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[54] **POST HOLE DIGGER BLADE**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a posthole-digger blade, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a posthole-digger blade embodying our design;

FIG. 2 is a right side elevational view thereof; the left side elevational view being a mirror image of the right side elevational view;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a partial cross-sectional view thereof taken across line 6—6 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view thereof; taken across line 7—7 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 8 is a reduced scale environmental perspective view thereof;

FIG. 9 is an enlarged front elevational view of a second embodiment of our invention;

FIG. 10 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side elevational view being a mirror image of the right side elevational view;

FIG. 11 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 12 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 13 is a top plan view thereof;

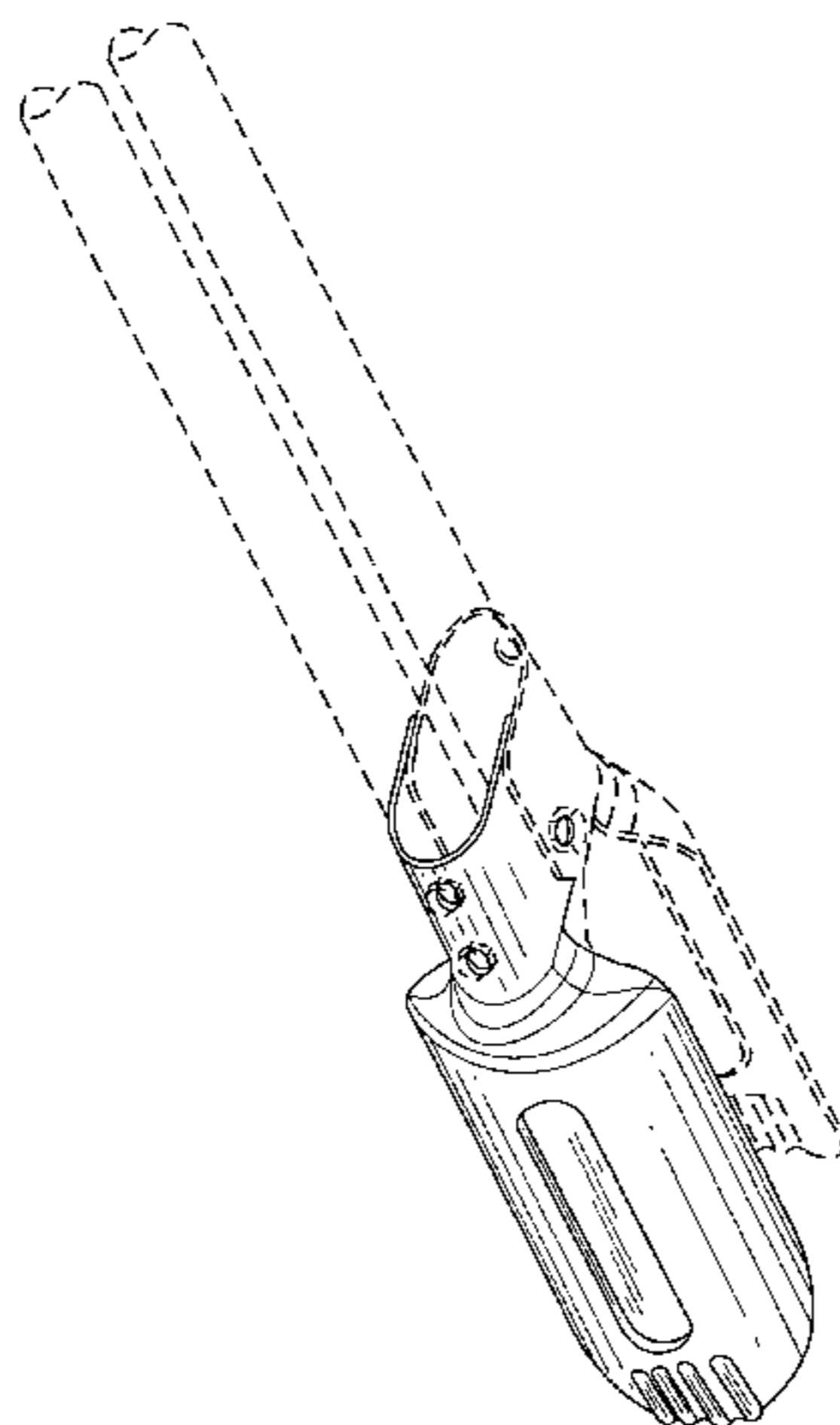
FIG. 14 is a cross-sectional view thereof across line 14—14 of FIG. 11;

FIG. 15 is a partial cross-sectional view thereof across line 15—15 of FIG. 11;

FIG. 16 is a reduced scale environment perspective view thereof;

FIG. 17 is a partial cross-sectional view of the first embodiment of our invention across line 17—17 of FIG. 1; and, FIG. 18 is a partial cross-sectional view of the second embodiment of our invention across line 18—18 of FIG. 11. The broken line showing of fragmented handles and an adjacent blade is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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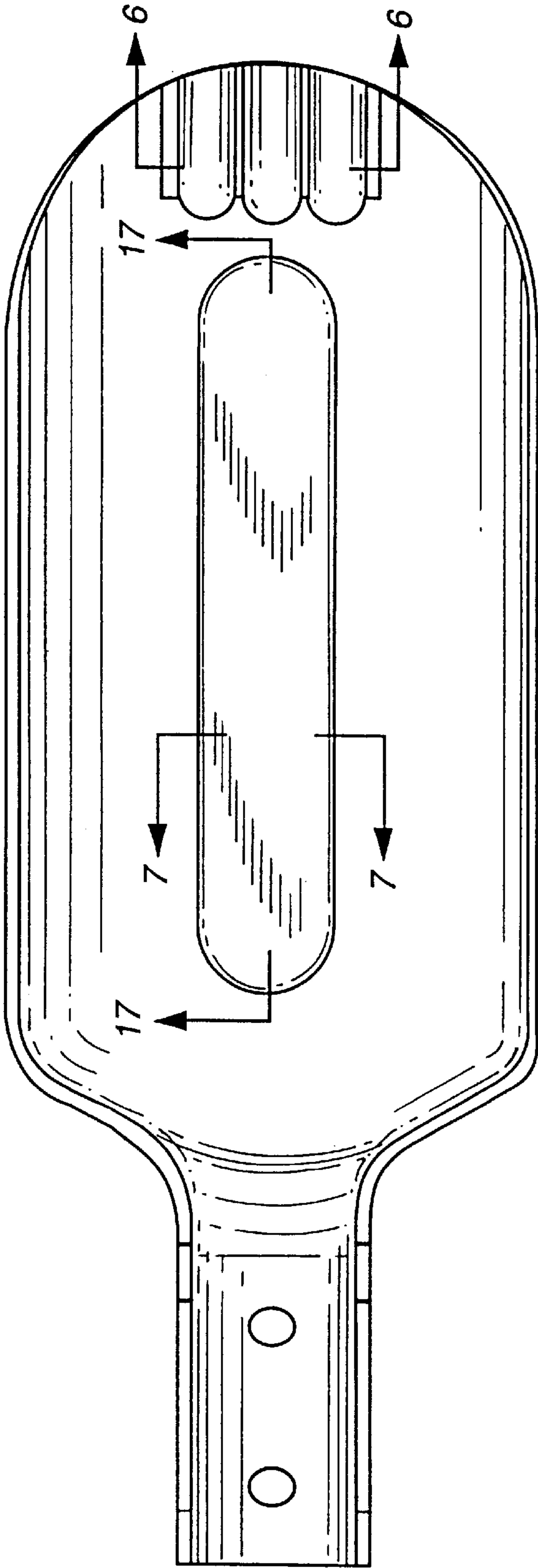


