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[54] **PLASTIC TONGUE PROTECTOR**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a plastic tongue protector, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a top, front and left perspective view of a plastic tongue protector, showing my new design, the top, front and right perspective view being a mere image thereof; and, FIG. 2 is a top, front and left perspective view showing the design in its environment. The broken line showing the boot or skate in FIG. 2 is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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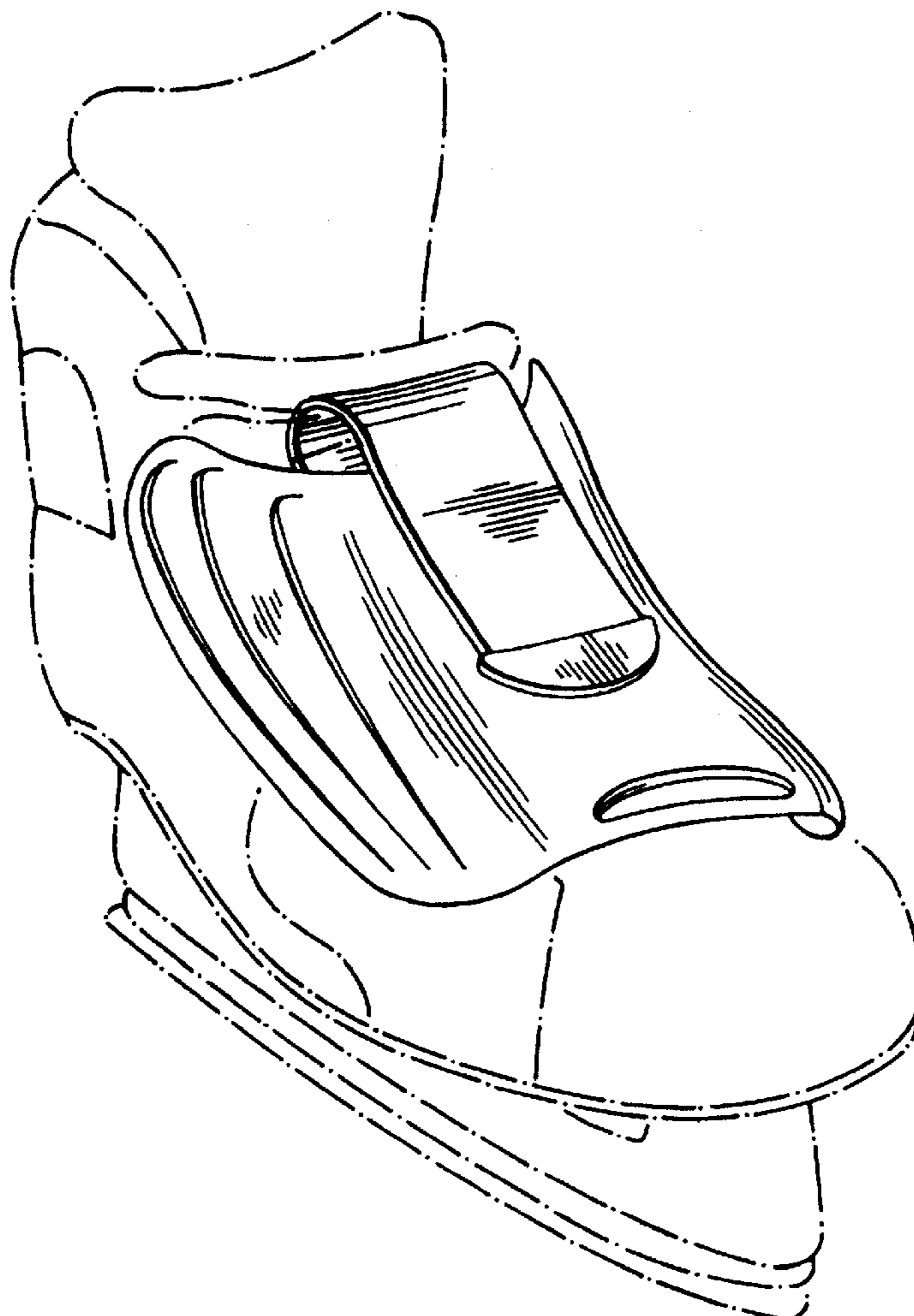
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The surfaces of the plastic tongue protector which are not shown form no part of the claimed design.

