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[54] **TIPS JAR**

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[57] **CLAIM**

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The ornamental design for a tips jar, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a side perspective view of a tips jar showing my new design;

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FIG. 2 is a side elevation thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 5 is an exploded side elevation view; and,

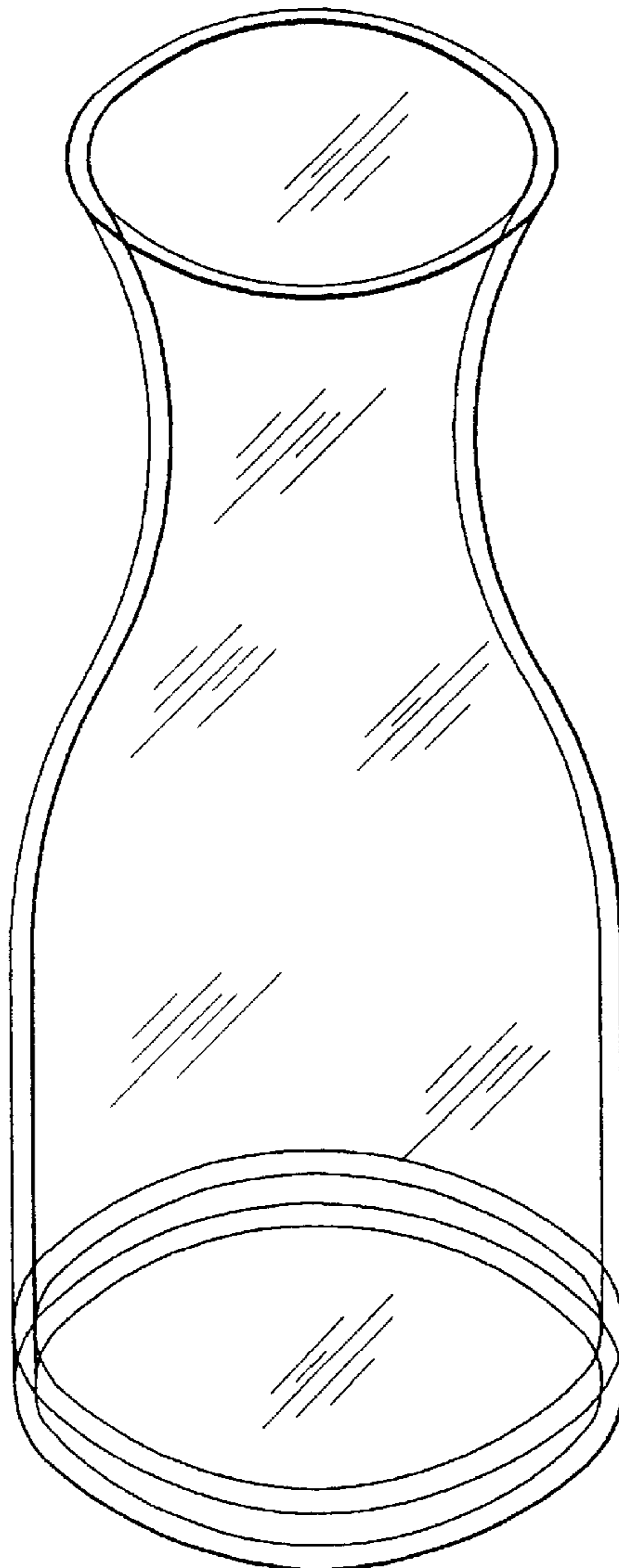
FIG. 6 is a side elevation of a second embodiment of a tips jar showing my new design, the only difference being the transparent base.

