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[54] TOWEL RING

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[57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a towel ring, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a towel ring incorporating my new design;

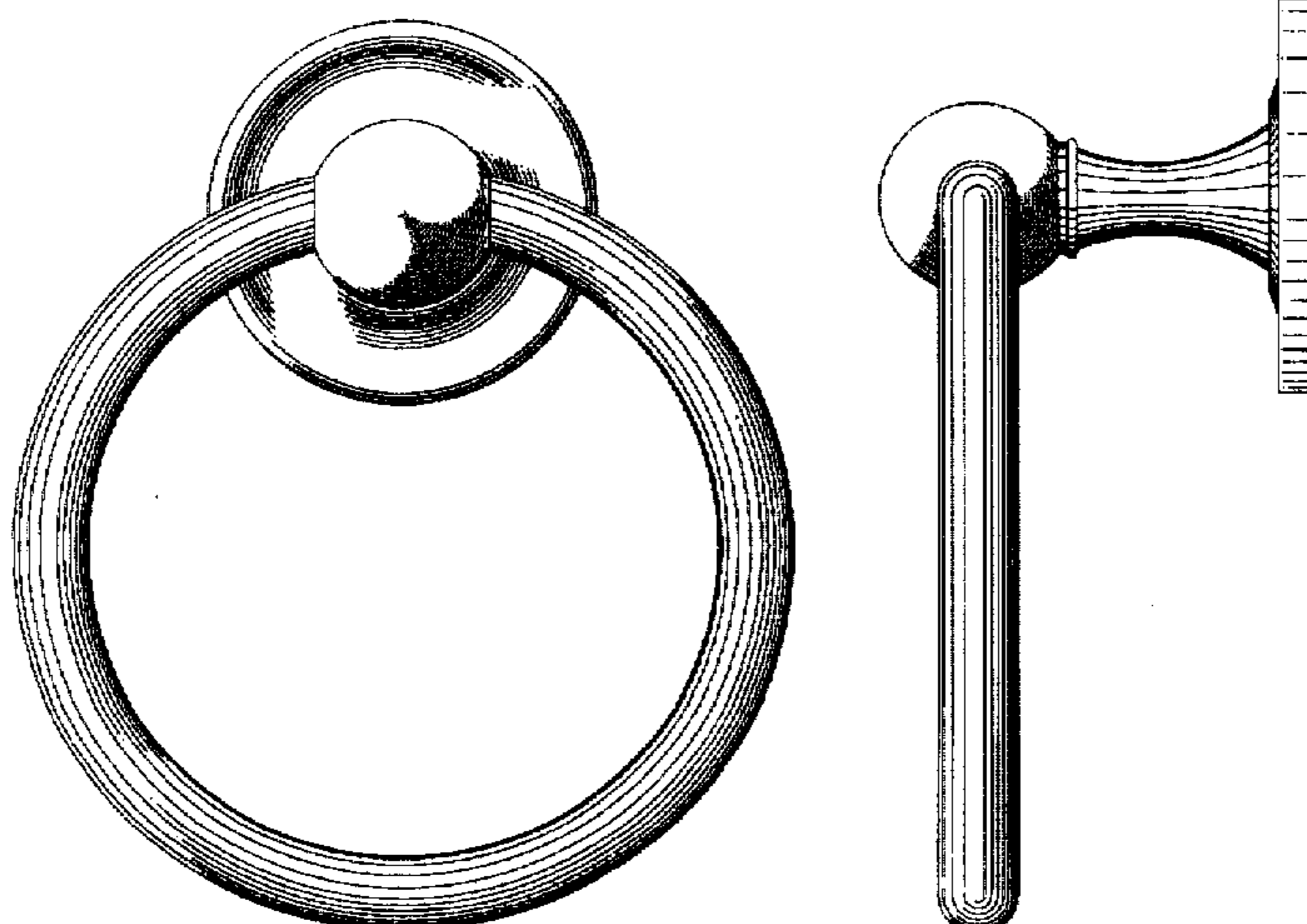
FIG. 2 