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[54] **BUILDING ELEMENT FOR BUILDING A TOY TUNNEL**

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[57] **CLAIM**

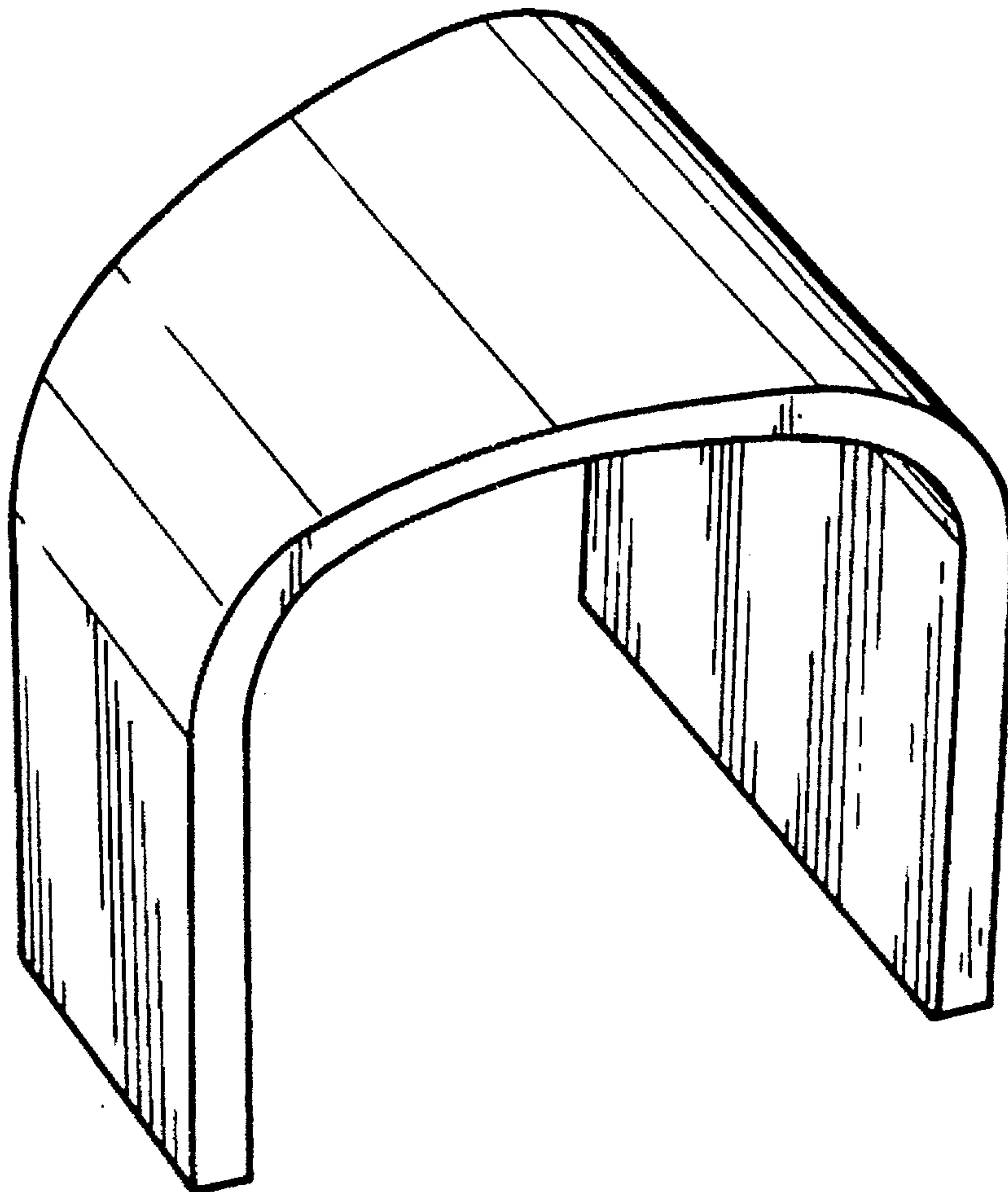
The ornamental design for a building element for building a toy tunnel, as shown and described.

