



US00D375873S

# United States Patent [19]

[11] Patent Number: Des. 375,873

Ahern, Jr. et al.

[45] Date of Patent: \*\*Nov. 26, 1996

## [54] FOOD STORAGE CONTAINER

[75] Inventors: **Richard B. Ahern, Jr.**, Akron; **Derek Campbell**, Dayton; **Maaiké Evers**, Columbus, all of Ohio; **Debra A. Fritsch**, Grand Rapids, Mich.; **Norio Fujikawa**, Columbus, Ohio; **David Gresham**, East Hampton, N.Y.; **Paul J. Kudirka**, Ada; **Mark Metzler**, Alto, both of Mich.; **Donald J. Staufenberg**, Dublin, Ohio; **Michael Sullivan**, Ada, Mich.

[73] Assignee: **Rubbermaid Incorporated**, Wooster, Ohio

[\*\*] Term: **14 Years**

[21] Appl. No.: **47,668**

[22] Filed: **Dec. 11, 1995**

[52] U.S. Cl. .... **D7/602; D7/612**

[58] Field of Search ..... **D7/602, 612-615, D7/629; D9/414, 418, 425, 428, 430; 220/600, 660, 669, 675, 306, 352, 353**

## [56] References Cited

### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

D. 279,253	6/1985	Daenen .	
D. 279,952	8/1985	Daenen .	
D. 281,048	10/1985	Wolff .	
D. 282,809	3/1986	Daenen .	
D. 284,728	7/1986	Trivison .	
D. 286,844	11/1986	Daenen et al. .	
D. 336,017	6/1993	Smith et al. ....	D7/629
D. 346,720	5/1994	Onneweer ....	D7/629
D. 351,090	10/1994	Narsutis ....	D7/629
D. 352,423	11/1994	Laib ....	D7/538
D. 352,425	11/1994	Daenen et al. ....	D7/602
D. 354,435	1/1995	Krupa ....	D9/423
4,163,496	8/1979	Dogliotti ....	206/538
4,369,901	1/1983	Hidding ....	222/480
4,412,630	11/1983	Daenen ....	220/353
4,993,603	2/1991	Polhemus ....	222/472

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Pp. 20, 25, 27 and 29, Food storage container lids; Tupperware, Orlando, Florida. Publication date 1994.  
 P. 35, Food storage container lids; Tupperware, Orlando, Florida. Publication date 1995.  
 Label, Food storage container lids; Anchor Hocking Plastics, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. Publication date 1994.  
 Catalog page, Food storage container lids; Anchor Hocking Plastics, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. Publication date 1993.  
 Advertisement, Food storage container lids; Home Economics, address unknown. Publication date Jun., 1988.  
 Catalog page, Food storage container lids; Fratelli Guzzini S.p.A., c.da Mattonata, 60-62019 Recanati, Italy. Published at least as early as Aug. 1995.  
 P. 4, Food storage container lids; Decora America Incorporated, 250 West Artesia Boulevard, Compton, California 90220. Publication date 1991.  
 P. 17, Food storage container lids; Injecta Plastics, B.P. 99-01103 Oyonnax Cedex, France. Published at least as early as 1995.  
 P. 20, Food storage container lids; Dupol-Rubbermaid GmbH, An der Trift 63, D-6072 Dreieich, West Germany. Publication date 1989.  
 P. 12, Food storage container lids; Rubbermaid Incorporated, 1147 Akron Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691. Publication date 1986.

Primary Examiner—Terry A. Wallace

Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Richard B. O'Planick; Lisa B. Riedesel

