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[54] HANDLE FOR A PLUMBING FITTING

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### [57] CLAIM

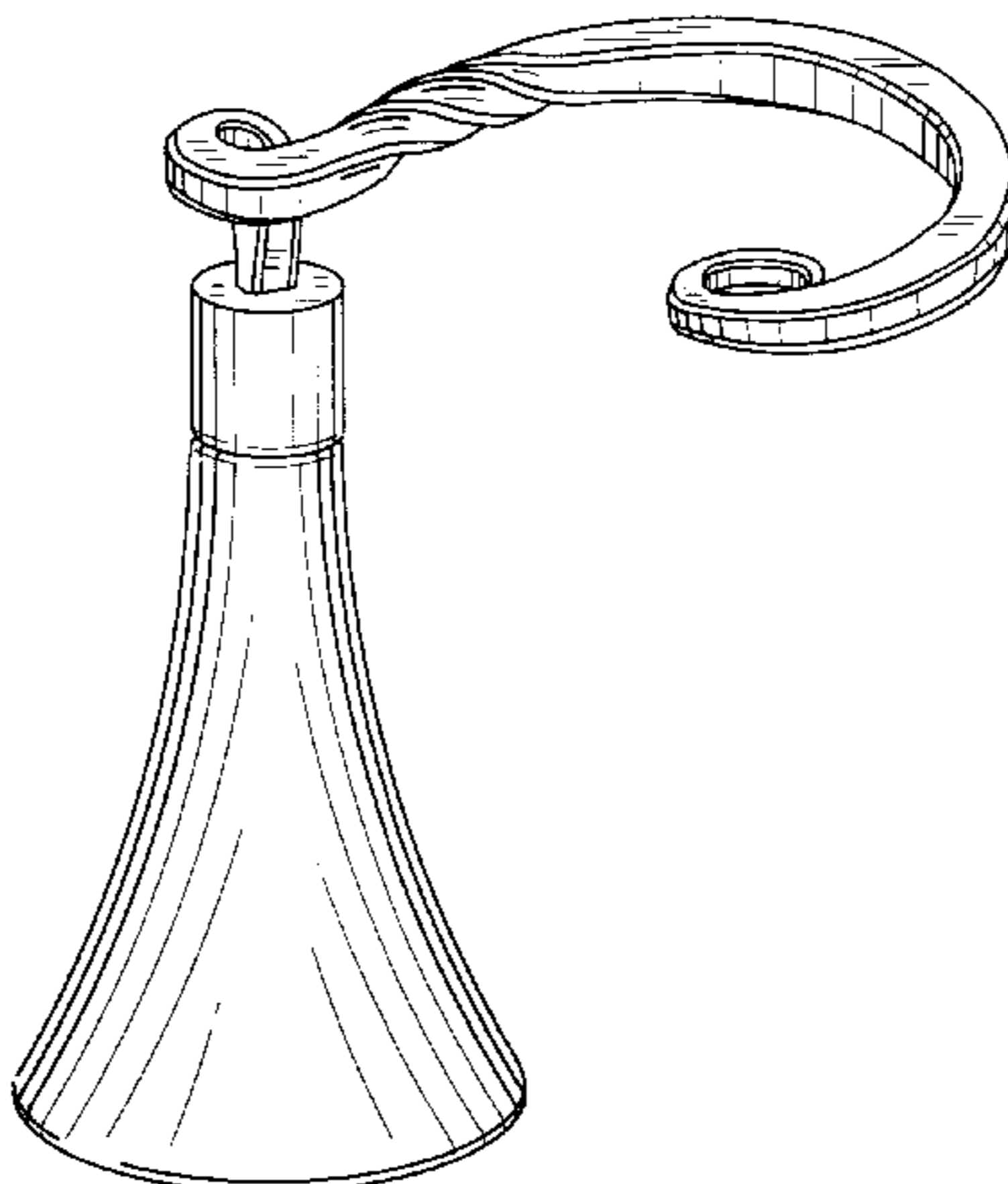
The ornamental design for a handle for a plumbing fitting, as shown and described.

### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a right, top, front perspective view of a handle for a plumbing fitting embodying our new design;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 7 is a front elevational view of a second embodiment which is essentially identical to the first embodiment but for a spacer and truncated escutcheon. The spacer has identical front and rear views;  
FIG. 8 is a rear elevation view thereof;  
FIG. 9 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 10 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 11 is a front elevational view of a third embodiment which is essentially identical to the second embodiment but for a decorative spacer. The spacer is identical in front and rear views;  
FIG. 12 is a left, top, front perspective view of a fourth embodiment which has a mirror image spiral from the first embodiment;  
FIG. 13 is a top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 14 is a right, top, front perspective view of a fifth embodiment;  
FIG. 15 is a front elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 16 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 17 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 18 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 19 is a top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 20 is a front elevational view of a sixth embodiment which is essentially identical to the fifth embodiment but for a spacer and truncated escutcheon. The spacer has identical front and rear views;  
FIG. 21 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 22 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 23 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 24 is a front elevational view of a seventh embodiment which is essentially identical to the sixth but for a decorative spacer. The spacer is identical in front and rear view;  
FIG. 25 is a left, top, front perspective view of an eighth embodiment which has a mirror image spiral from the fifth embodiment; and,  
FIG. 26 is a top plan view thereof.  
The dotted line representations of an escutcheon in FIG. 7-11 and 20-24 are for purposes of illustration only, and form no part of the claimed design.  
FIG. 13 is a top plan view thereof;

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faucet handle, admitted prior art.  
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faucet handle escutcheon, admitted prior art.  
1989 WICO catalog ad showing a “Retro” faucet handle  
escutcheon.

FIG. 2

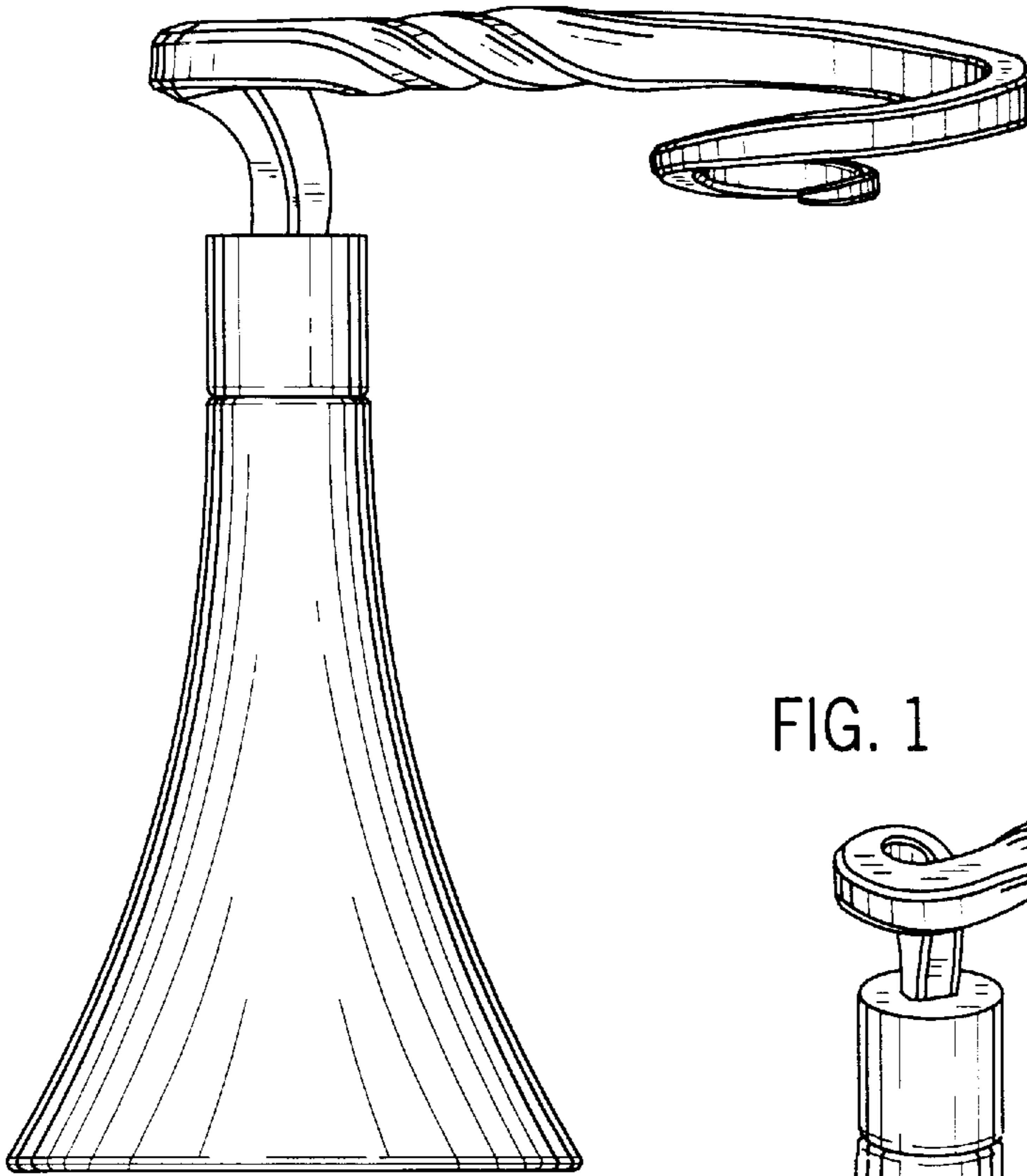
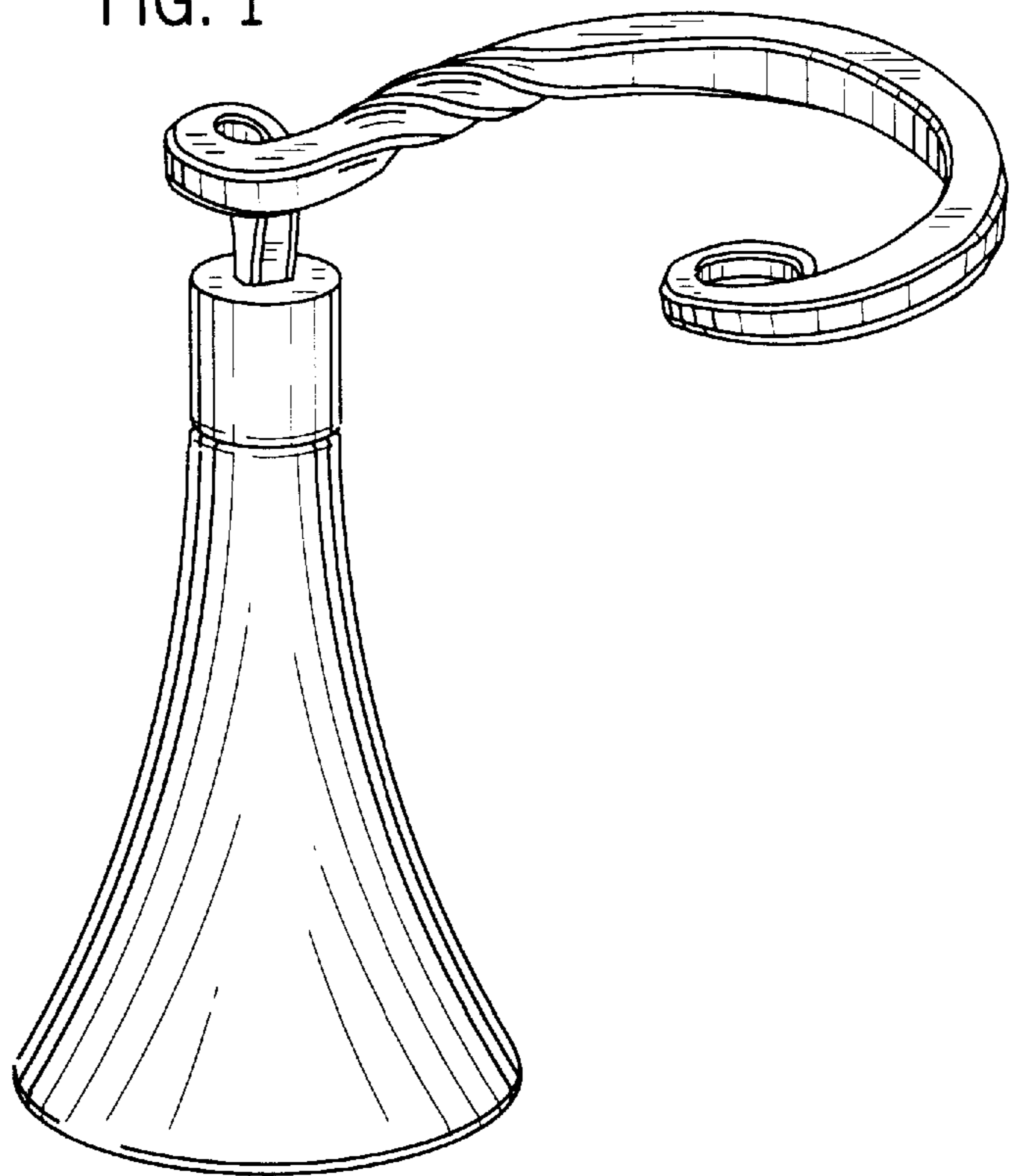


