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[54] **TRAILER HITCH**

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Four drawing illustrating admitted prior art trailer hitch. J C Whitney & Co Catalog, No. 575C, ©1995, p. 190, the transmission mount.

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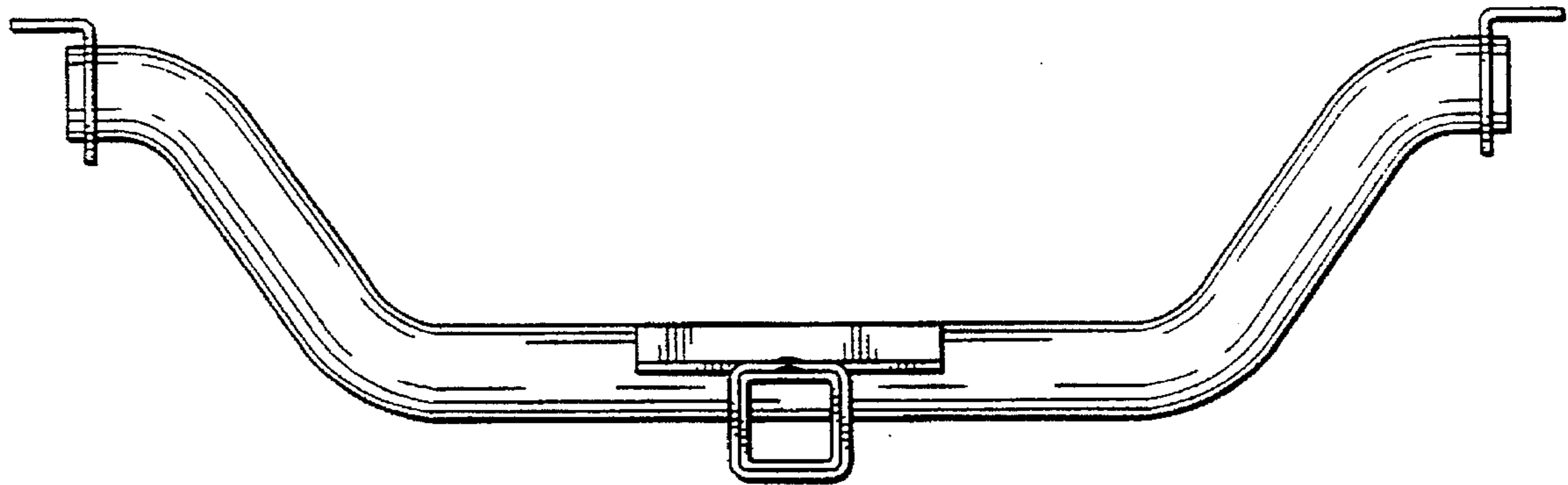
[57] **CLAIM**

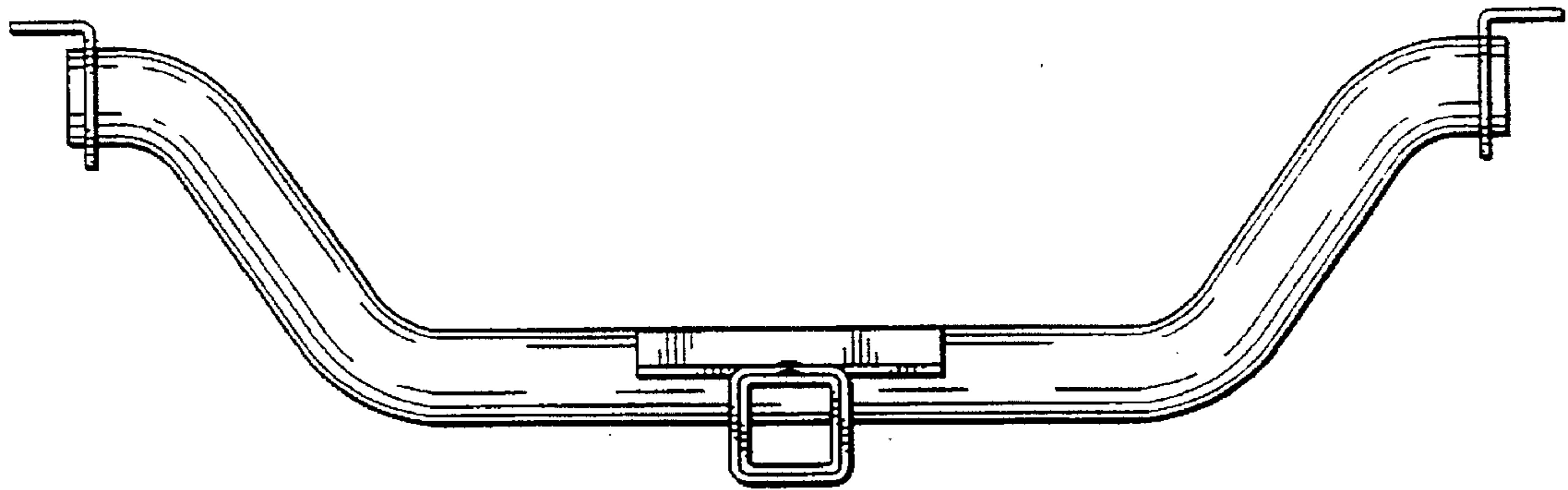
The ornamental design for a trailer hitch, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

