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[54] **COMBINED CARRYING CASE AND STEP STOOL**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a combined carrying case and step stool, as described and shown.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a top, front, and right side perspective view of a combined carrying case and step stool according to an embodiment of the present invention;

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FIG. 2 is a front side view thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a right side view thereof showing, with broken lines, the handle in an alternate position;

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FIG. 4 is a rear side view thereof;

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FIG. 5 is a left side view of thereof showing the step stool portion displaced from the bottom portion;

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FIG. 6 is a top view of the step stool portion;

FIG. 7 is a view of the interior compartment of the step stool portion from the top showing the lid in an opened position;

FIG. 8 is a view of the interior cavity of the step stool portion from the bottom;

FIG. 9 is a bottom view of the invention; and,

FIG. 10 is a view of the interior of the bottom portion from the top.

The phantom lines in FIG. 10 show environmental structure and do not form a part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets**

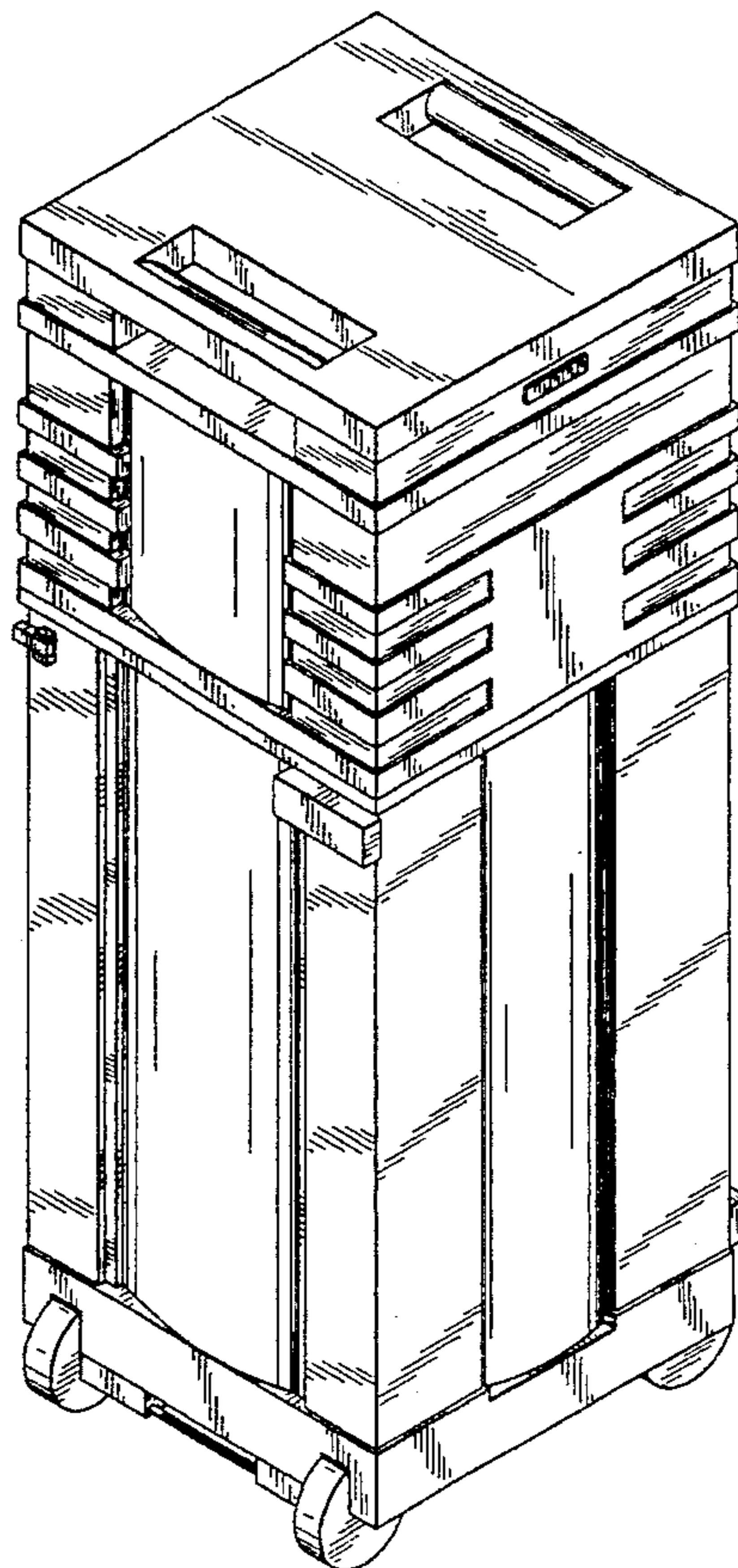
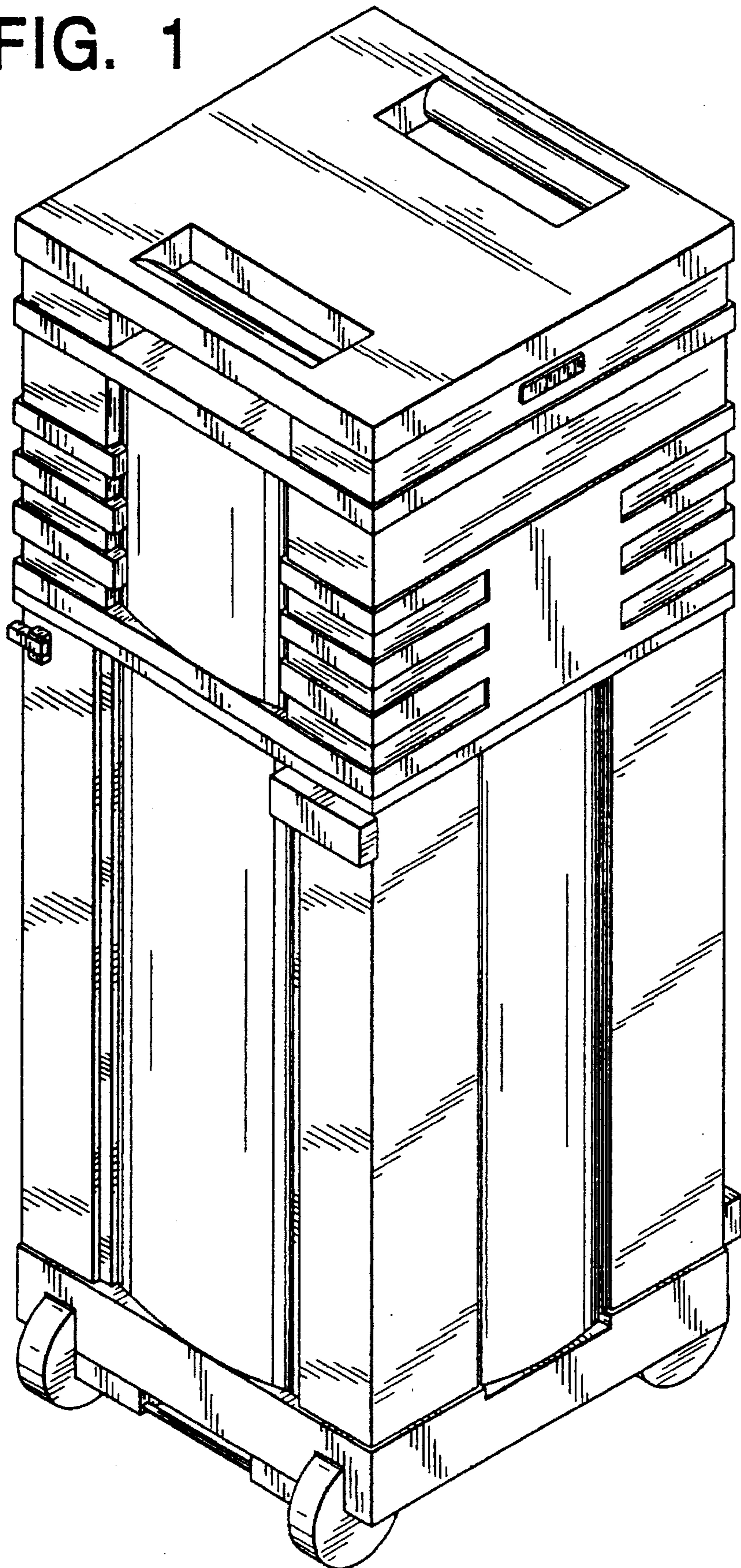