FIG. 1



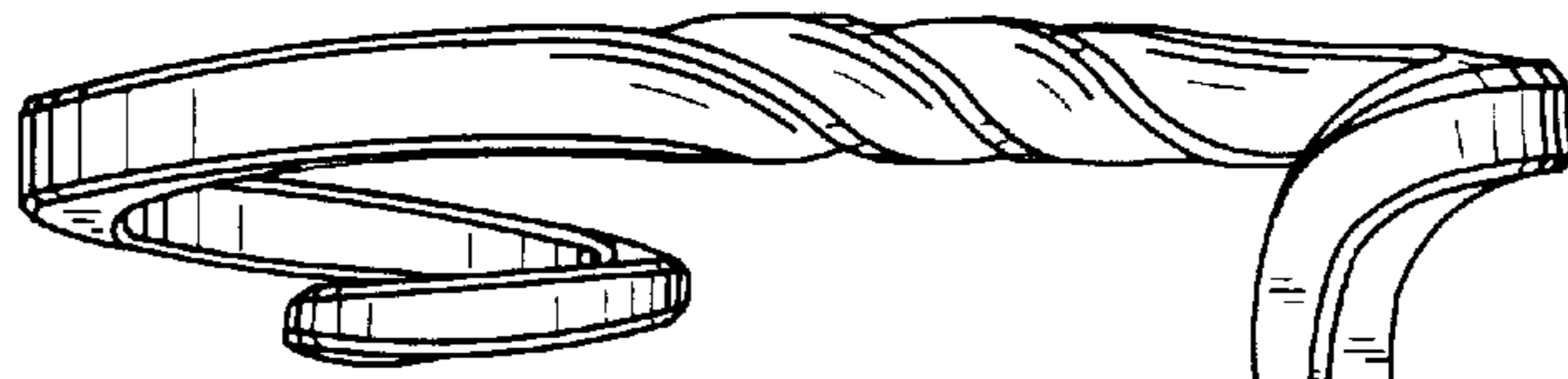


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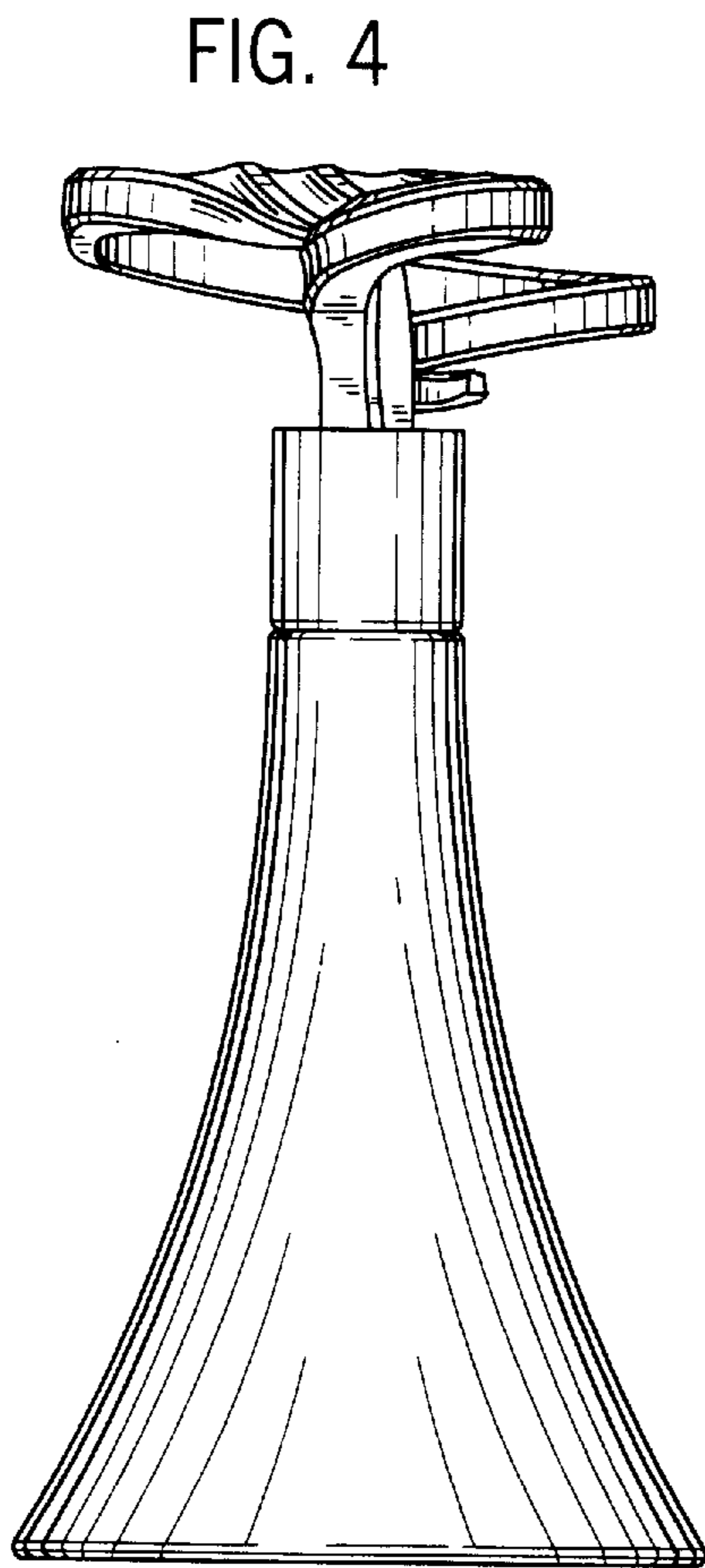


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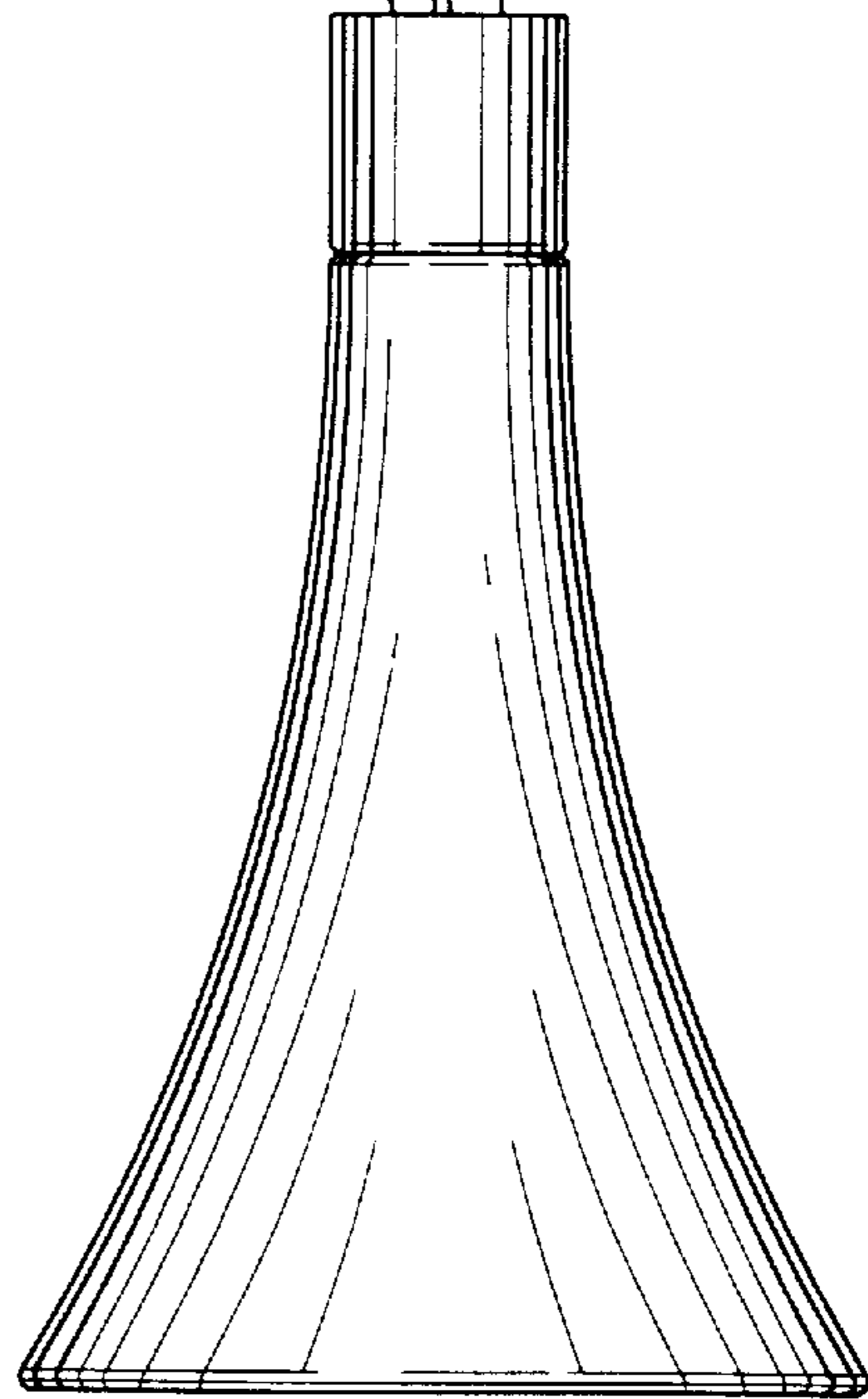


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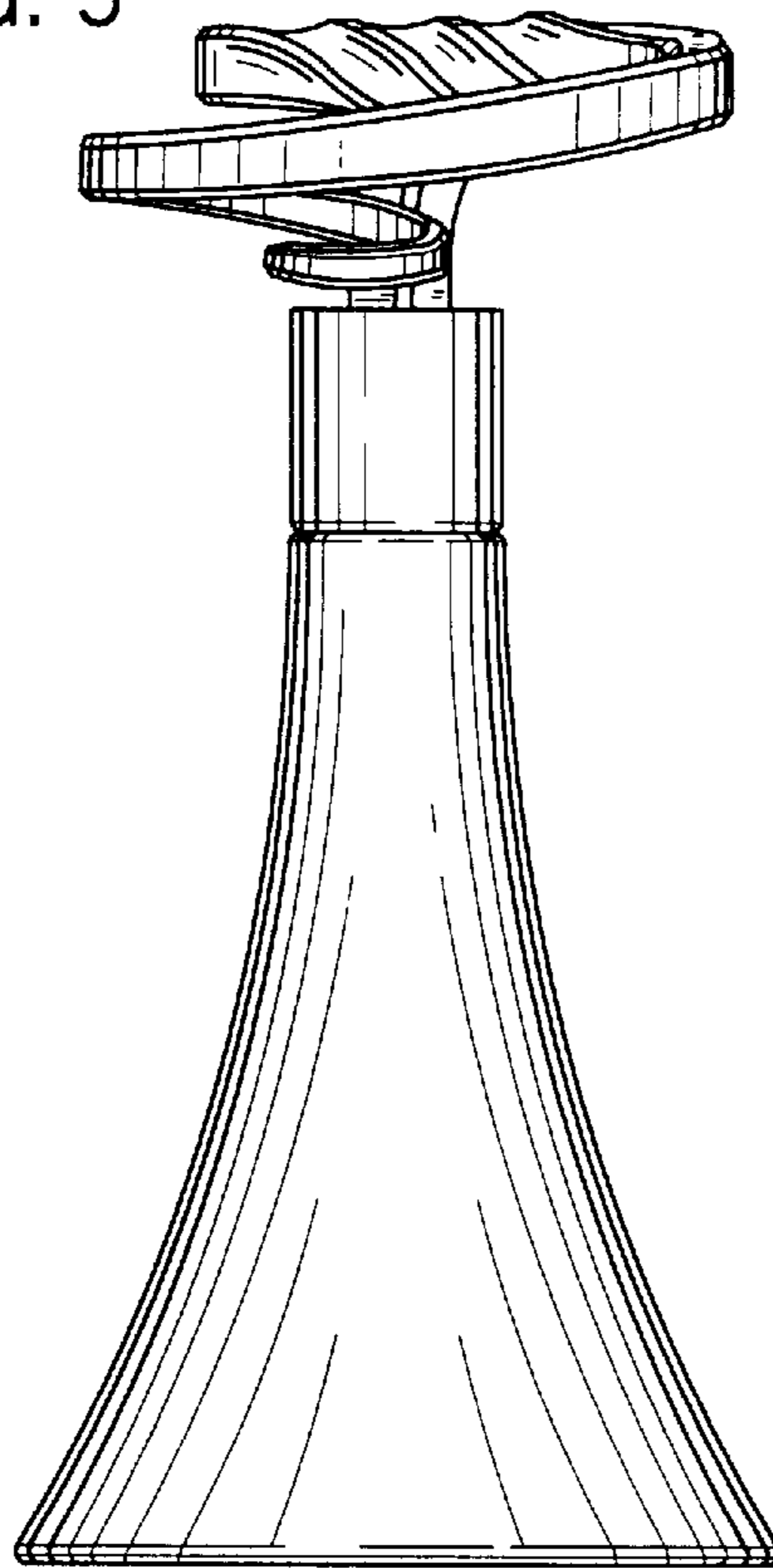