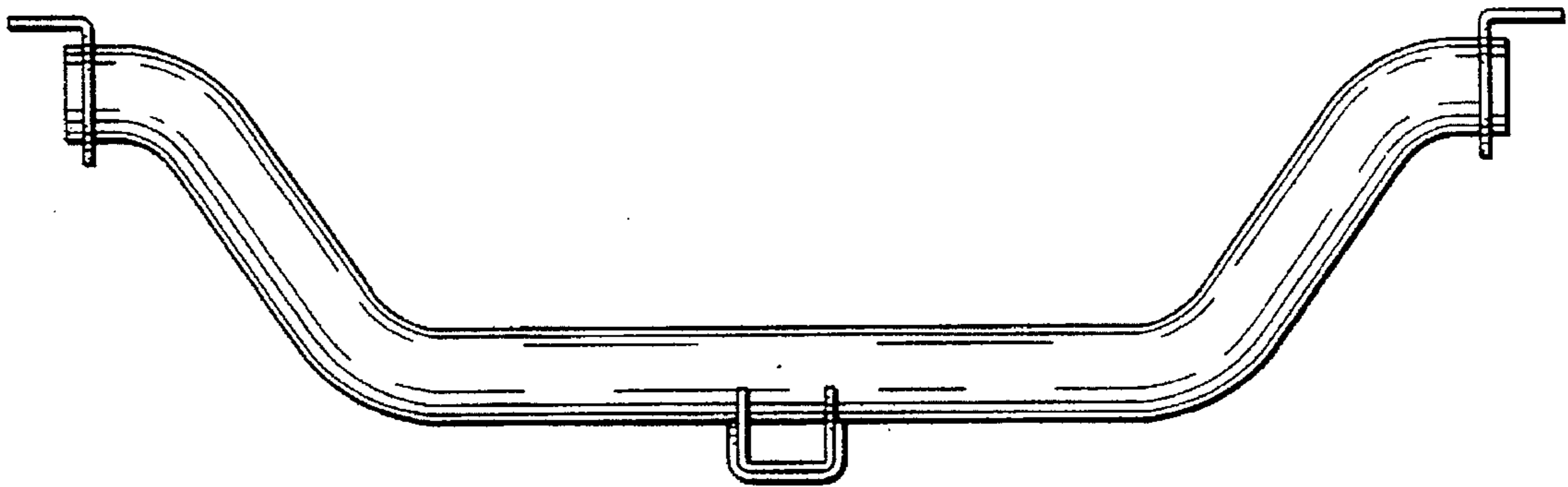
FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a trailer hitch showing our new design;  
FIG. 2 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a top plan view of thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 6 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 7 is a front elevational view of a second embodiment of a trailer hitch showing our new design;  
FIG. 8 is a rear elevational view of FIG. 7;  
FIG. 9 is a top plan view of FIG. 7 ;  
FIG. 10 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 7;  
FIG. 11 is a left side elevational view of FIG. 7; and,  
FIG. 12 is a right side elevational view of FIG. 7.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**