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1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



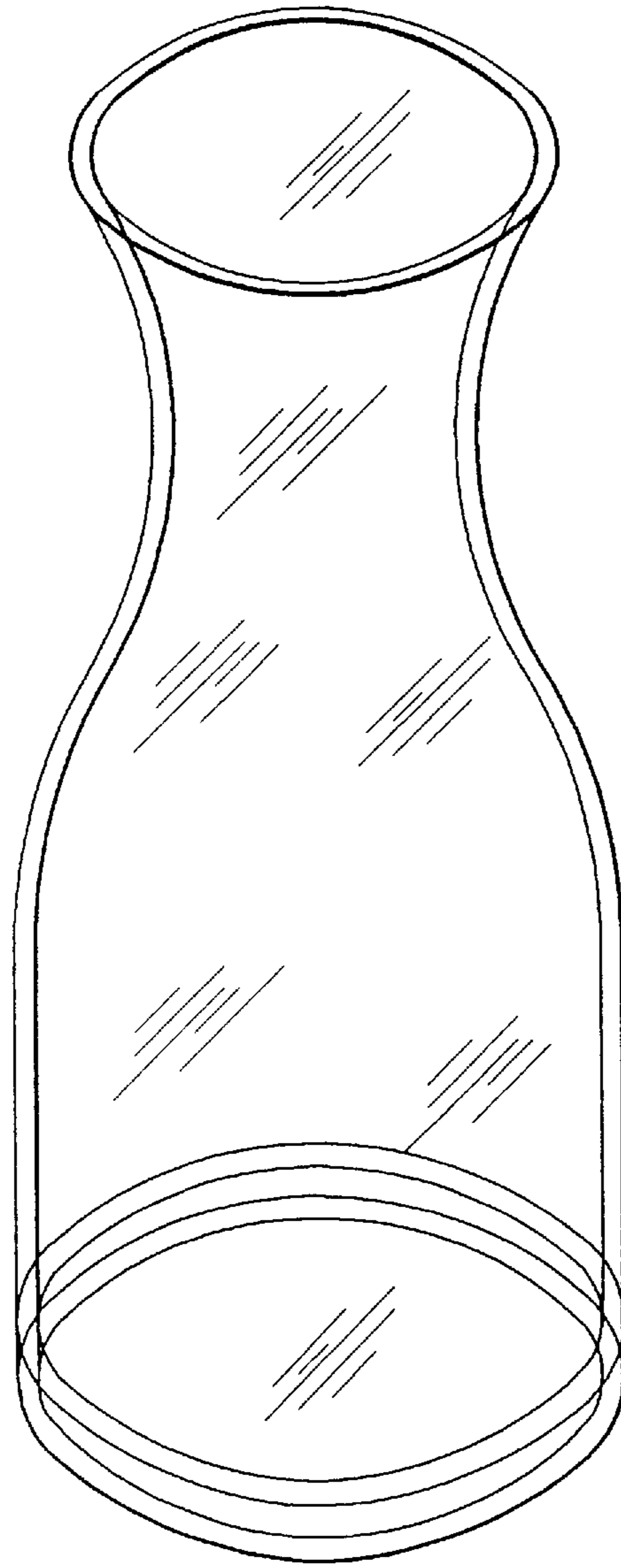


Fig. 1

