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[54] **LOADING MECHANISM FOR A SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a loading mechanism for a surgical suturing instrument, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a loading mechanism for a surgical suturing instrument showing our new design;

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FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;

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FIG. 4 is a side elevational view thereof, the opposite side elevational view being a mirror image thereto;

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FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof;

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FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a second embodiment of a loading mechanism for a surgical suturing instrument showing our new design;

FIG. 8 is a side elevational view being identical thereof; the opposite side elevational view being identical thereto; and,

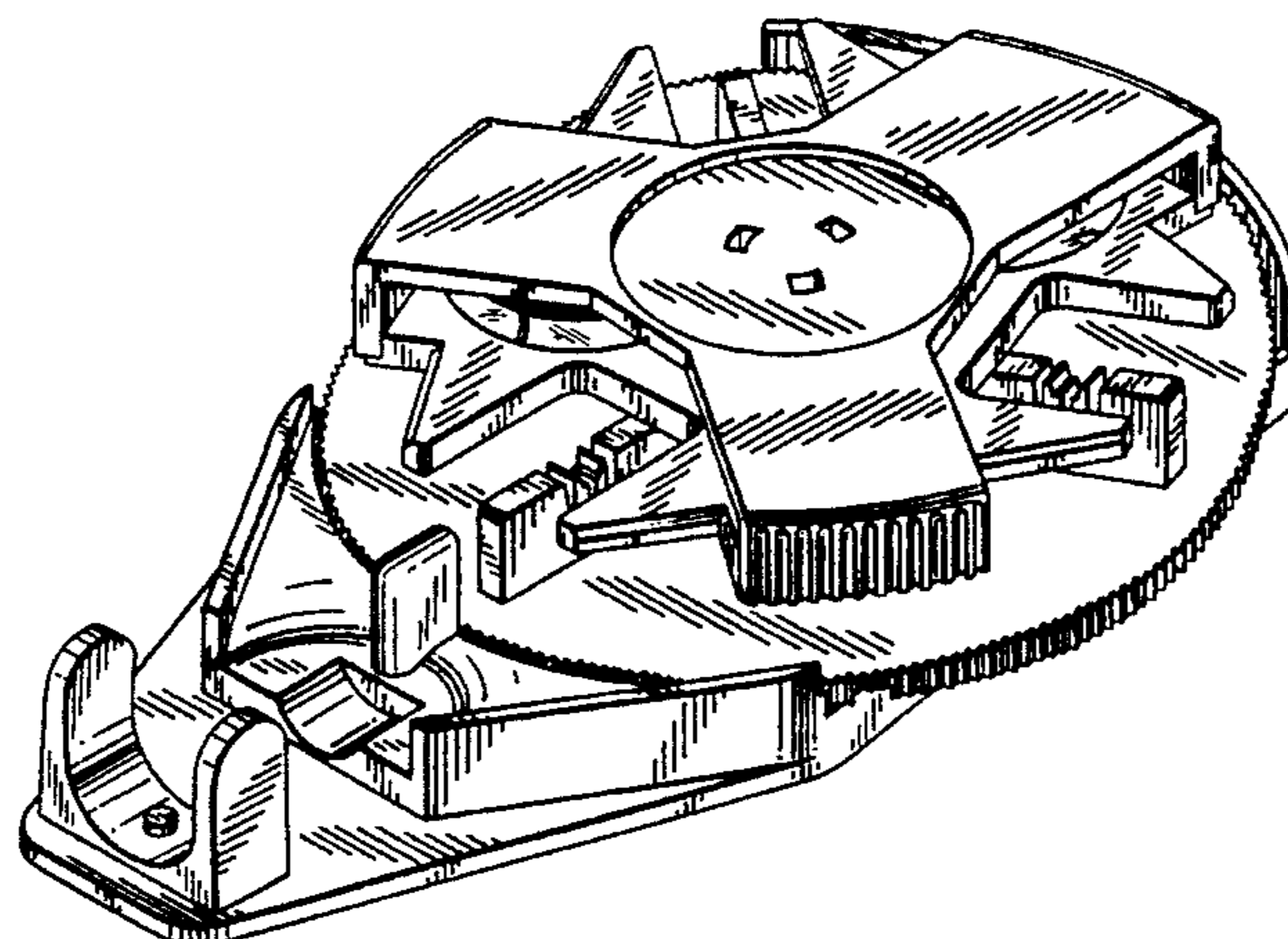
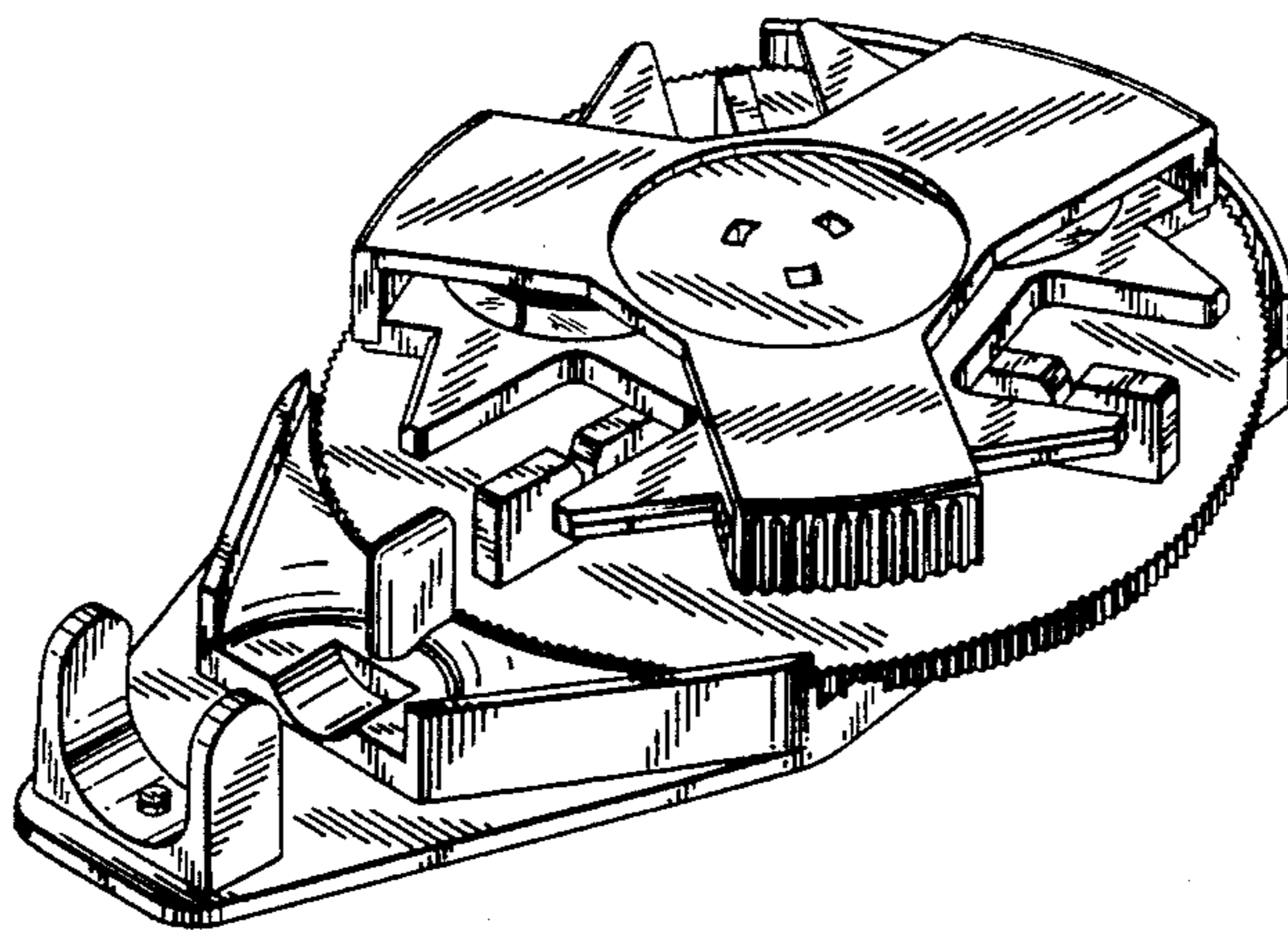
FIG. 9 is a top plan view thereof; the bottom plan view being identical to that shown in FIG. 6.