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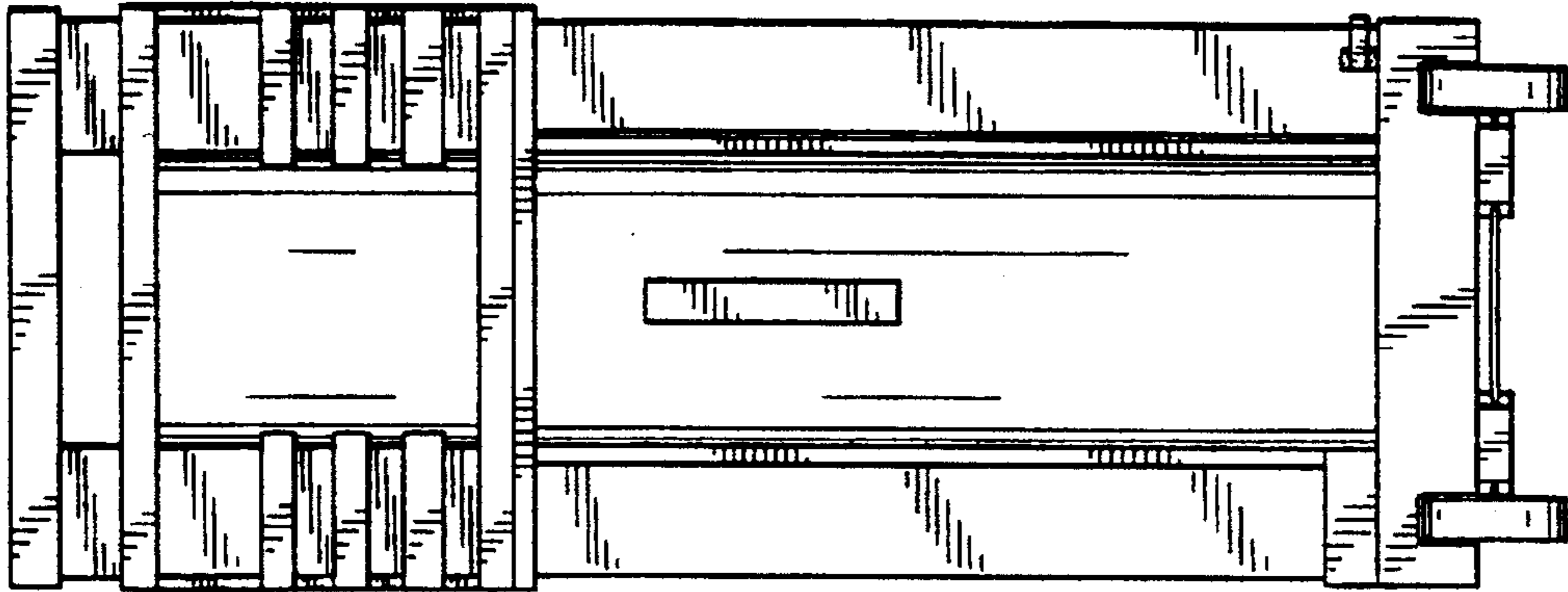