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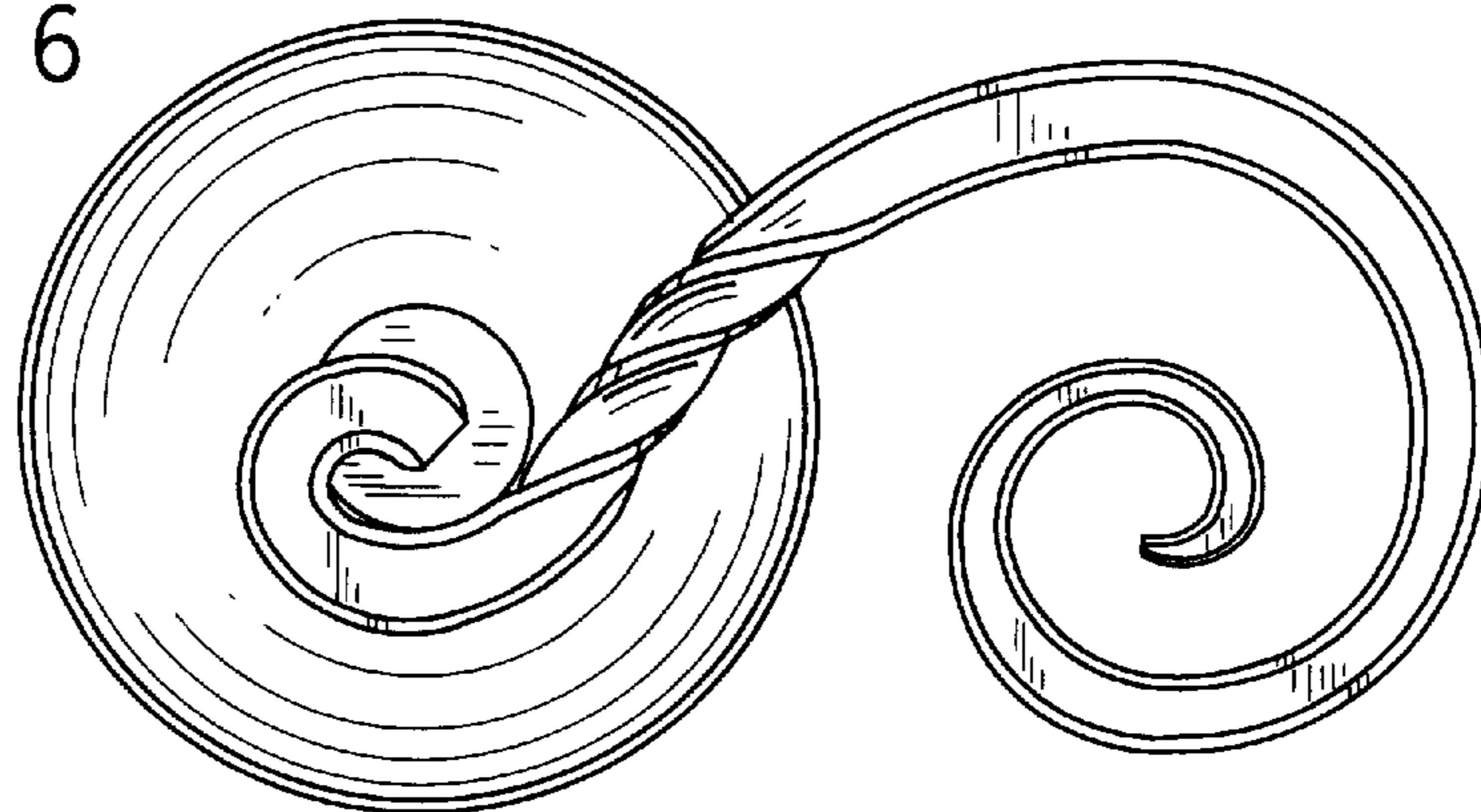


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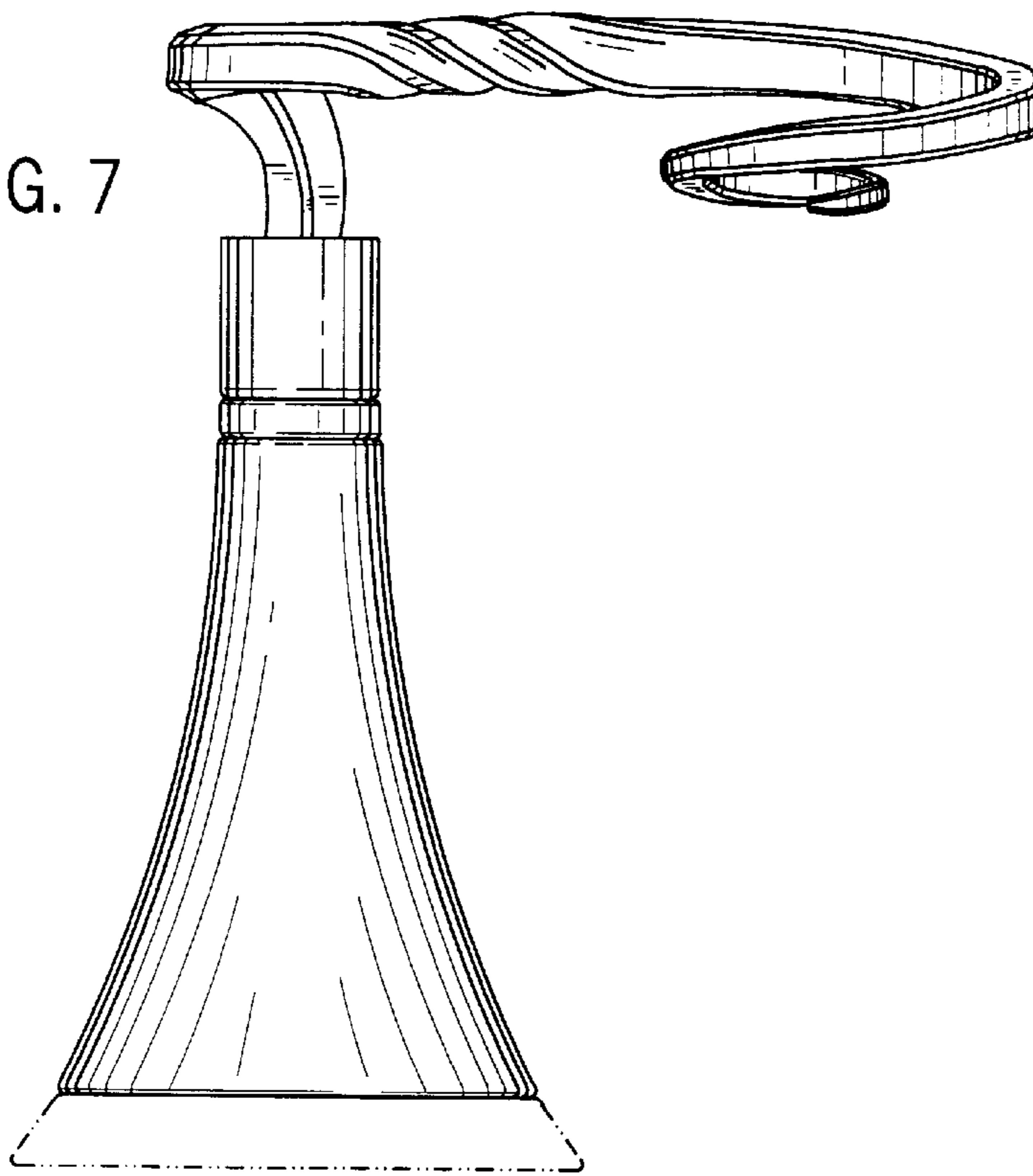


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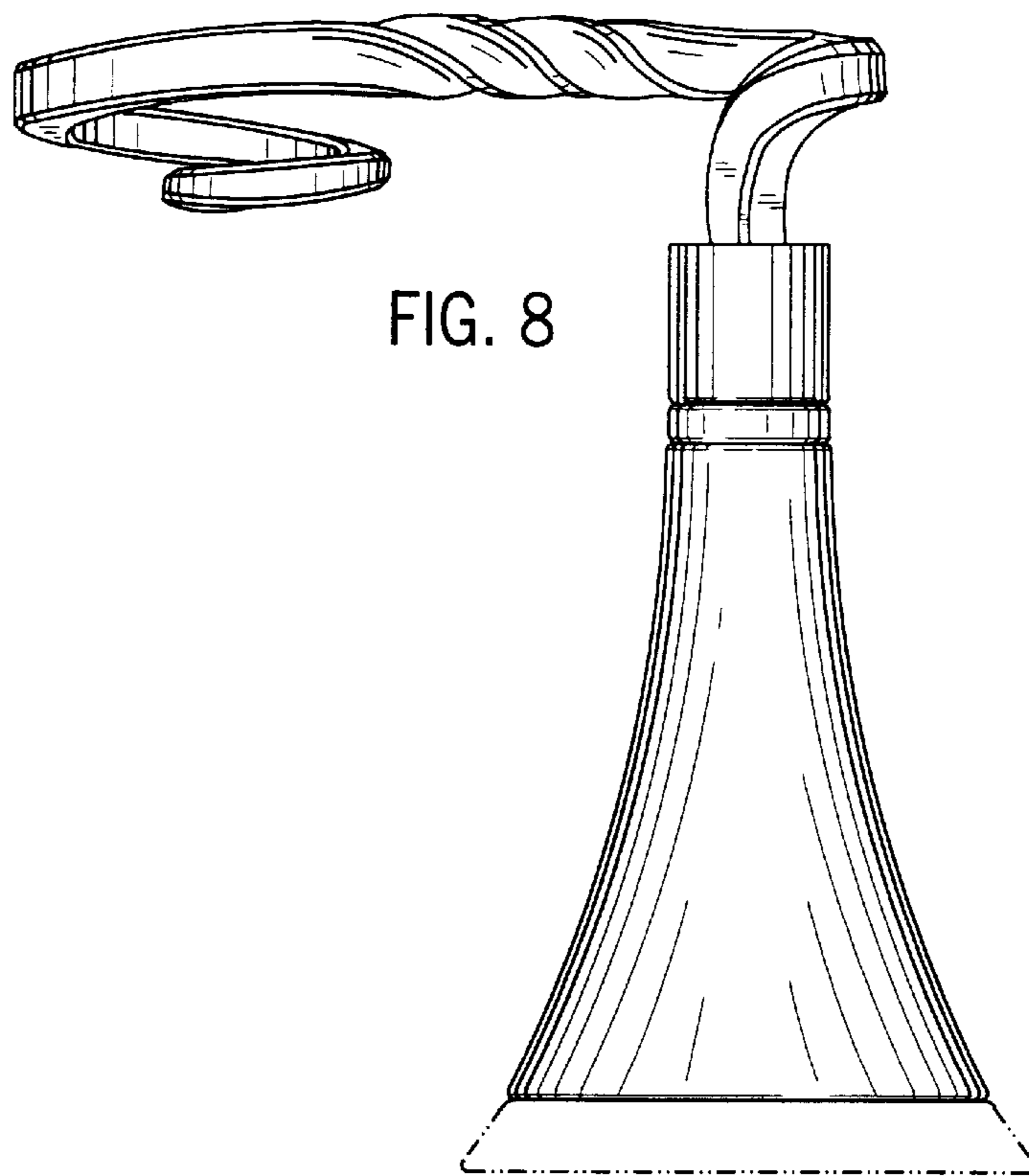


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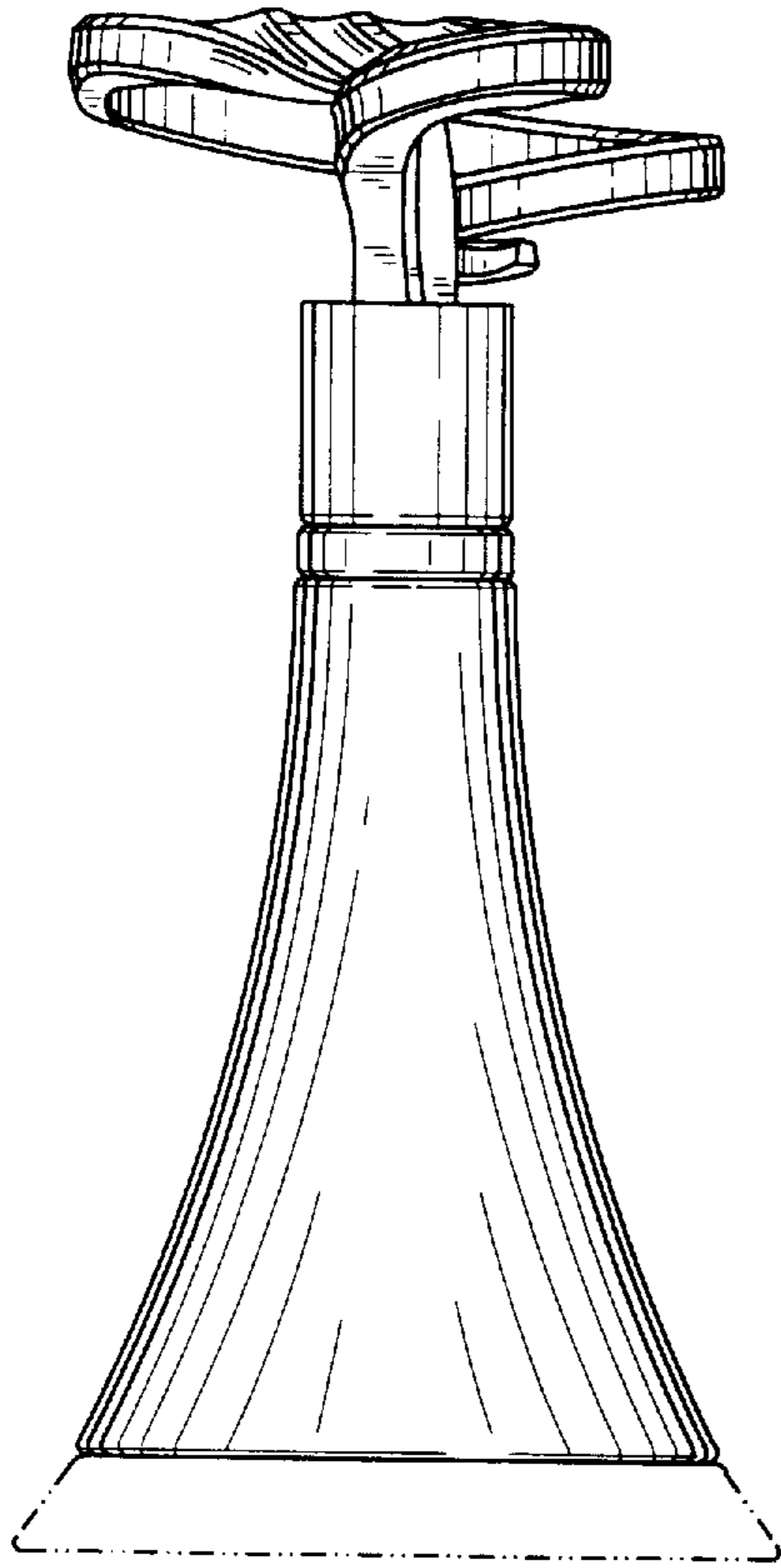