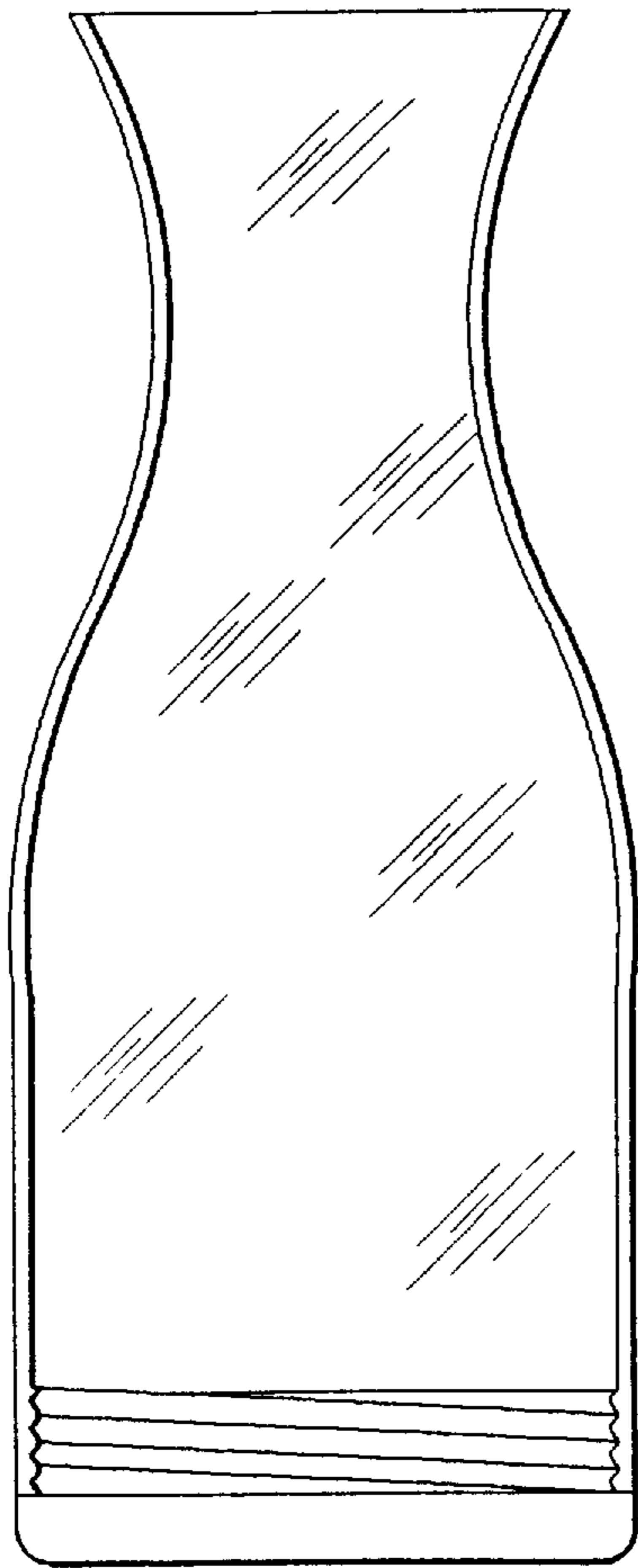


Fig. 2

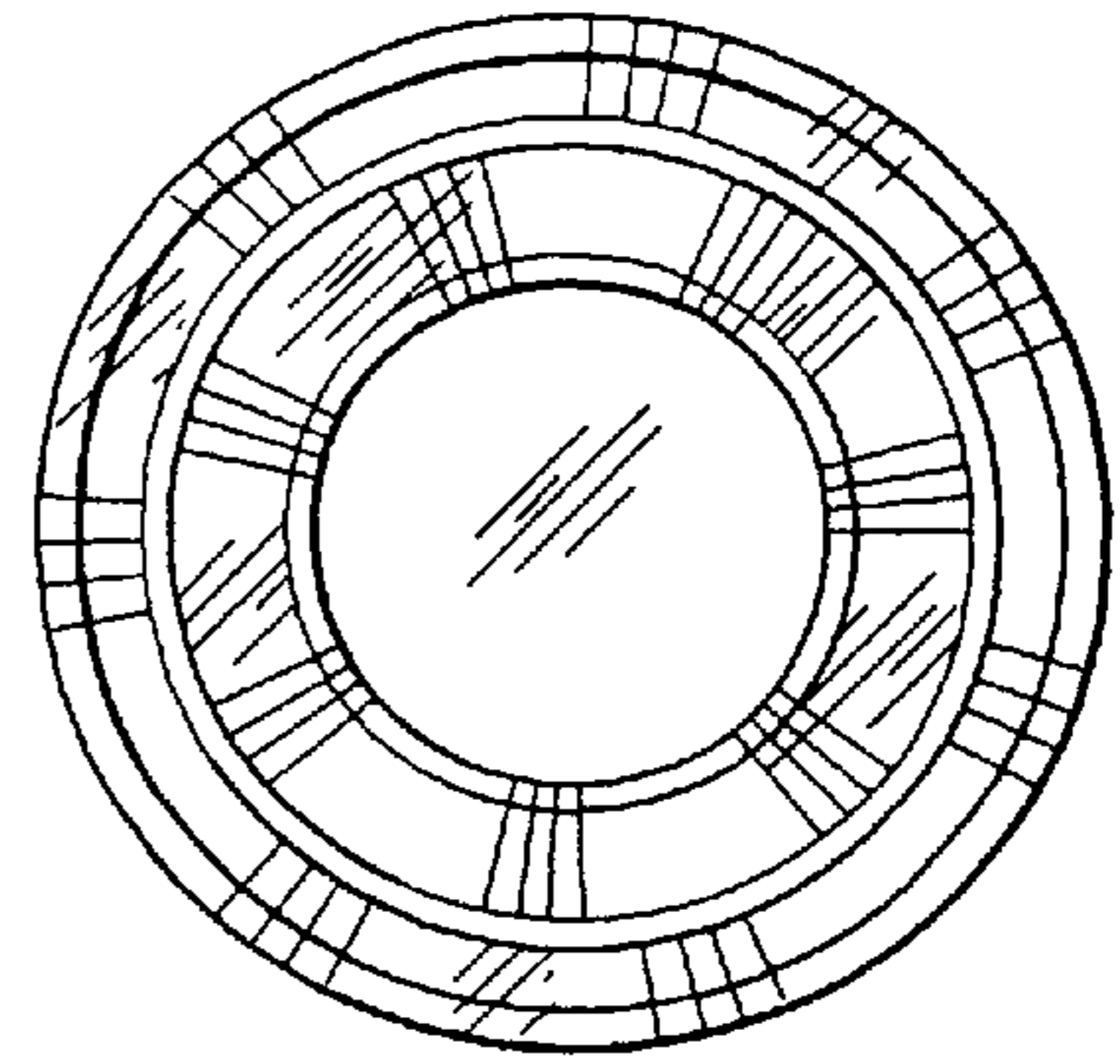