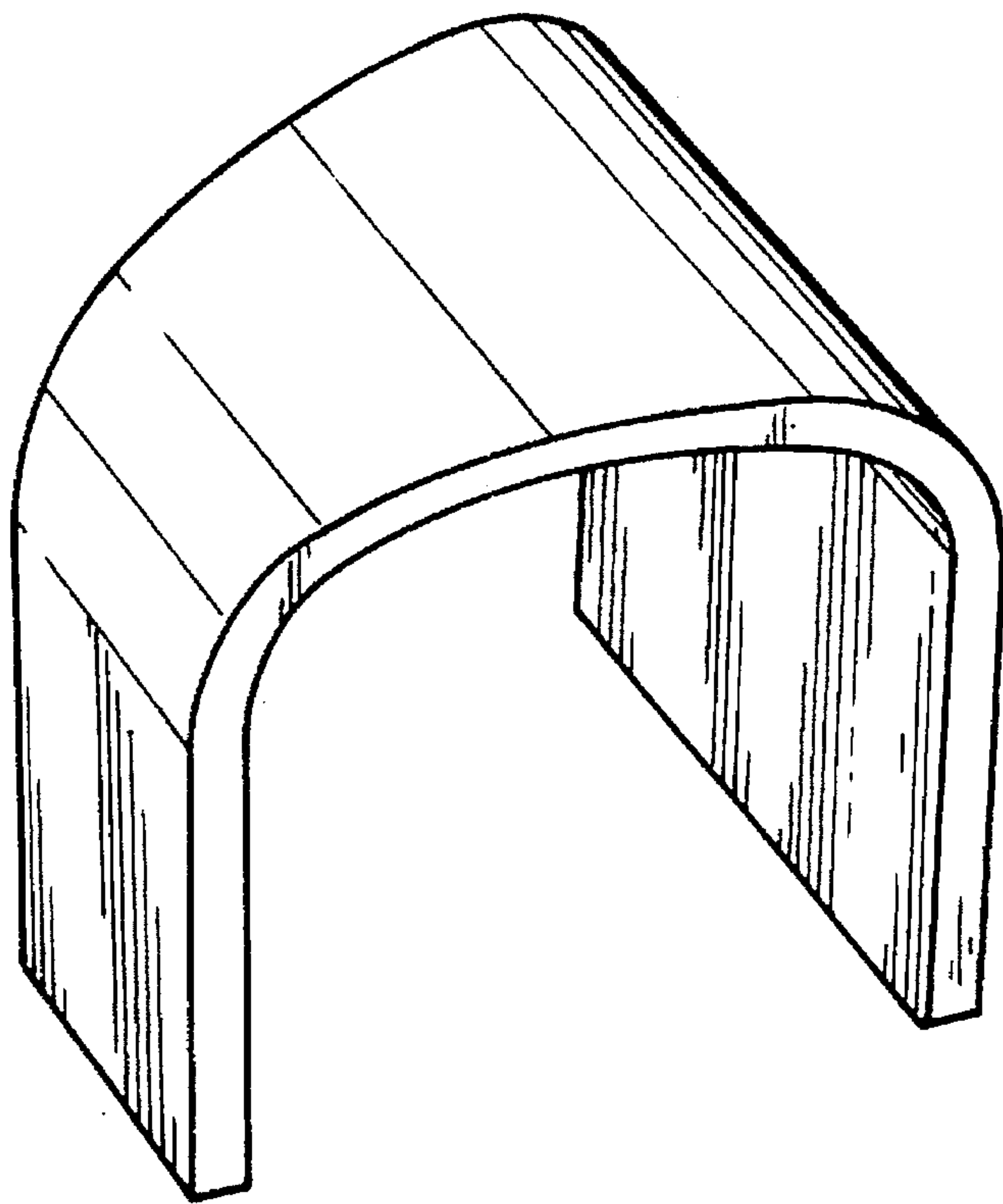
**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of the building element according to the new design; and,