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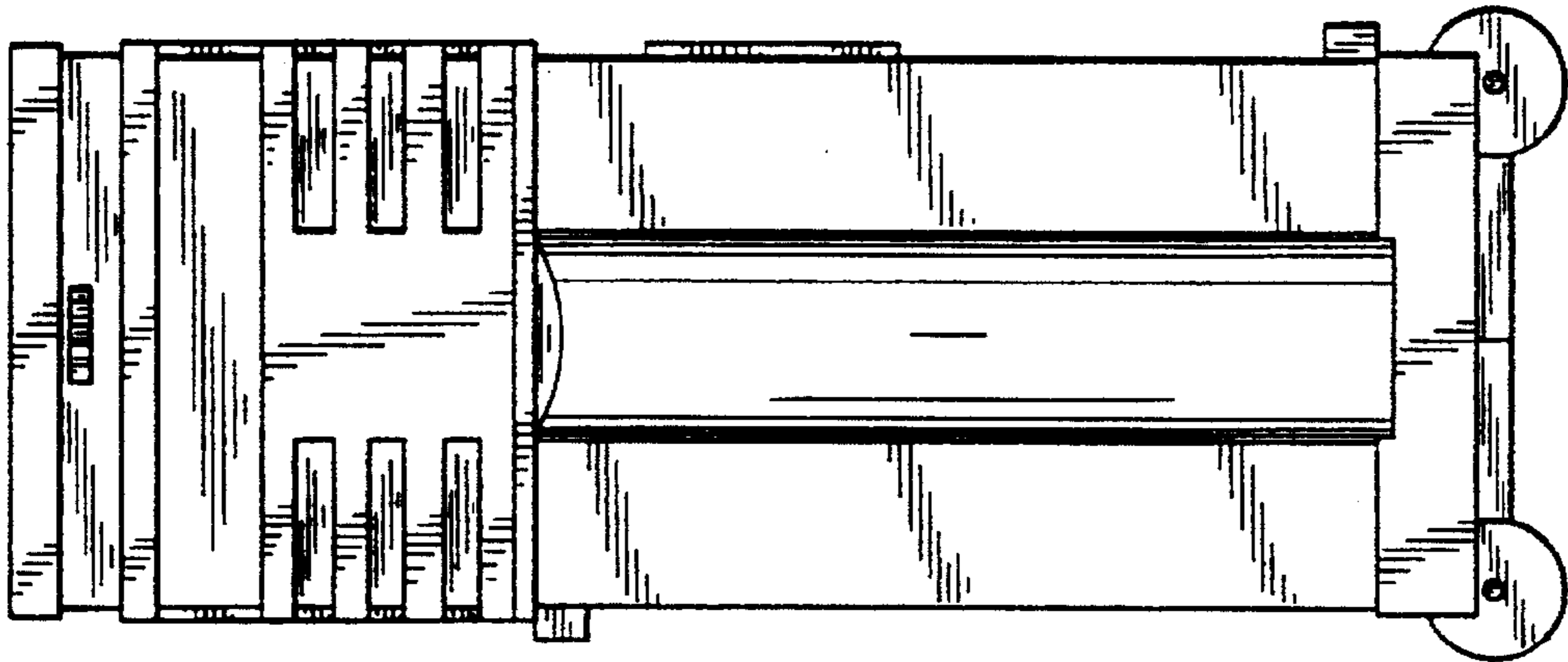