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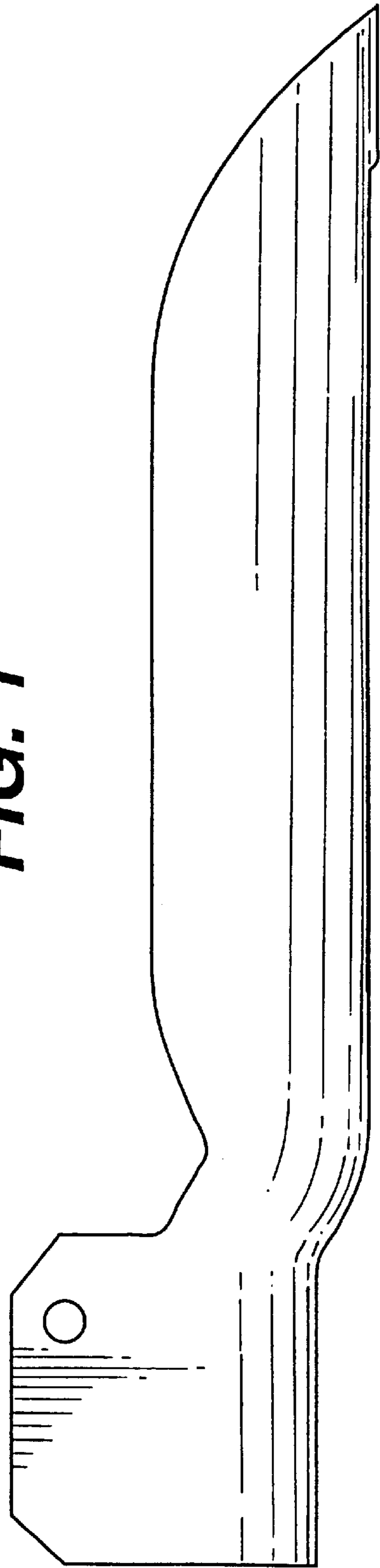


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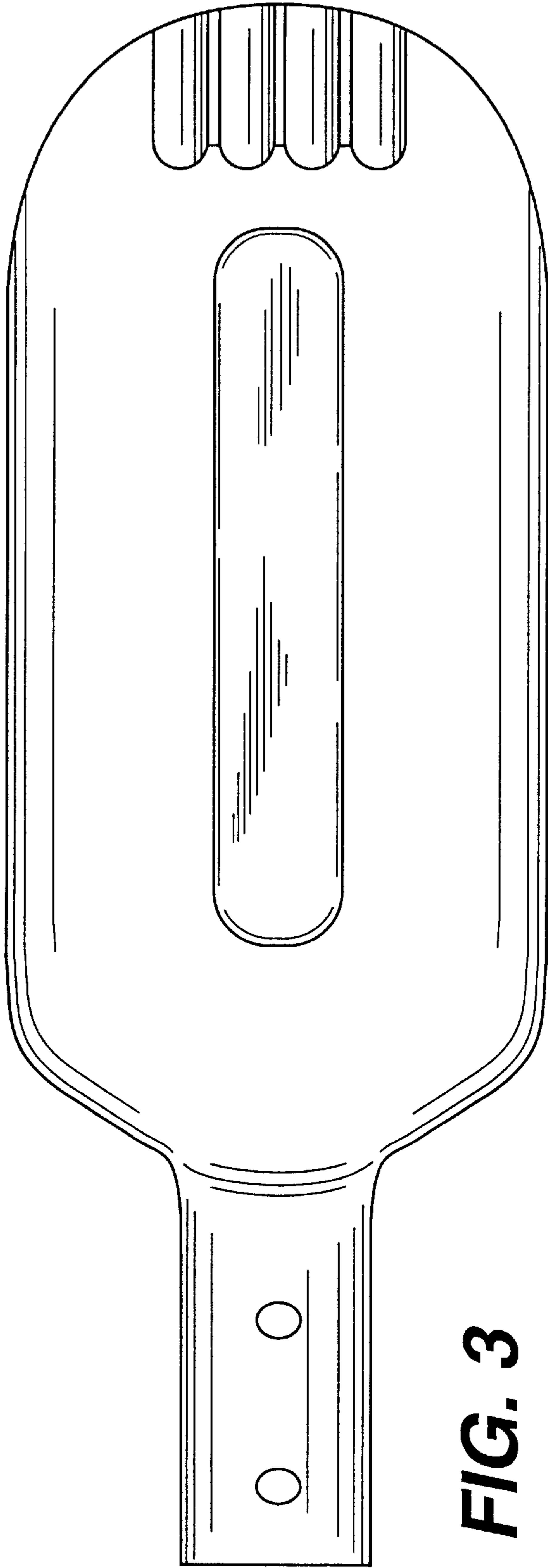


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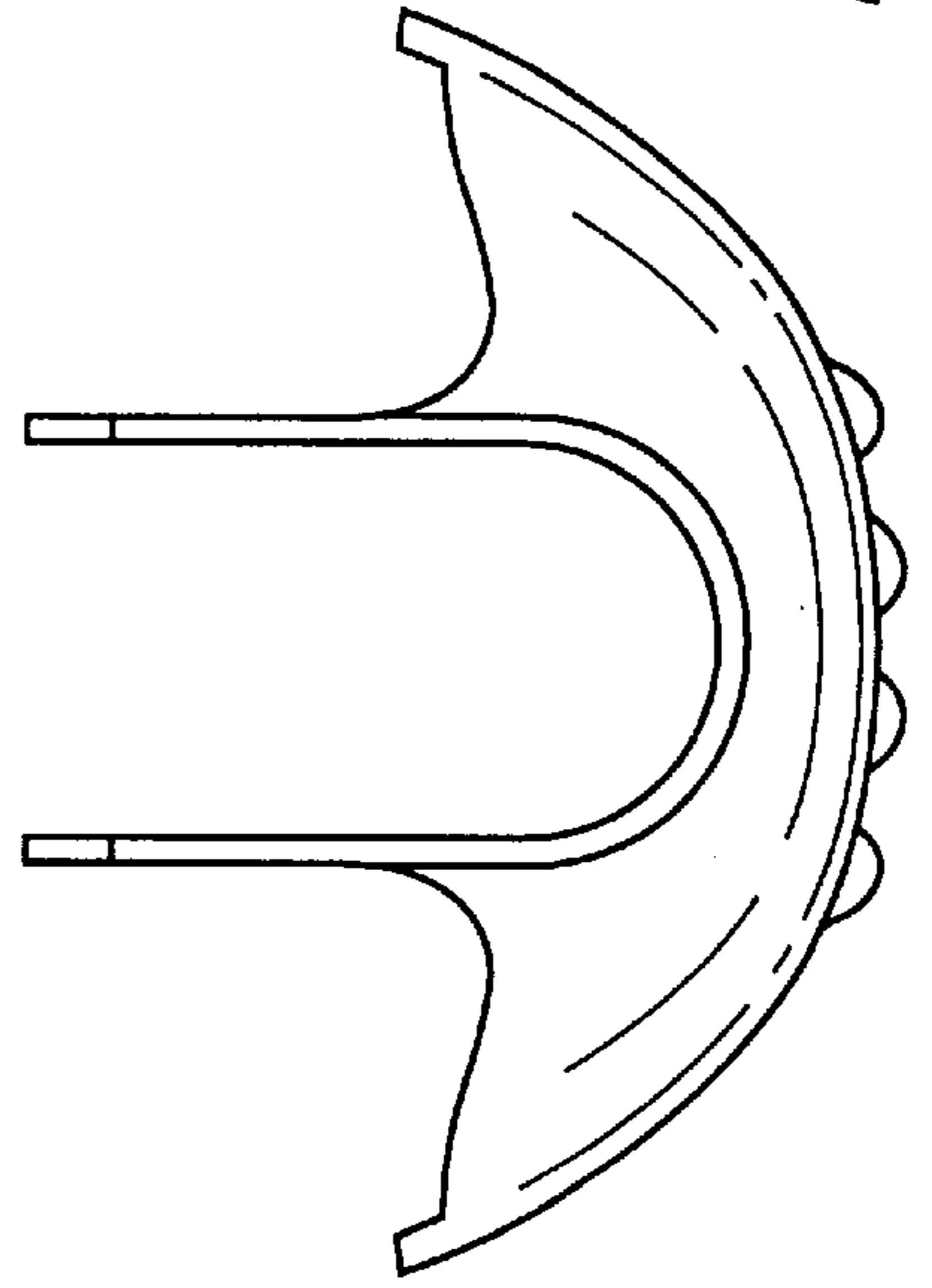