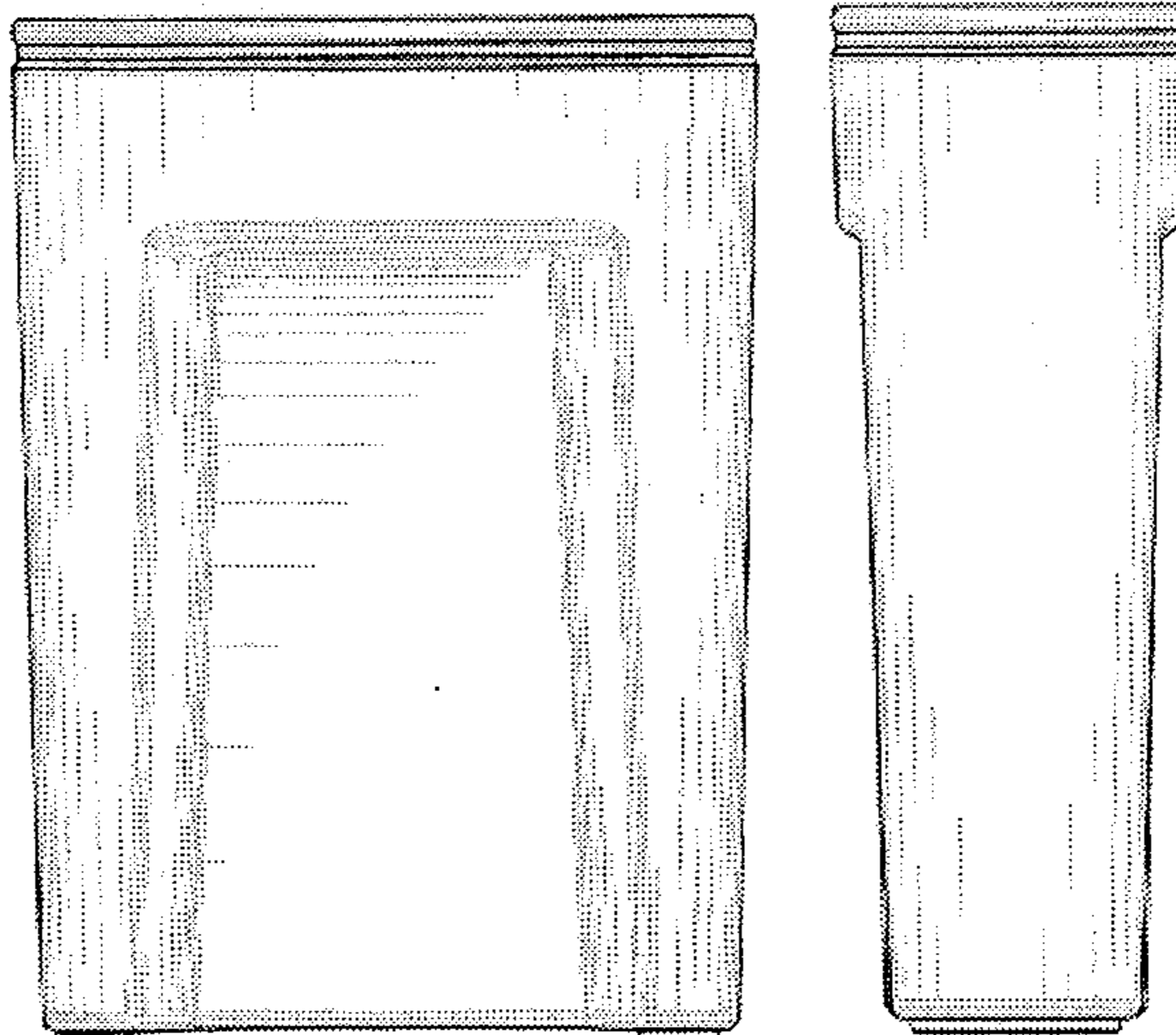
## [57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a food storage container, as shown and described.

