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## [54] BICYCLE CHAIN

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## [57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a bicycle chain, as shown and described.

## DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a partial front elevational view of a bicycle chain in accordance with my new design, with the bicycle chain being illustrated in engagement with a rear sprocket of a bicycle;

FIG. 2 is a partial top plan view of the bicycle chain illustrated in FIG. 1;

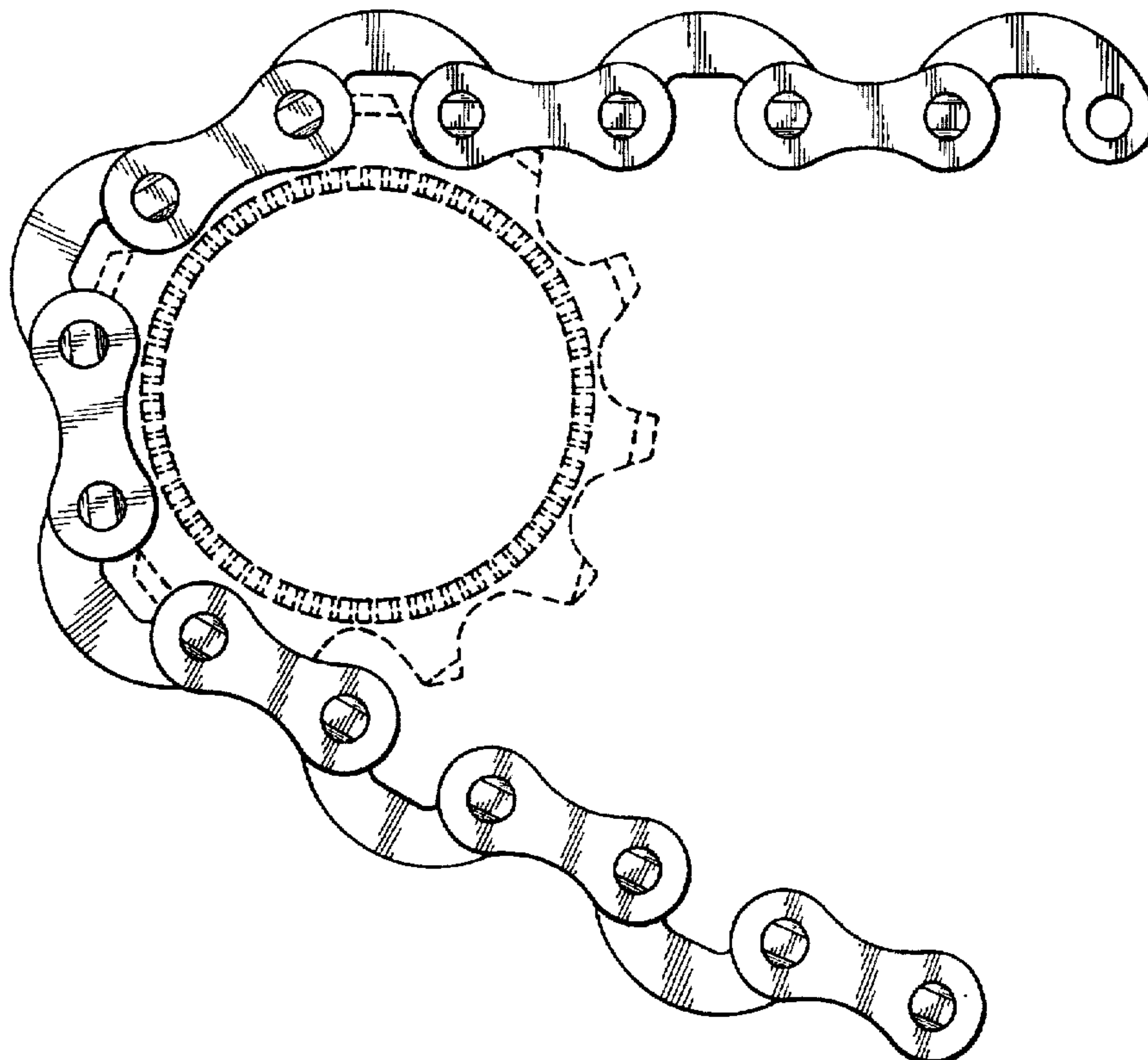
FIG. 3 is a partial front elevational view of the bicycle chain illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2, with the rear elevational view of the bicycle chain being identical for each corresponding link of the bicycle chain shown in the front elevational view; FIG. 4 is a partial bottom plan view of the bicycle chain illustrated in FIGS. 1–3;

FIG. 5 is a left end view of the bicycle chain as illustrated in FIGS. 2–4; and,

FIG. 6 is a right end elevational view of the bicycle chain as illustrated in FIGS. 2–4.