The end elevational views of the second embodiment are identical to that shown in the FIGS. 2 and 5.

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**1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets**



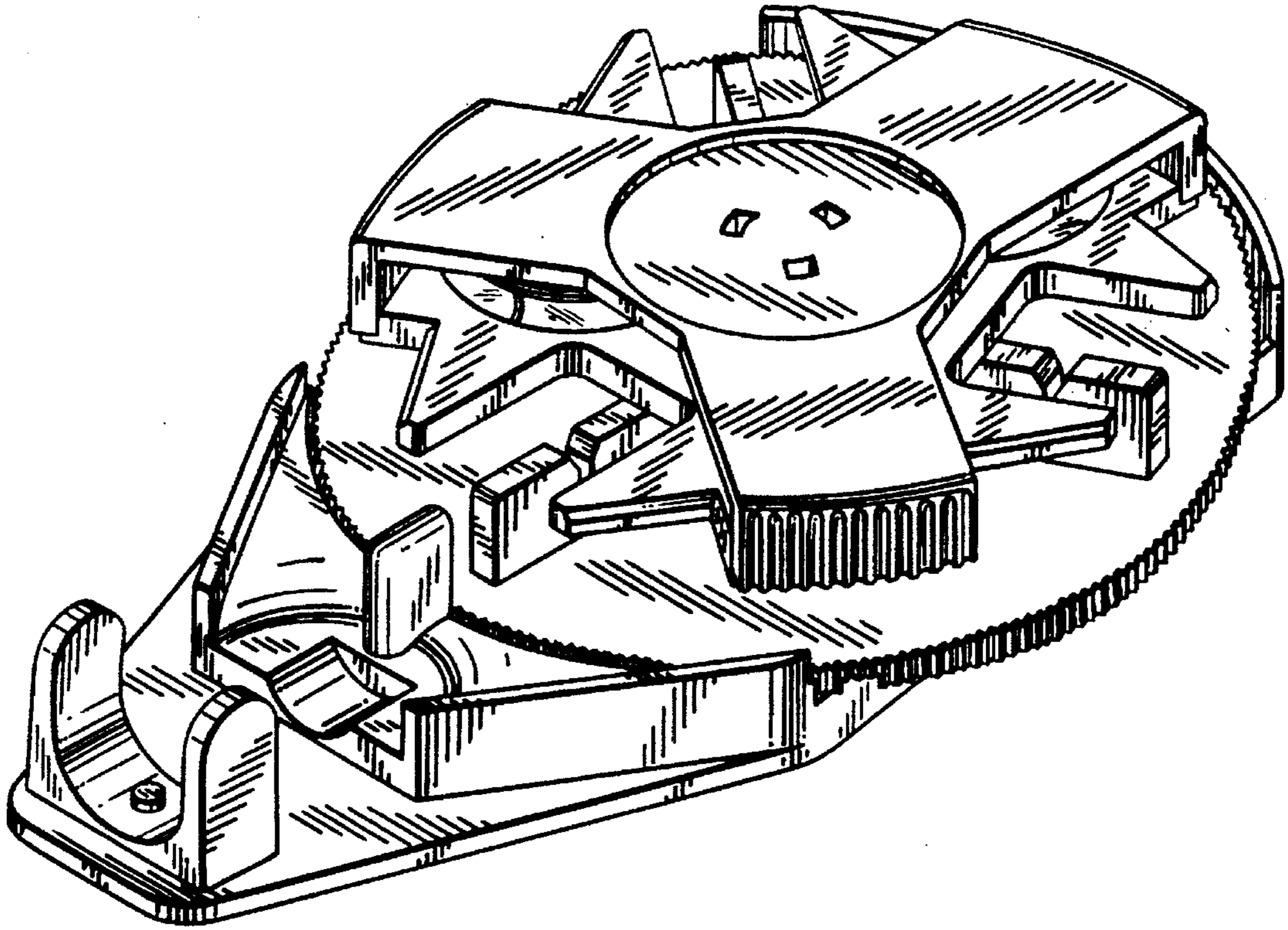


FIG. 1

FIG. 2

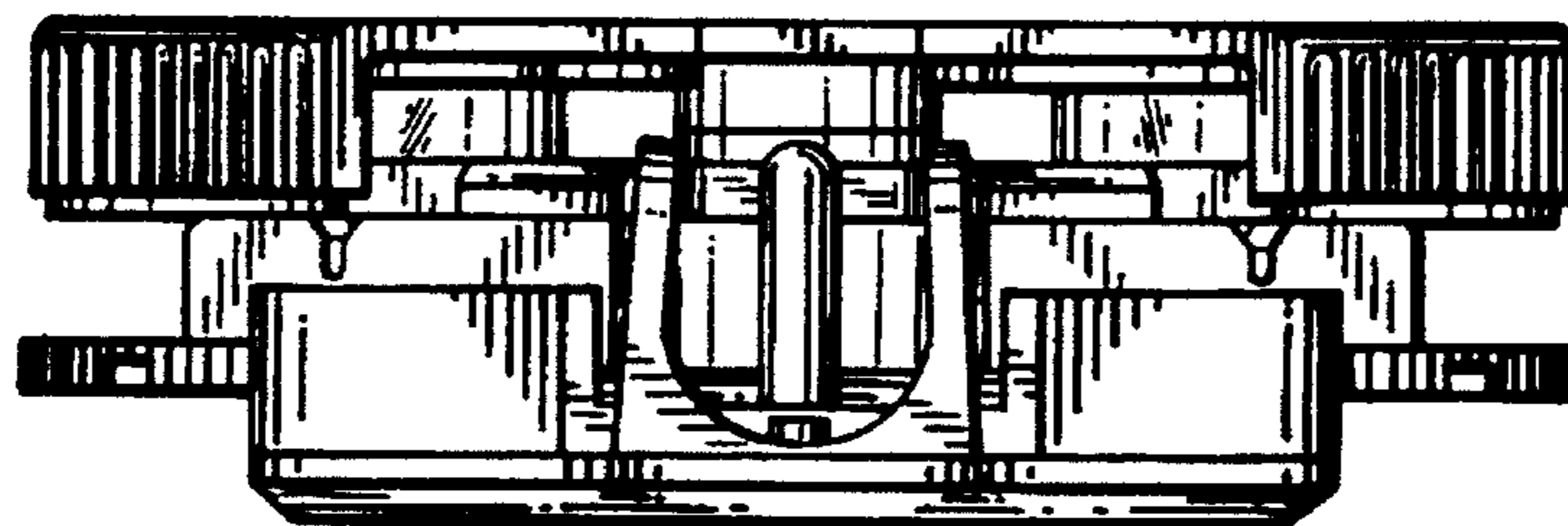