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side being a mirror image of that shown;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view thereof.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



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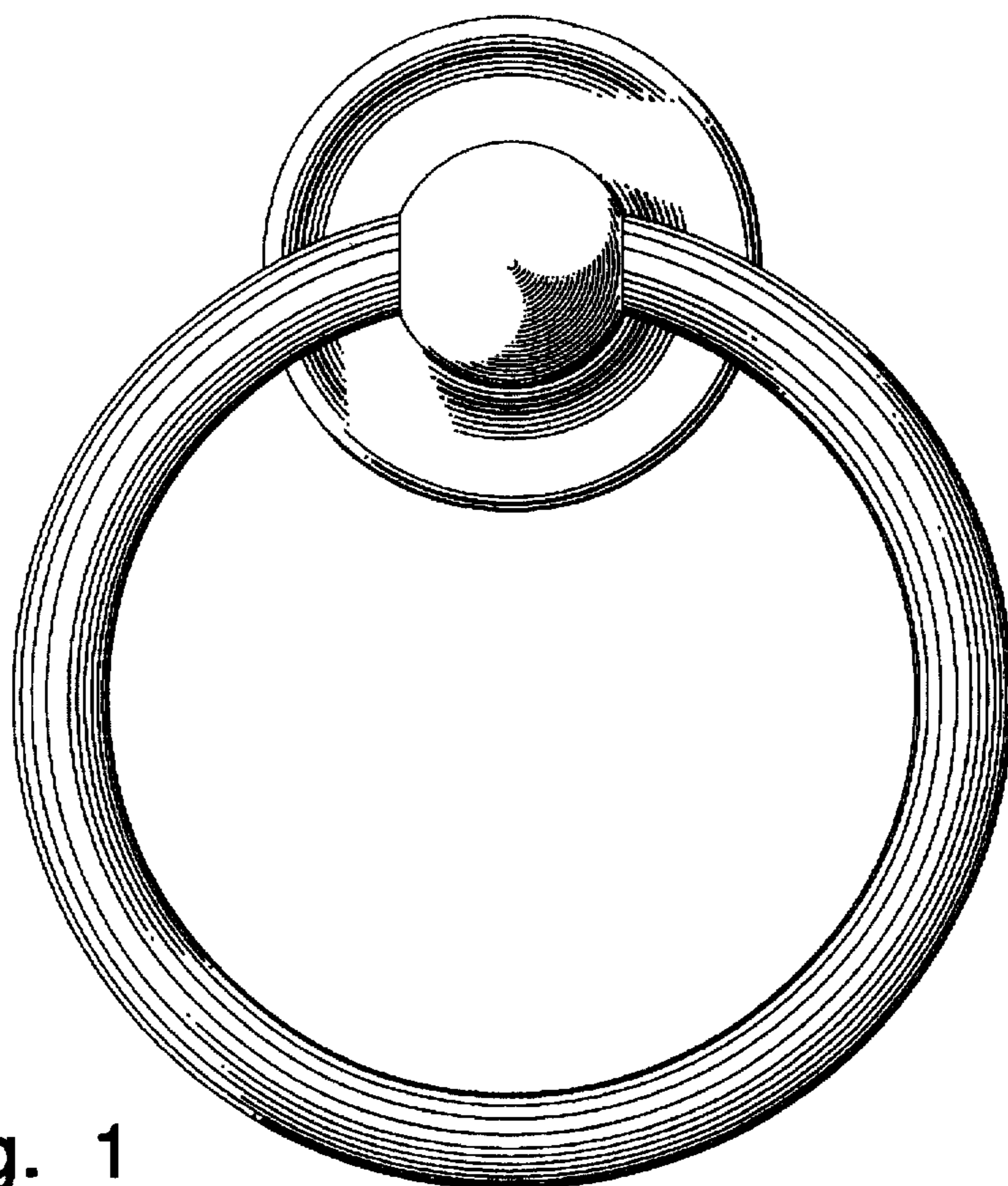


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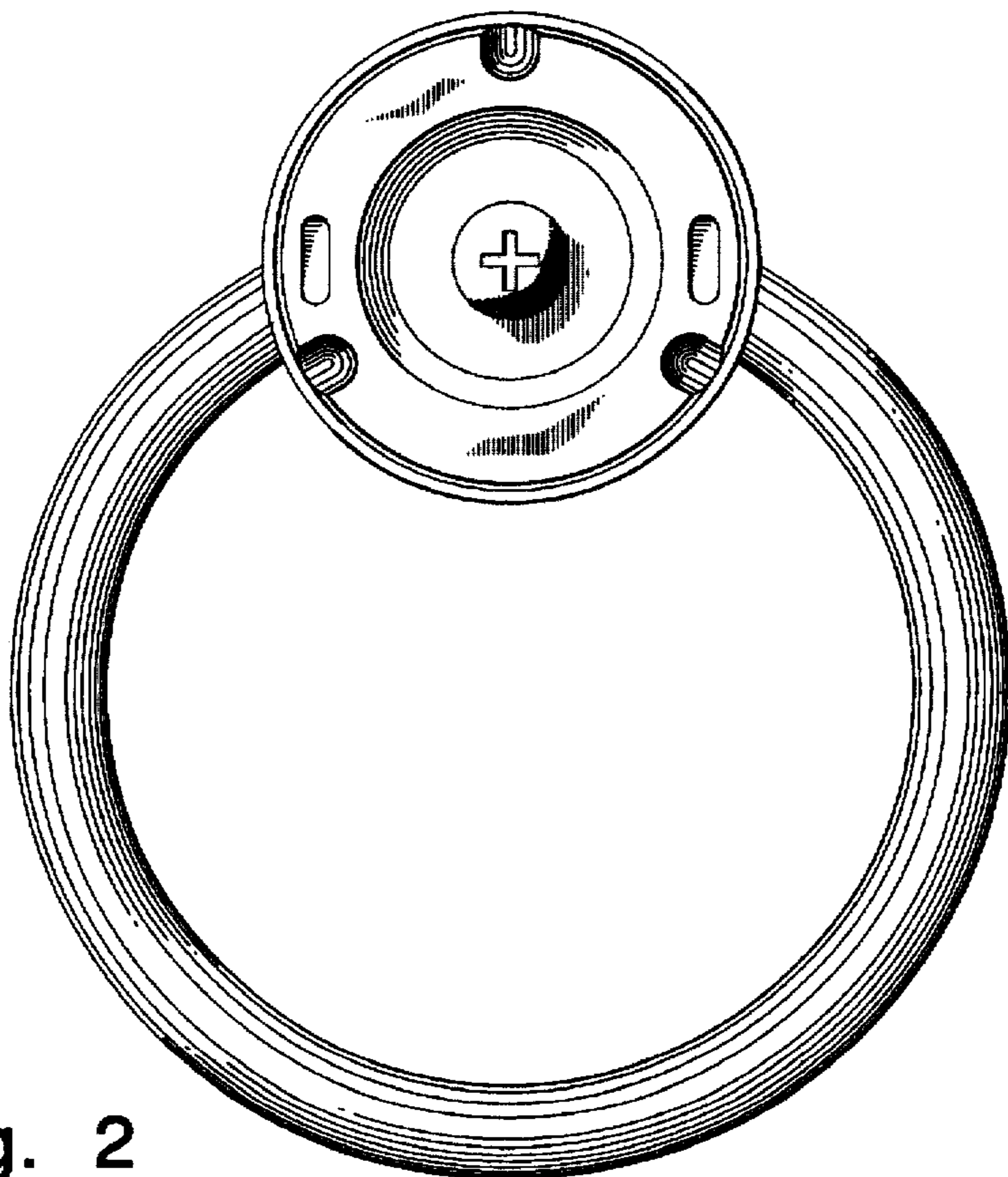