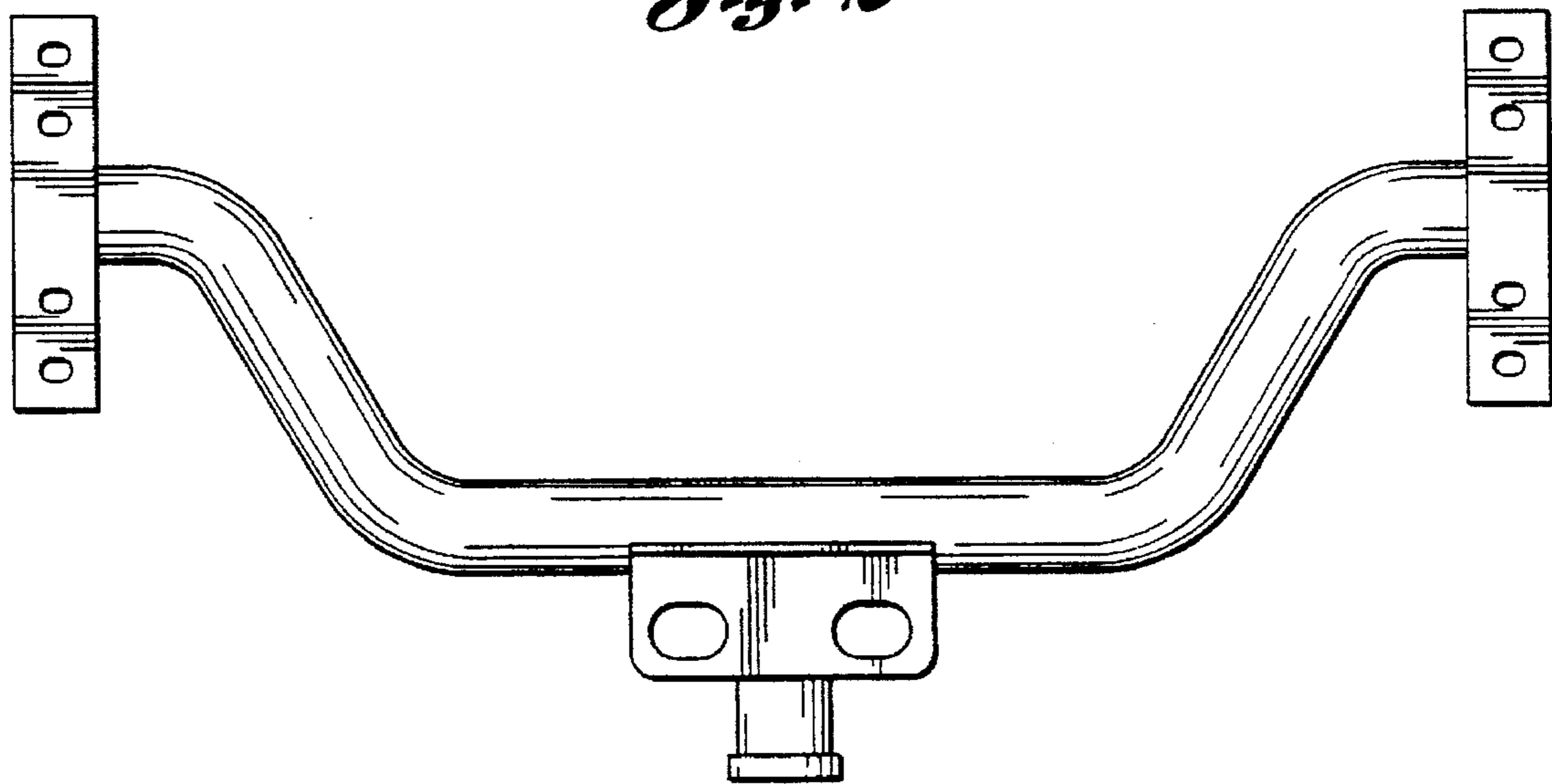




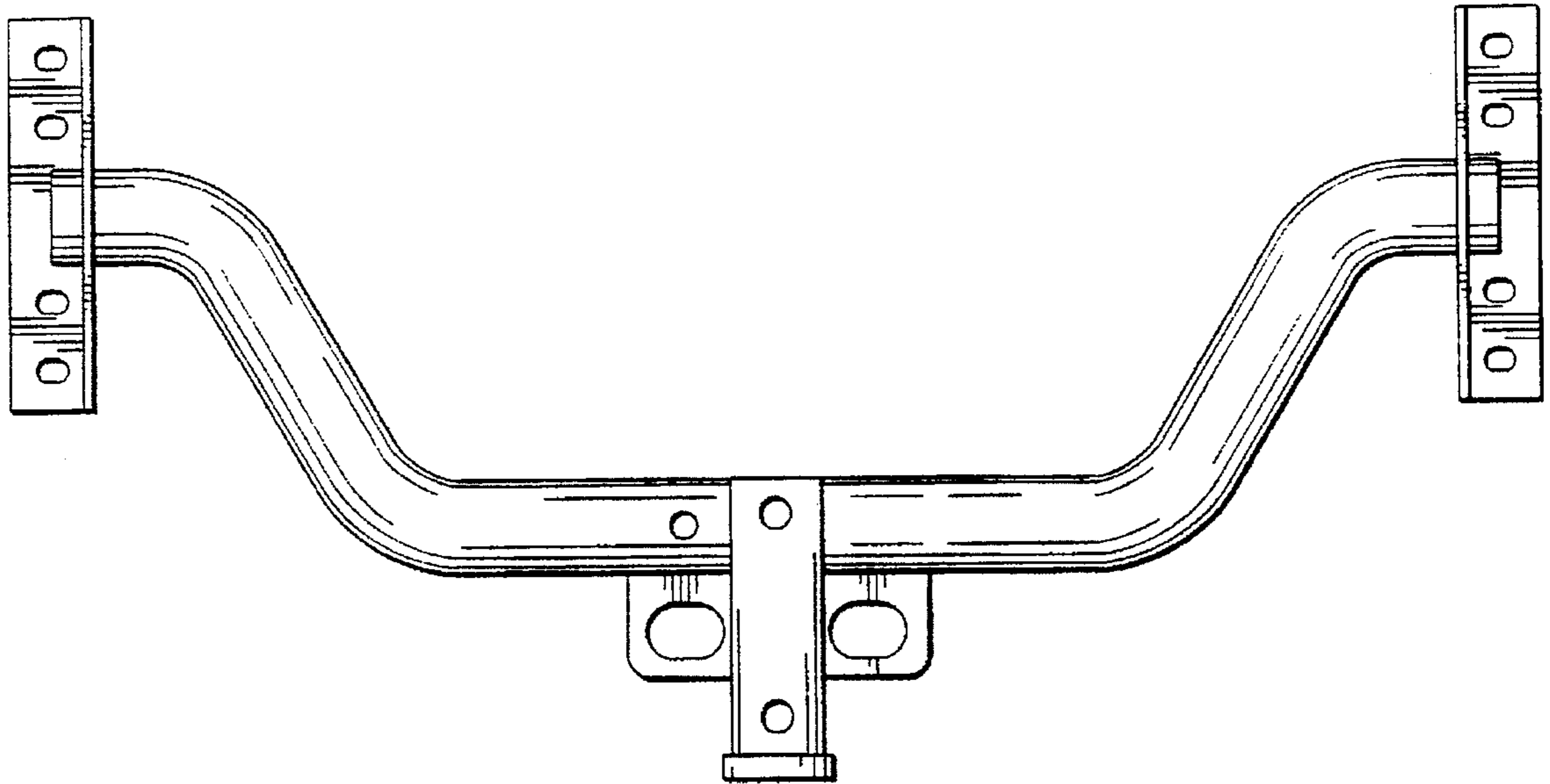
*Fig. 1*



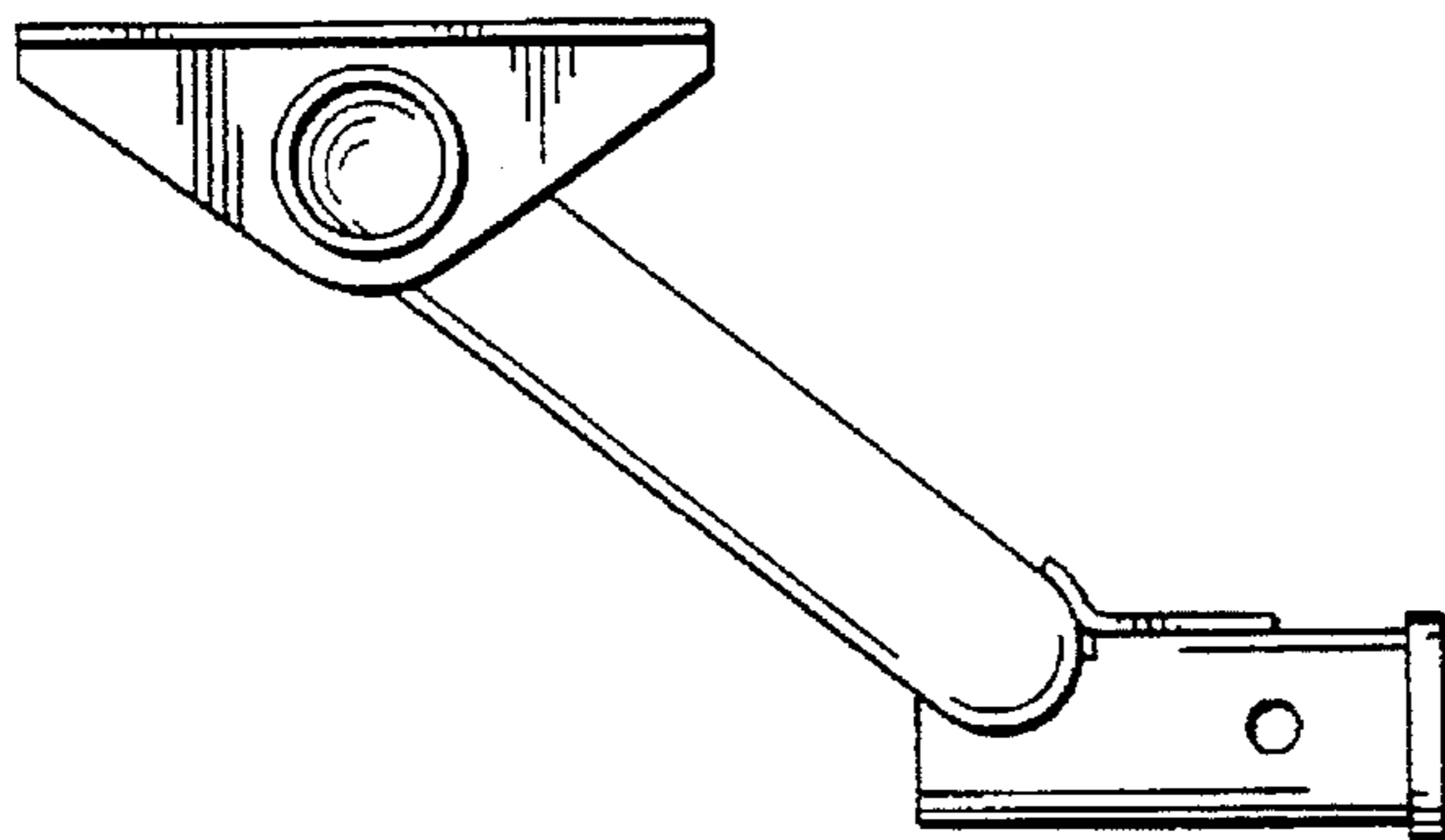