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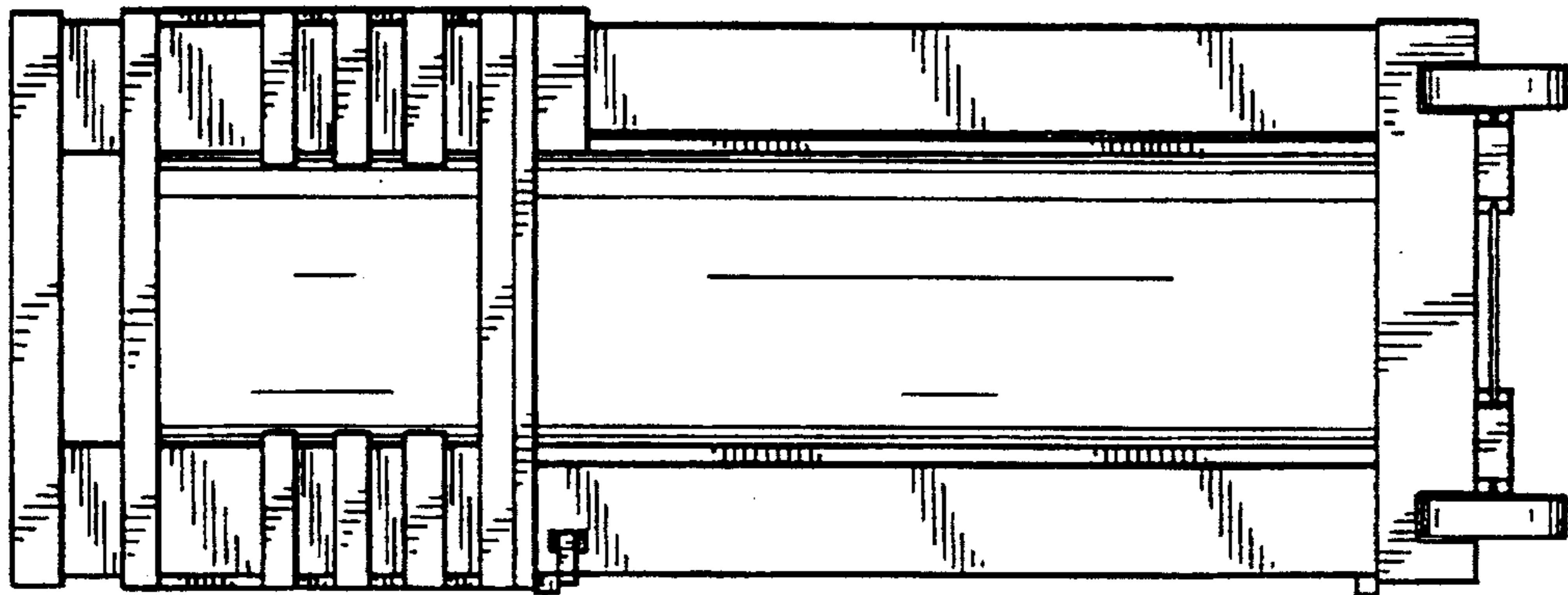


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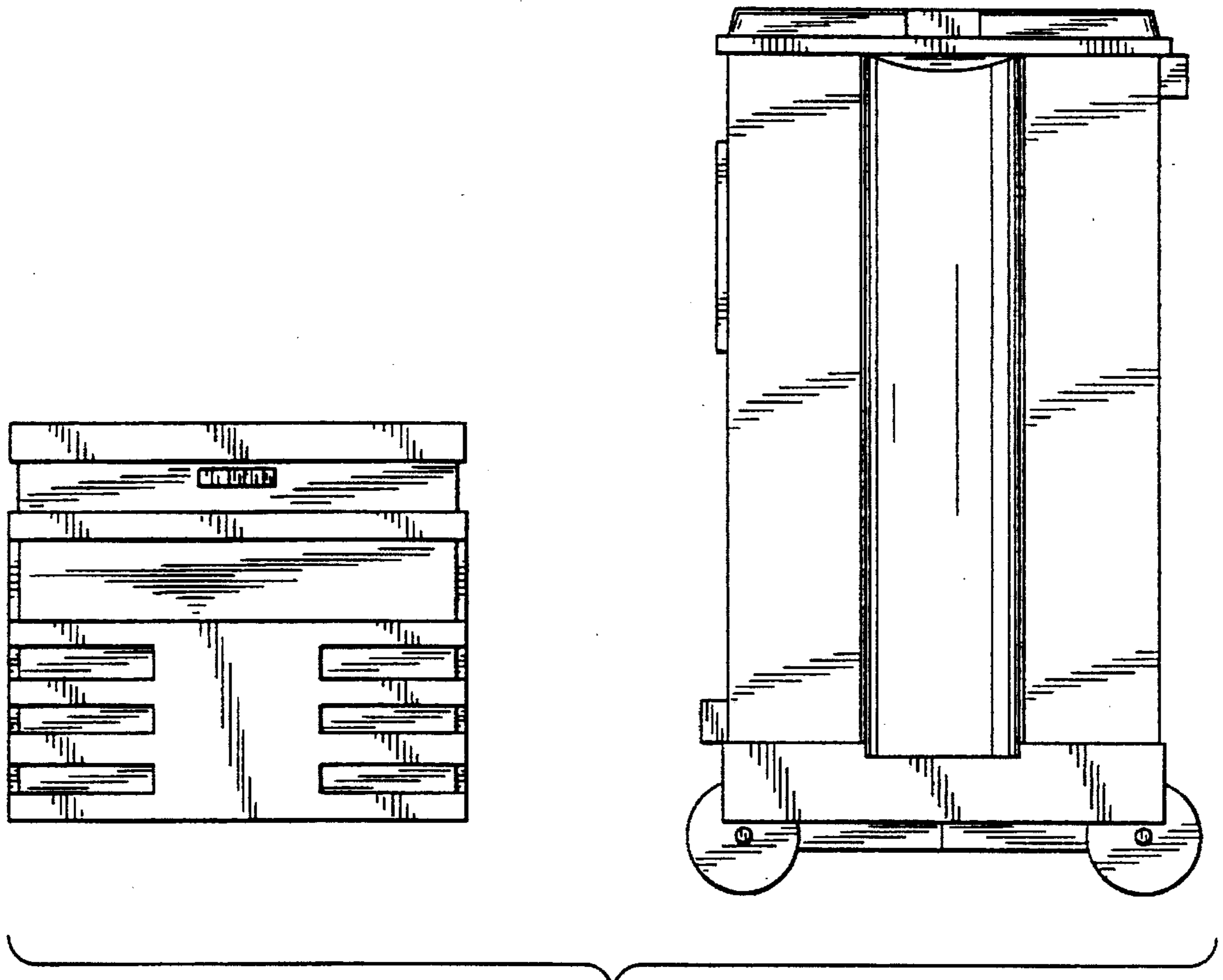