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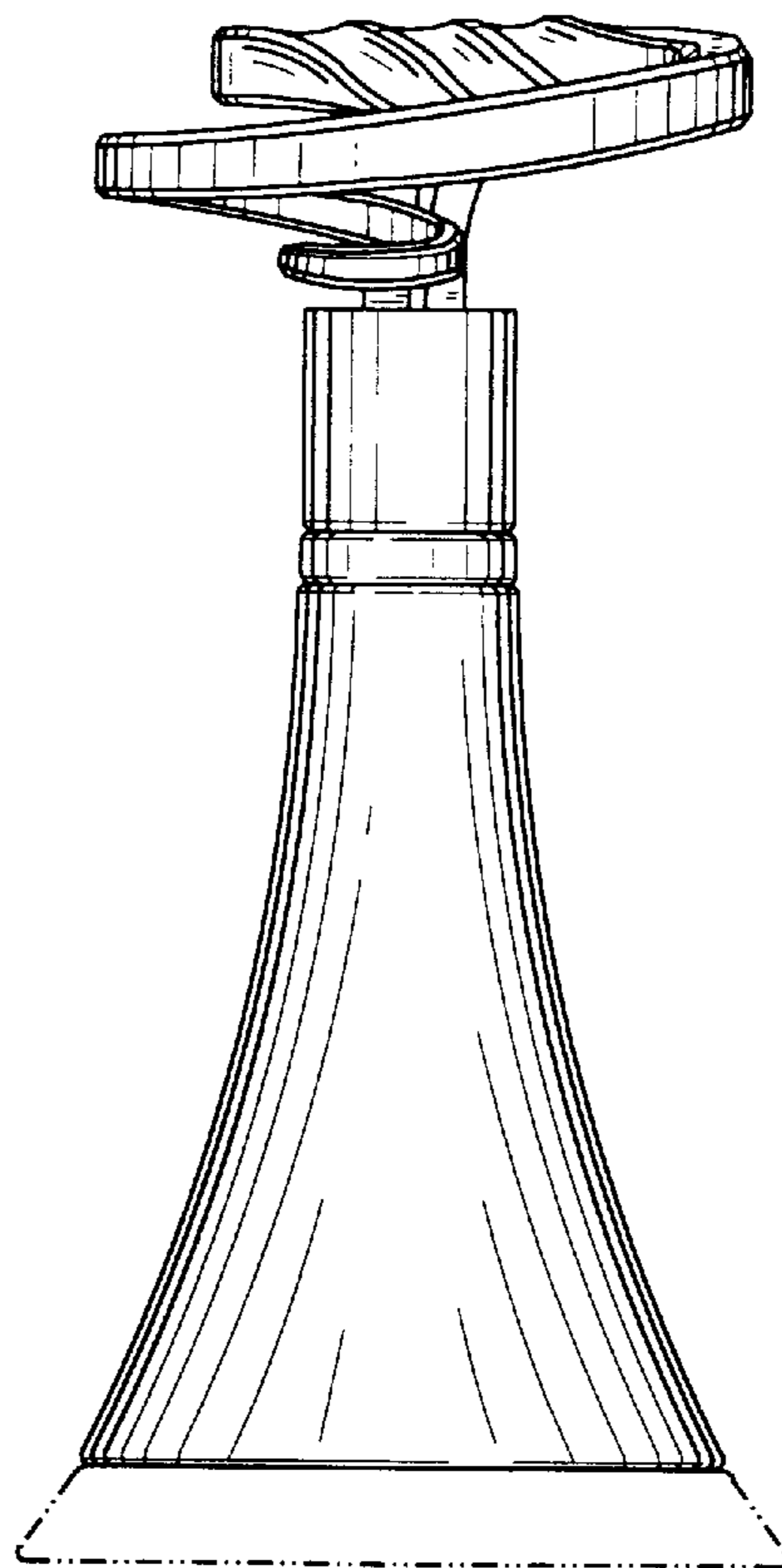
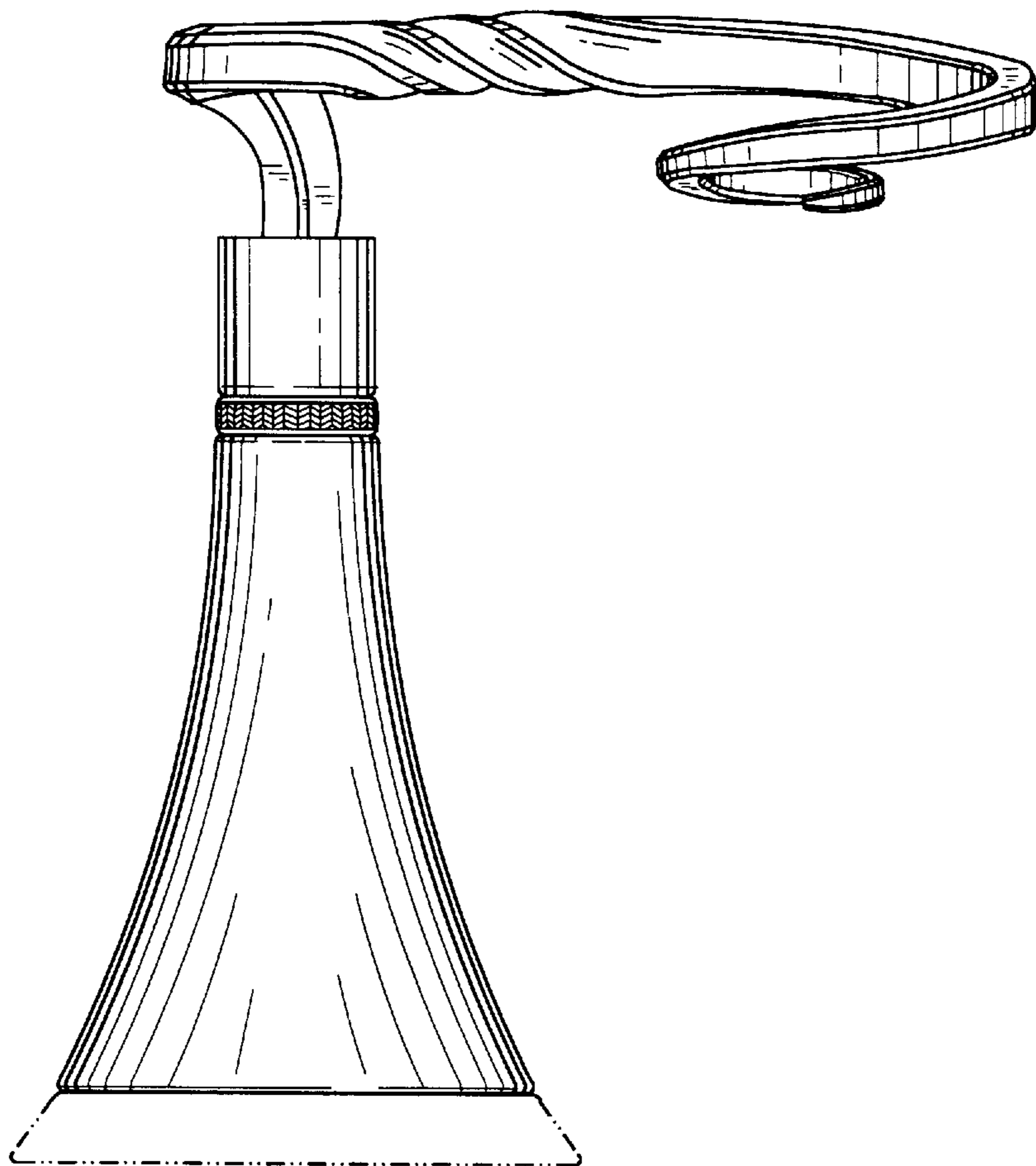