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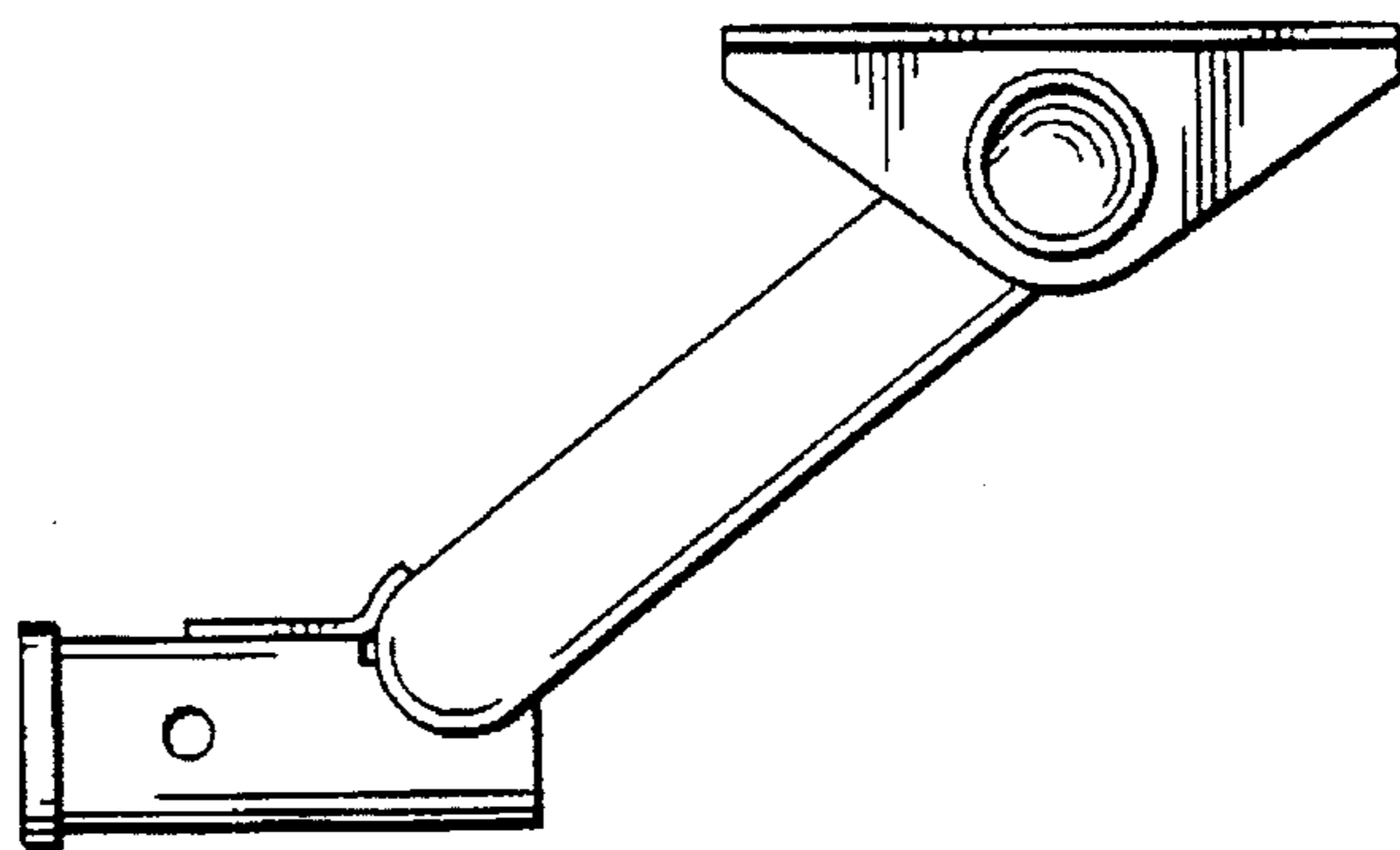
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