Fig. 3

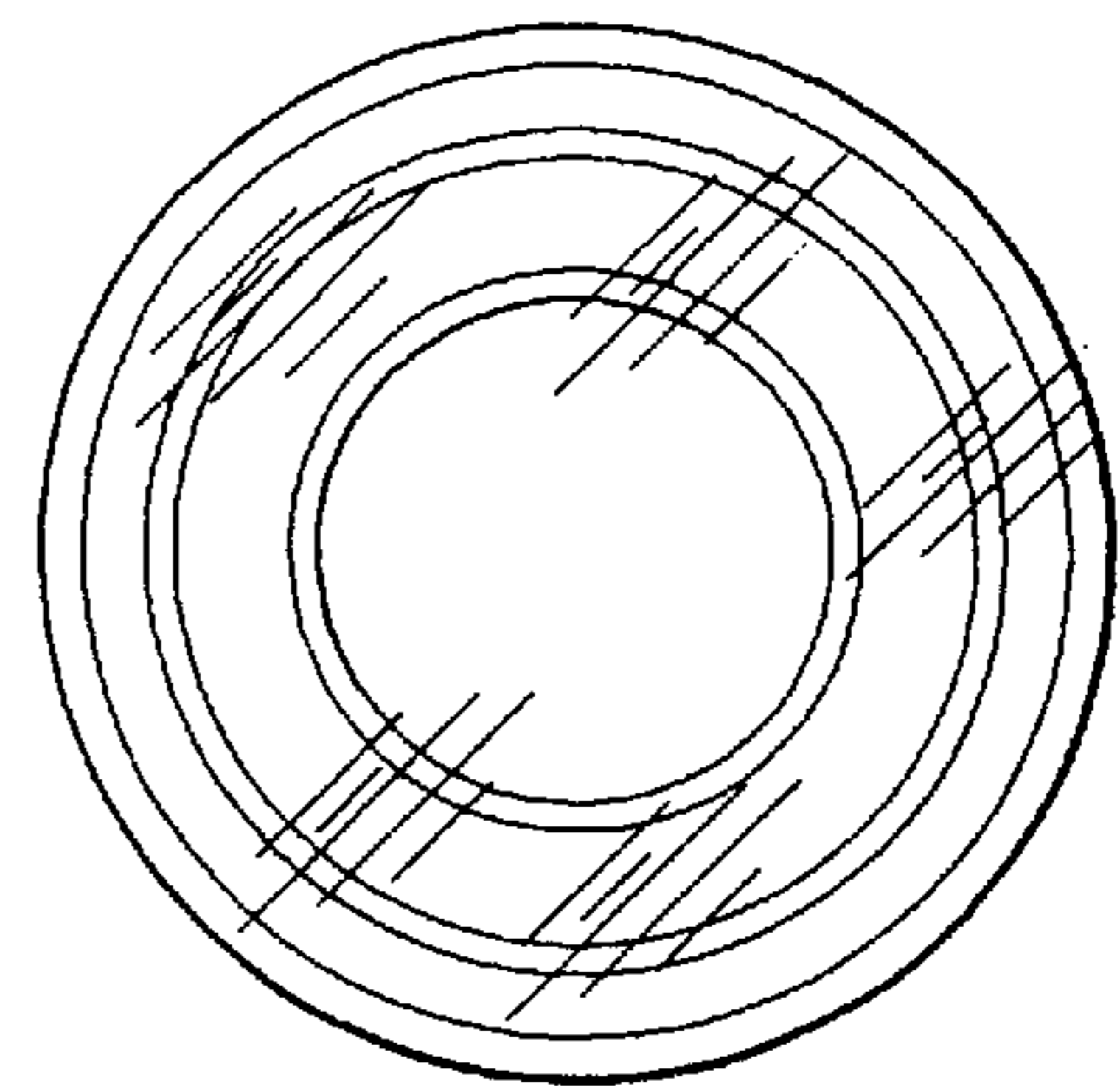


Fig. 4

