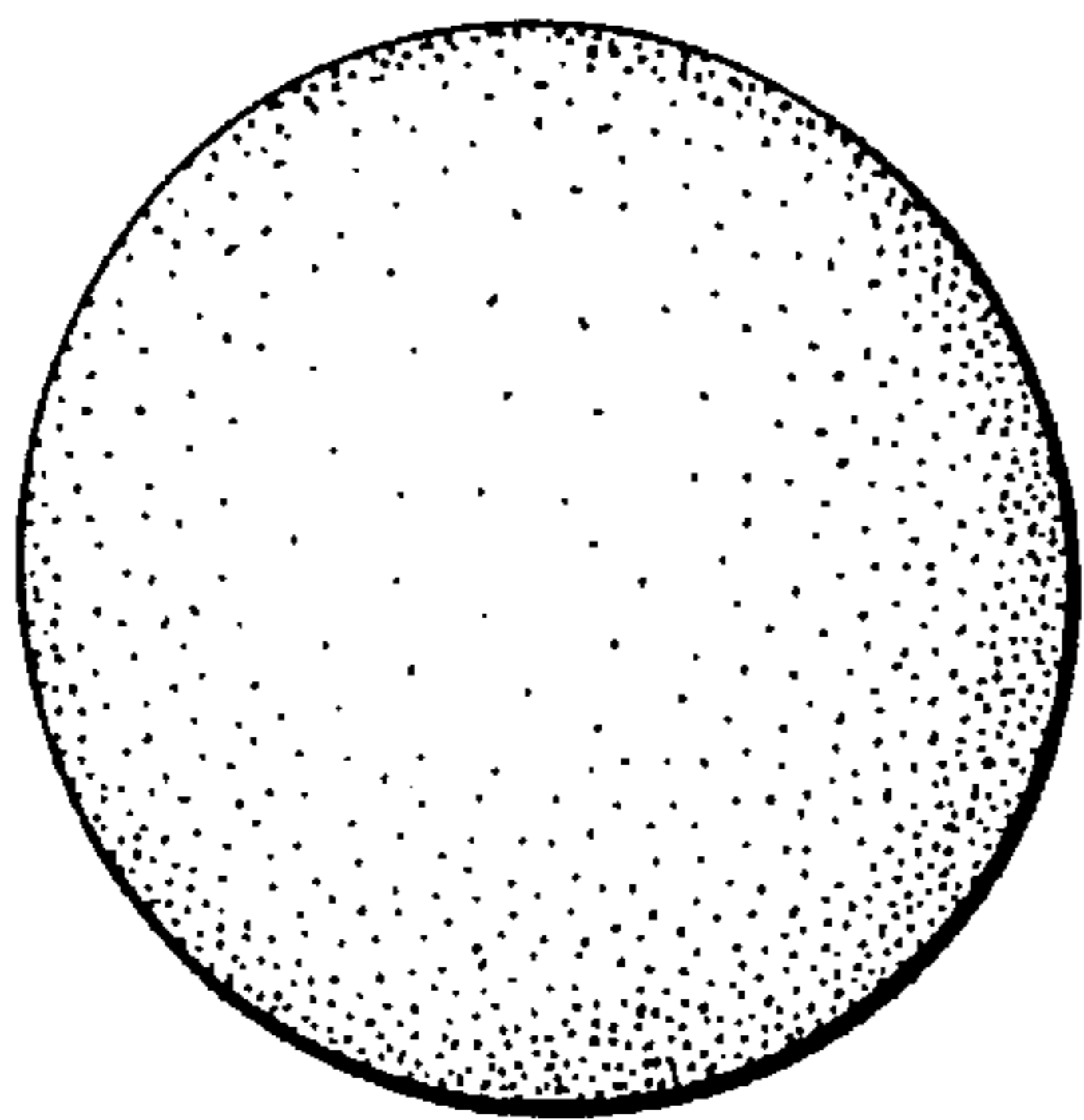
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