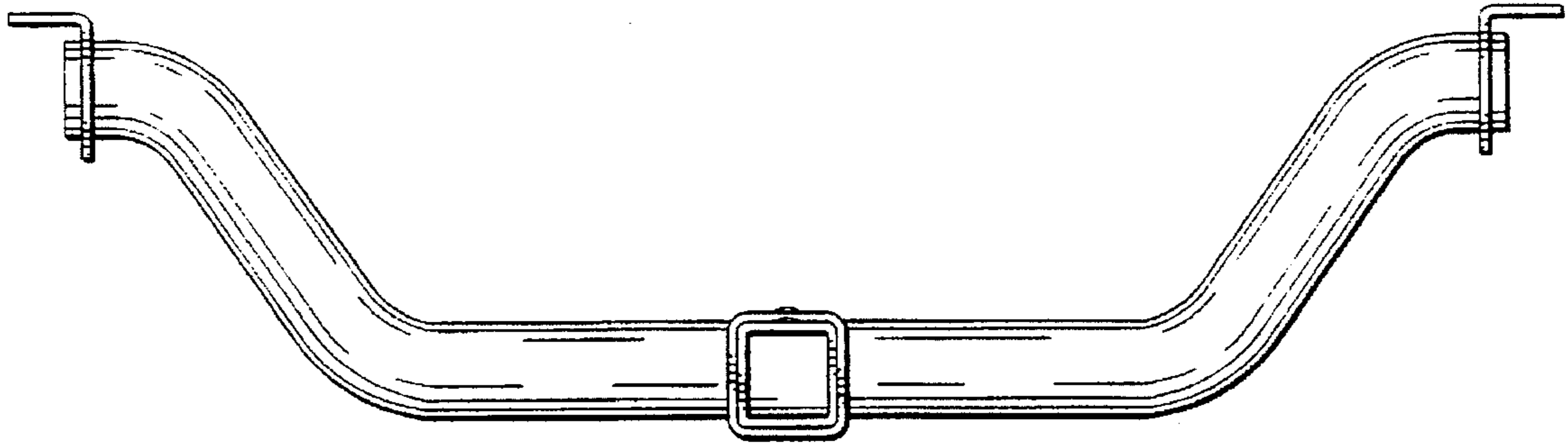
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