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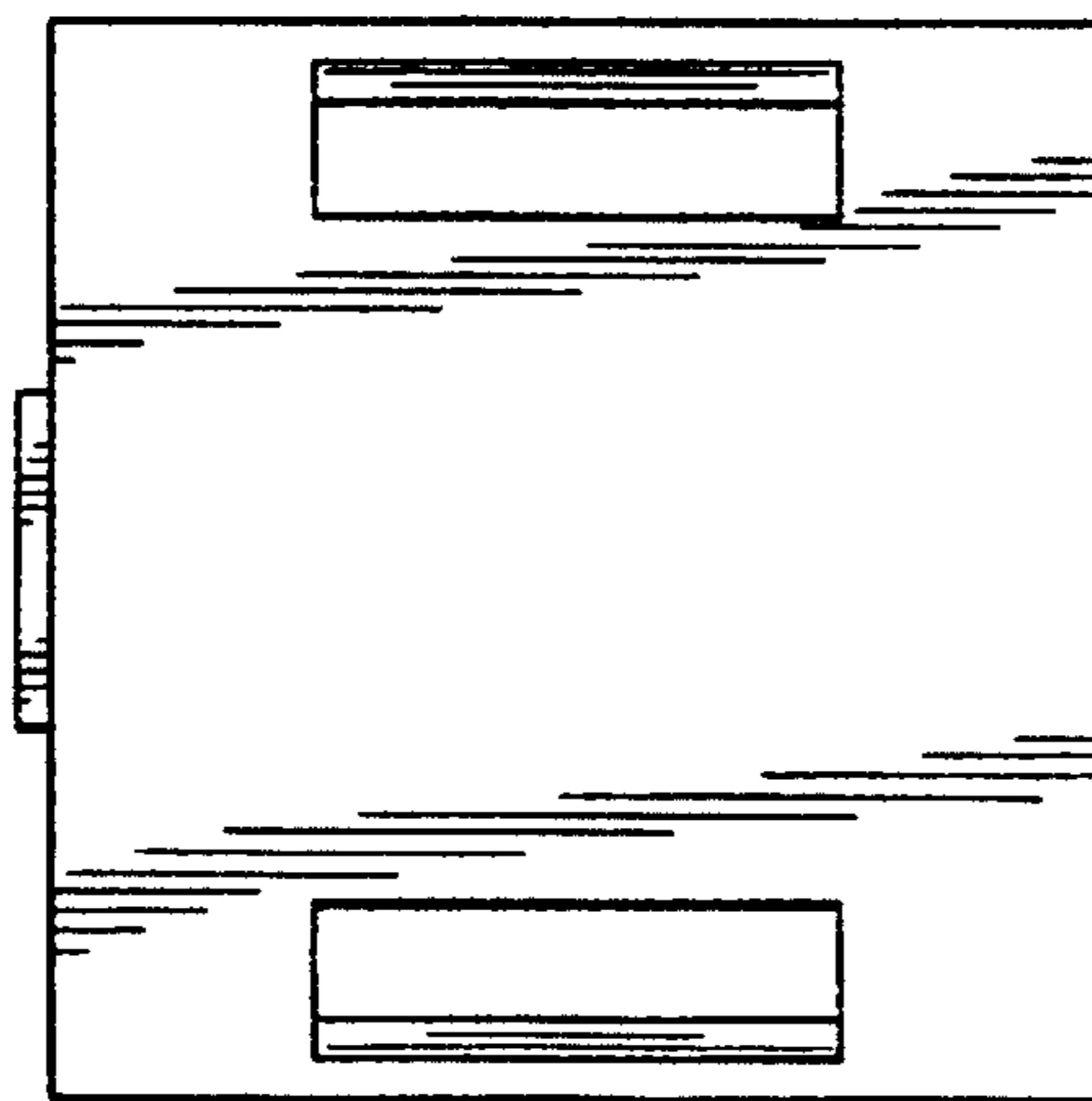


