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[54] **LIFTING EYE**  
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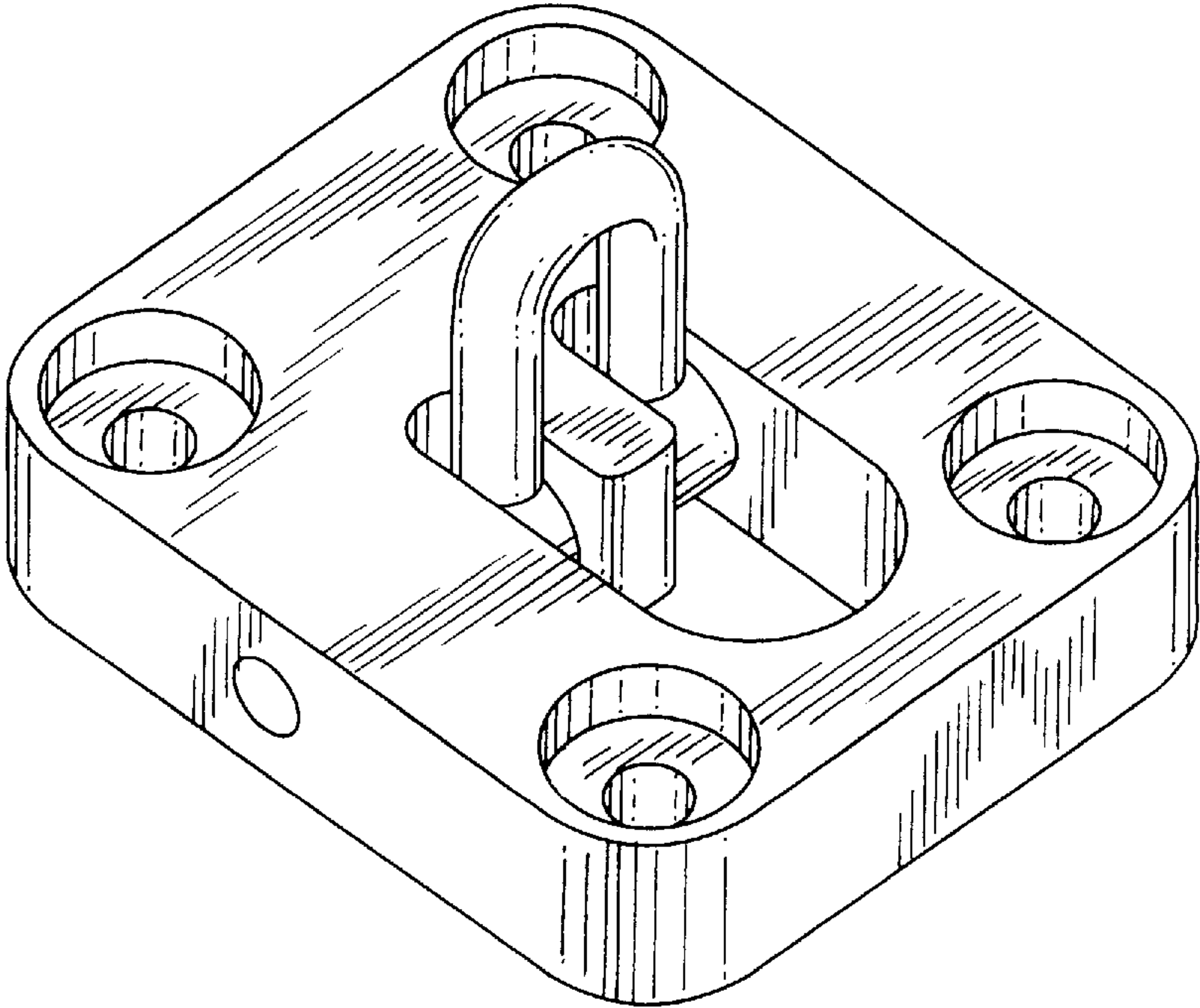
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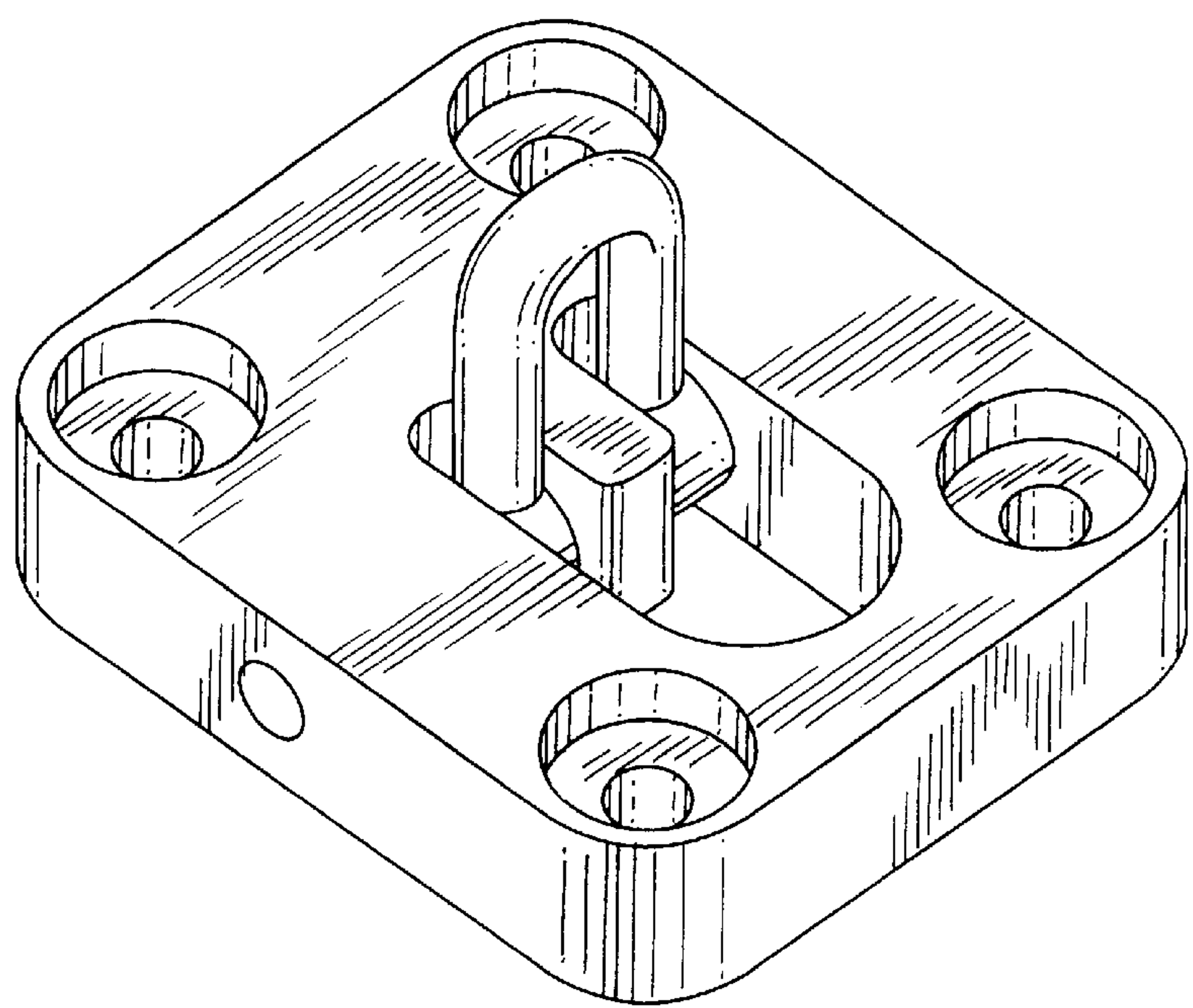
[57] **CLAIM**  
The ornamental design of a lifting eye, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

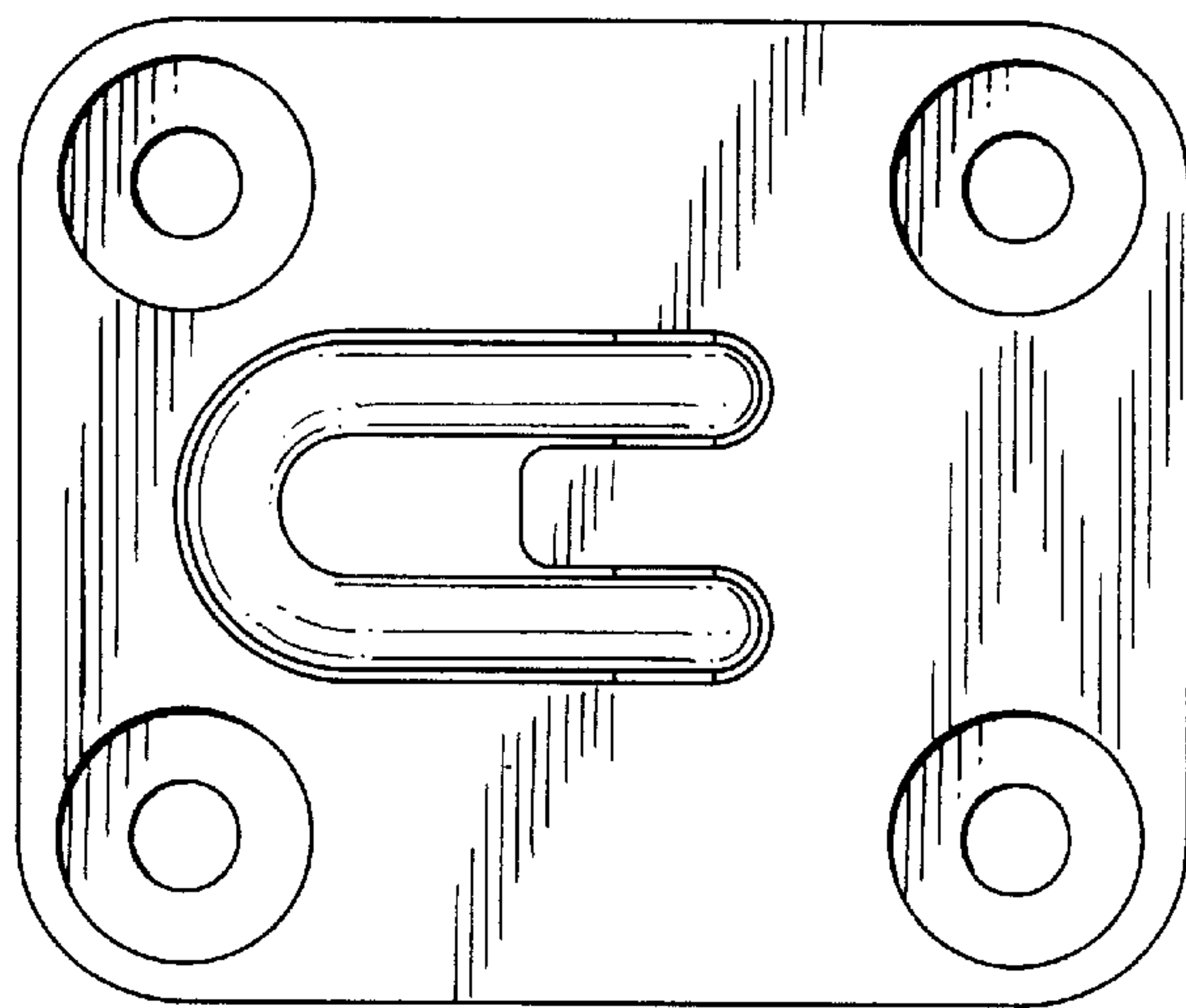
FIG. 1 is a front elevation of the lifting eye of the present invention with the eye extended for use;  
FIG. 2 is a top view of the lifting eye of the present invention with the eye retracted when not in use;  
FIG. 3 is a bottom view of the lifting eye of the present invention;  
FIG. 4 is a side view of the lifting eye of the present with the lifting eye extended for use;  
FIG. 5 is a front view of The lifting eye of the present invention with the eye extended for use; and,  
FIG. 6 is a front elevation of the lifting eye of the present invention with the eye retracted when not in use.  
The present invention is intended for use as a folding, flush mounted lifting eye for boats fitted with deck mounted lift points.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**

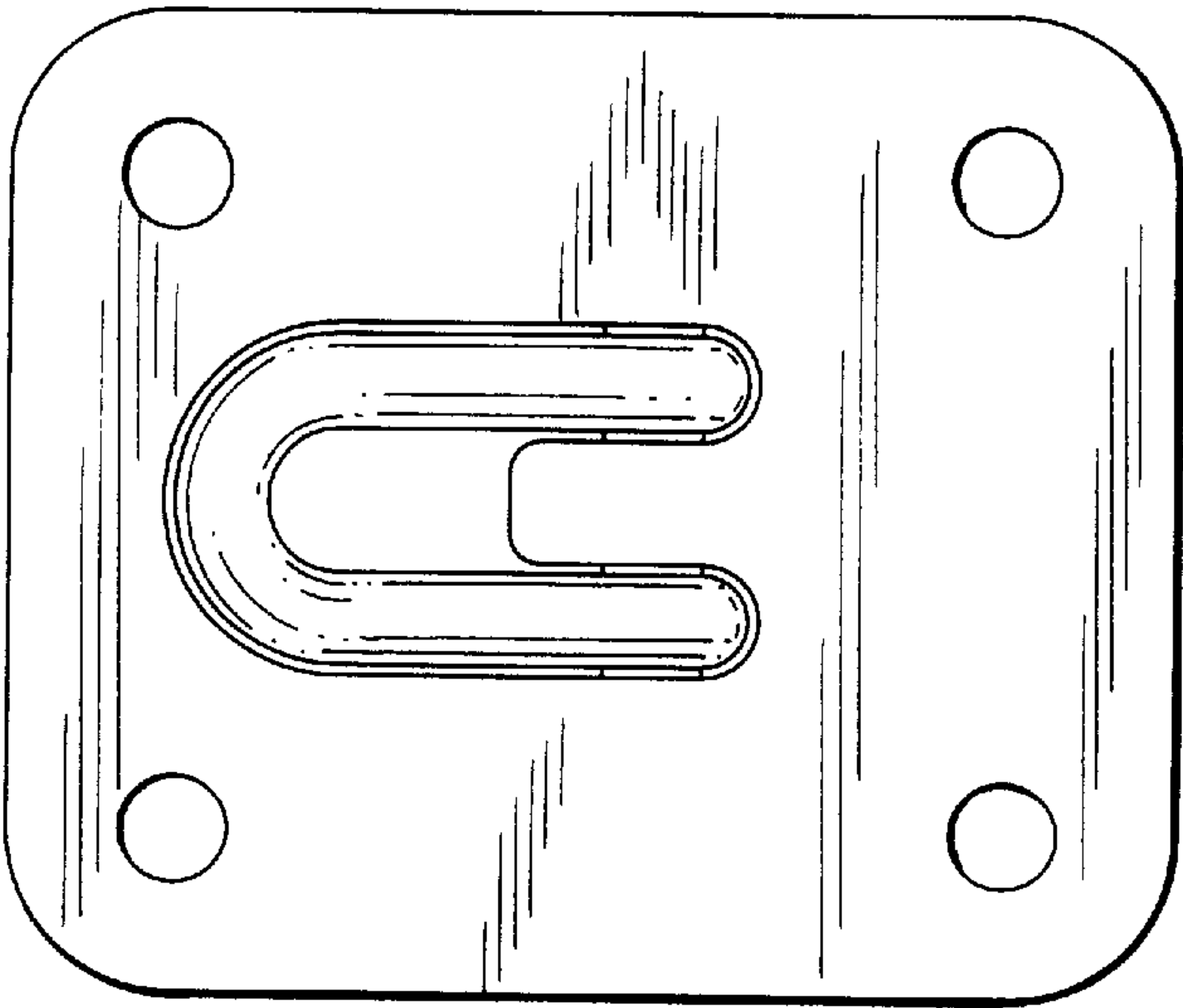




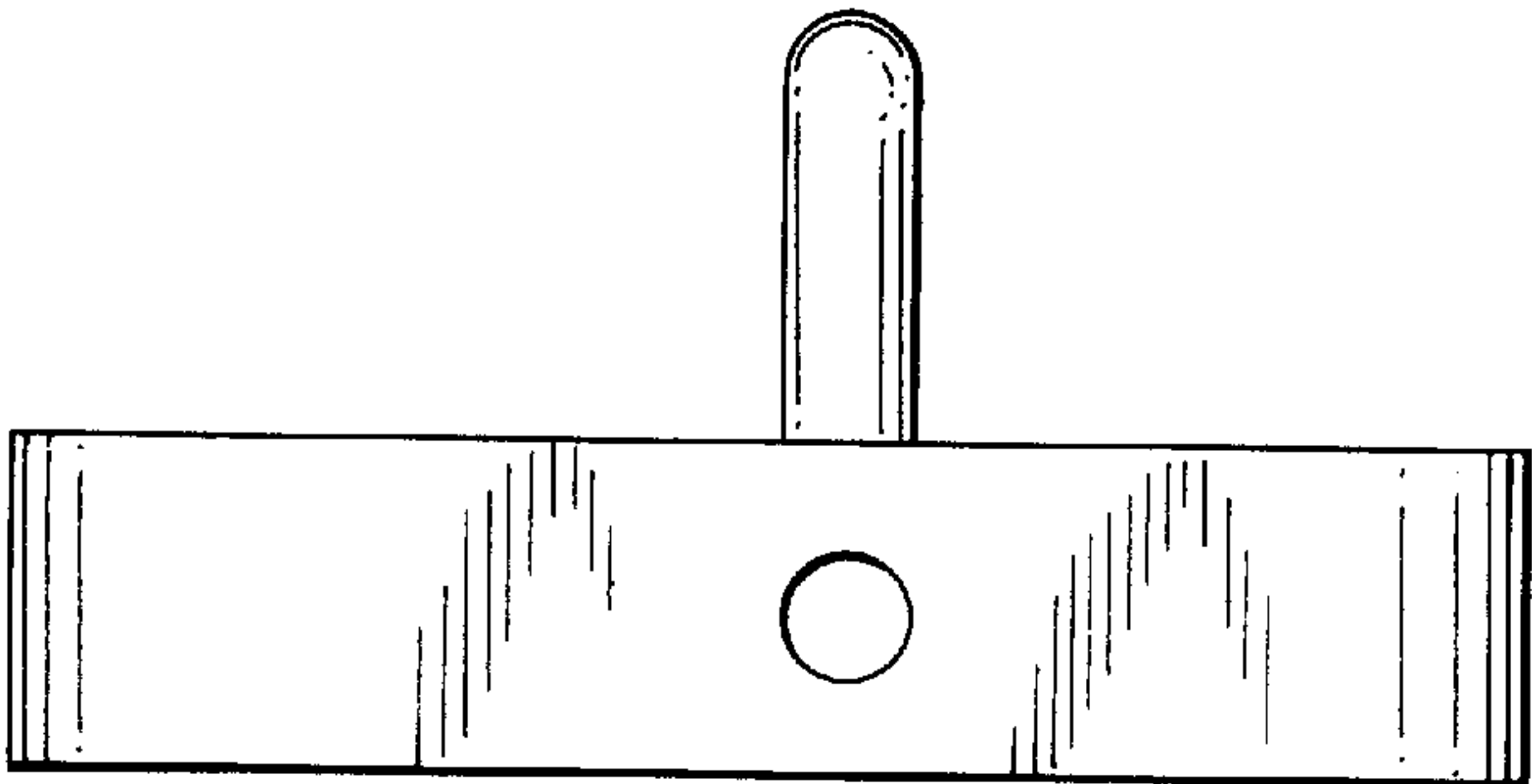
**FIG. 1**



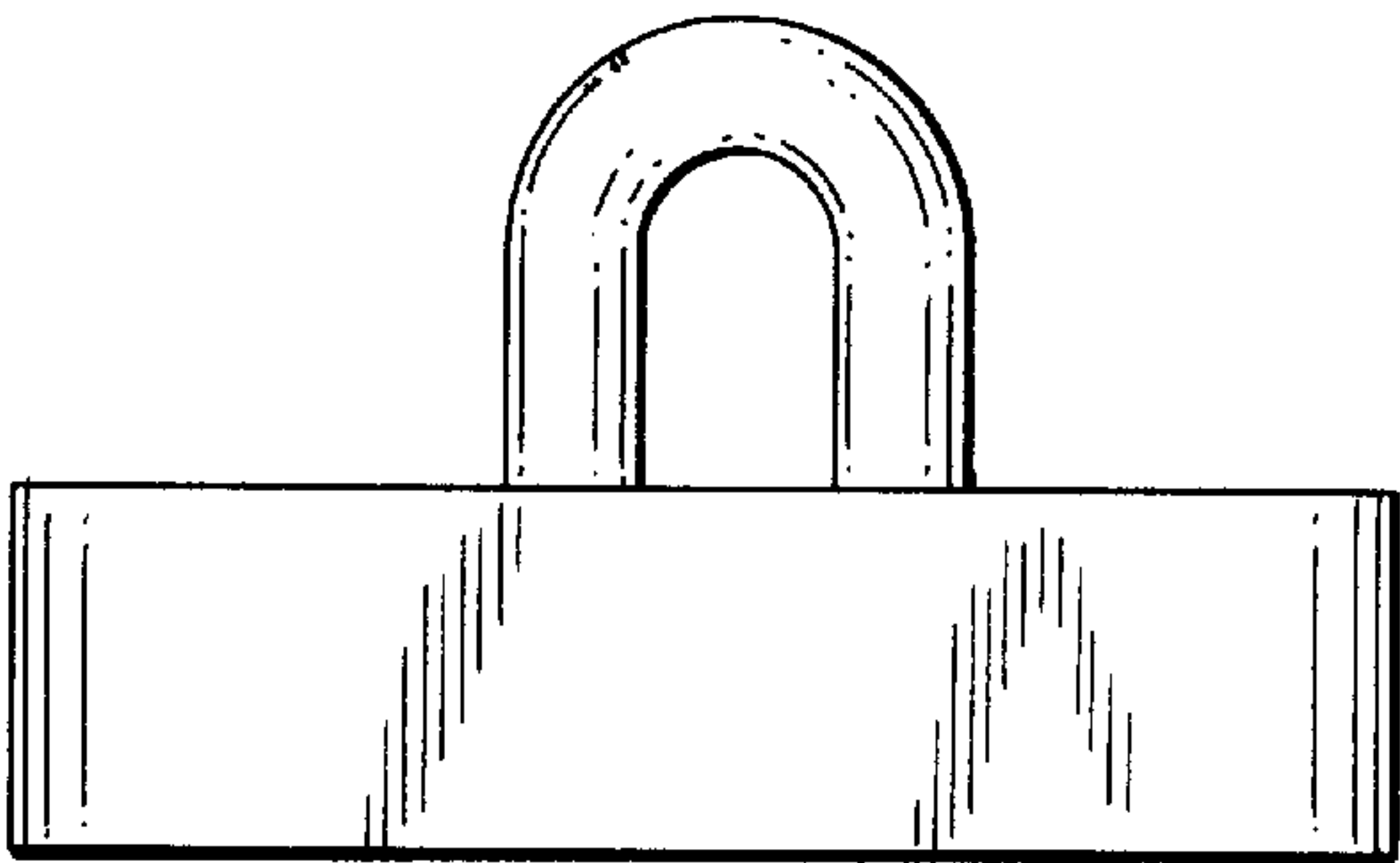
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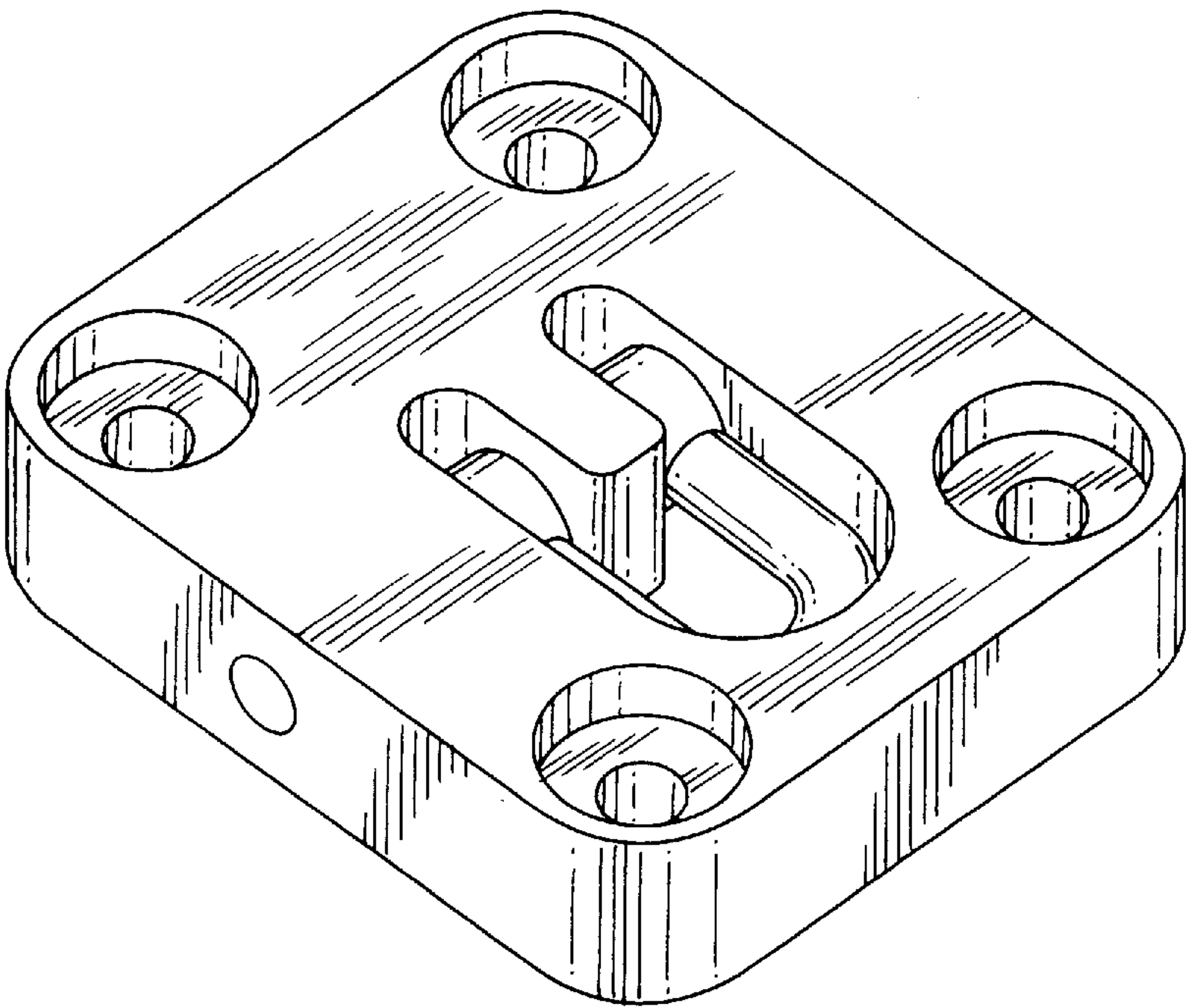
**FIG. 3**



**FIG. 4**



**FIG. 5**



**FIG. 6**