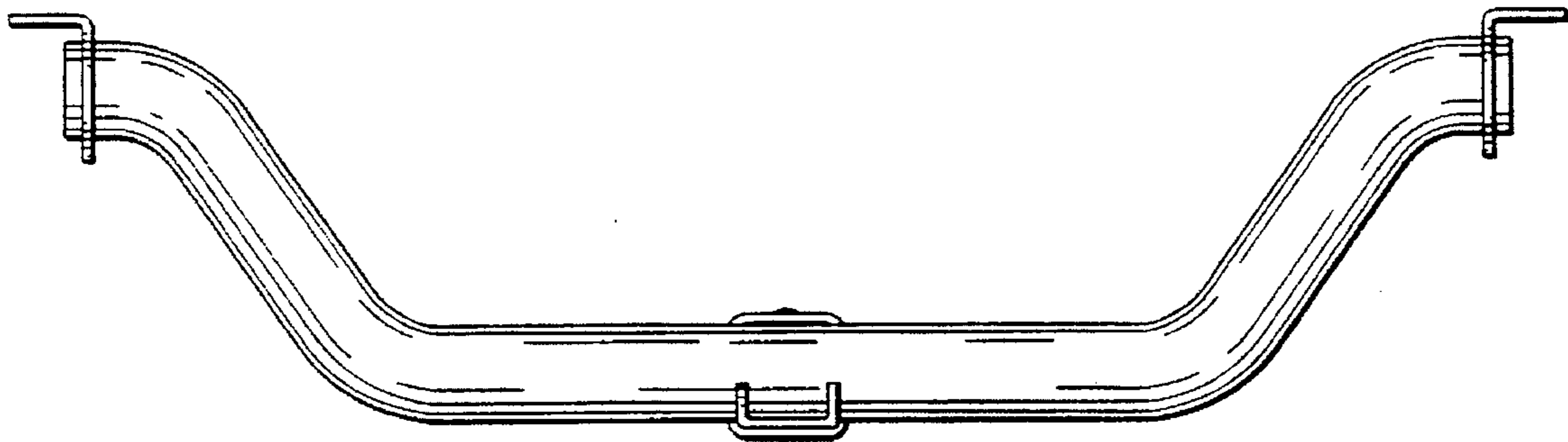
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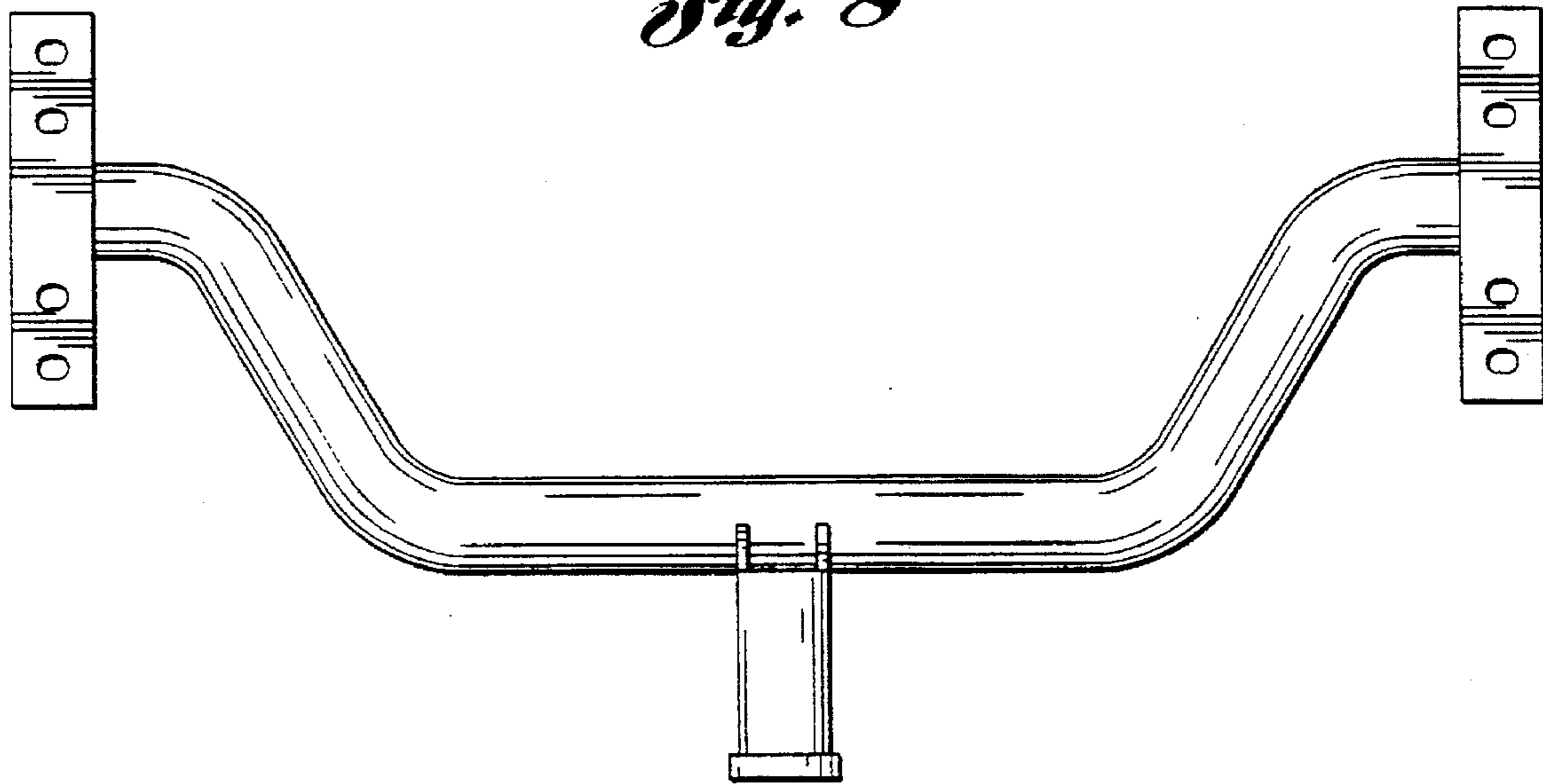
*Fig. 6*