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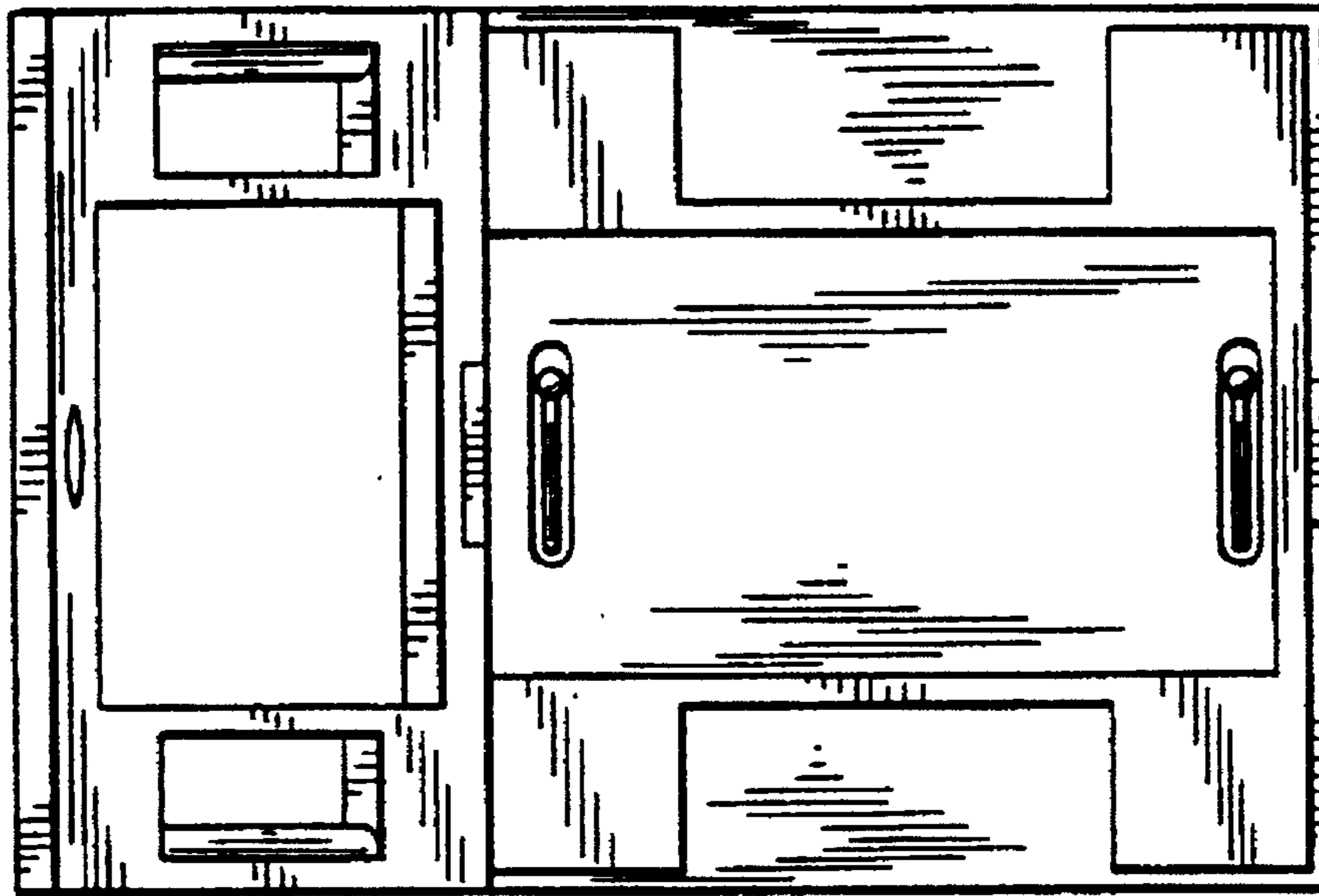