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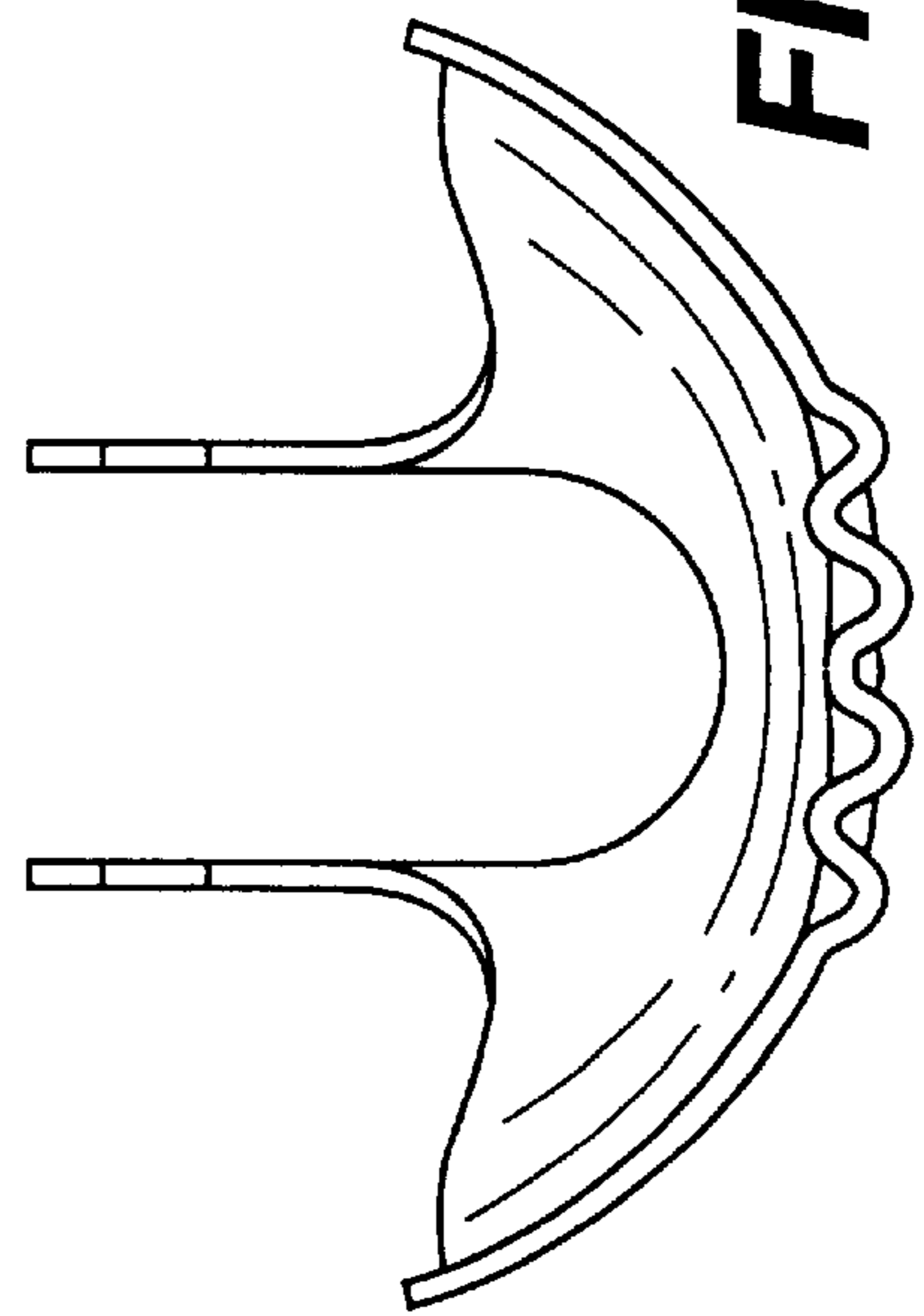


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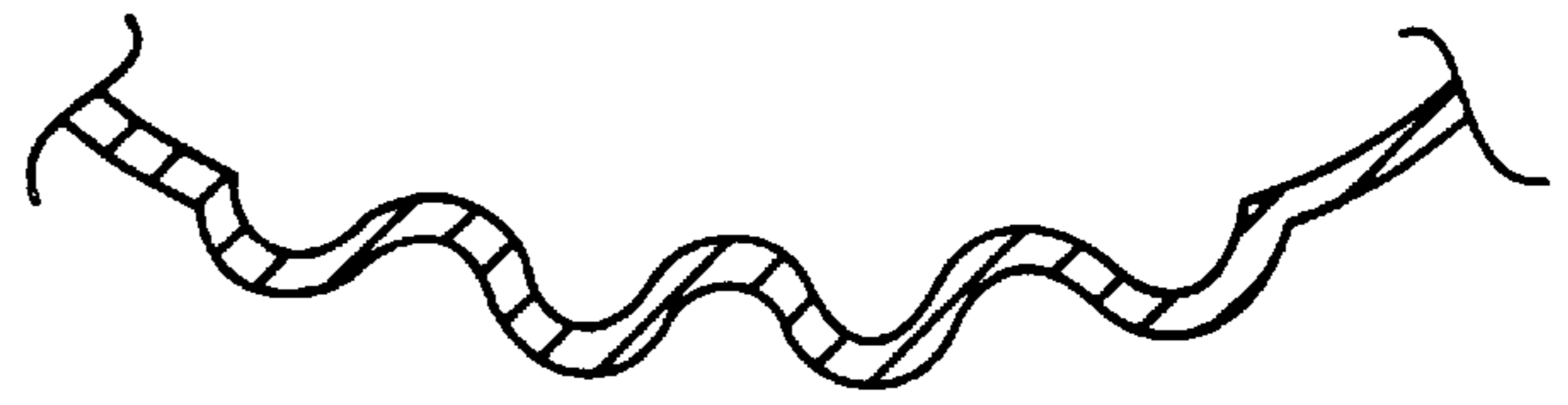