The chevrons on the sides of the plastic tongue protector are depressions in the surface.

**1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet**



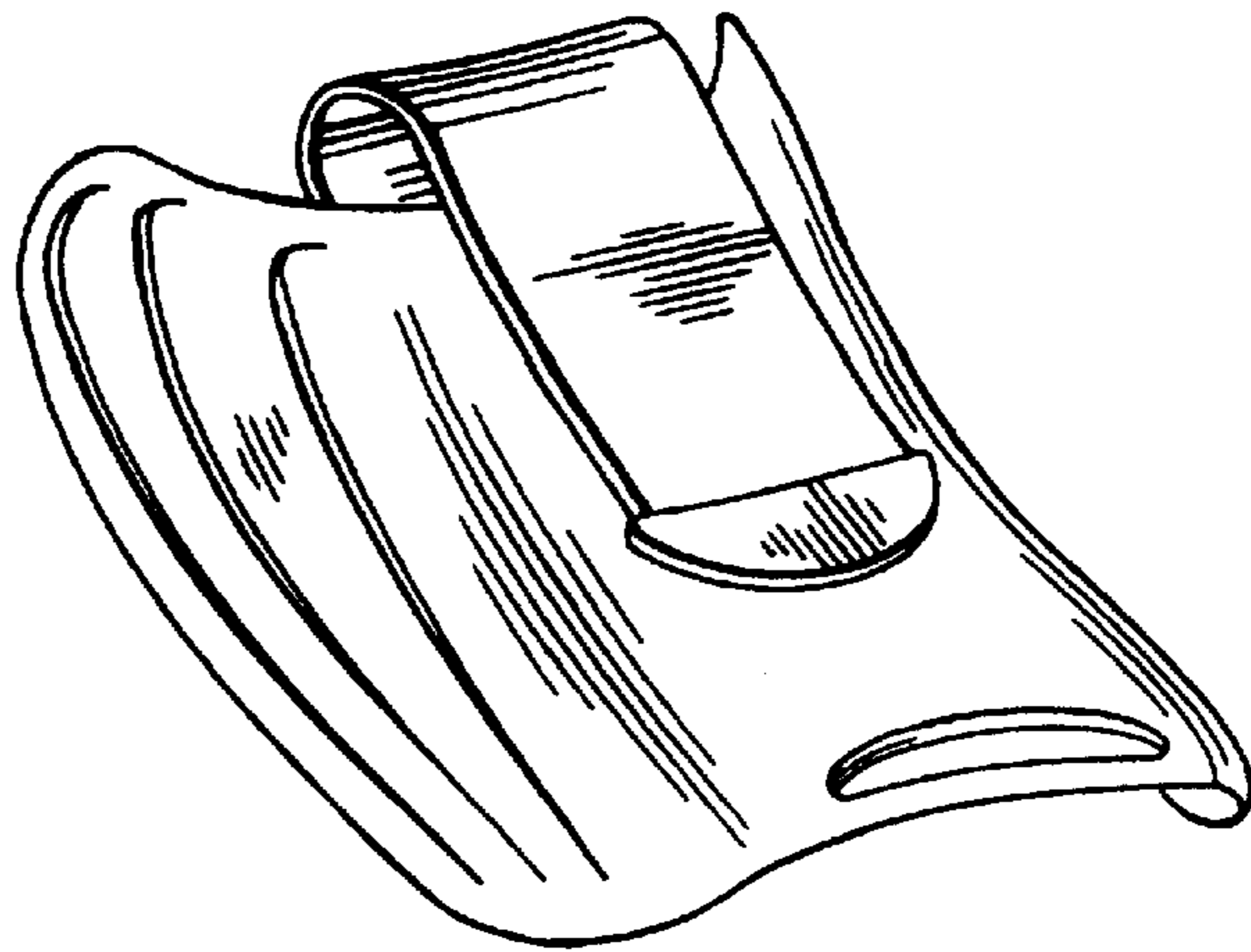


FIG. 1

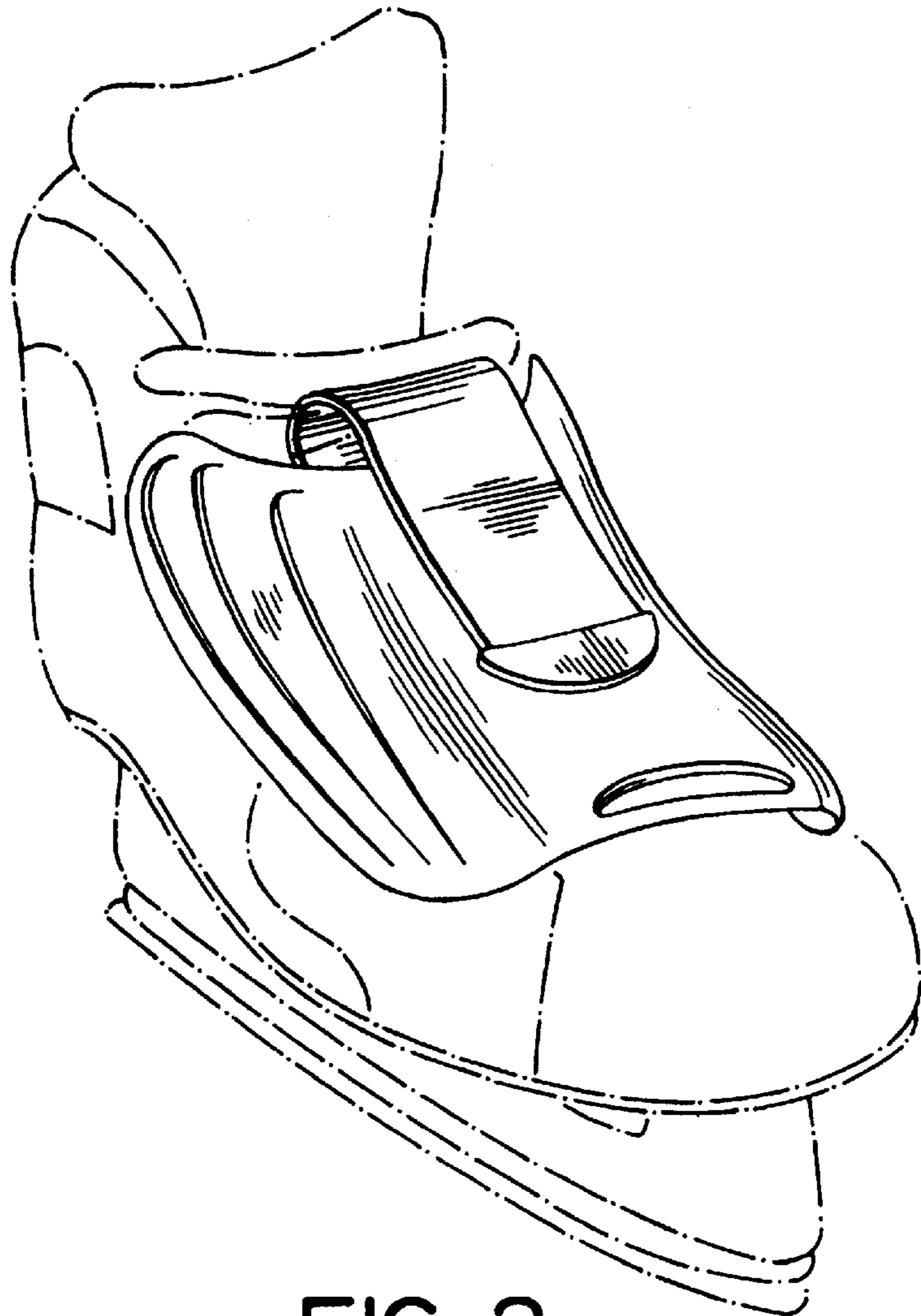


FIG. 2