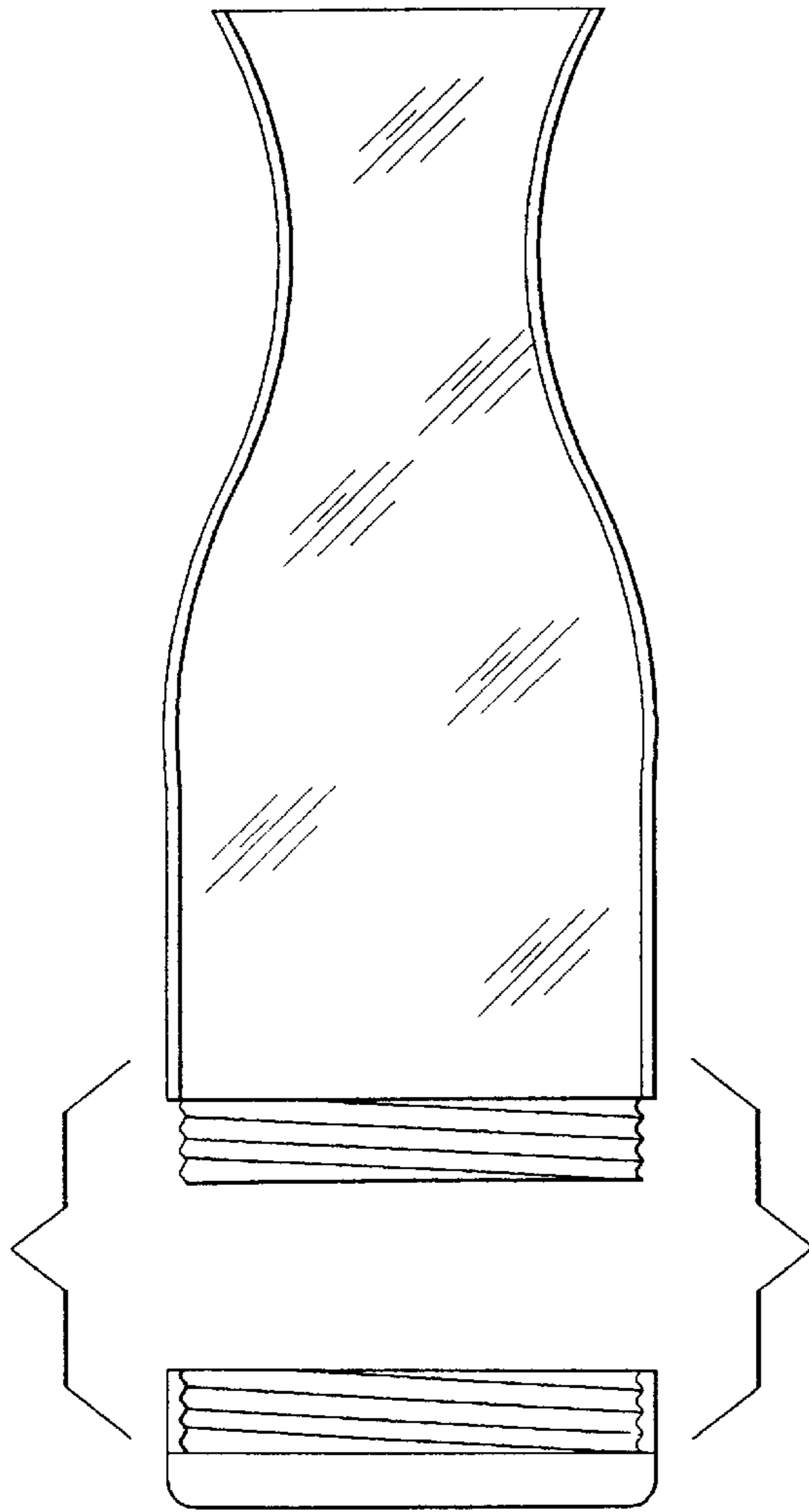


Fig. 5

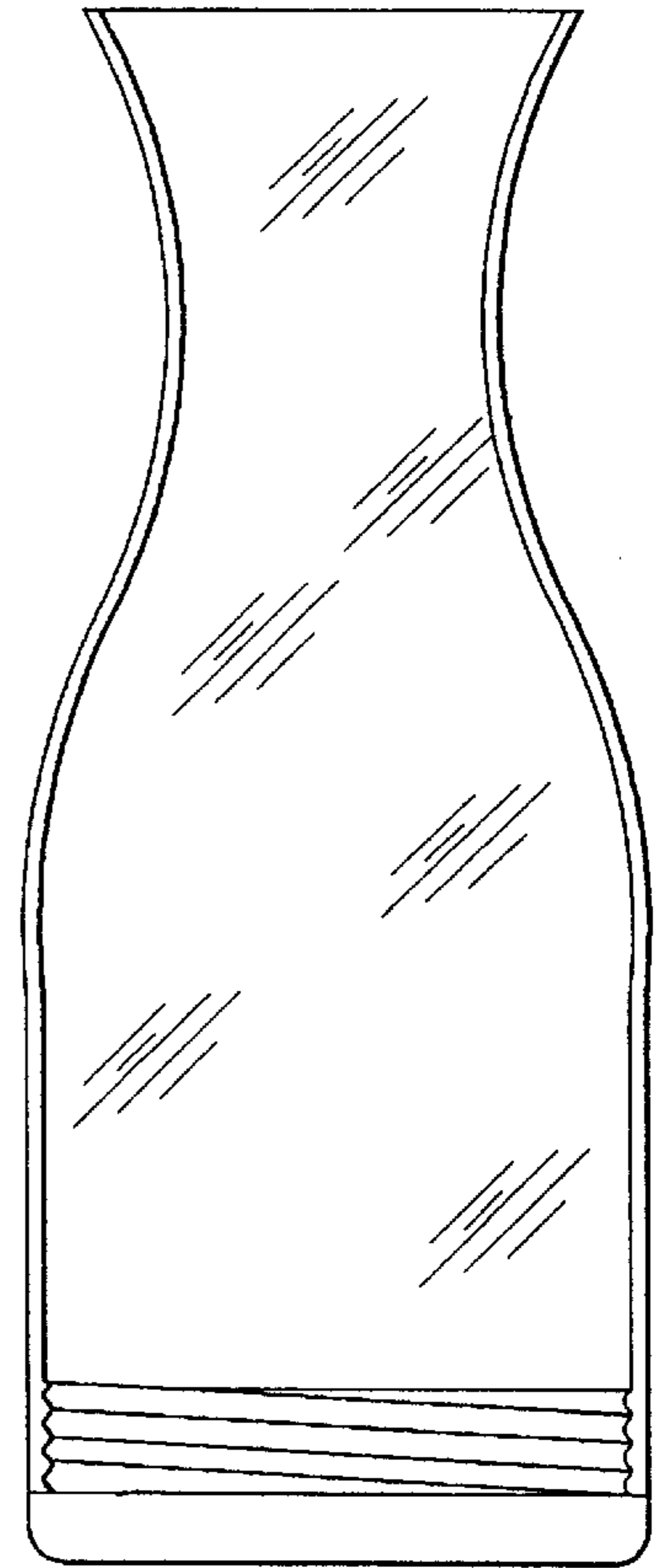


Fig. 6