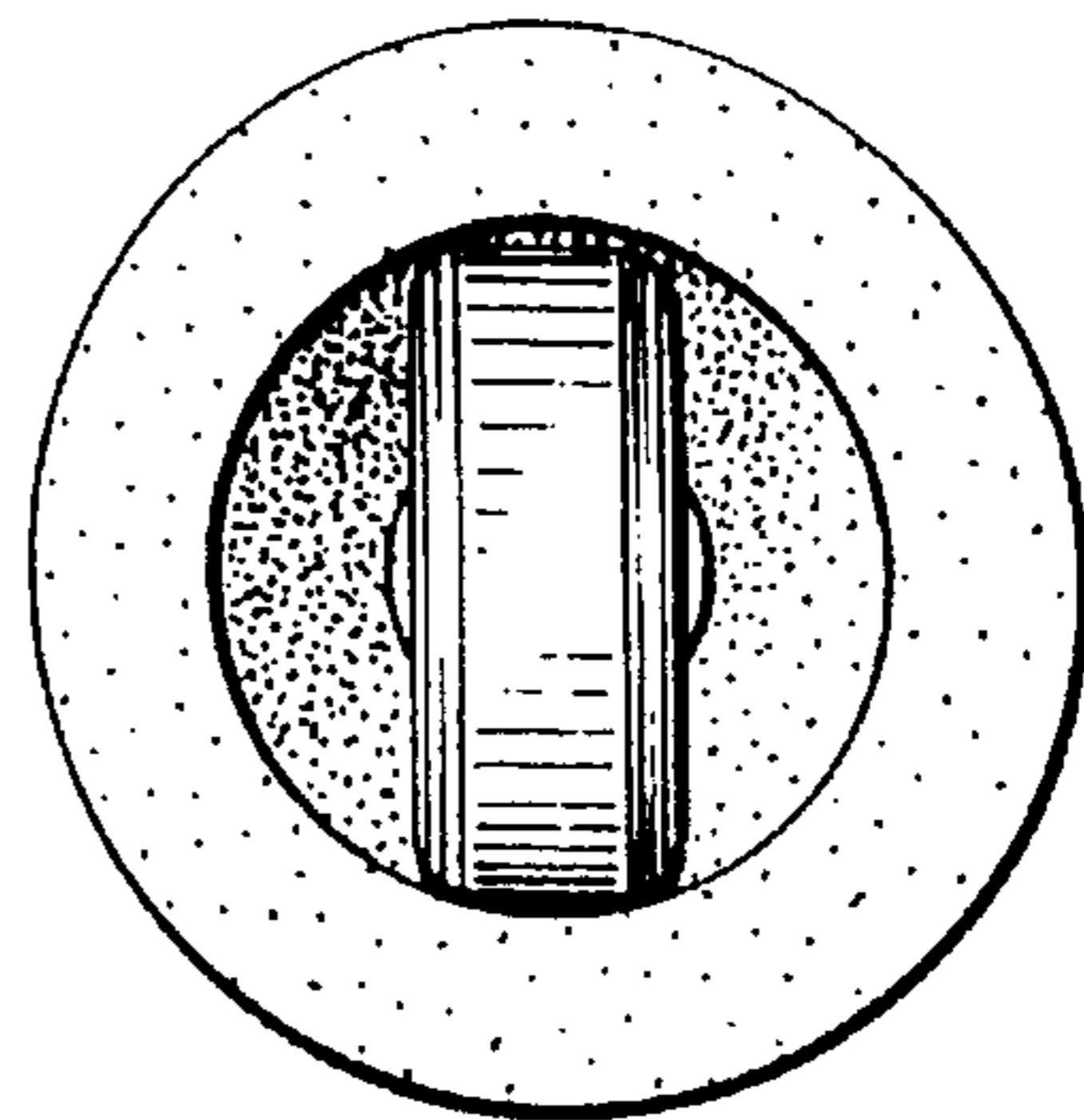