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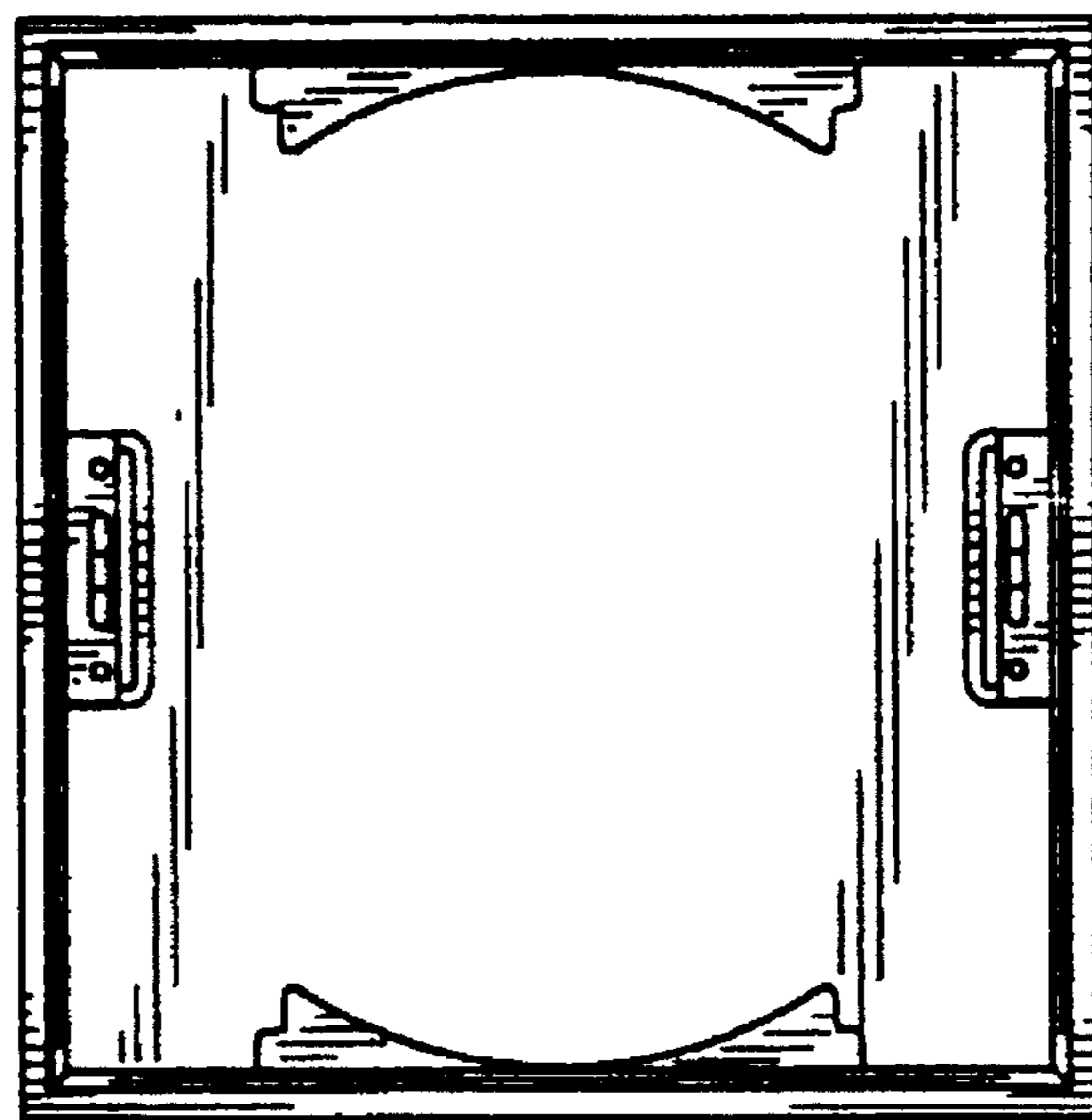


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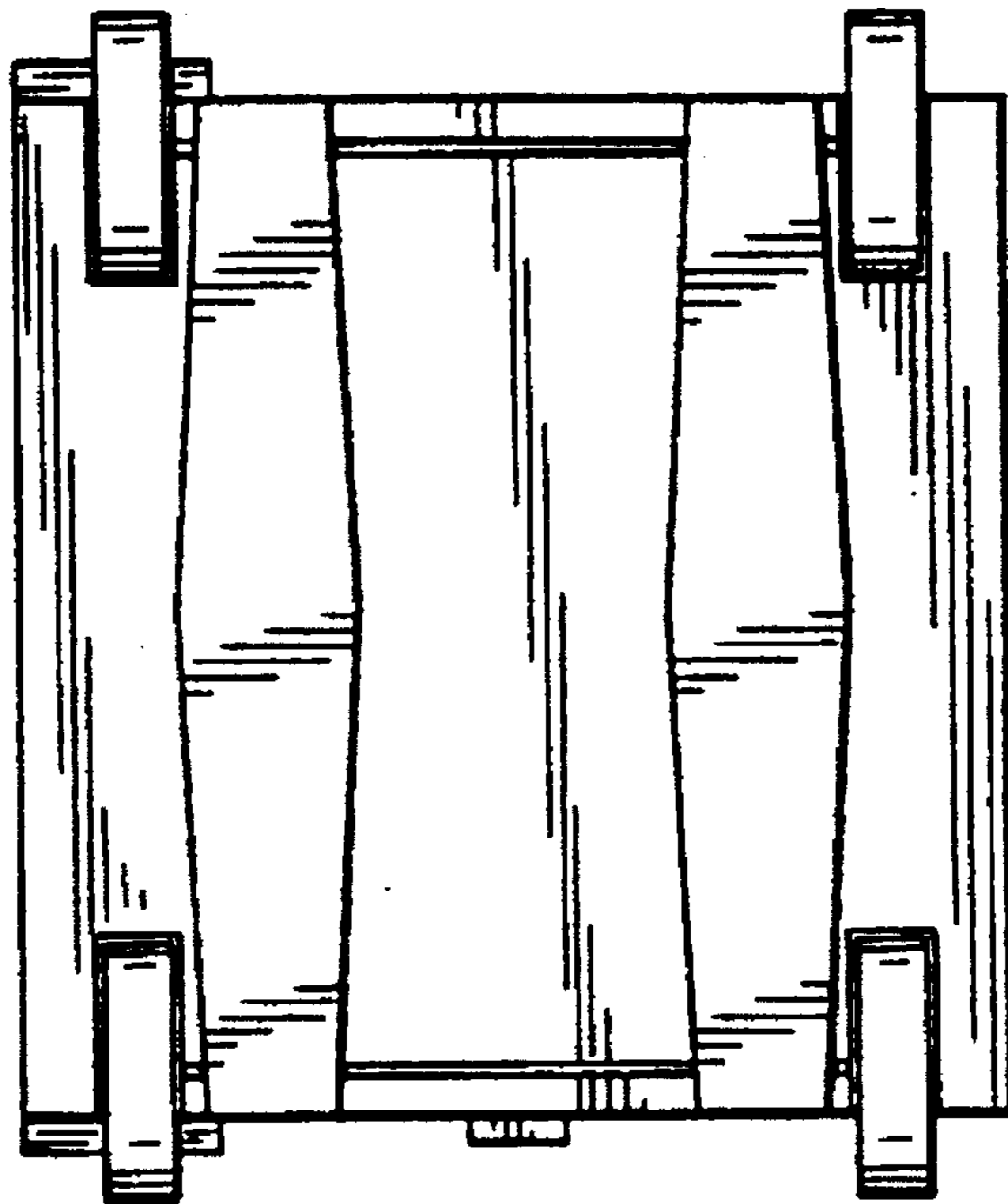