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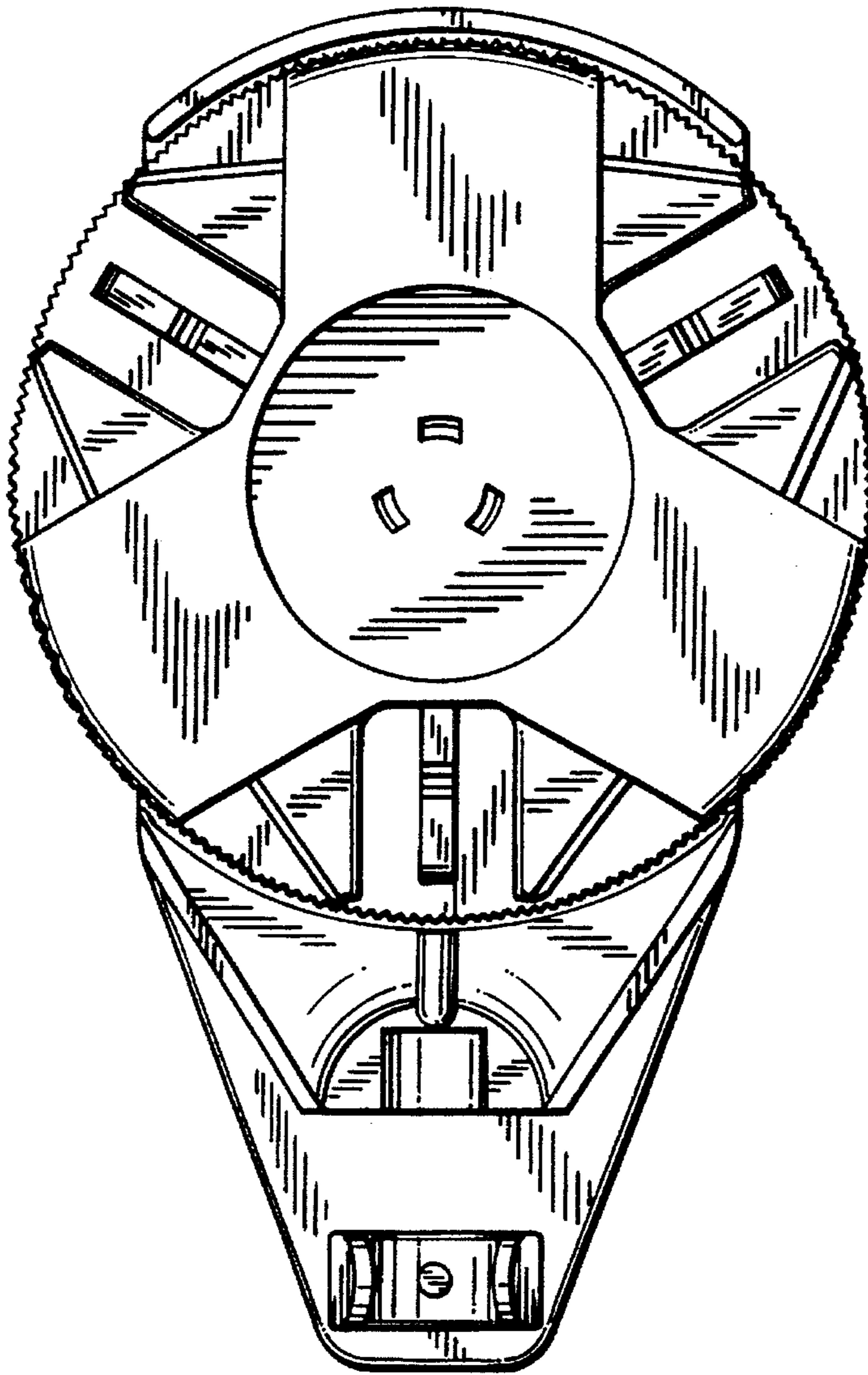
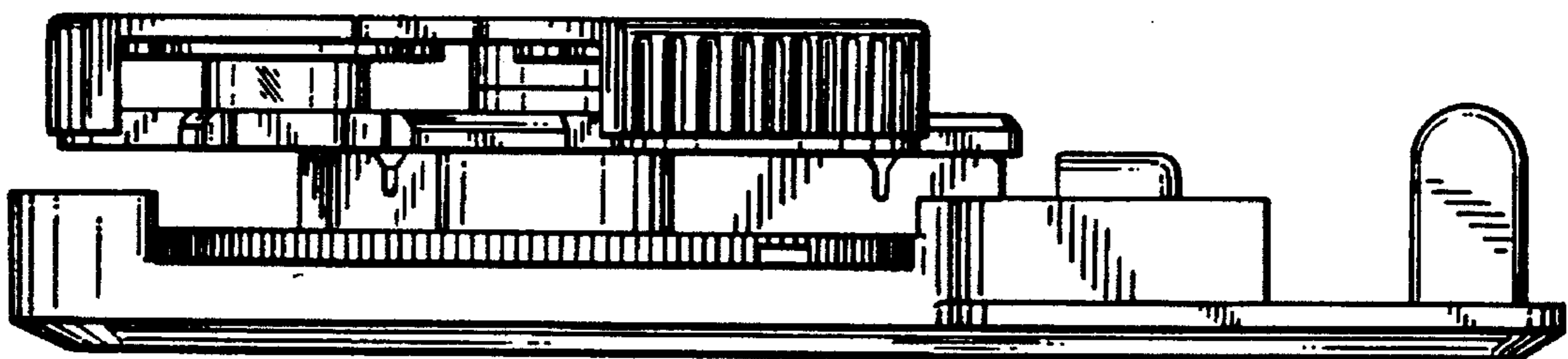


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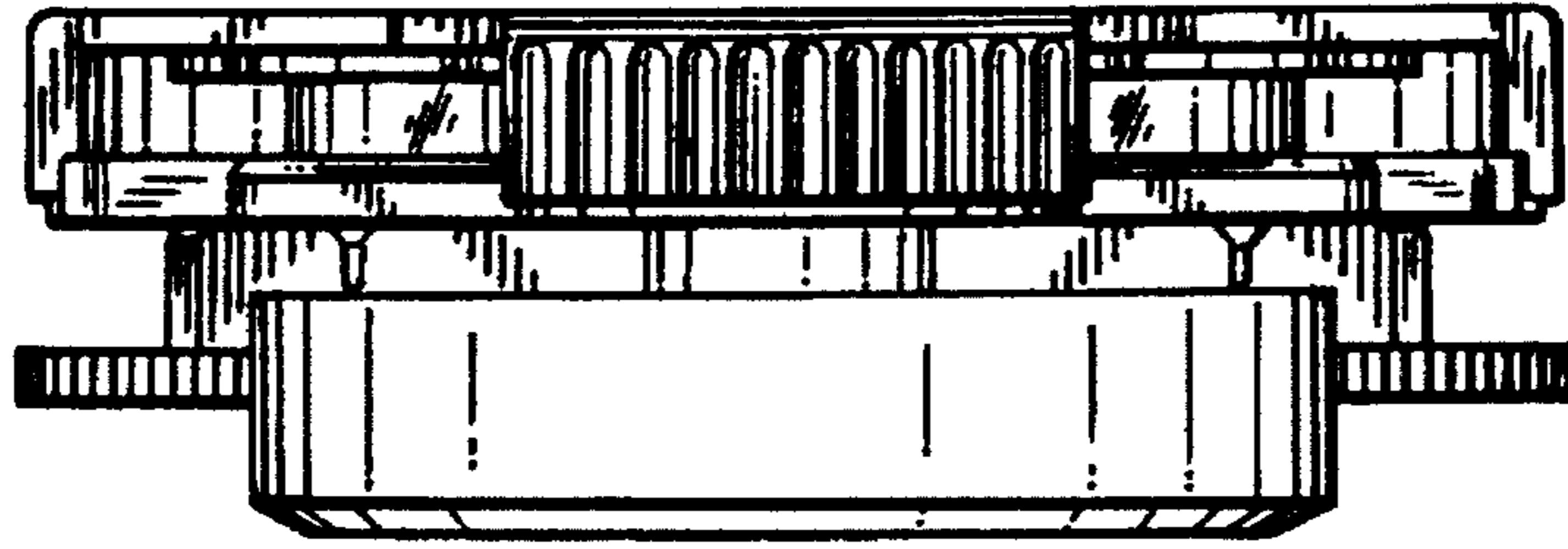


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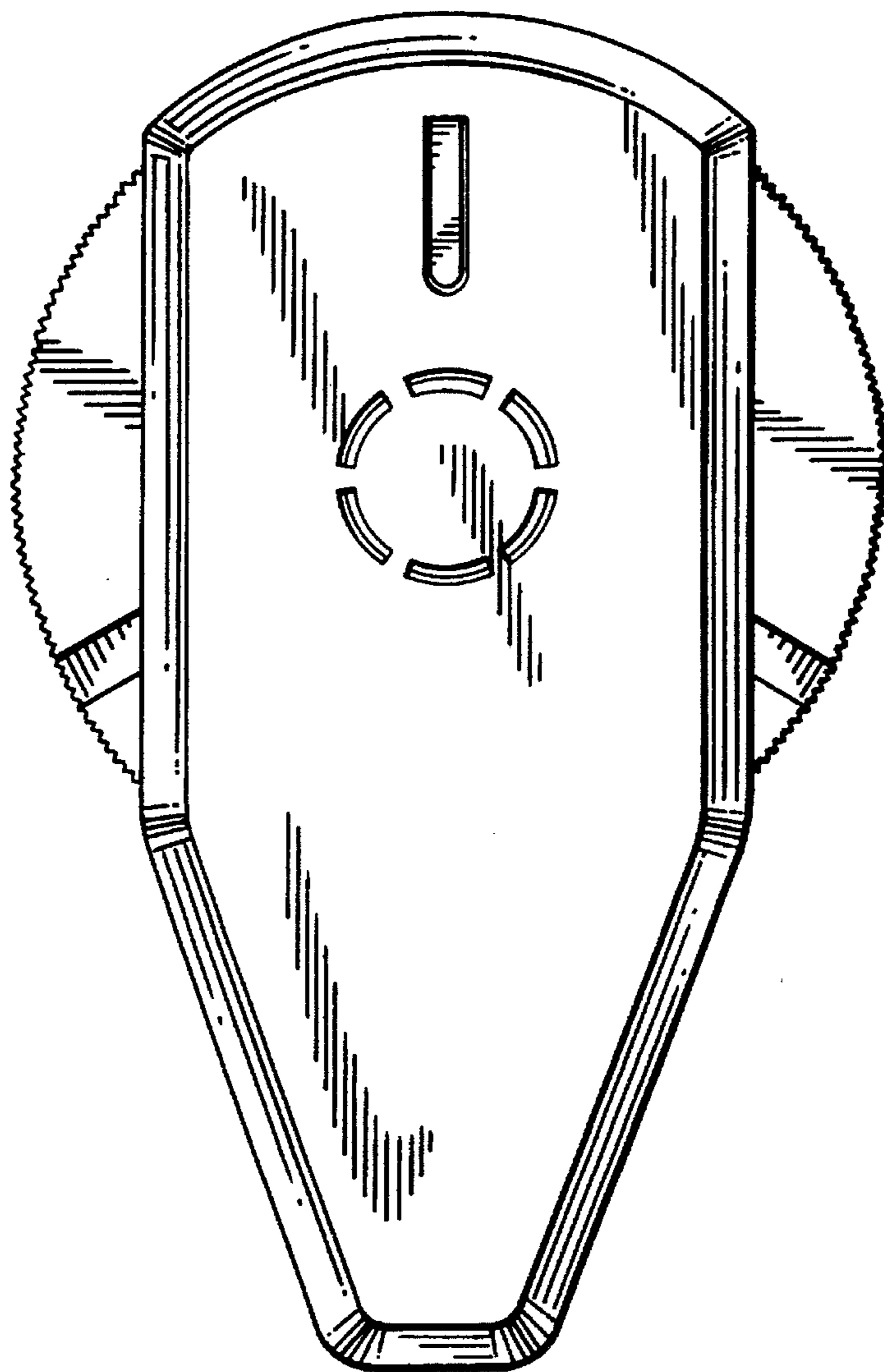


FIG. 6

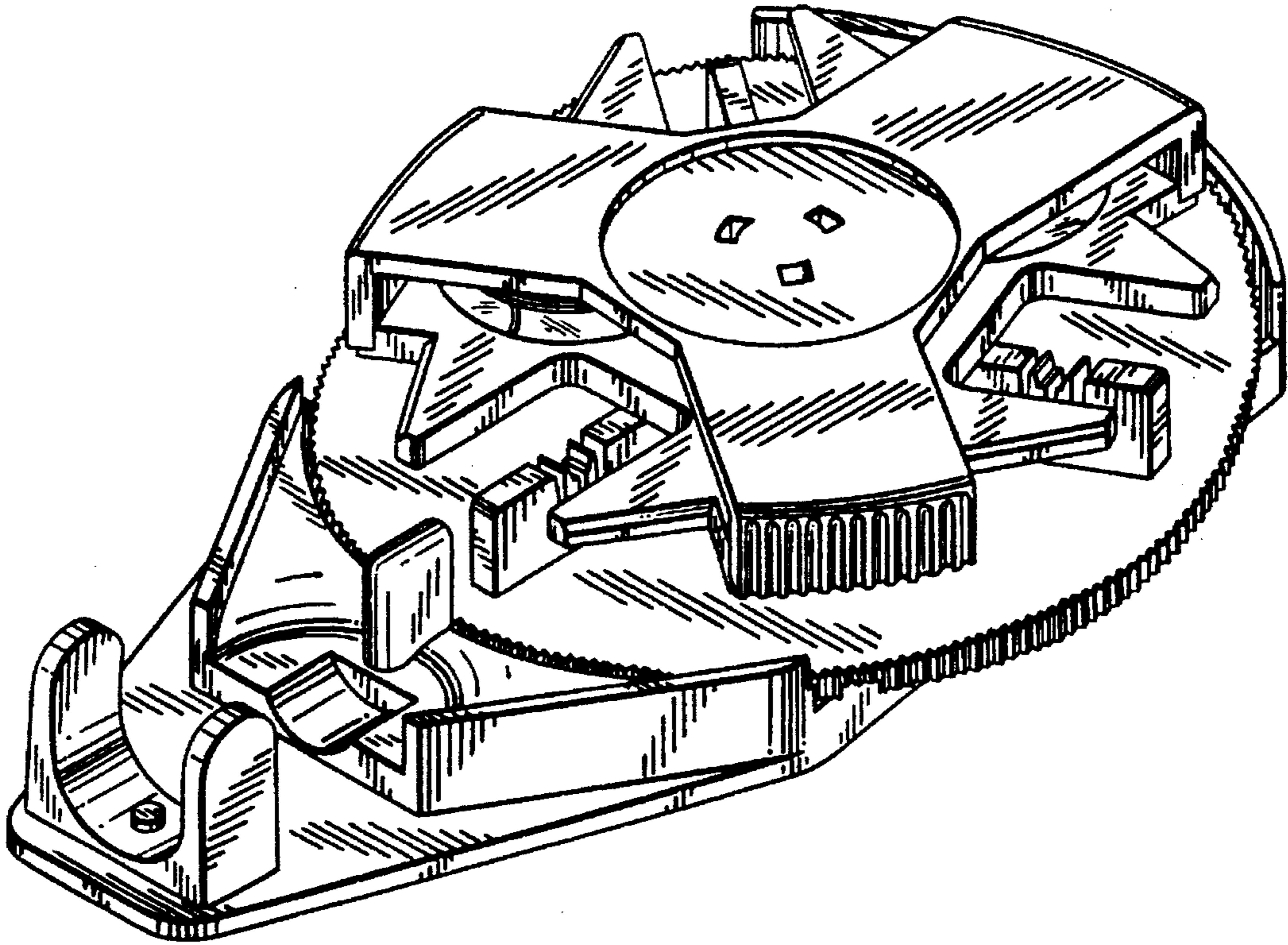


FIG. 7

FIG. 8

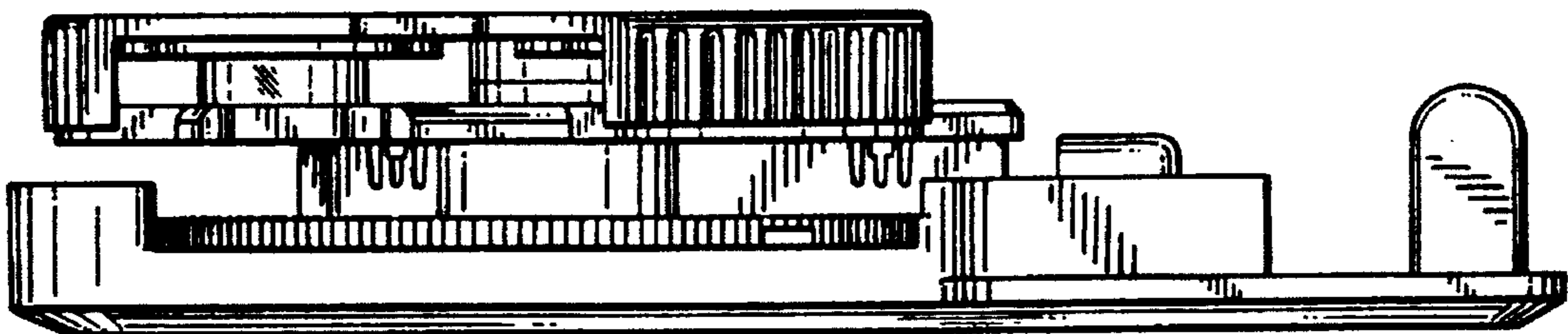


FIG. 9