The broken line showing of environment in FIG. 1 is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design. The bicycle chain of the claimed design has been broken away in the middle in FIGS. 2–4 to indicate indeterminate length. In other words, the claimed design is an indeterminate length in that the pattern of alternating links as shown in the drawings repeats along the length of the chain.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



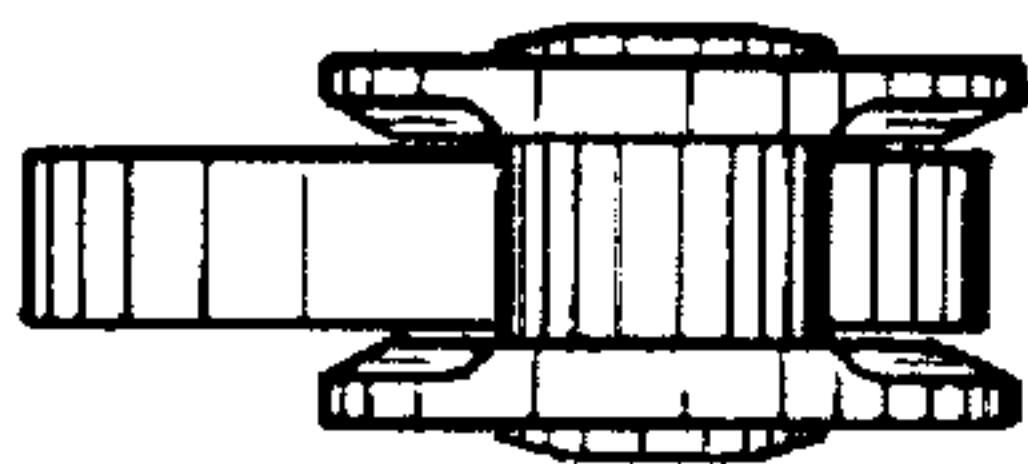


FIG. 5