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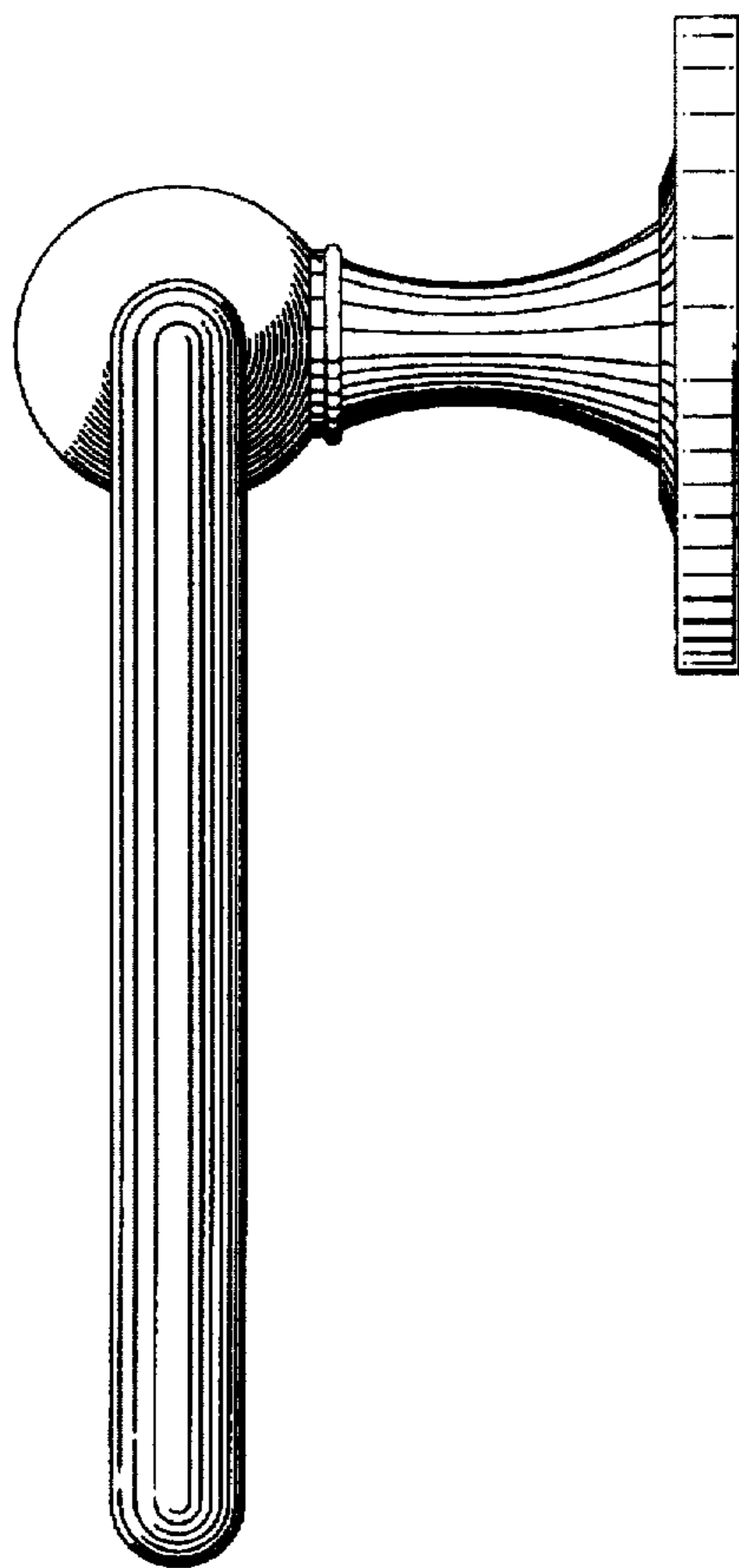


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