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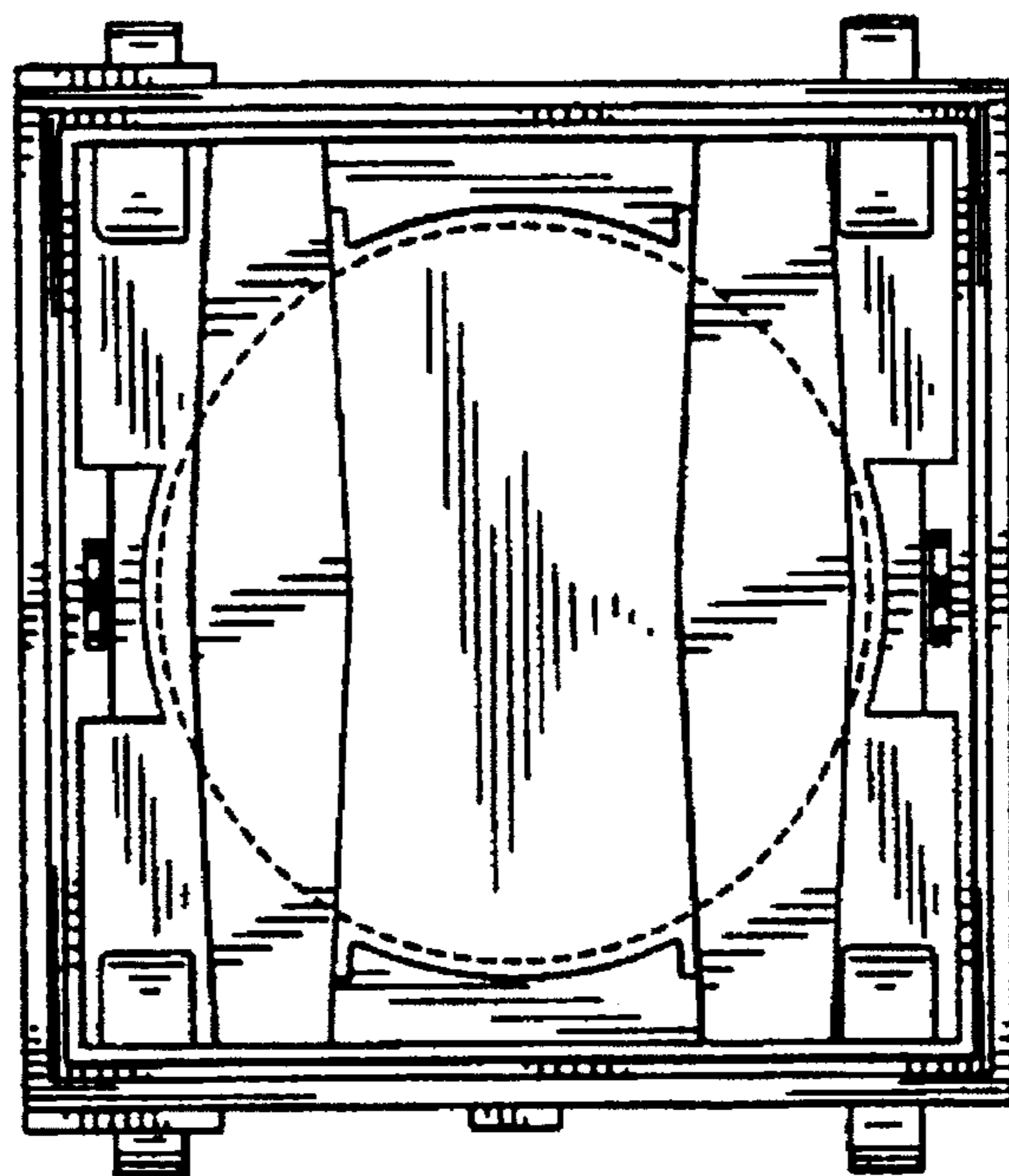


FIG. 10