## DESCRIPTION

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

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



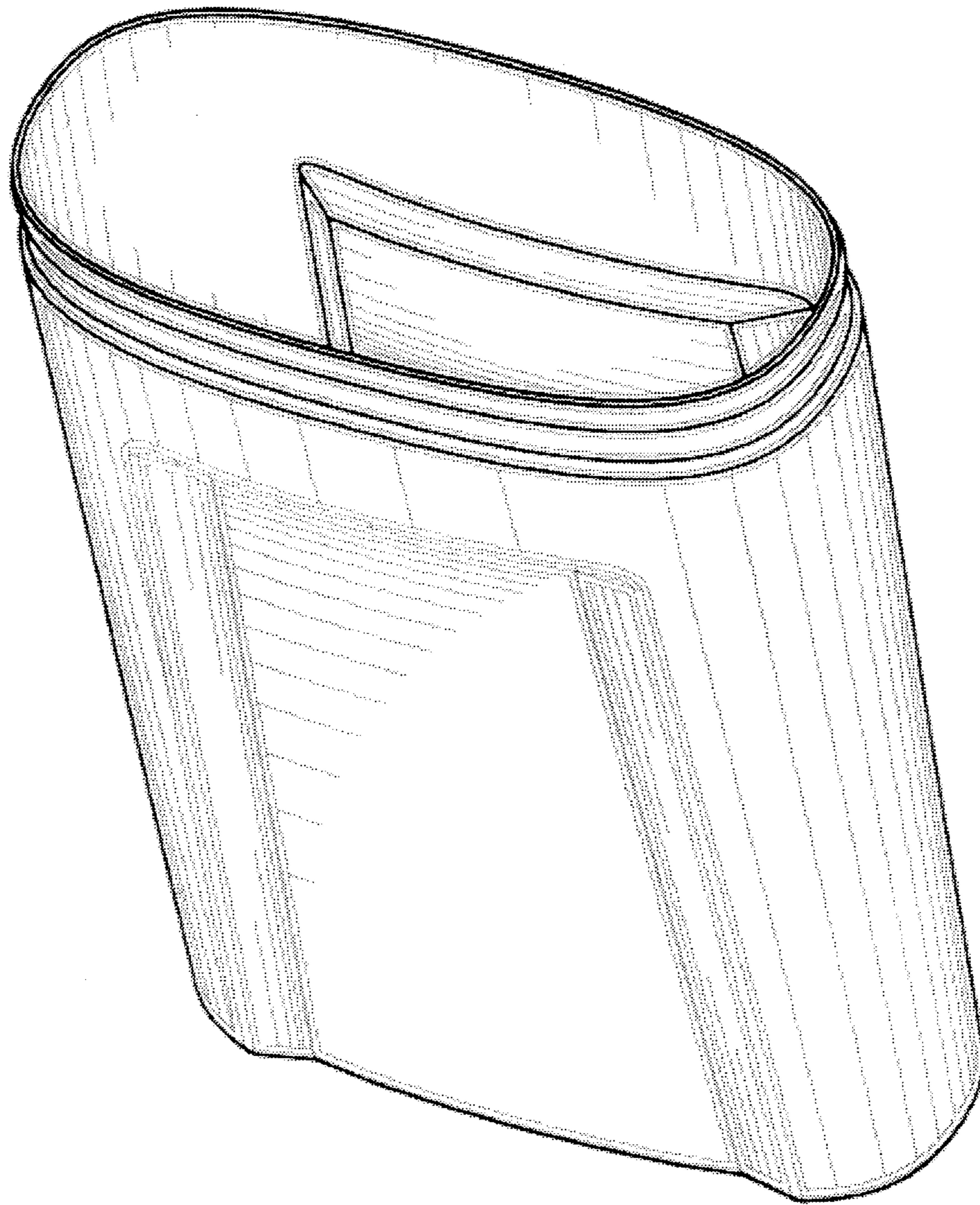