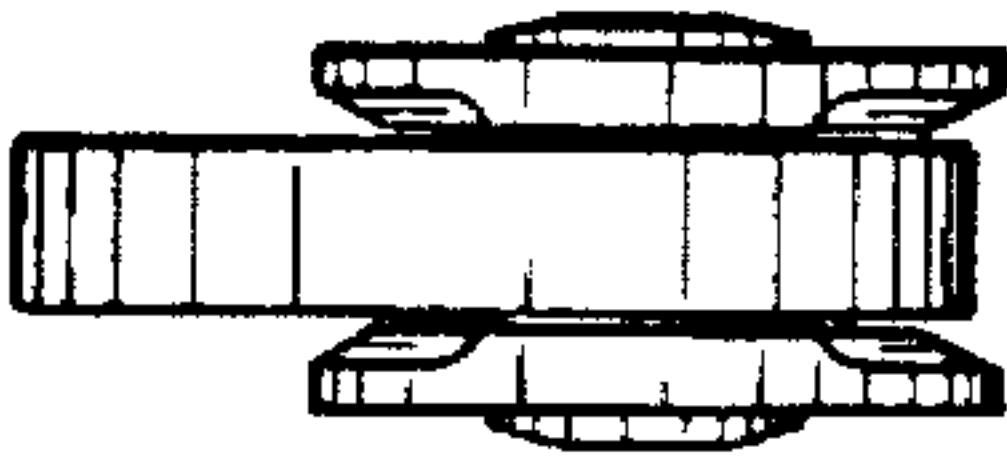


FIG. 6

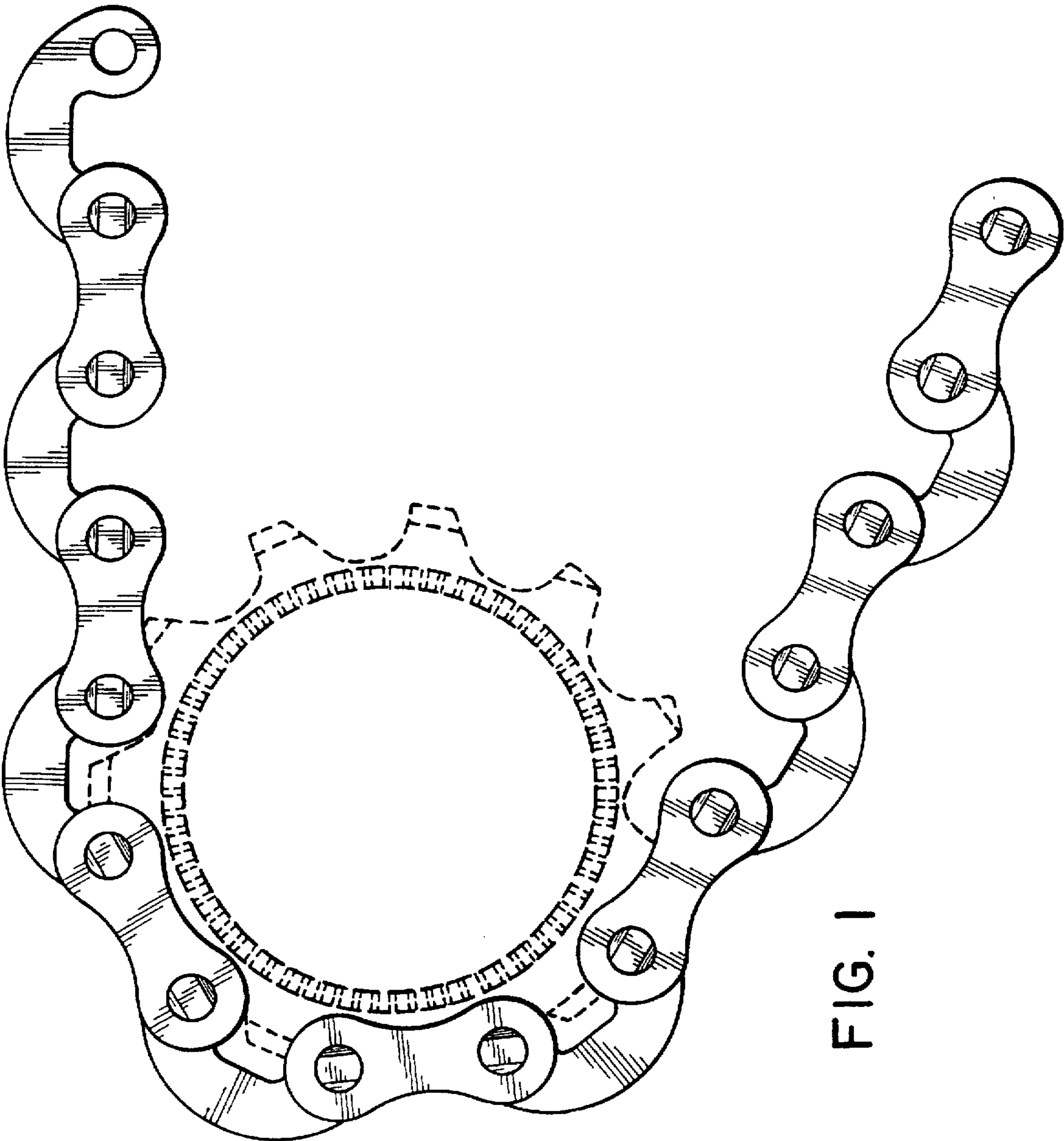


FIG. 1

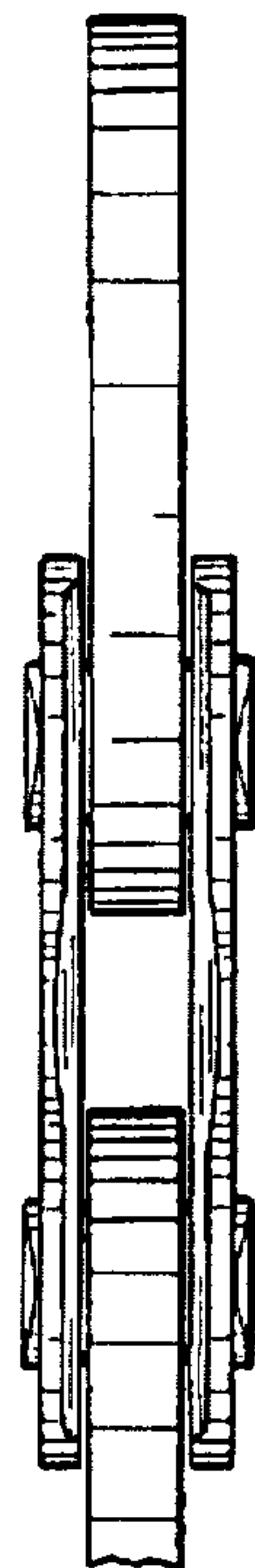


FIG. 2

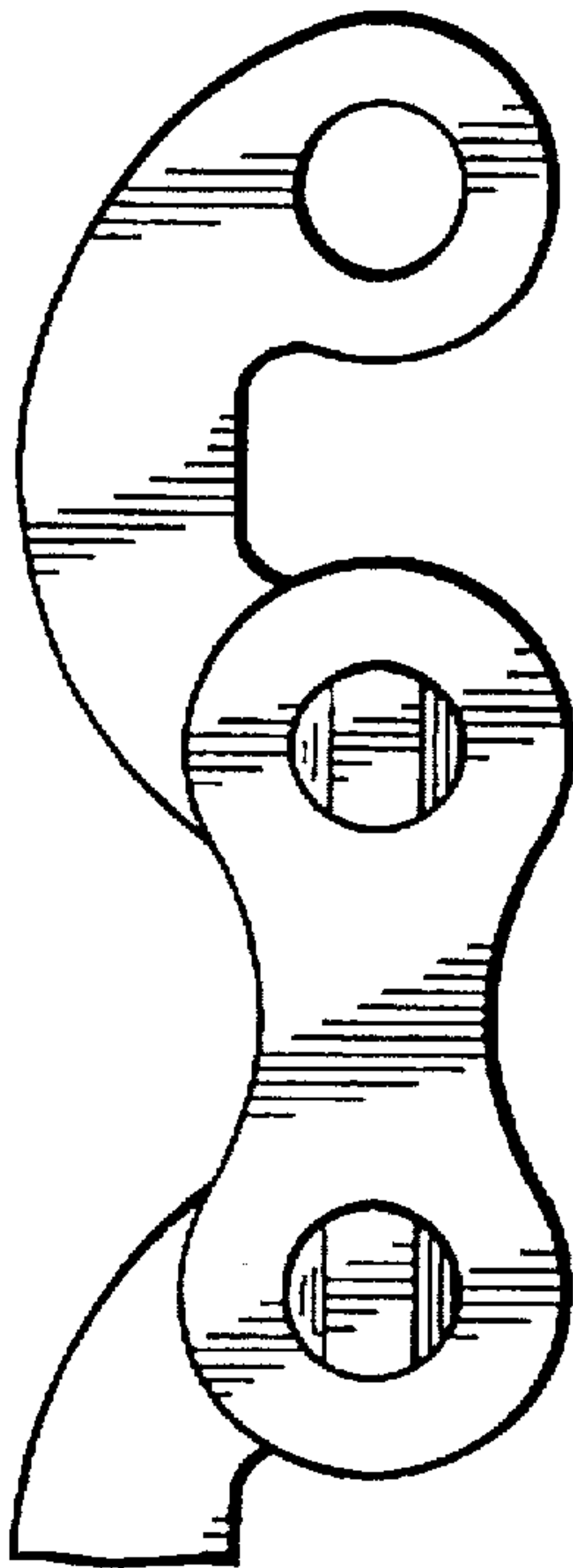


FIG. 3

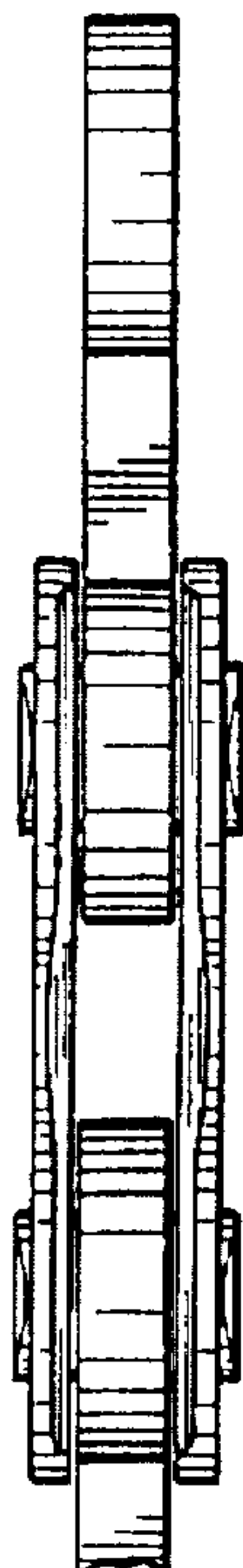


FIG. 4