FIG. 11





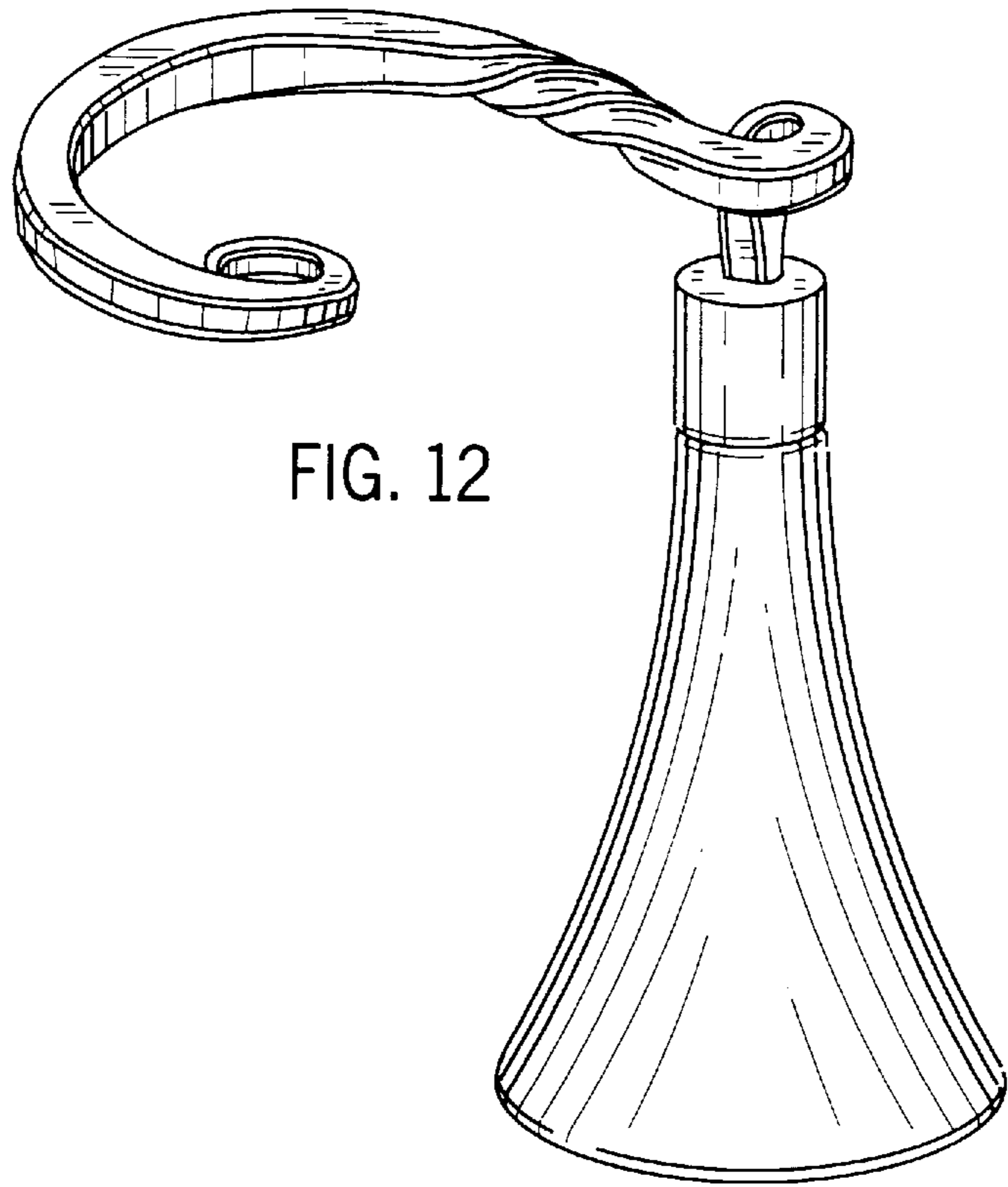


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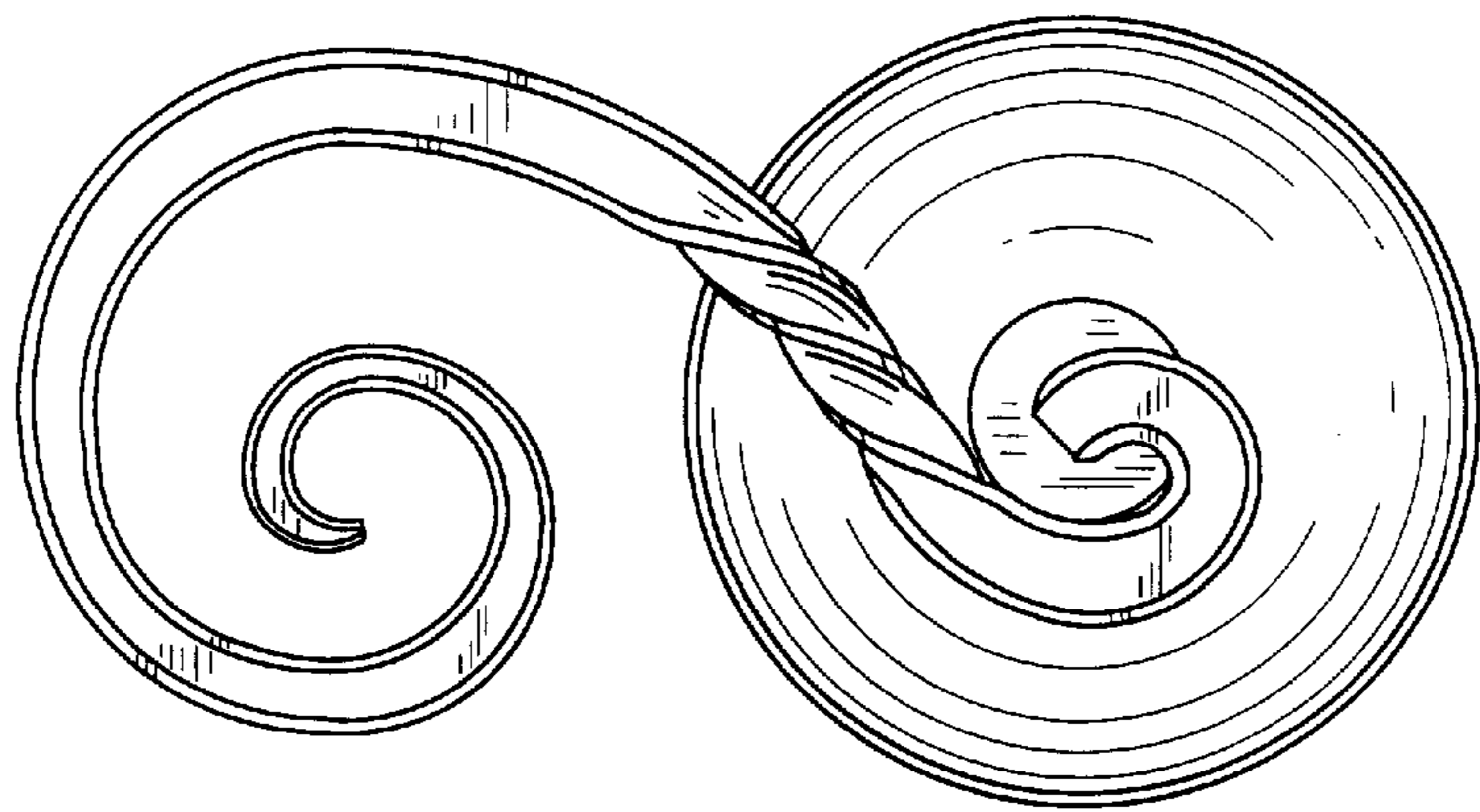


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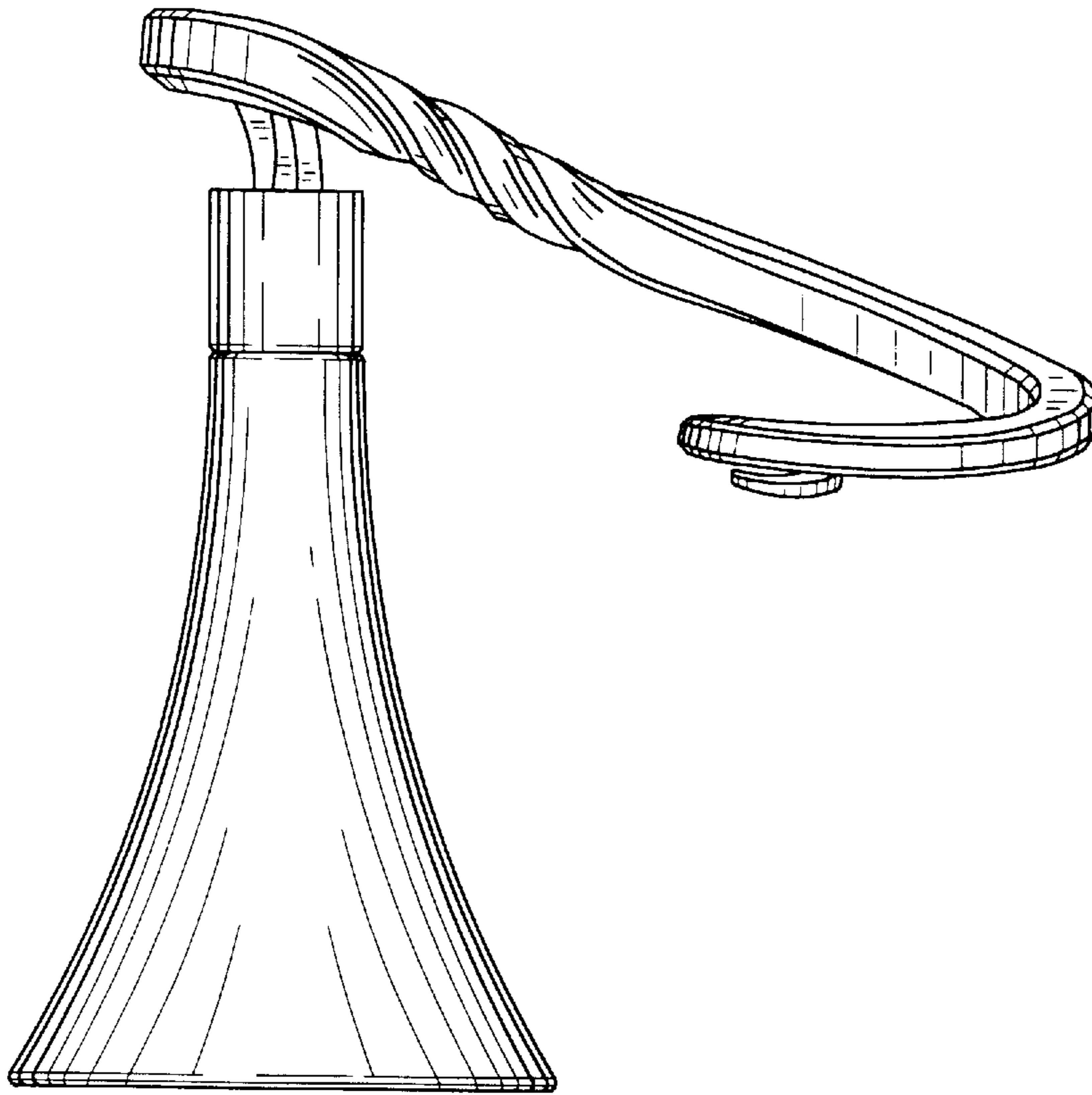


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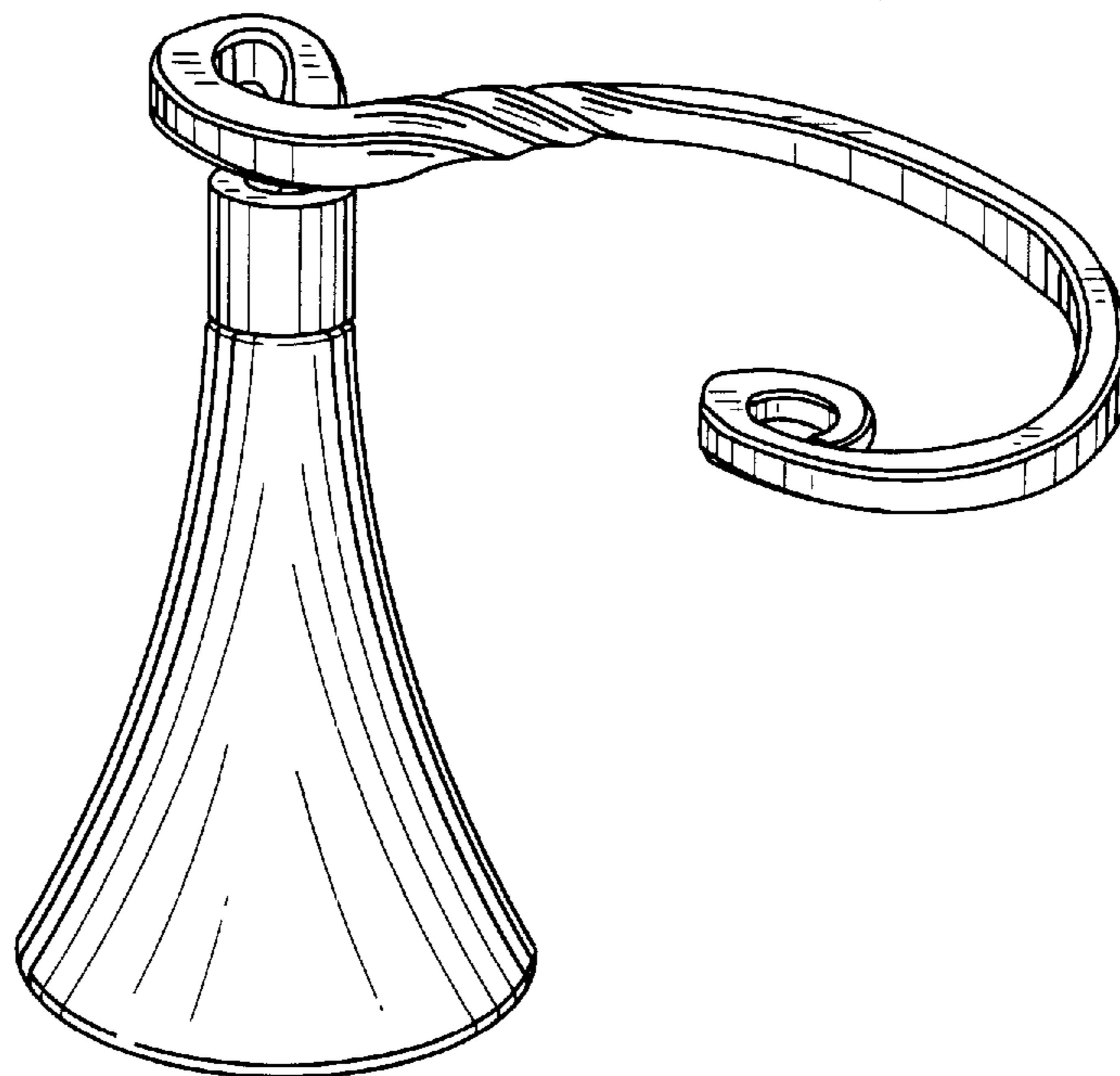


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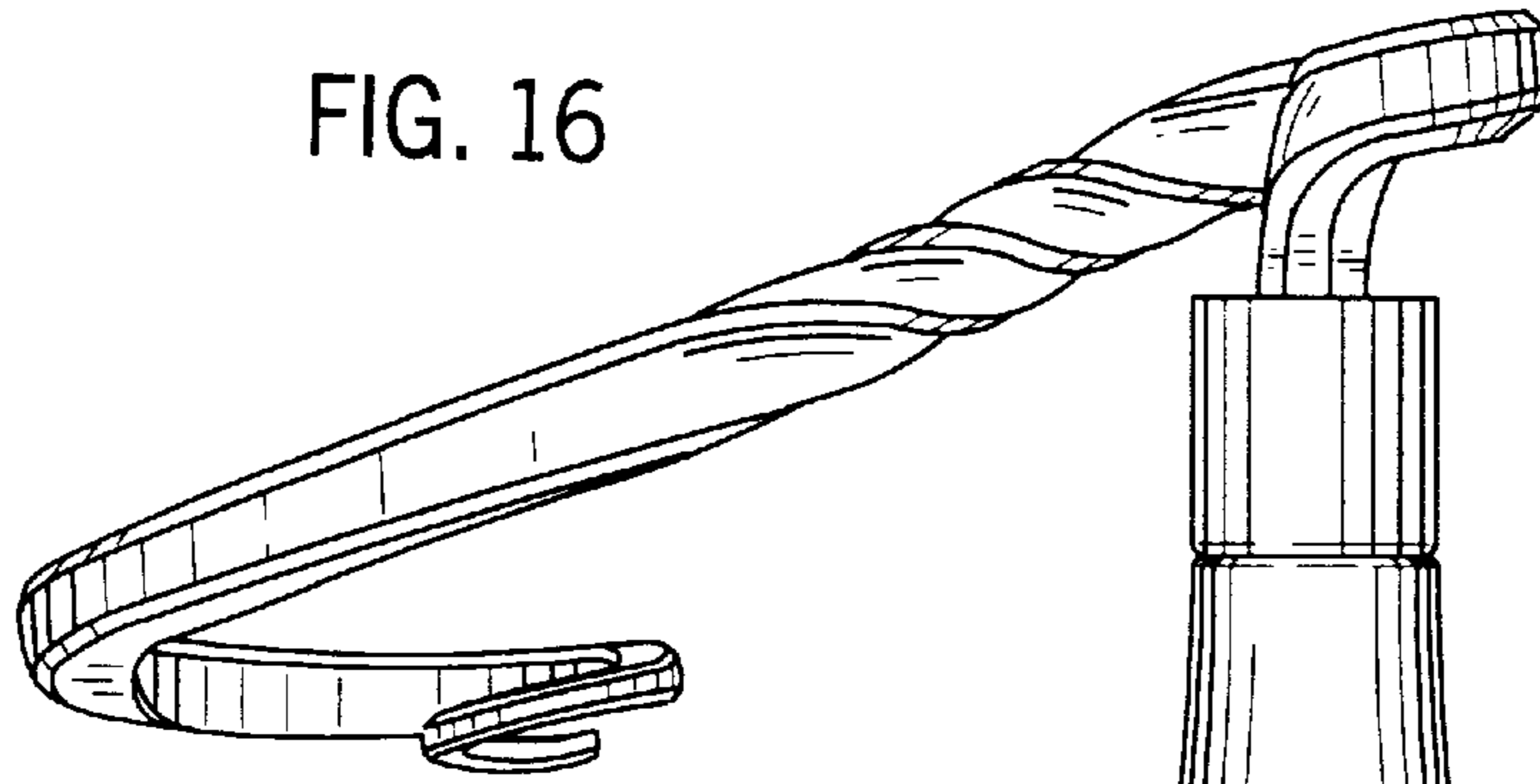