*Fig. 7*

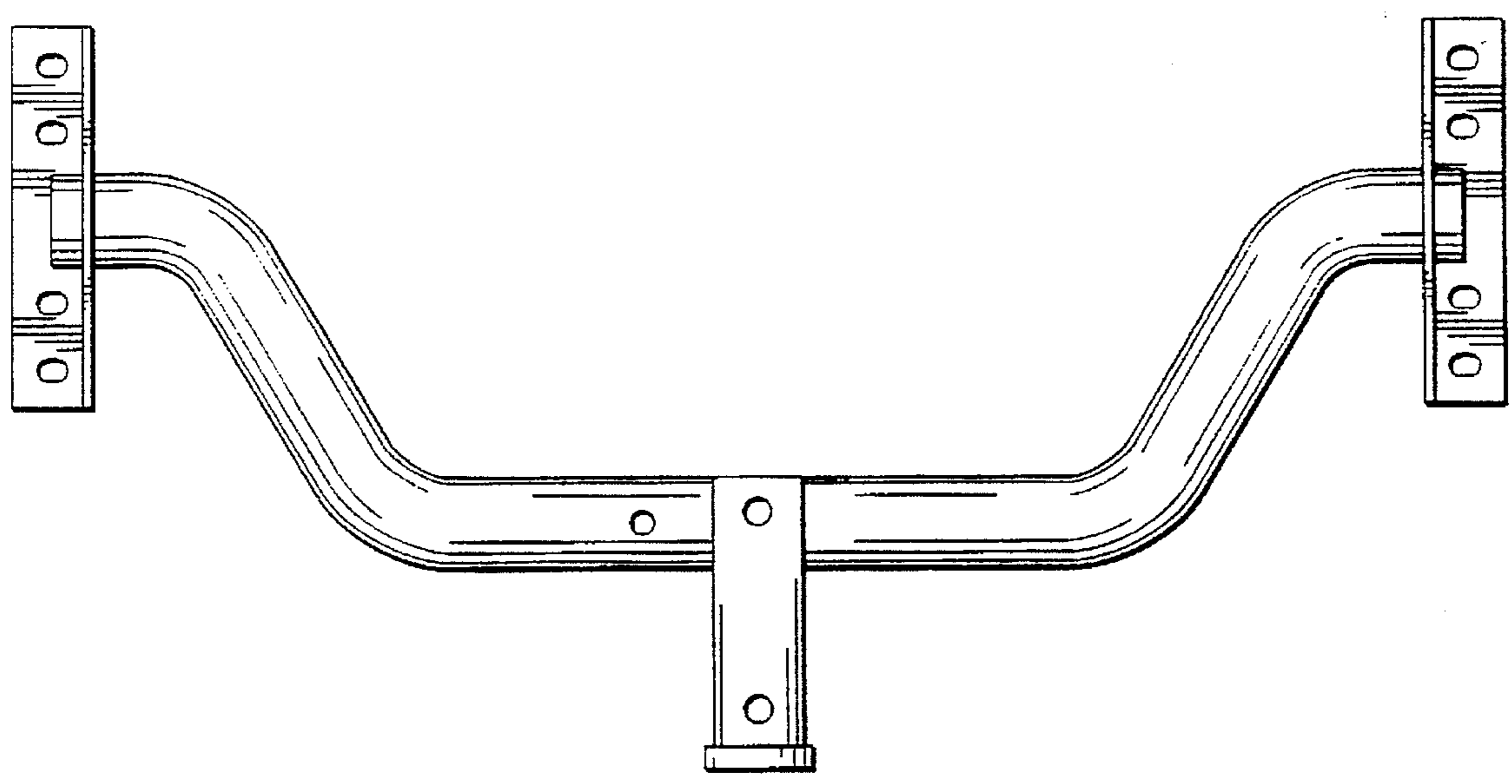


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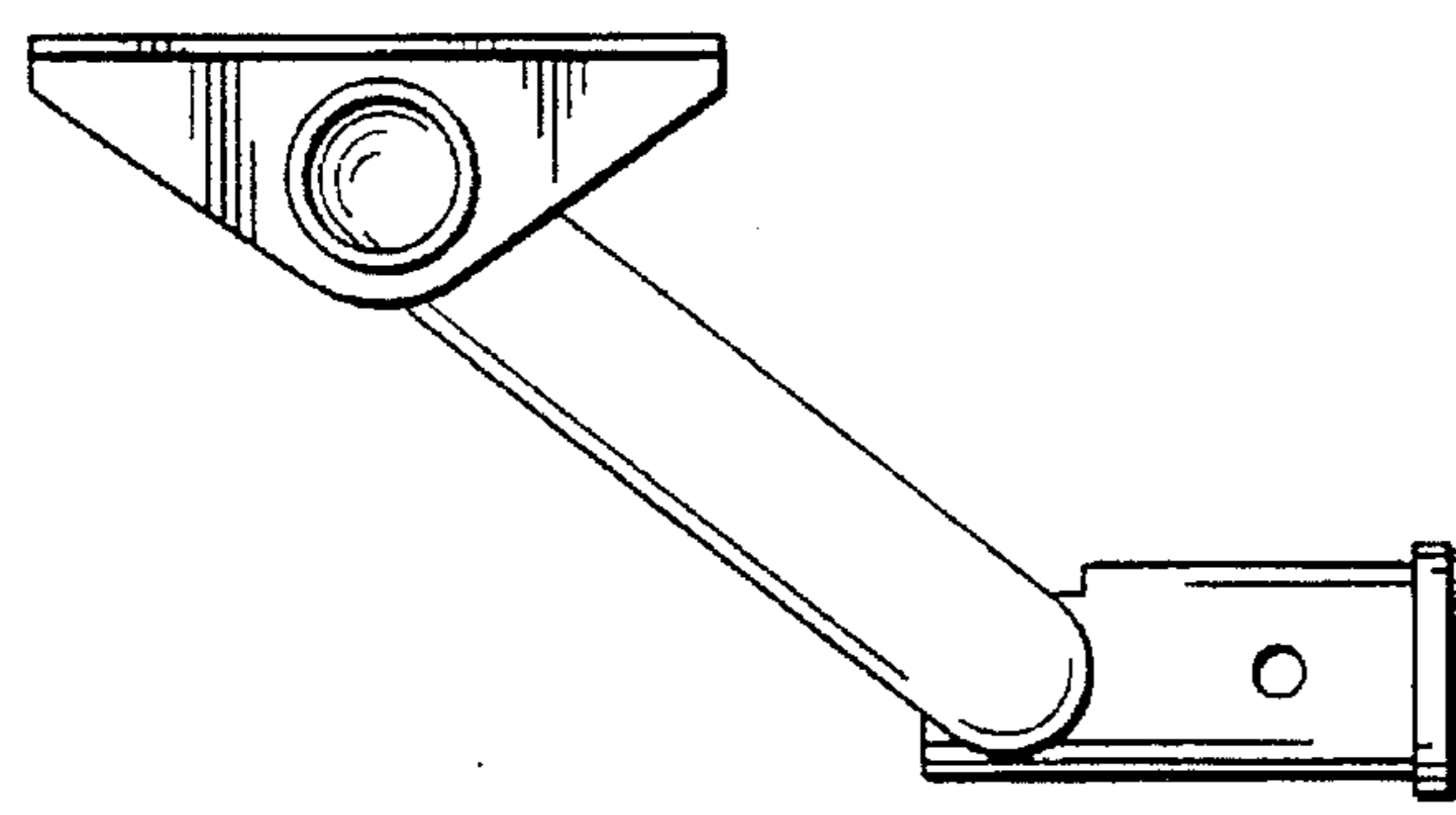