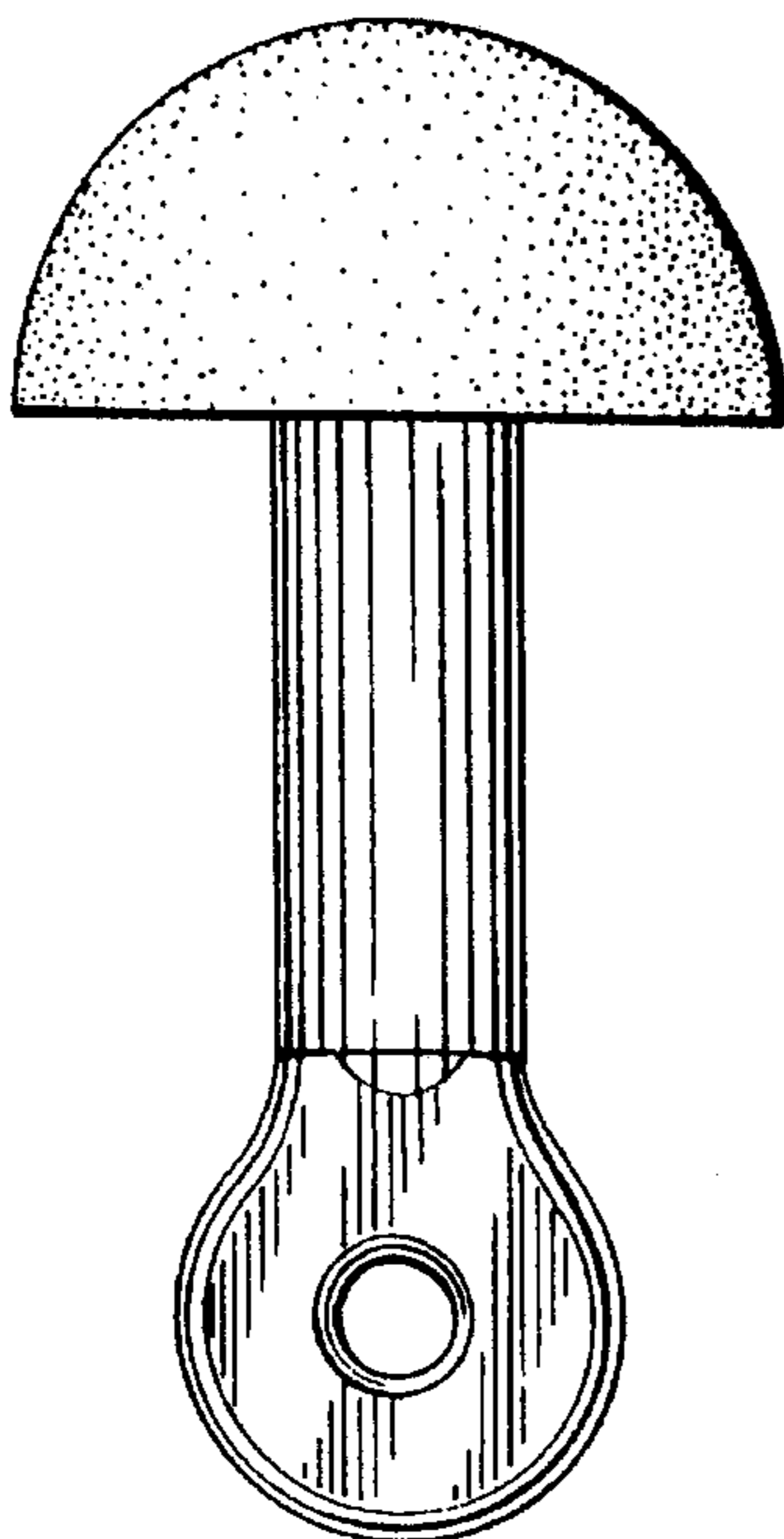
*Fig. 1*



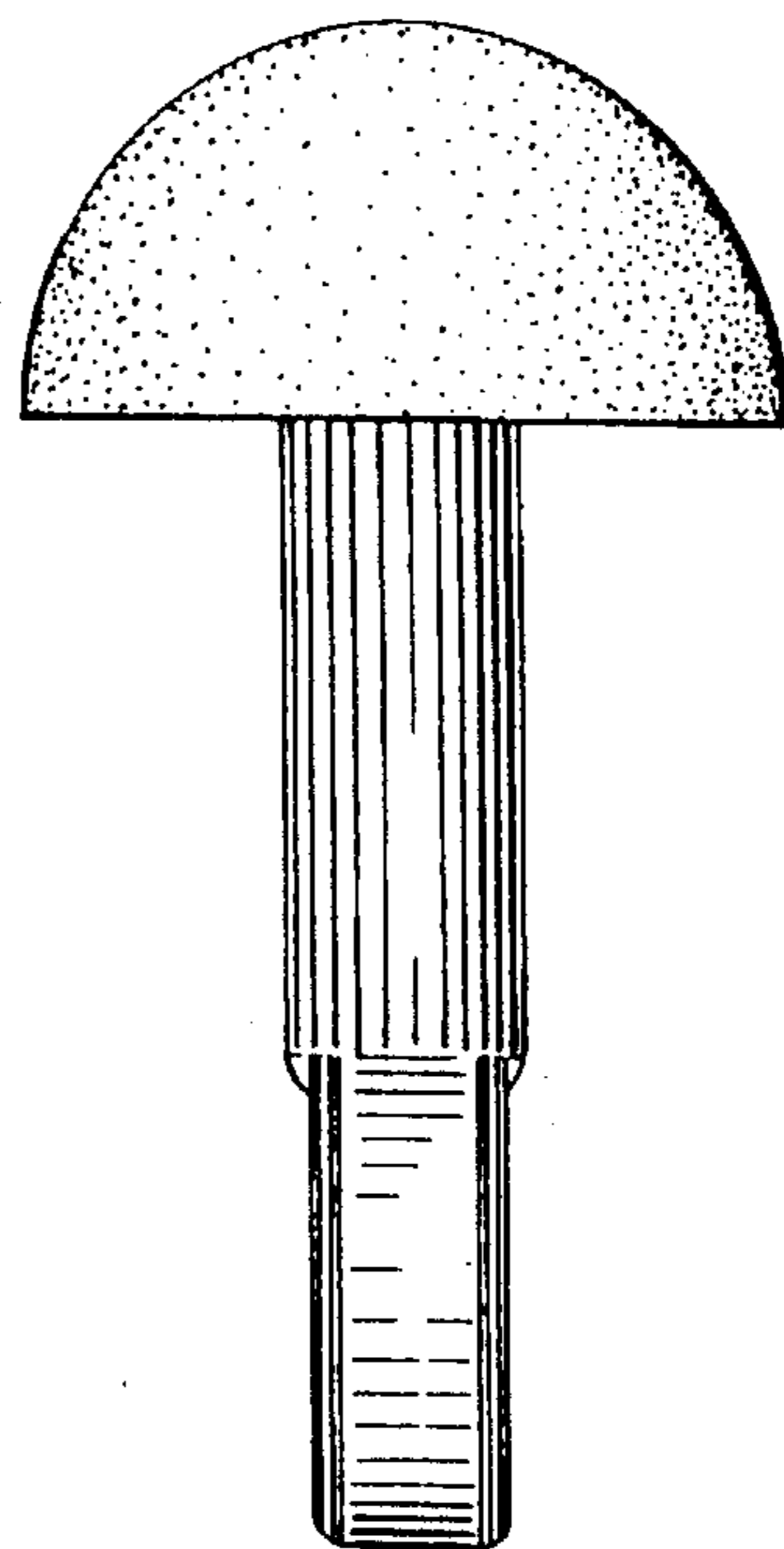
*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 4*



*Fig. 5*