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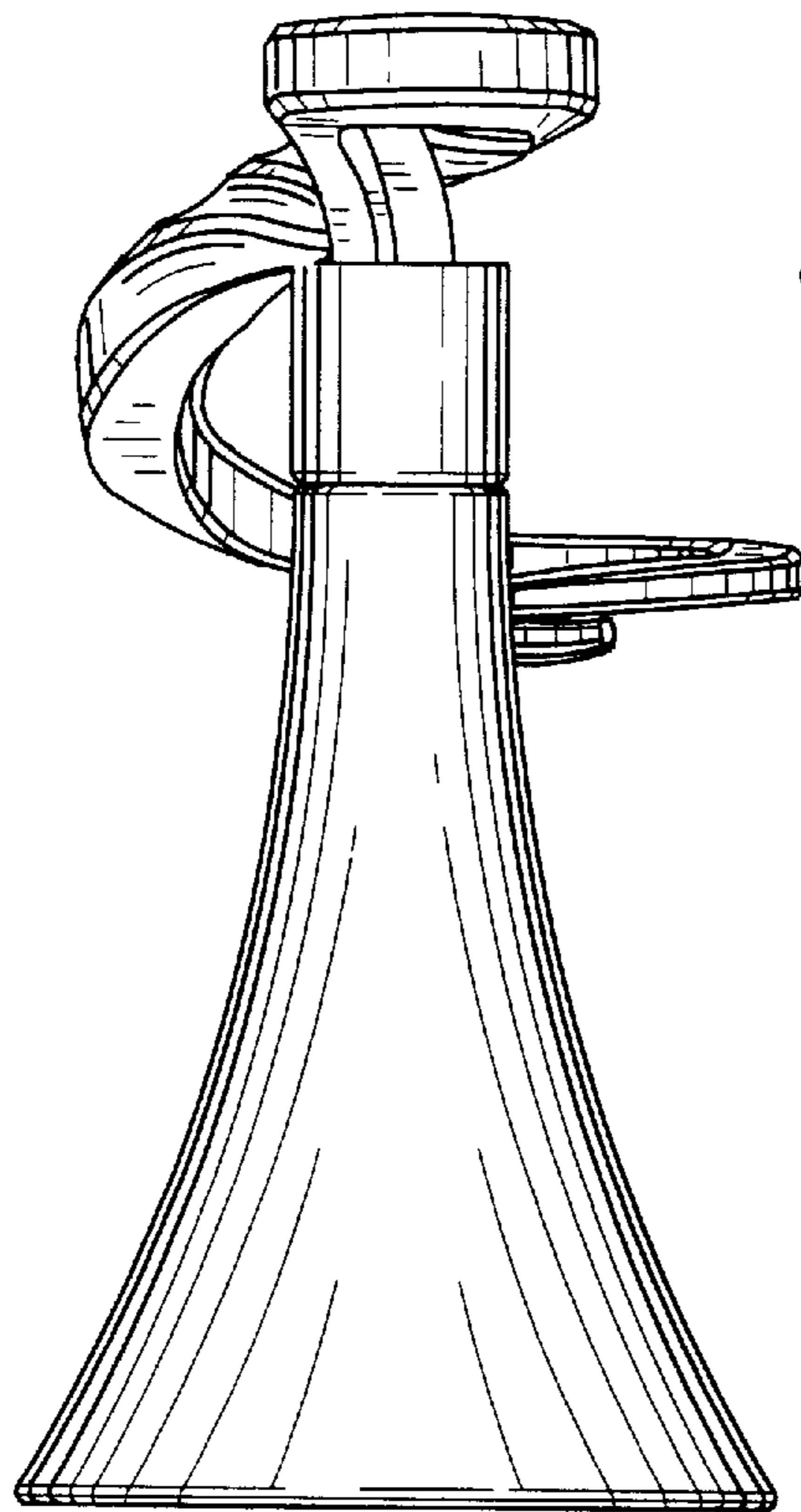


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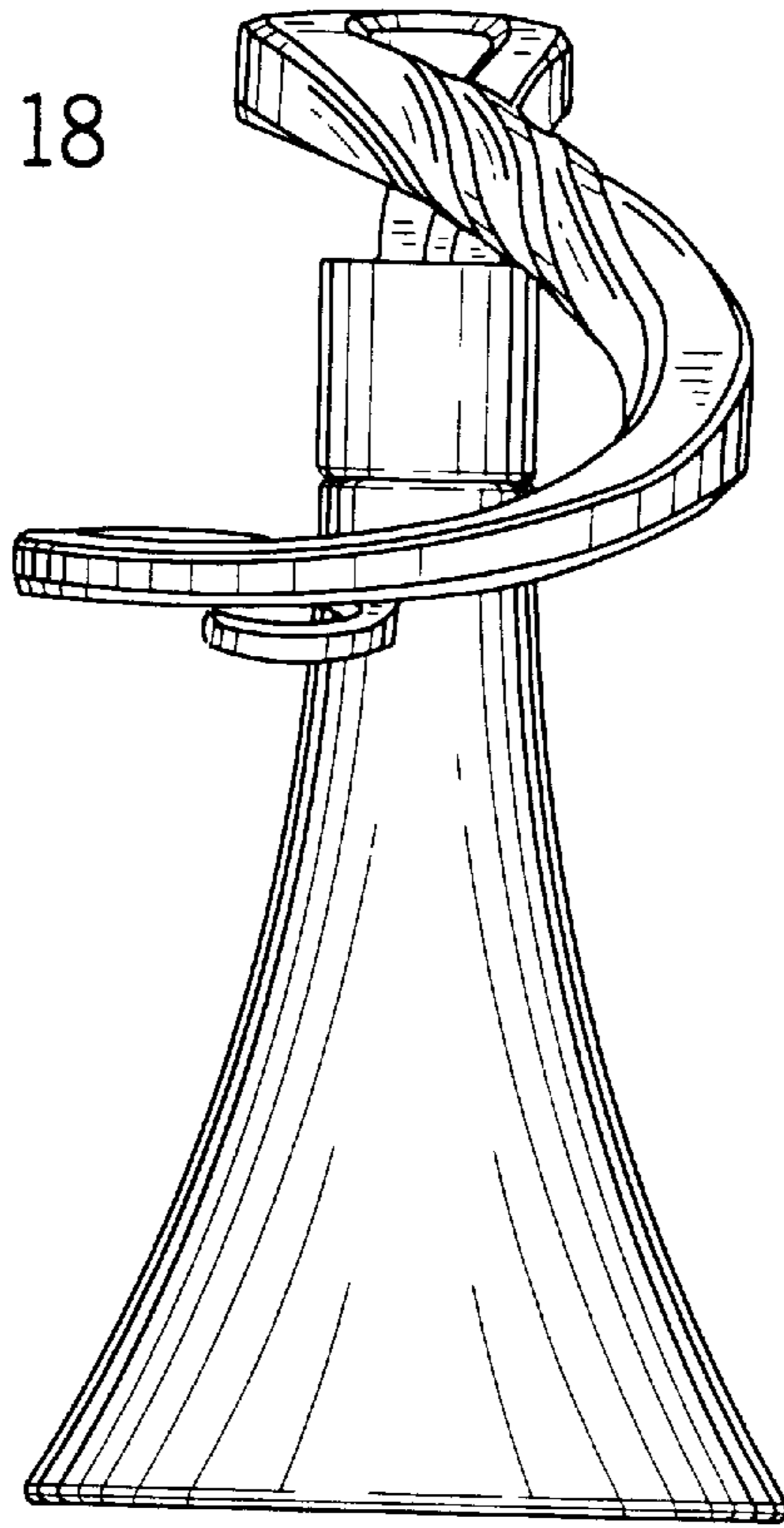


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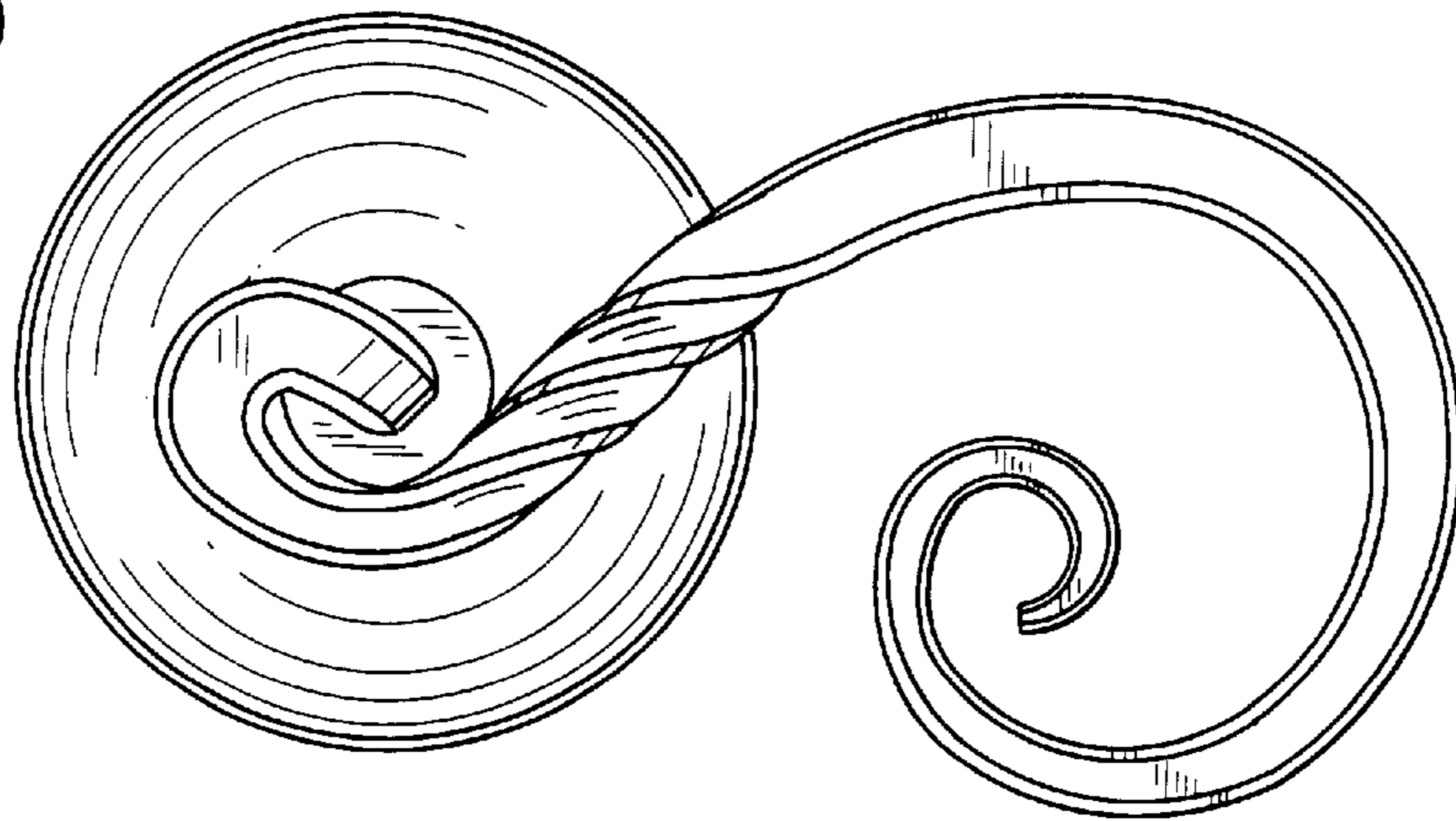