*Fig. 9*

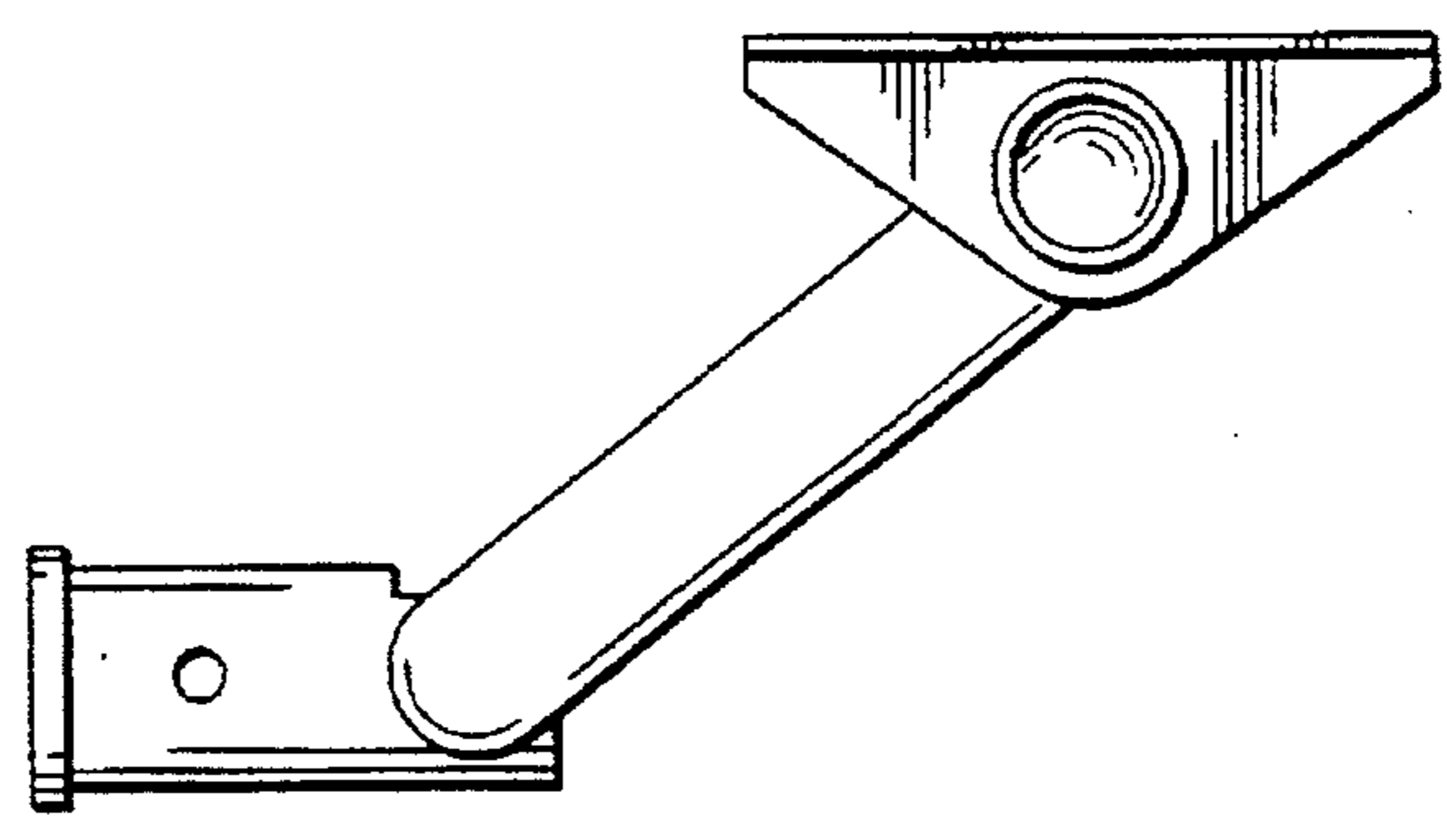




*Fig. 10*



*Fig. 11*



*Fig. 12*