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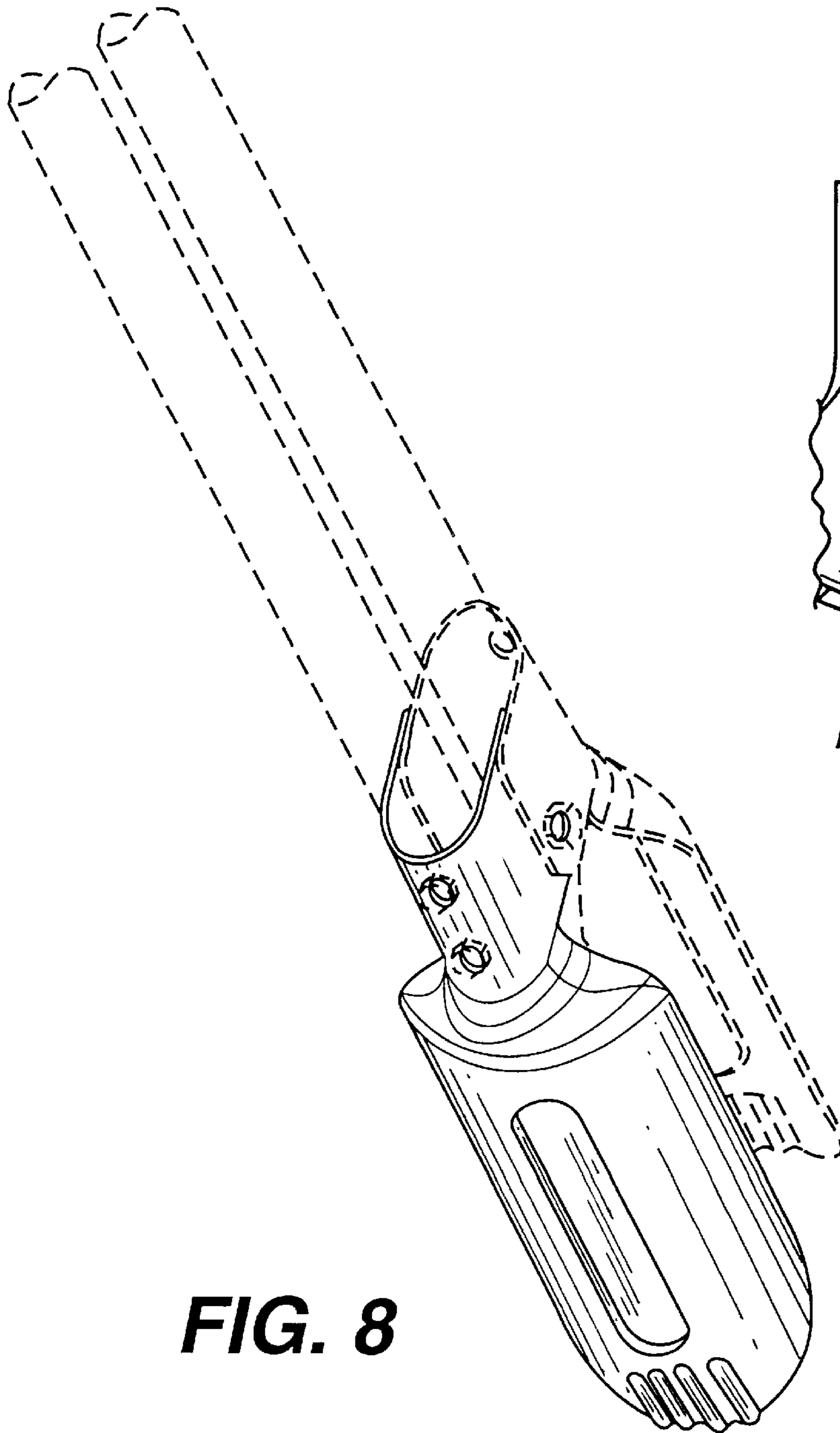


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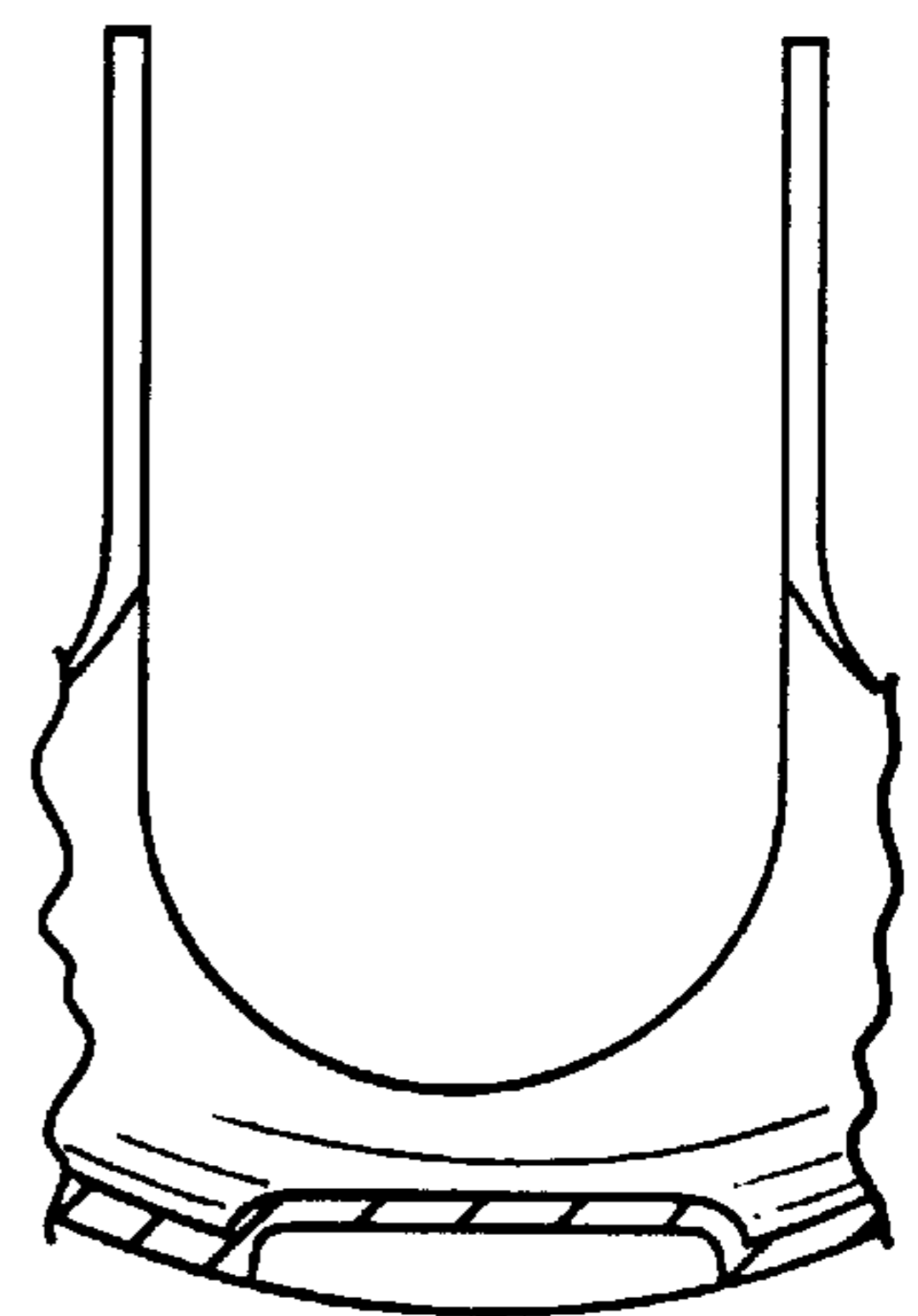