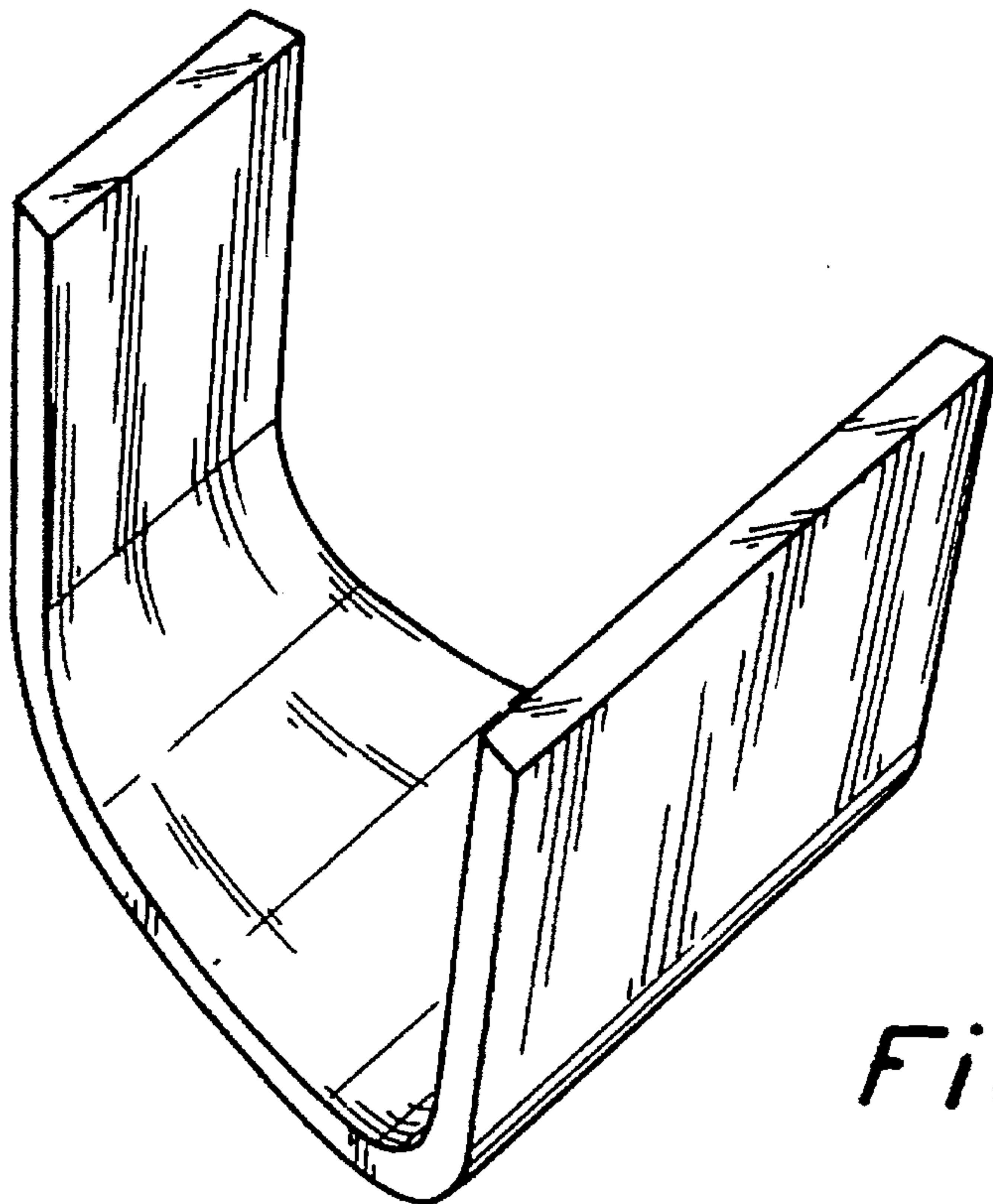
FIG. 2 is a bottom perspective view of the building element.

**1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet**





*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*