FIG. 1

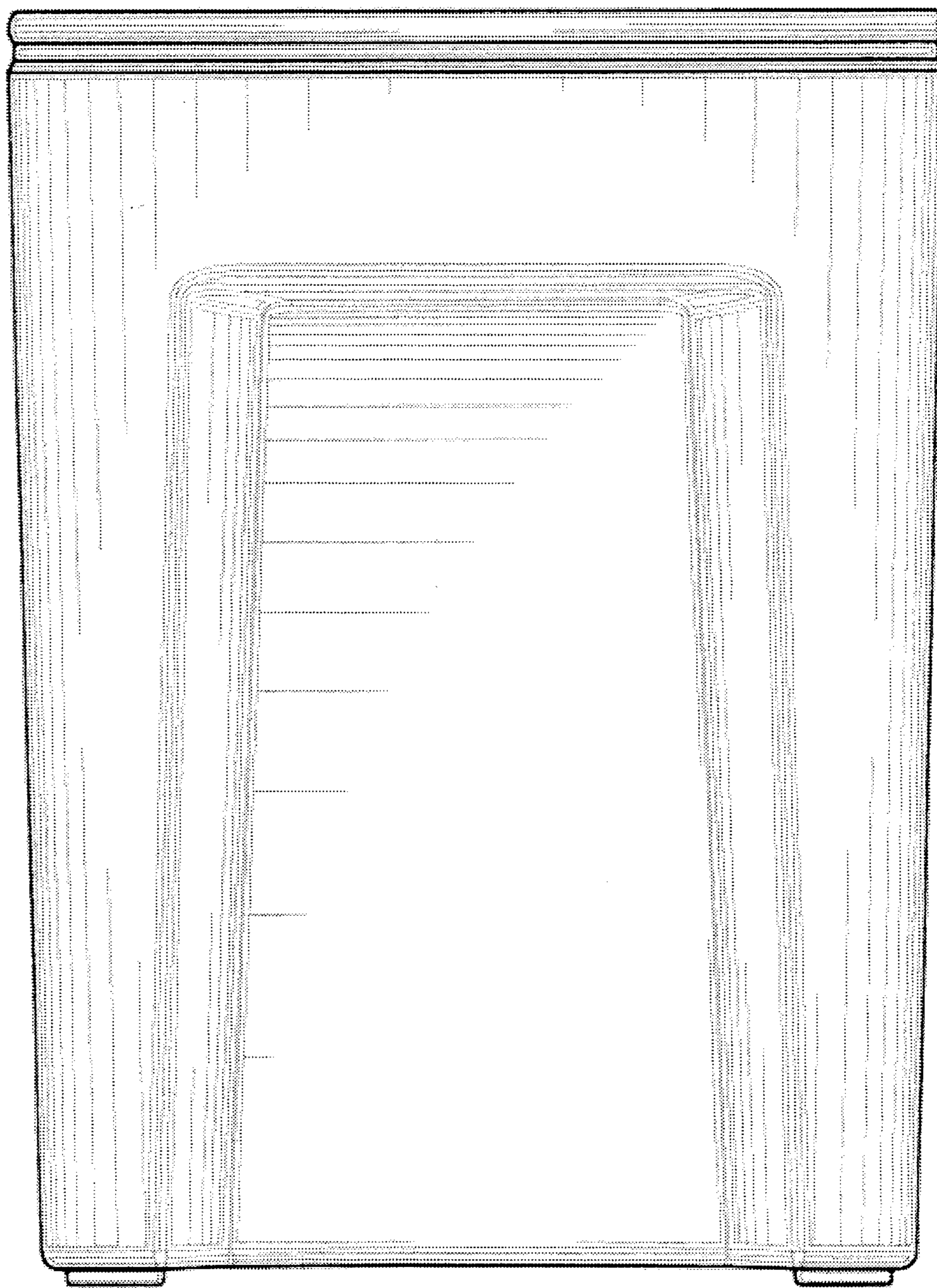


FIG. 2

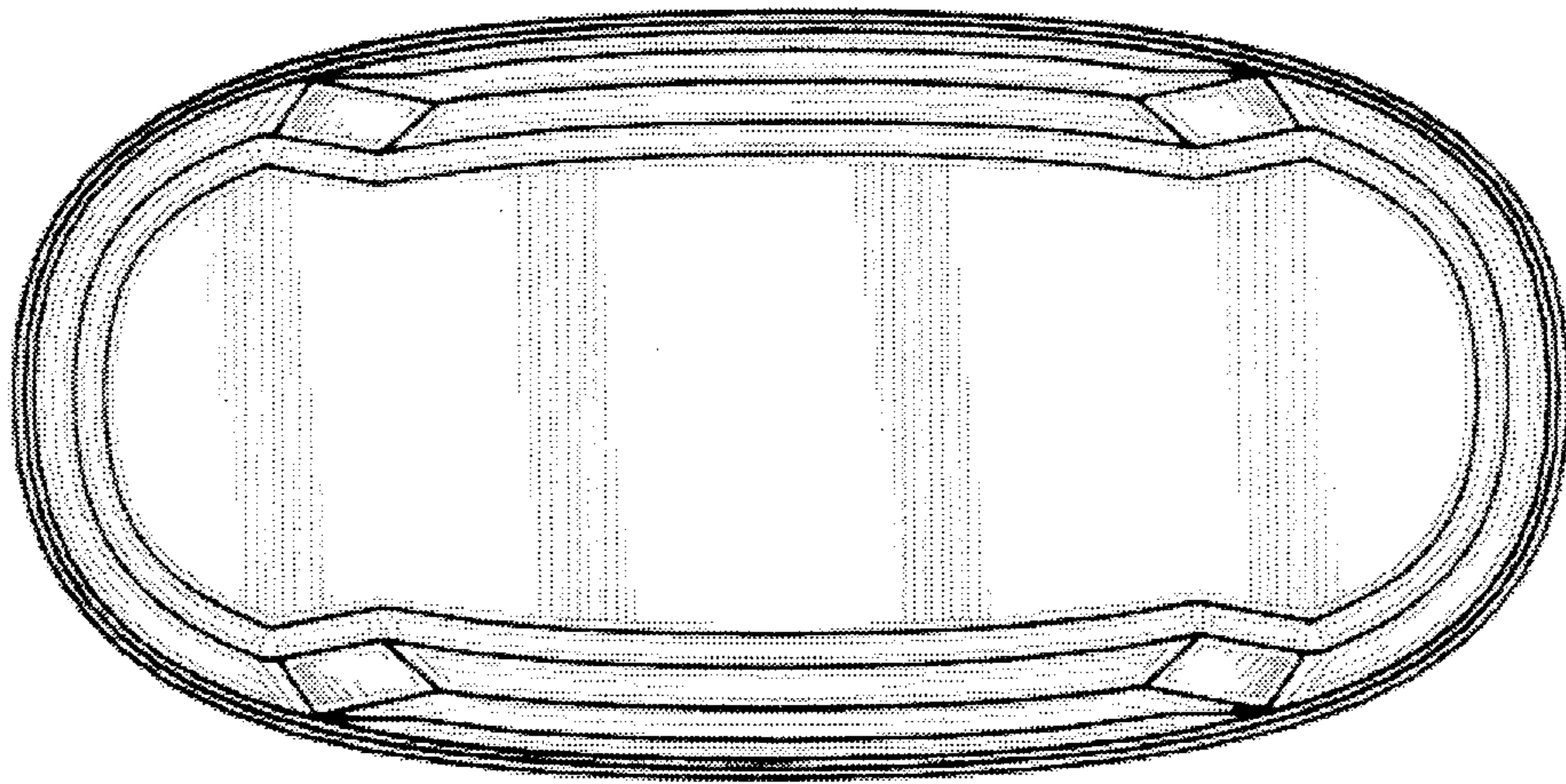


FIG. 3

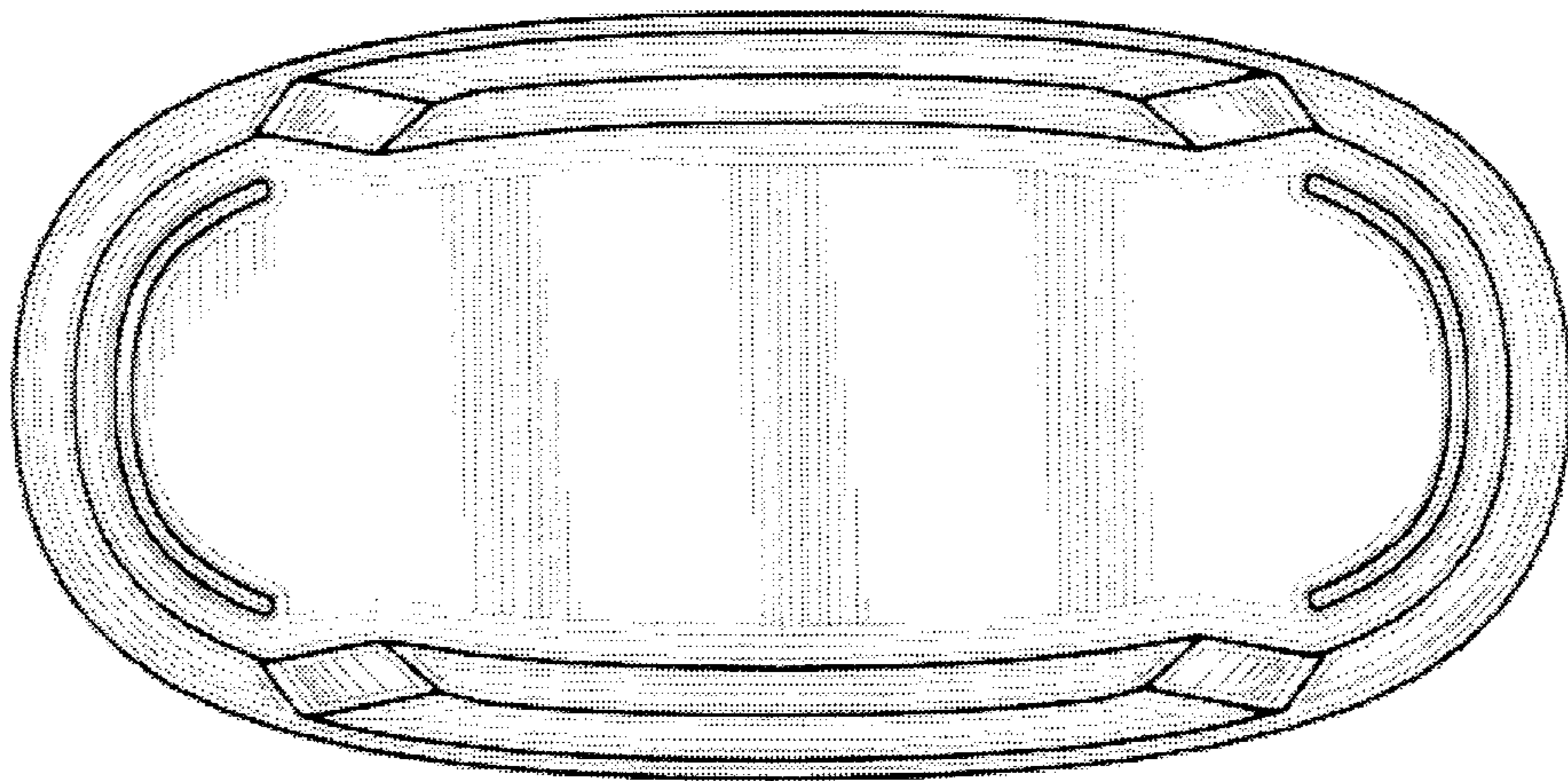


FIG. 4