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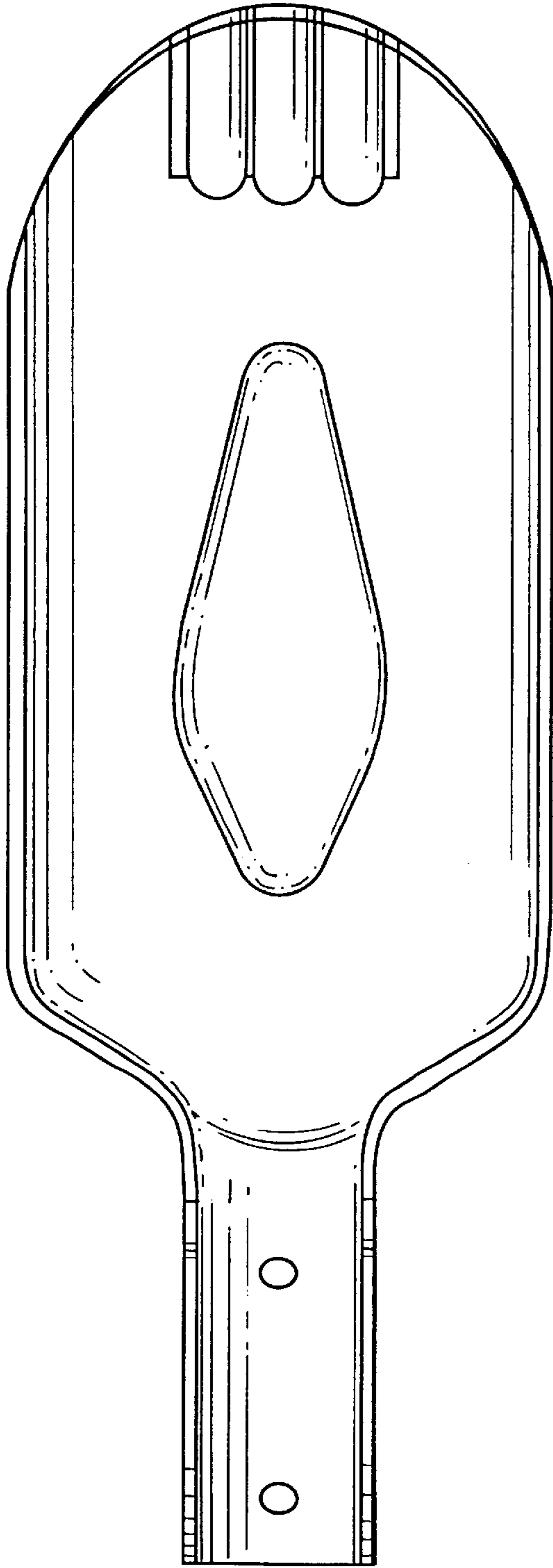


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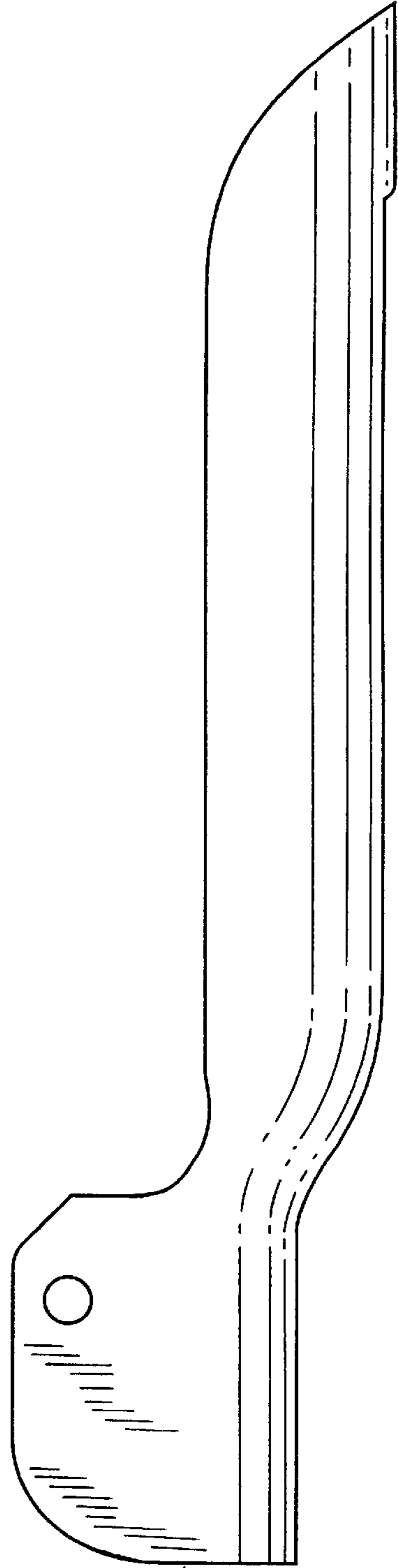