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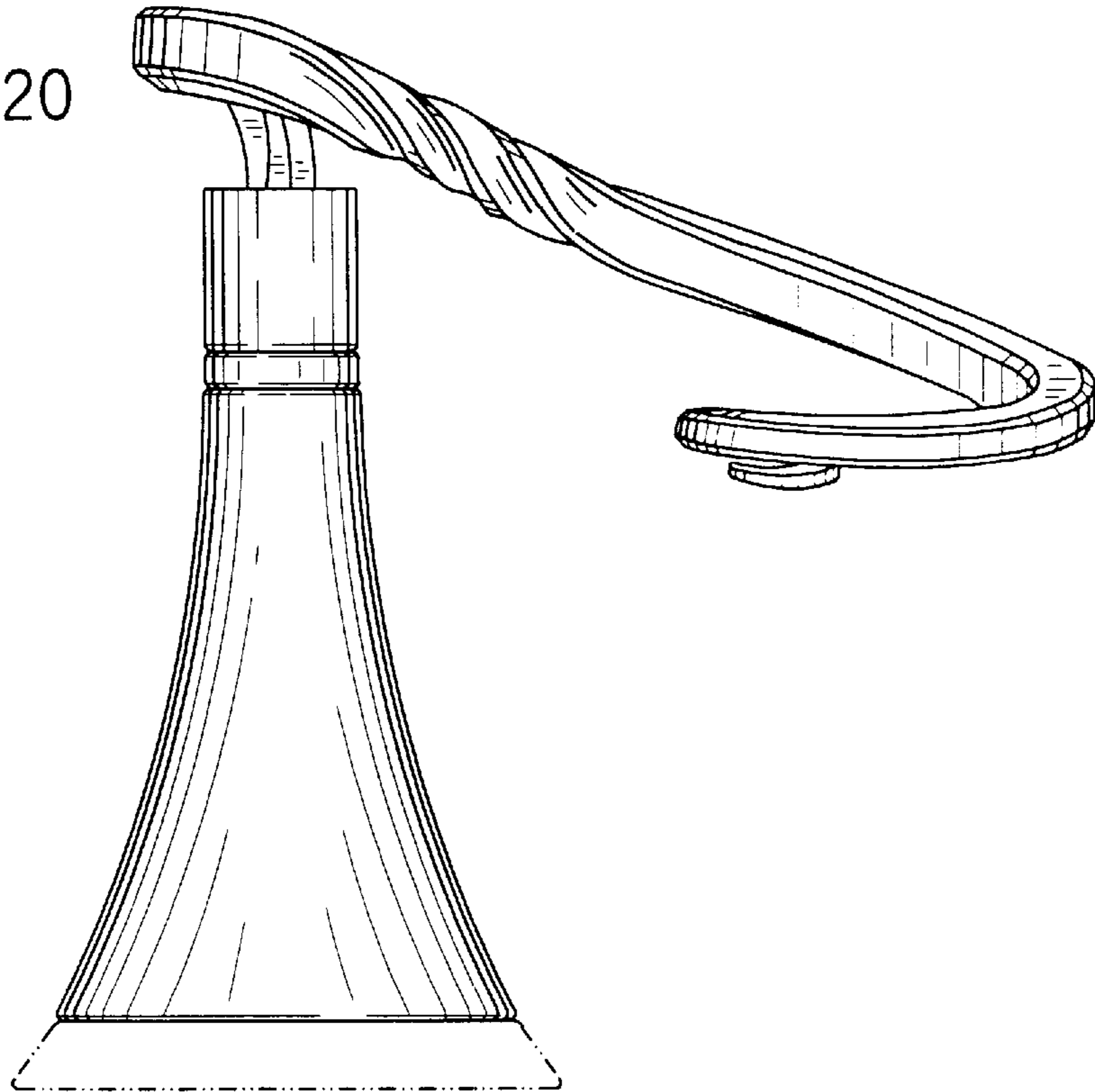


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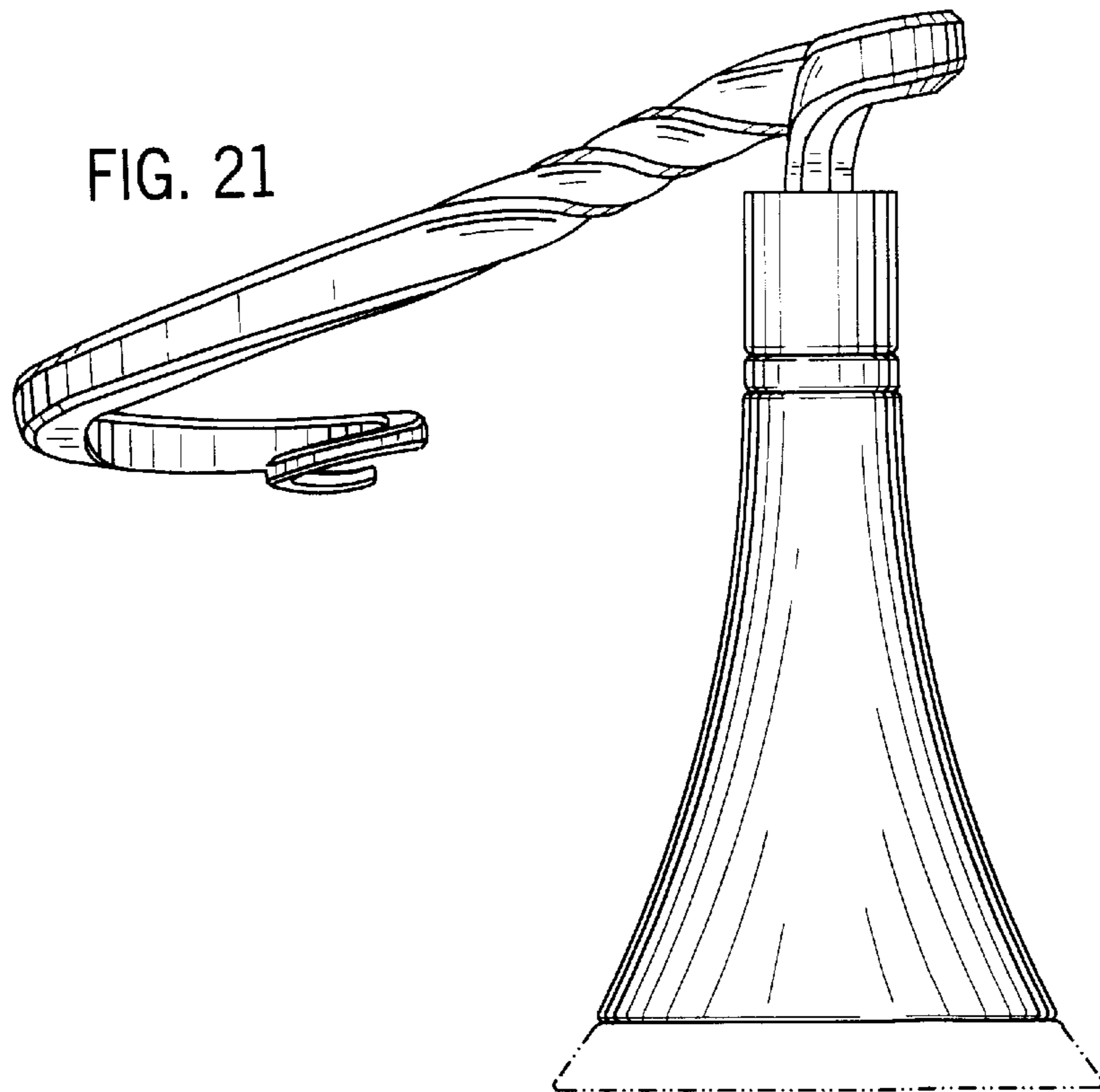


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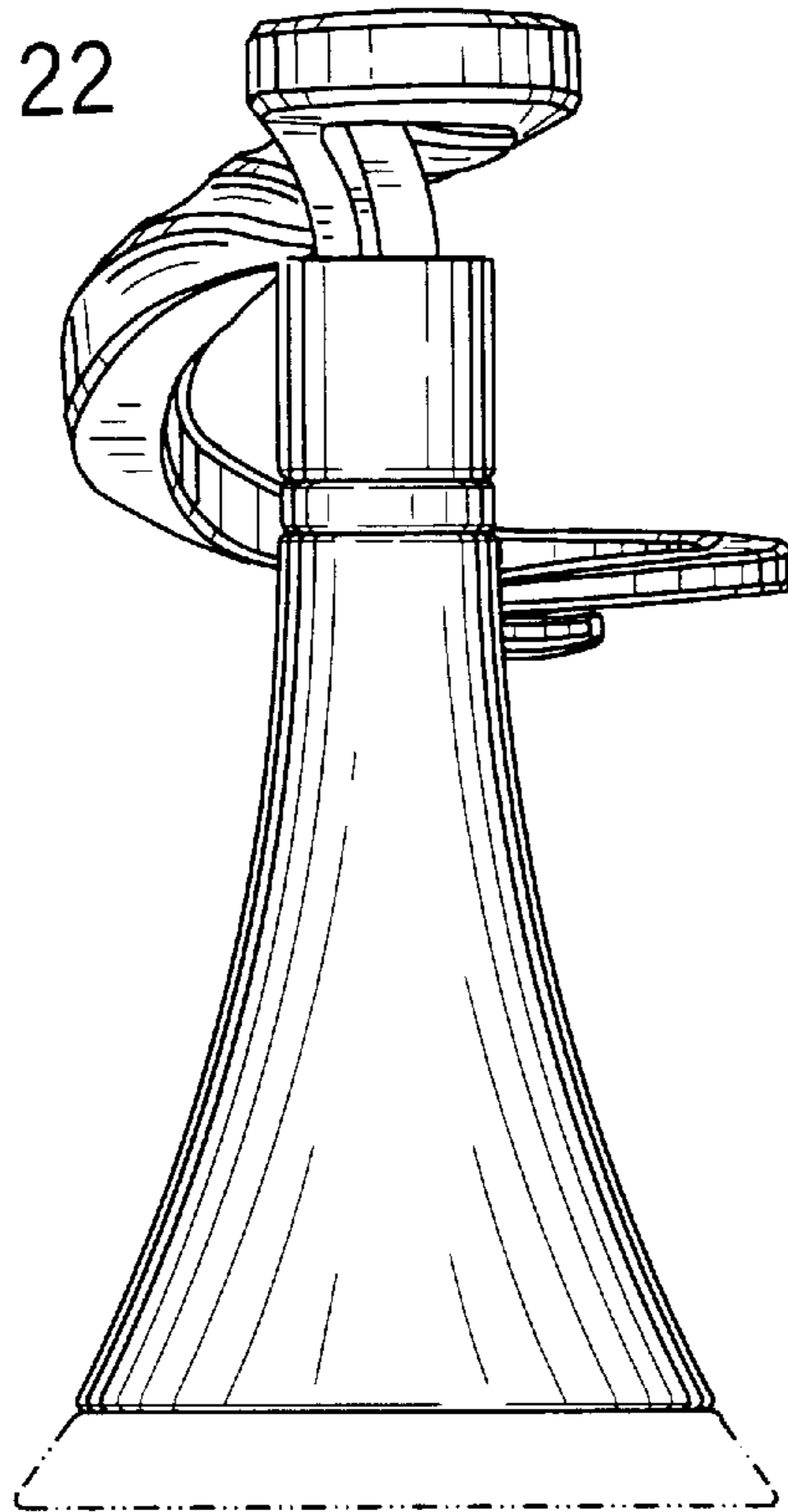


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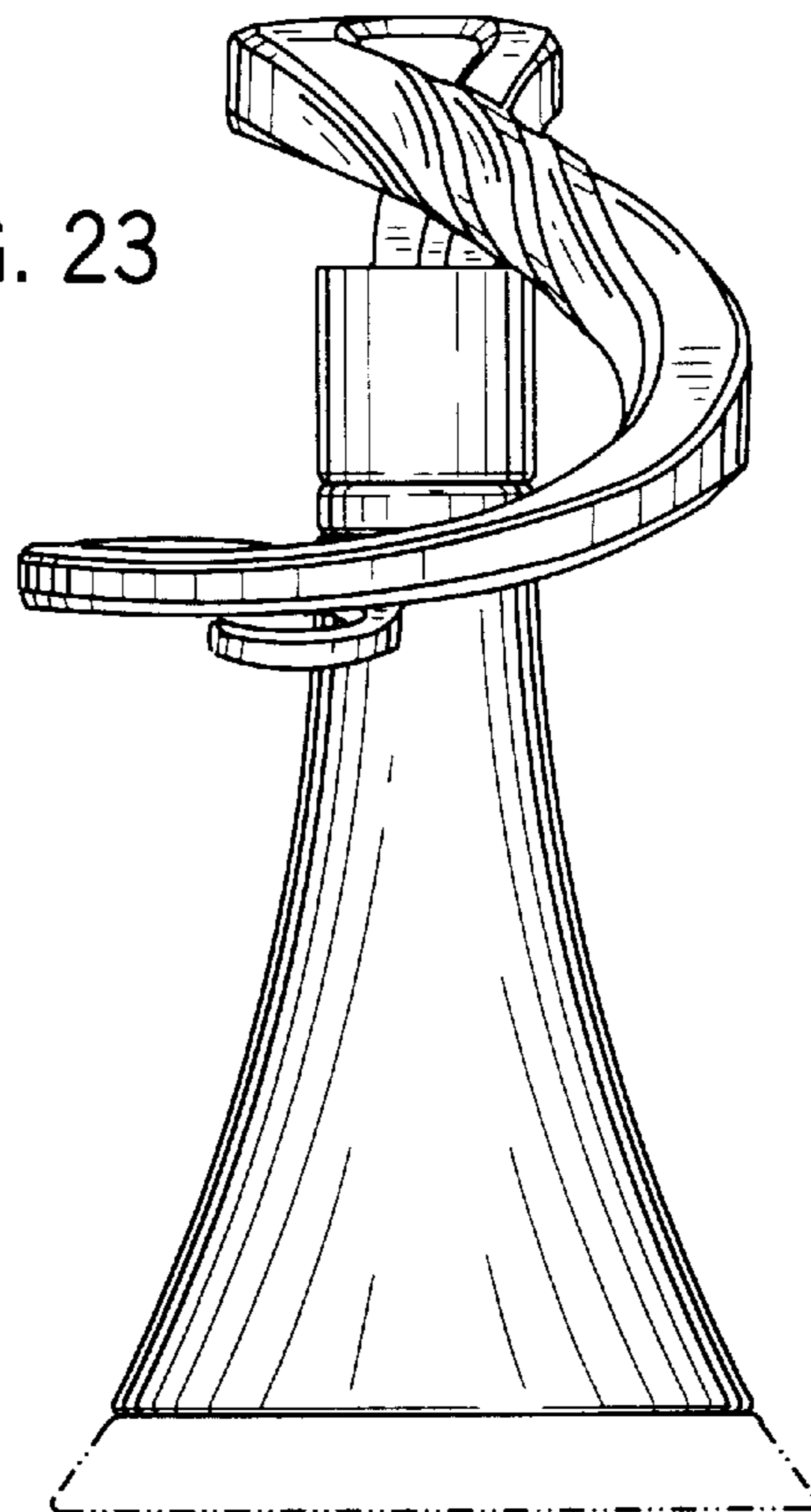


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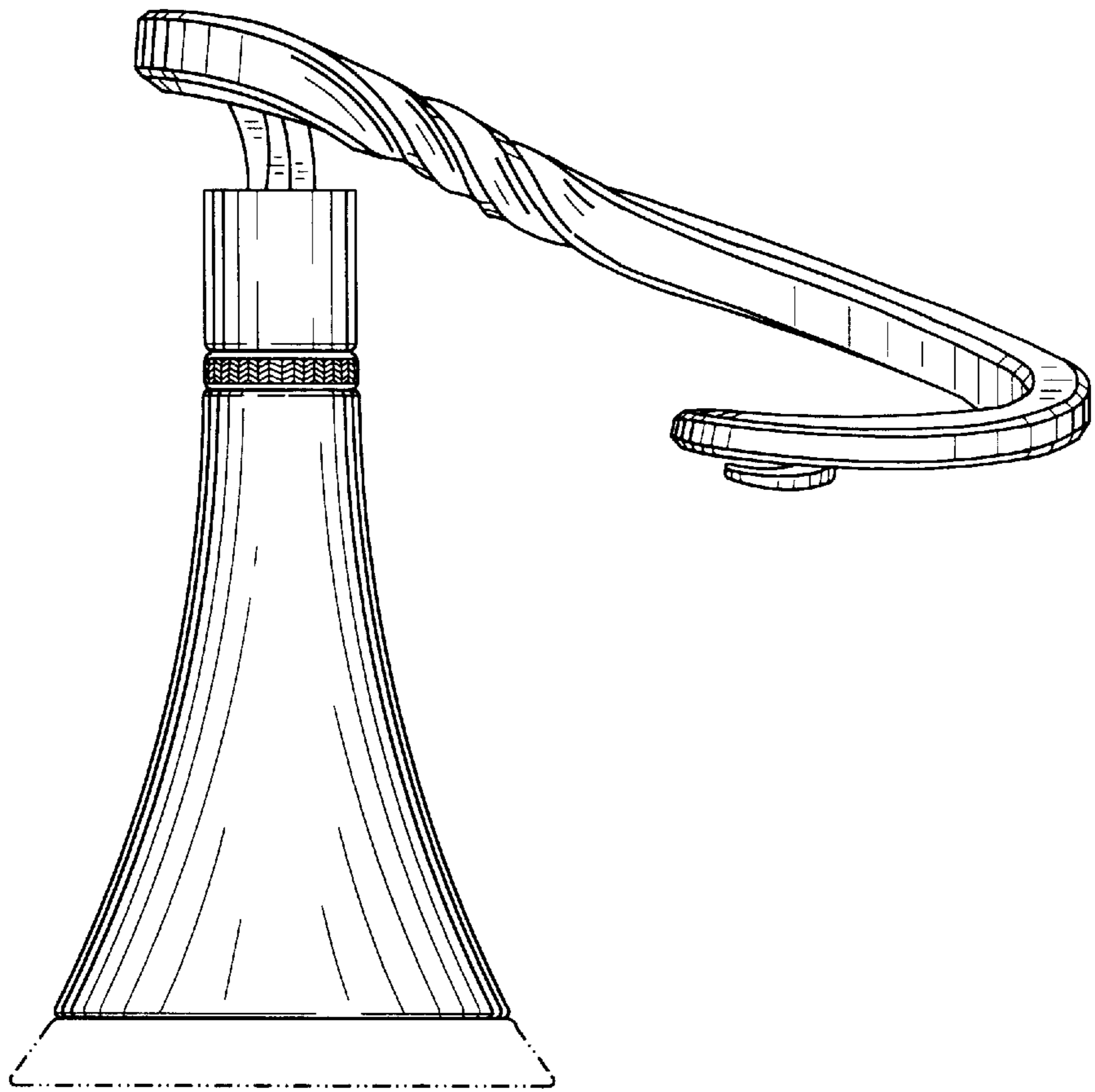


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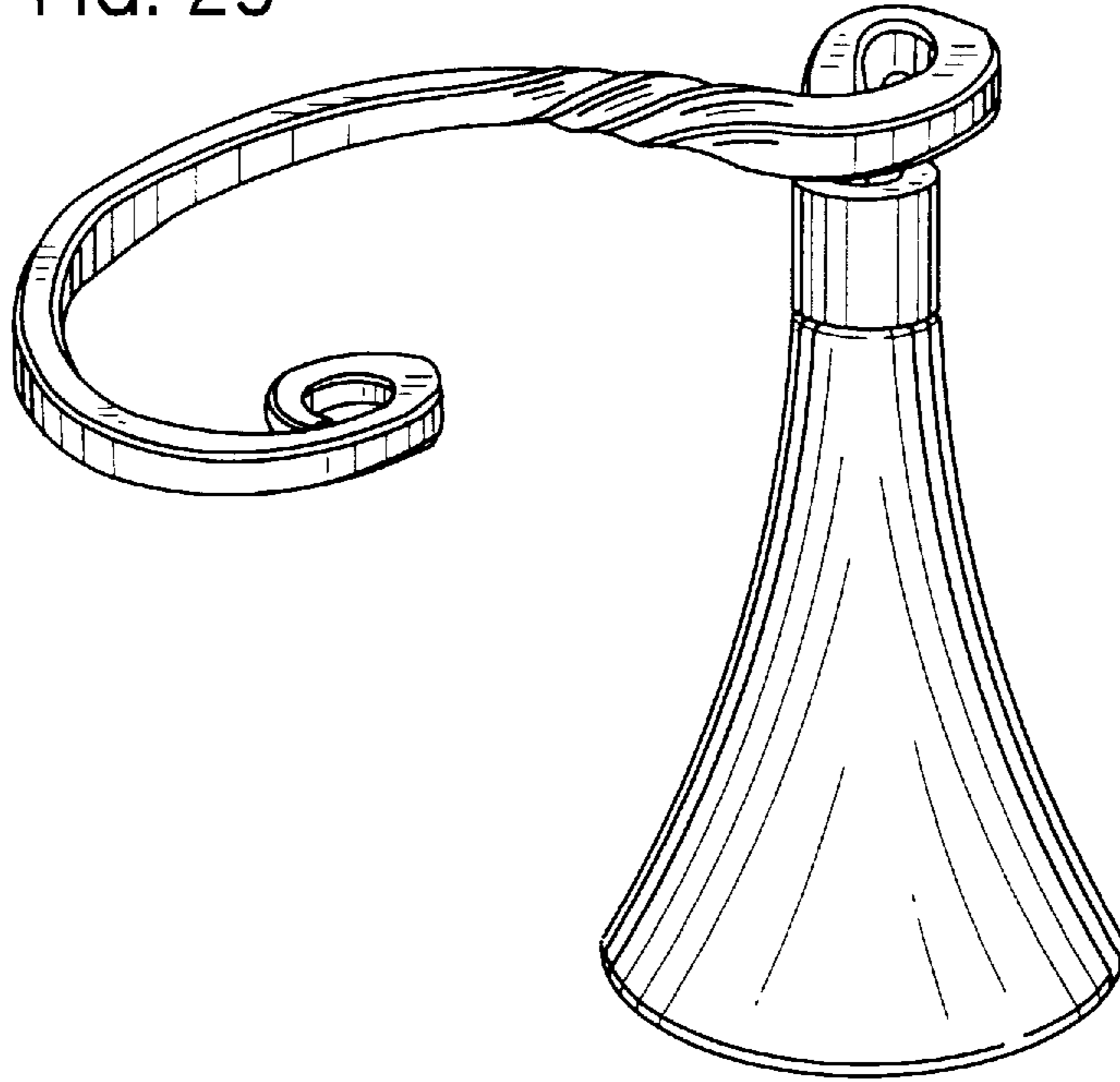
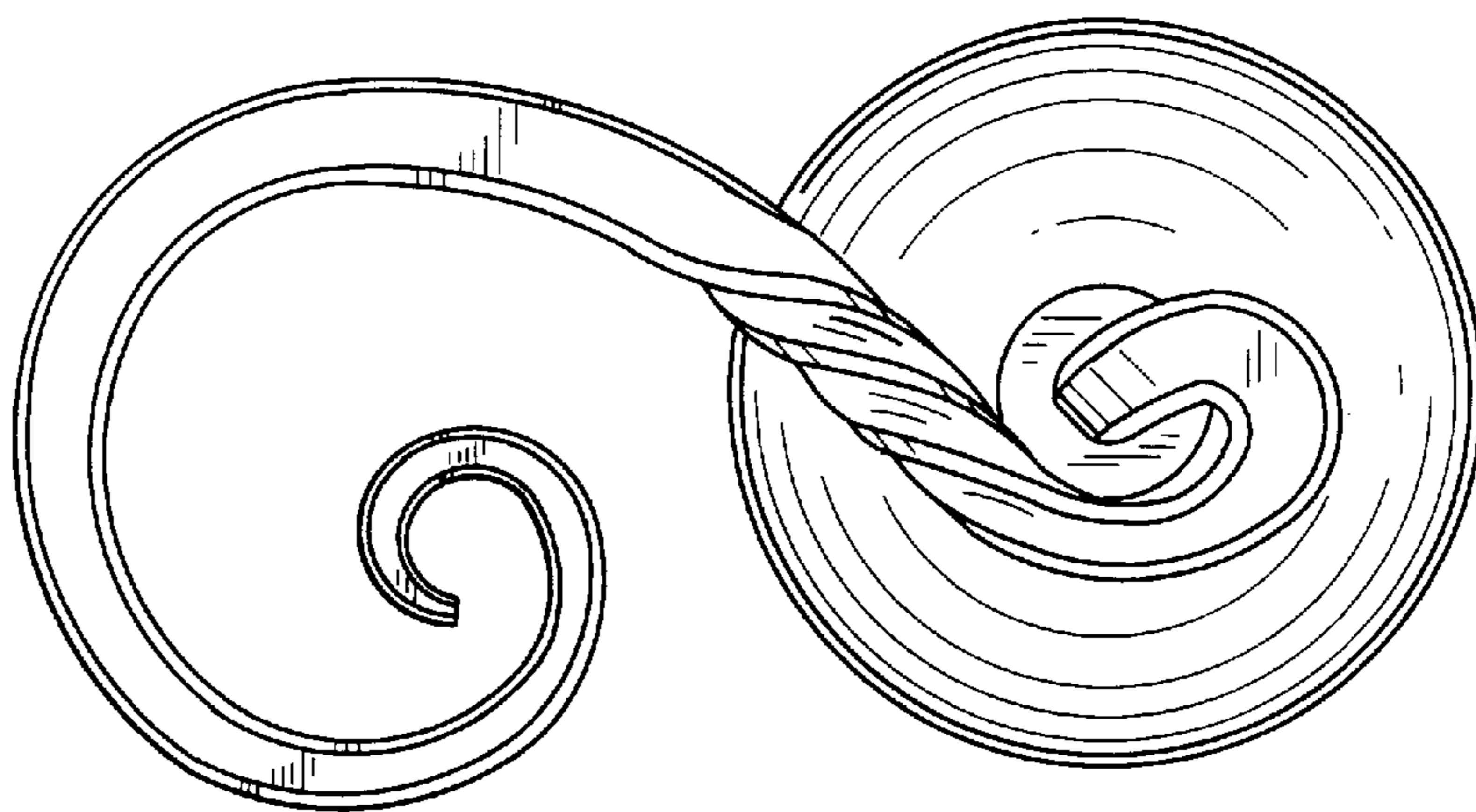


FIG. 26





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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO. : D398,377  
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

**DESCRIPTION**

In the Fig. 8 description replace "elevation" with --elevational--.

Delete "Fig. 13 is a top plan view thereof;" after "The dotted line representations of an escutcheon in FIG. 7-11 and 20-24 are for purposes of illustration only, and form no part of the claimed design."

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