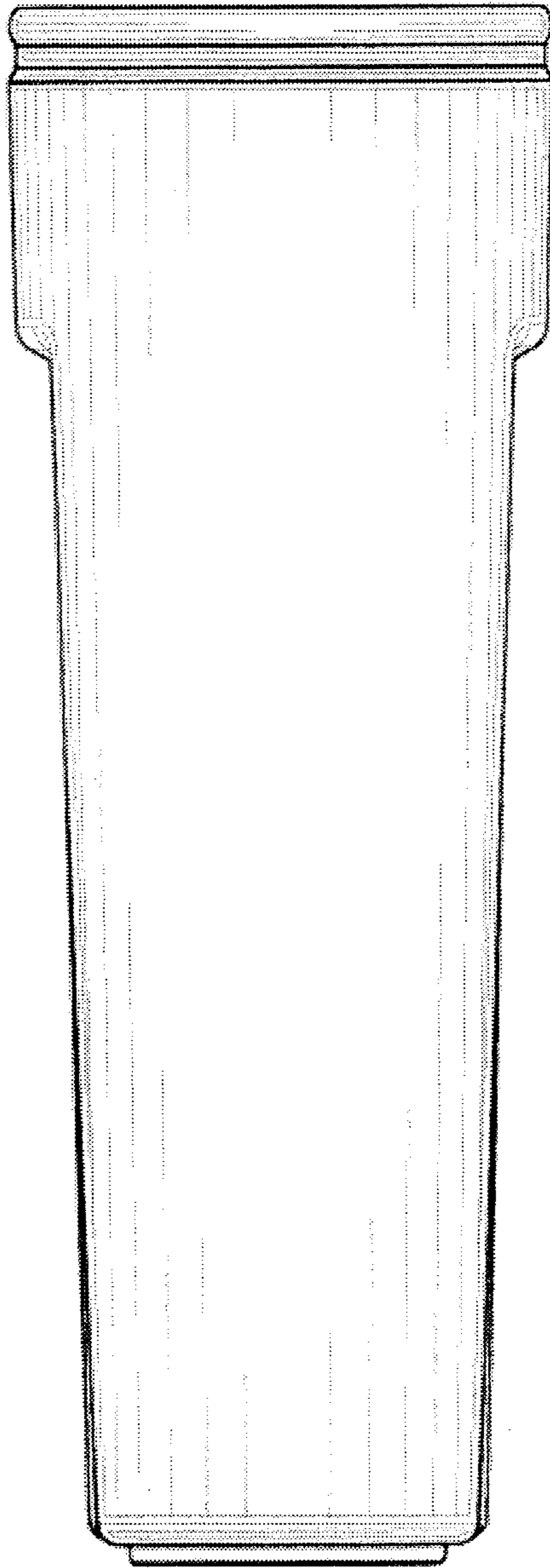


FIG. 5

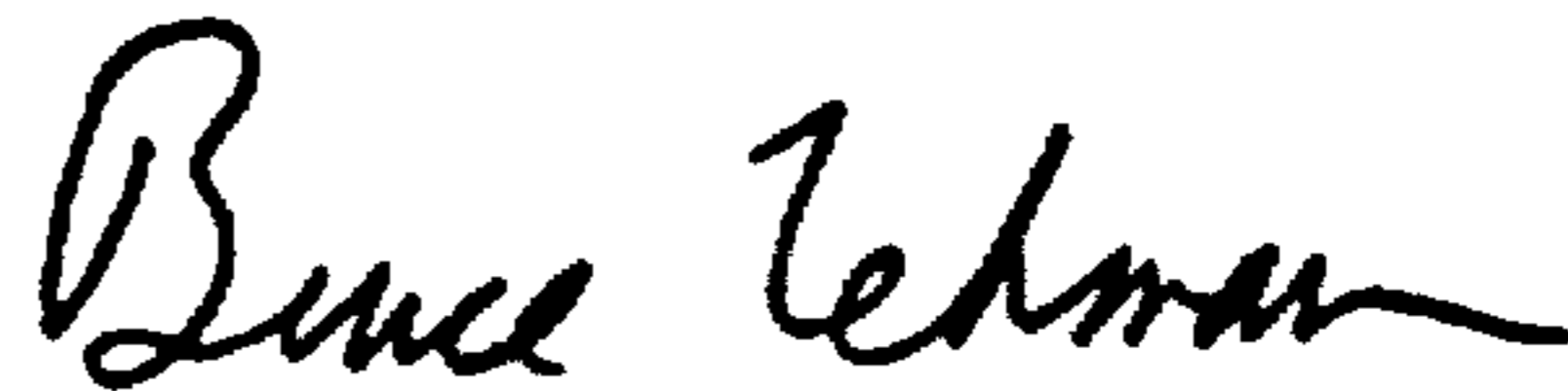
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO. : Des. 375,873  
DATED : November 26, 1996  
INVENTOR(S) : Ahern, Jr. et. al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, item [73] add the co-assignee -- Amway Corporation, Ada Michigan--

Signed and Sealed this  
Sixteenth Day of December, 1997



Attest:

BRUCE LEHMAN

Attesting Officer

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks