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[54] SELF-CENTERING ALIGNMENT RING

[57] CLAIM

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The ornamental design of a self-centering alignment ring, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

[**] Term: 14 Years

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the self-centering alignment ring in its assembled configuration.

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FIG. 2 is a side elevation view of the self-centering alignment ring, taken at the edge where the movable guide member fits onto the alignment ring.

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FIG. 3 is a side elevation view of the self-centering alignment ring, taken at an edge rotated 90 degrees from the edge shown in FIG. 2.

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FIG. 4 is a side elevation view of the self-centering alignment ring, taken at an edge rotated 180 degrees from the edge shown in FIG. 2.

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FIG. 5 is a top plan view of the self-centering alignment ring.

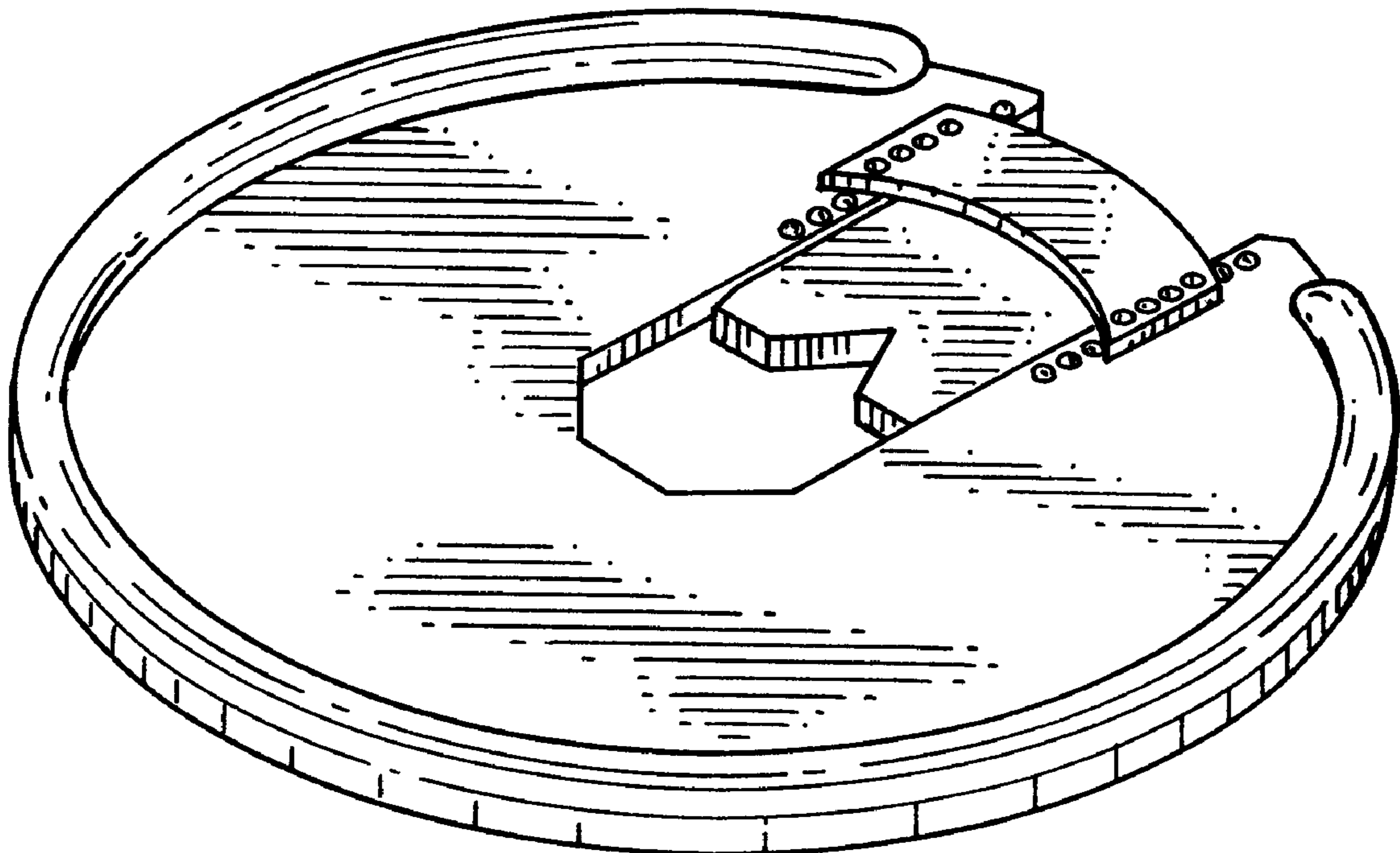
FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view of the self-centering alignment ring.

FIG. 7 is an exploded perspective view taken at an upper side of the self-centering alignment ring; and,

FIG. 8 is an exploded perspective view taken at a lower side of the self-centering alignment ring.

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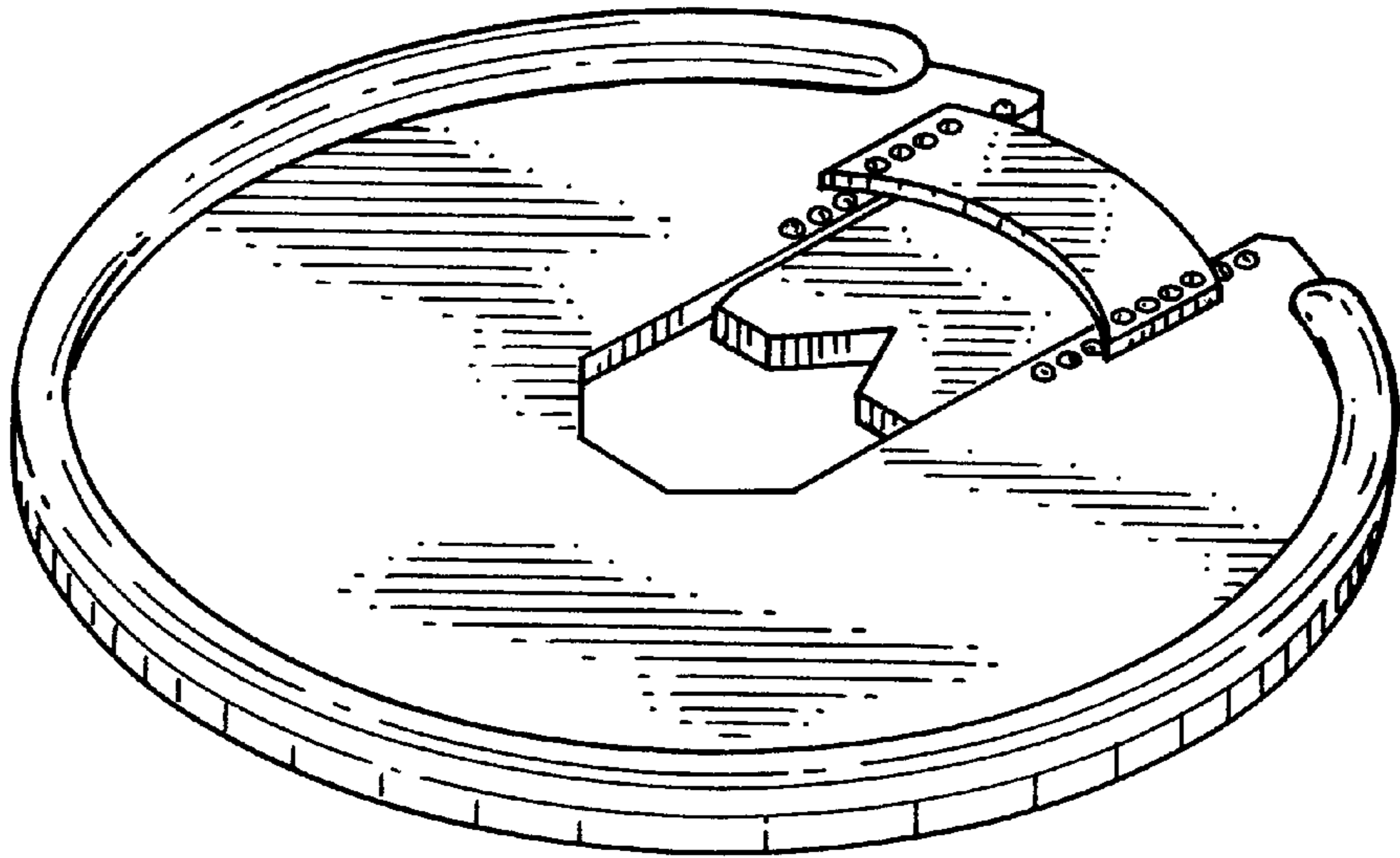


FIG. 1



FIG. 2

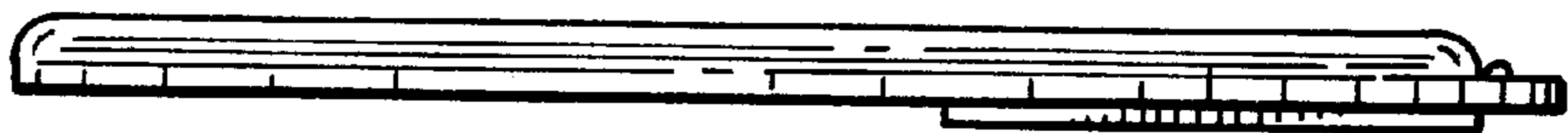


FIG. 3



FIG. 4

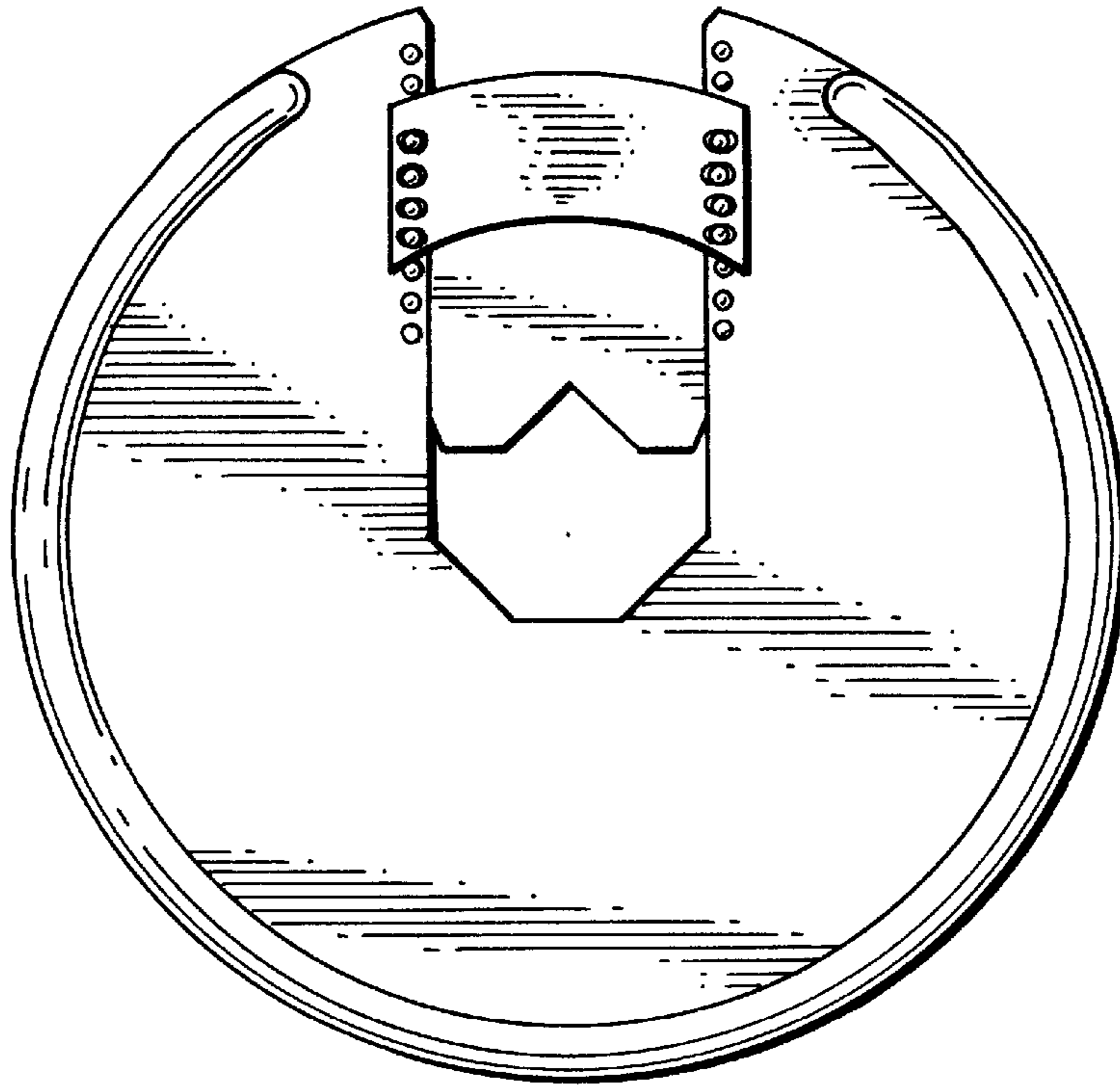


FIG. 5

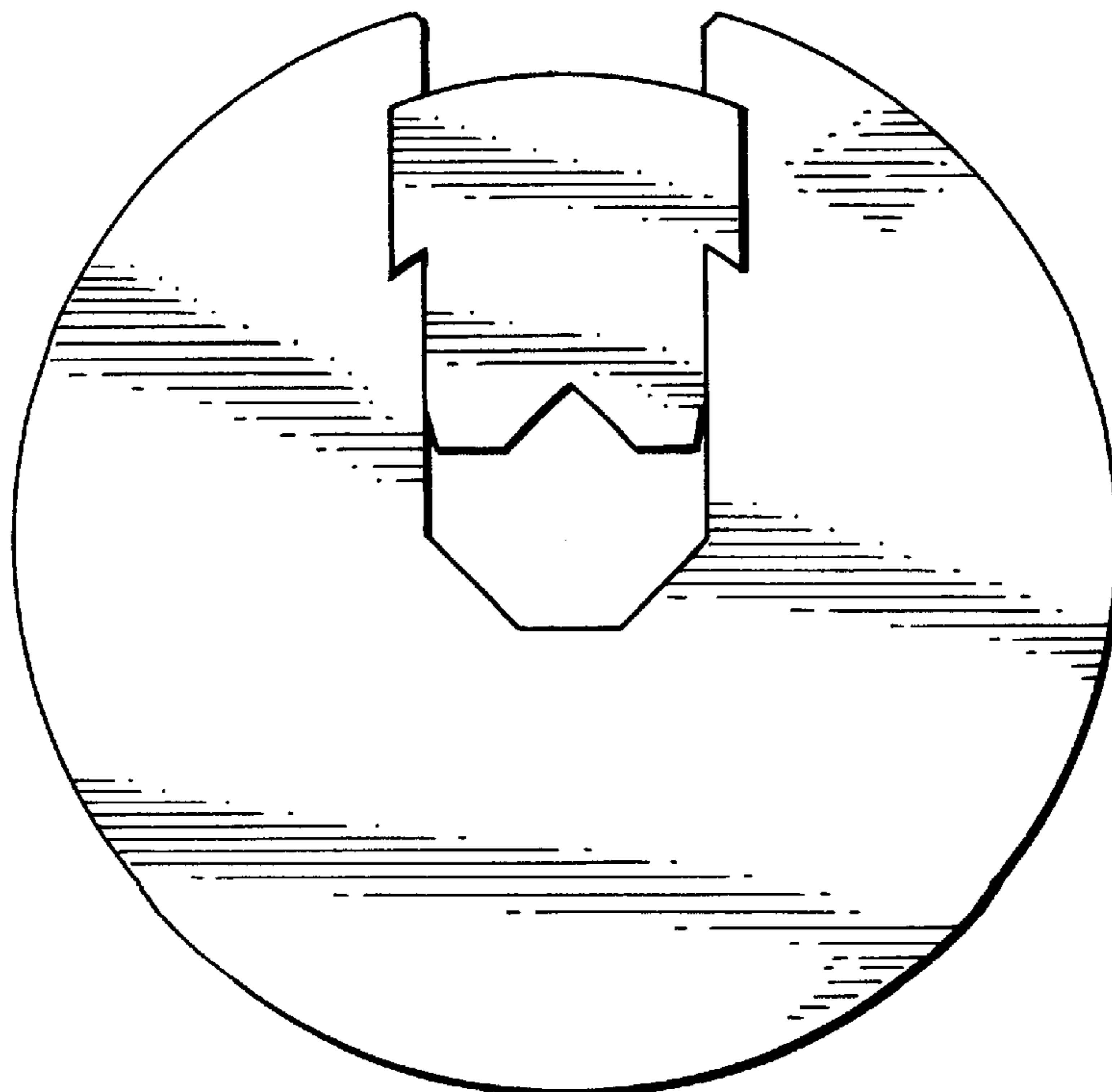


FIG. 6