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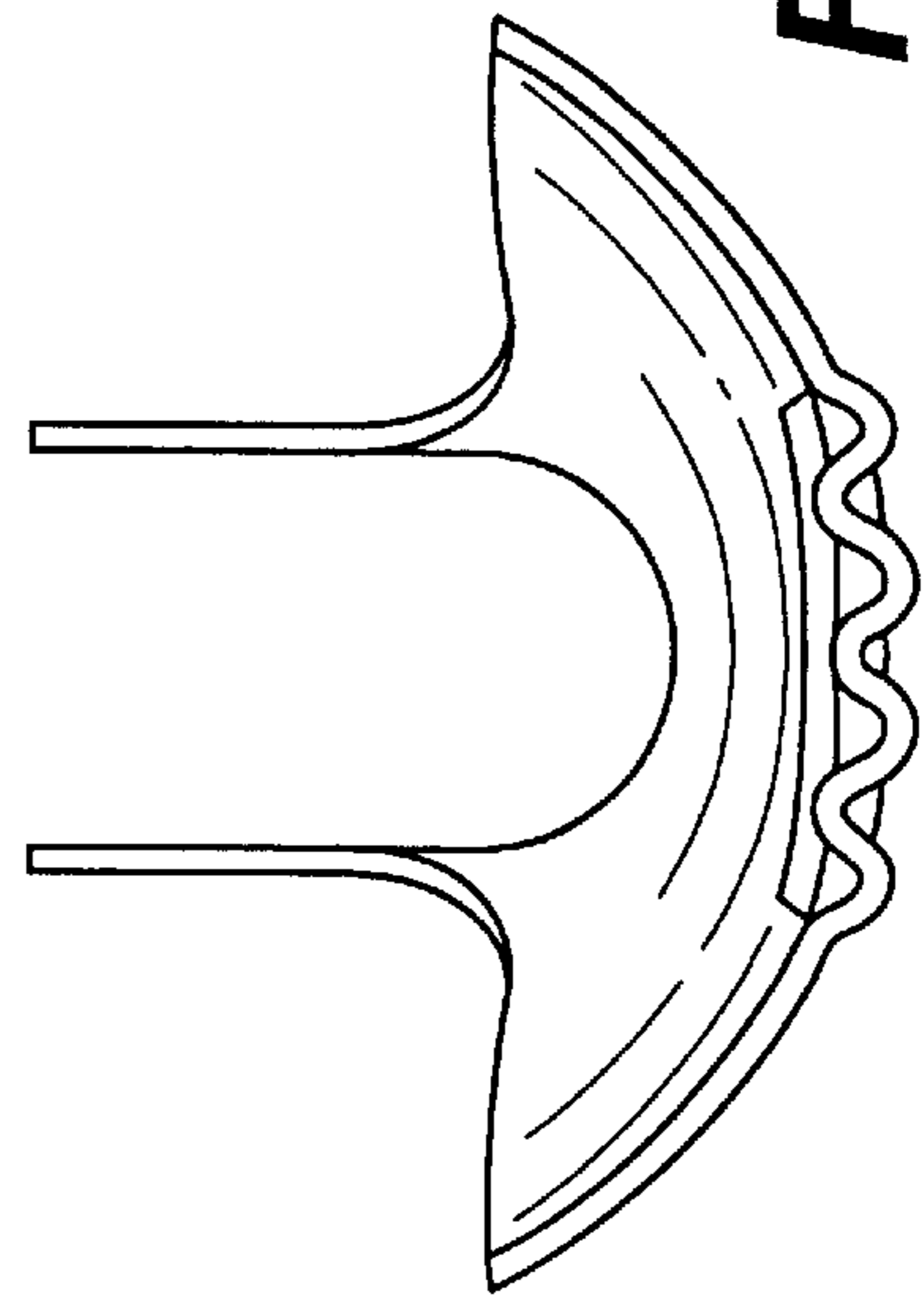
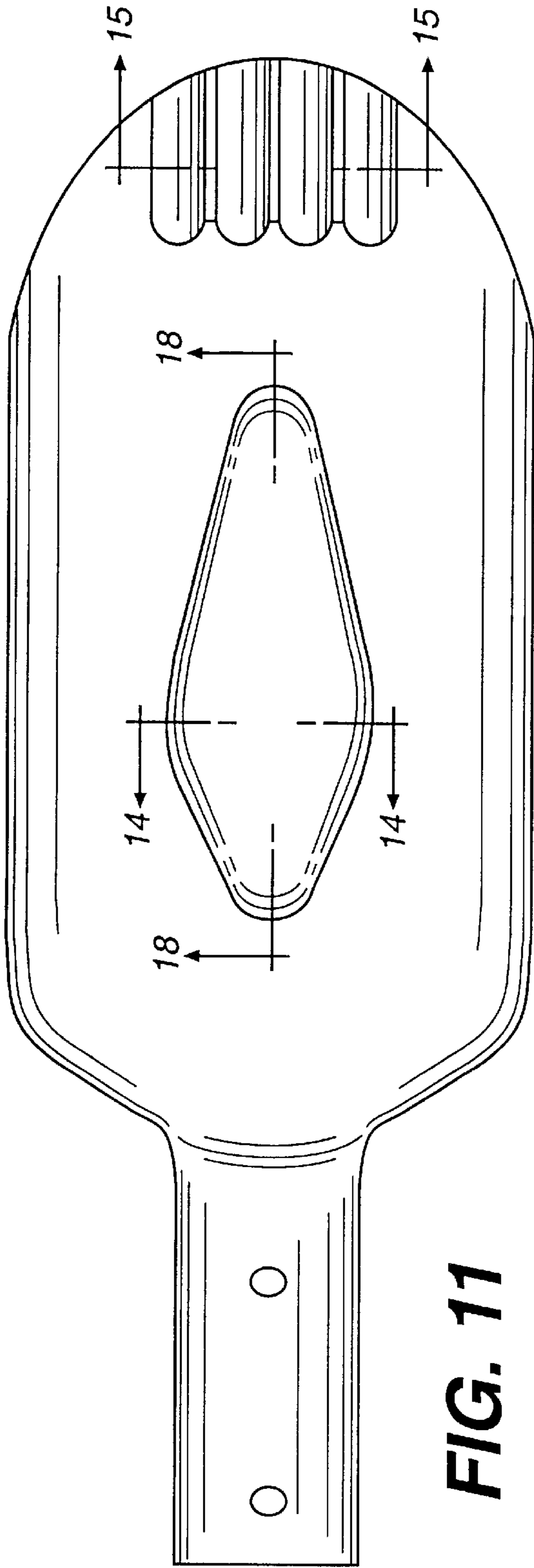


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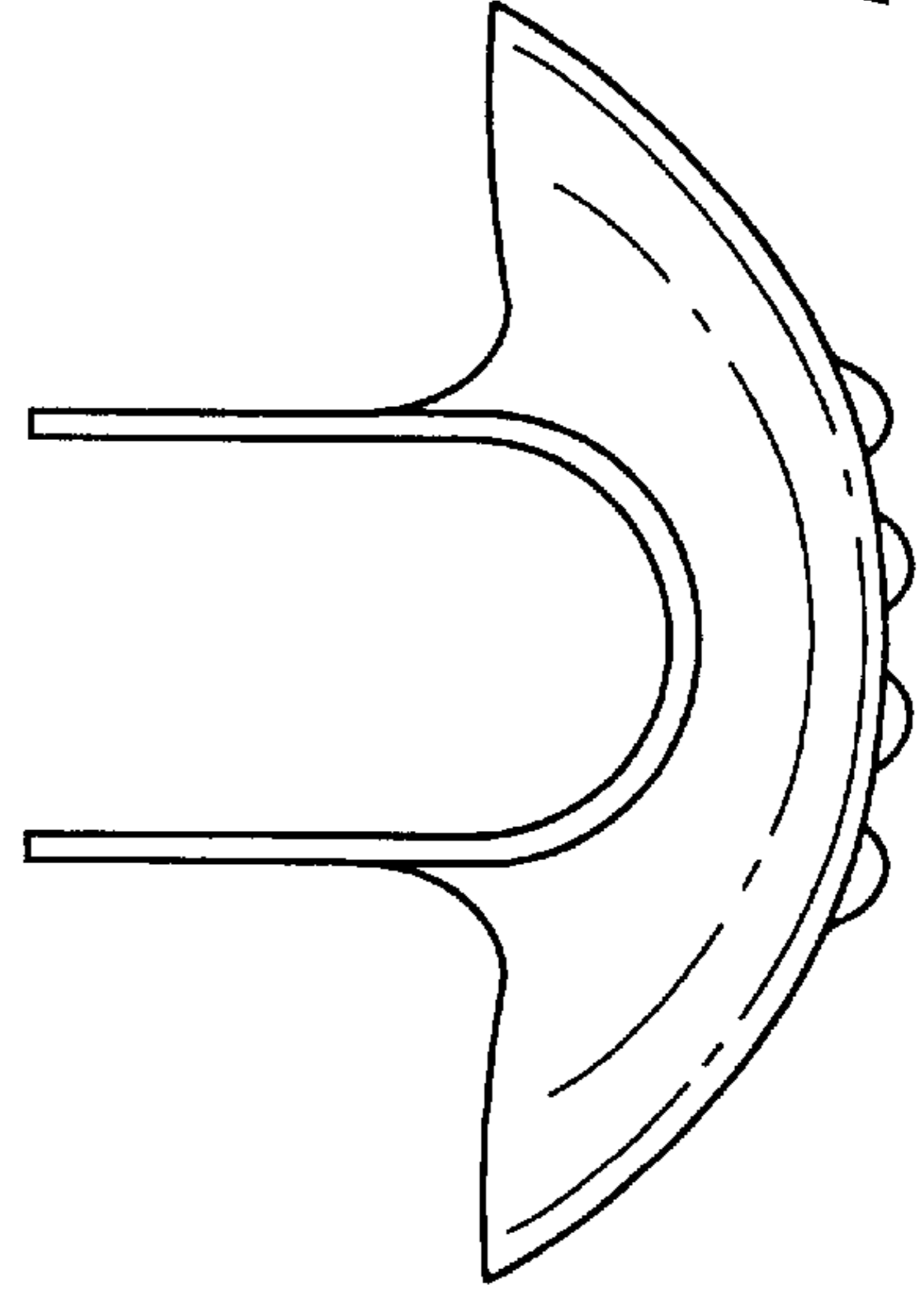


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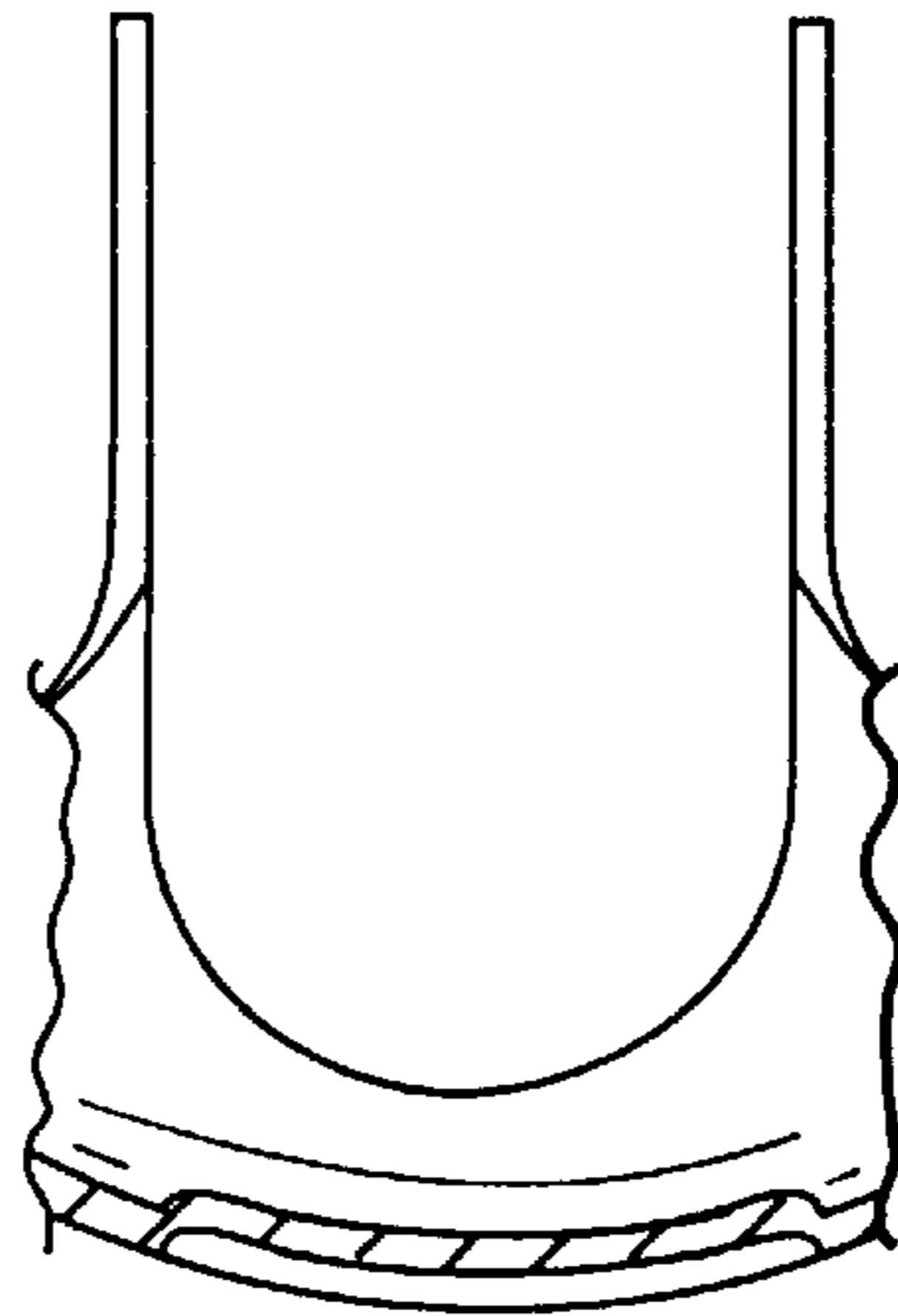


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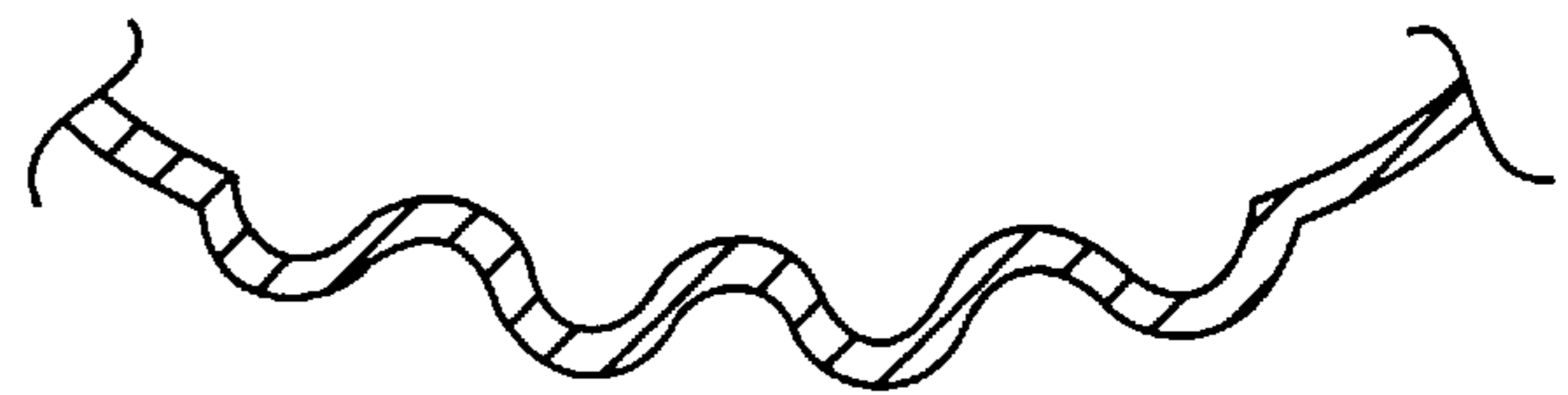


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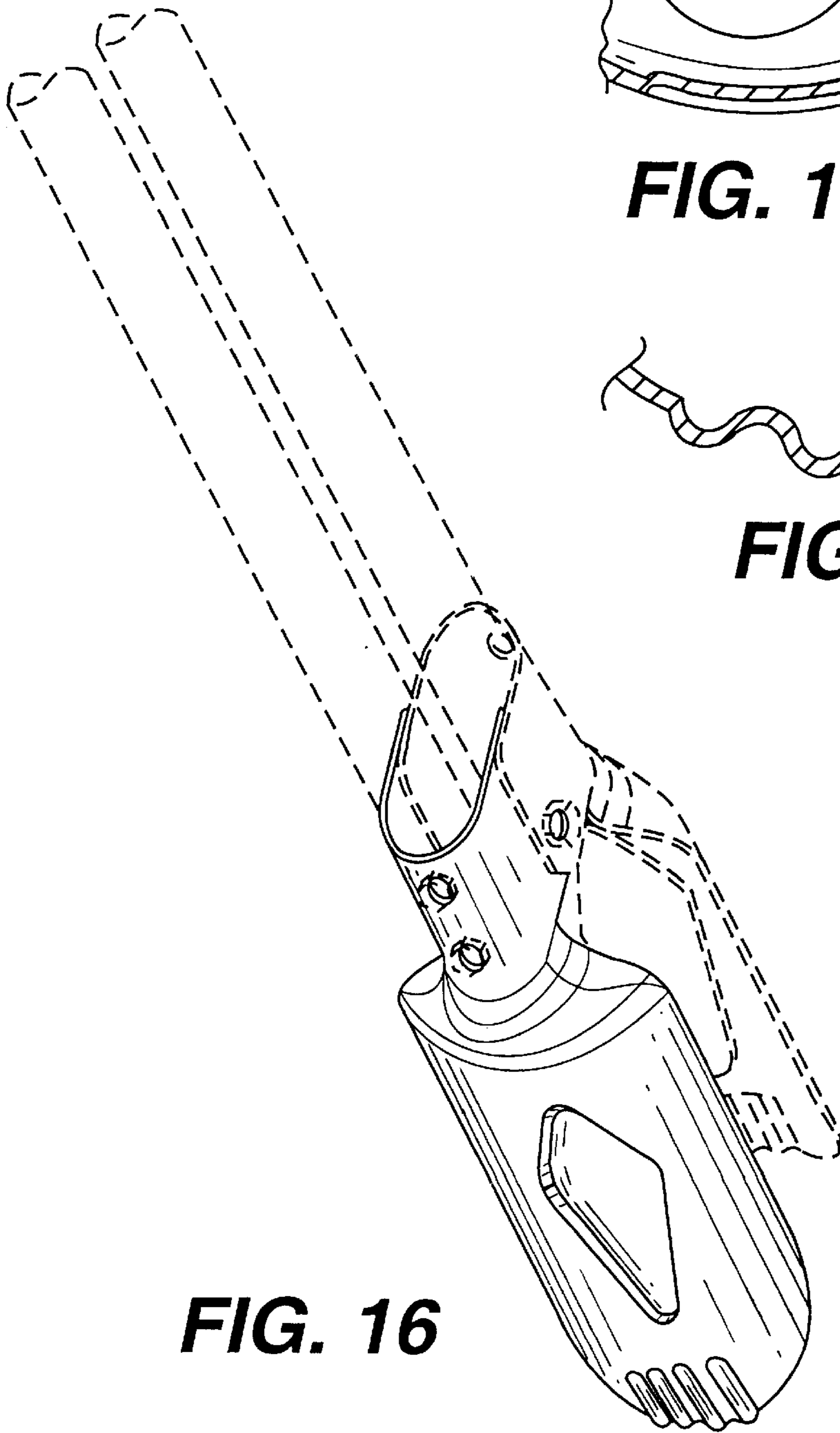


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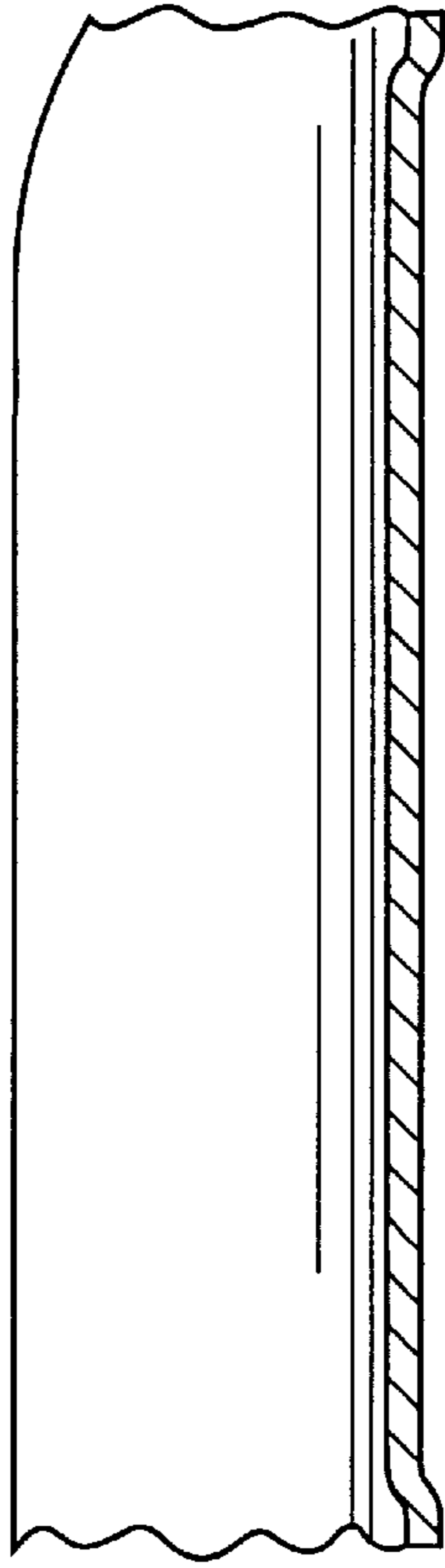


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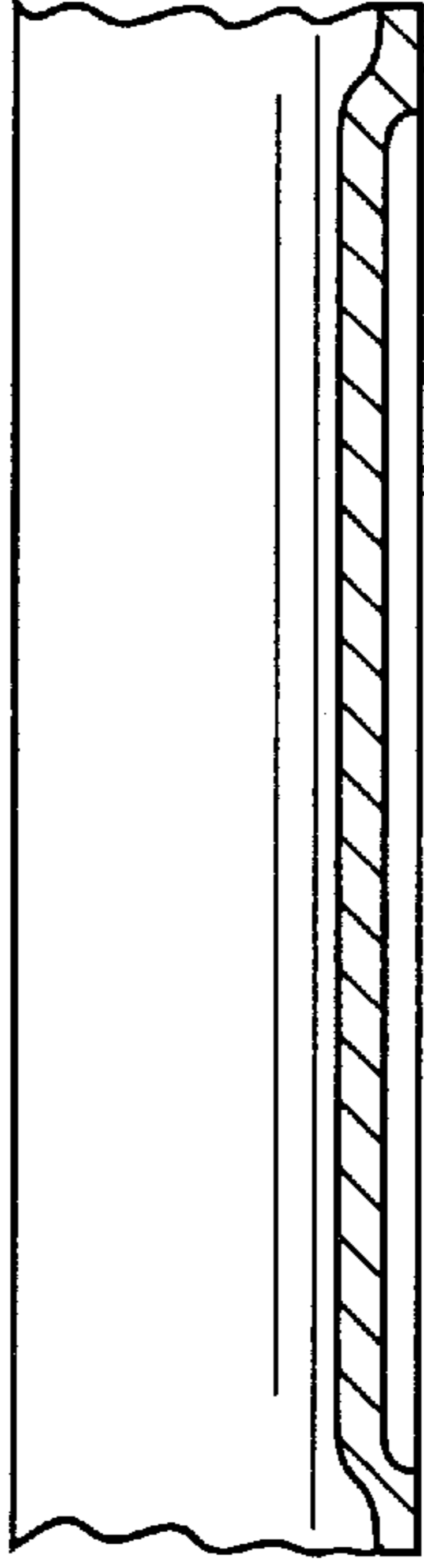


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