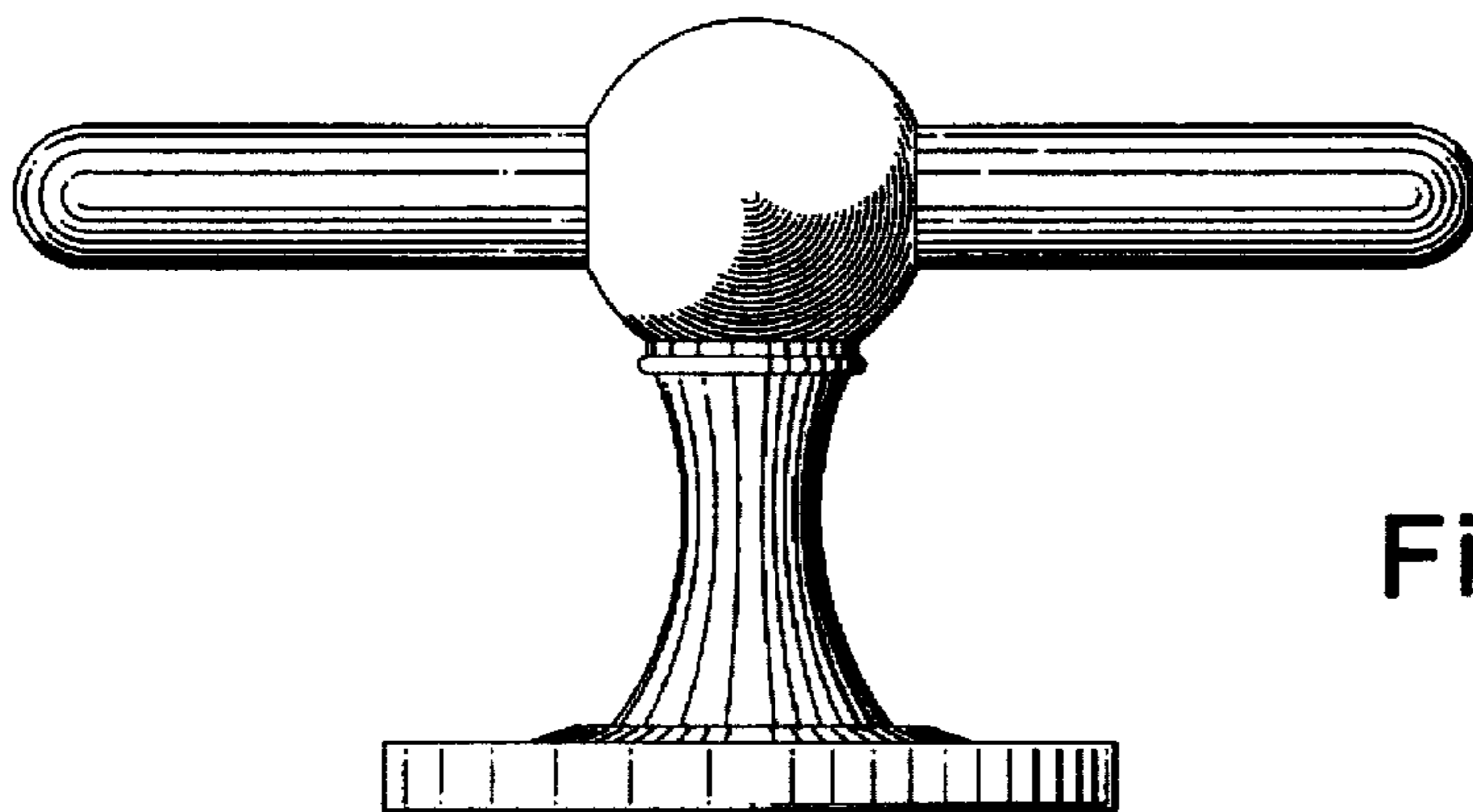


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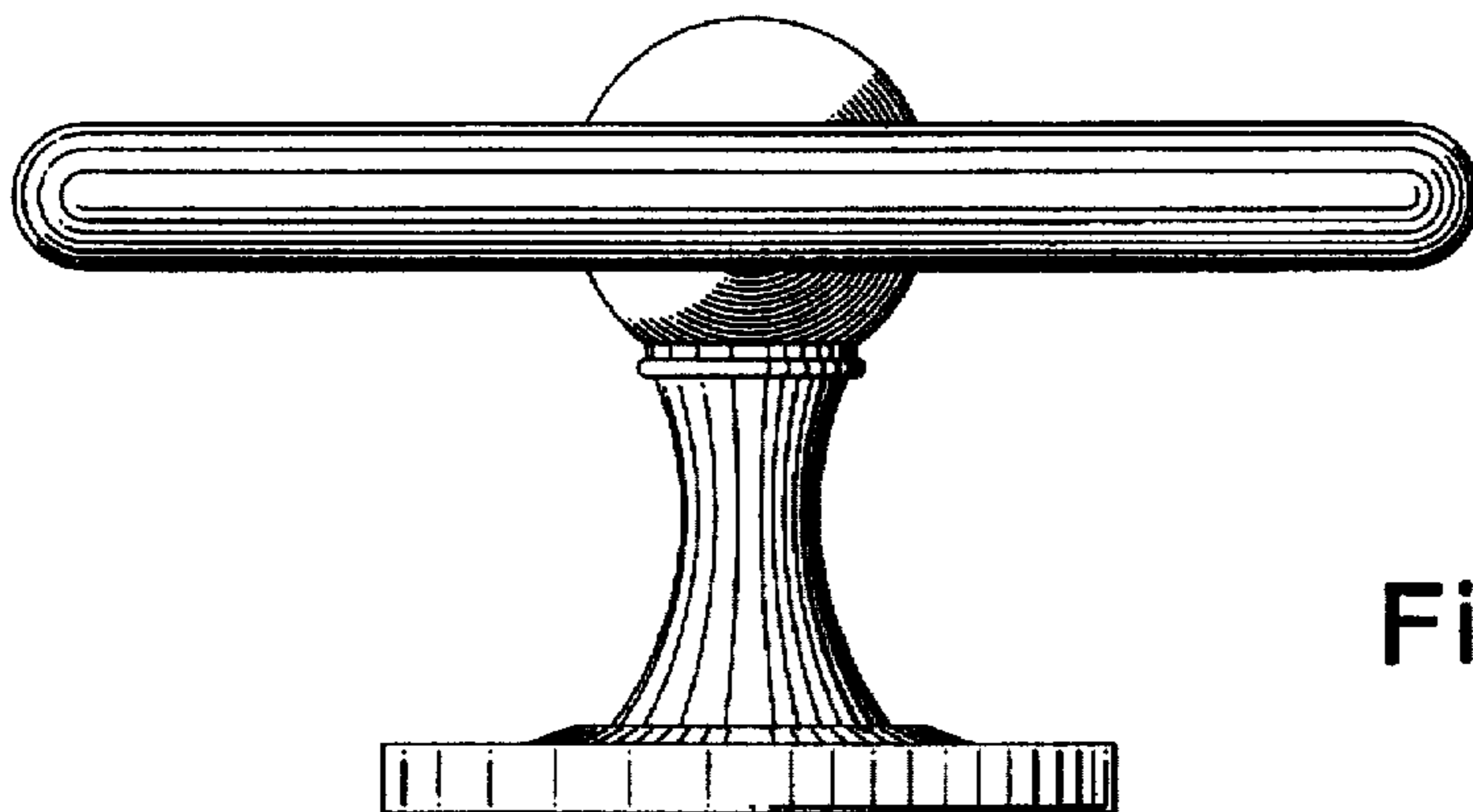


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