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[54] **FLEXIBLE JOINT**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a flexible joint, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front view of a flexible joint.  
FIG. 2 is a rear view of the flexible joint.  
FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the flexible joint.  
FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view of the flexible joint.  
FIG. 5 is a left side view of the flexible joint.  
FIG. 6 is a right side view of the flexible joint; and,  
FIG. 7 is a perspective view of the flexible joint.

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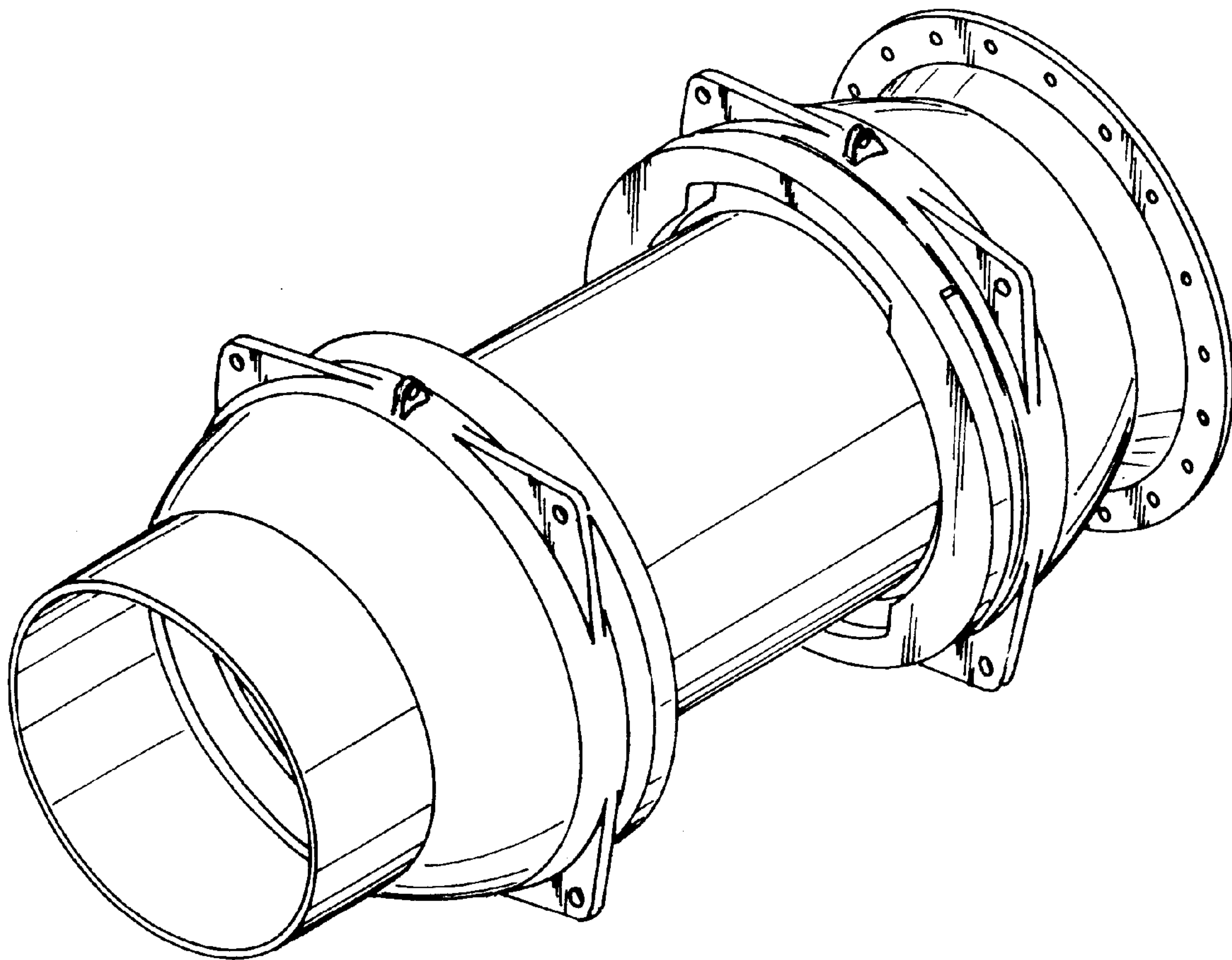


FIG.1

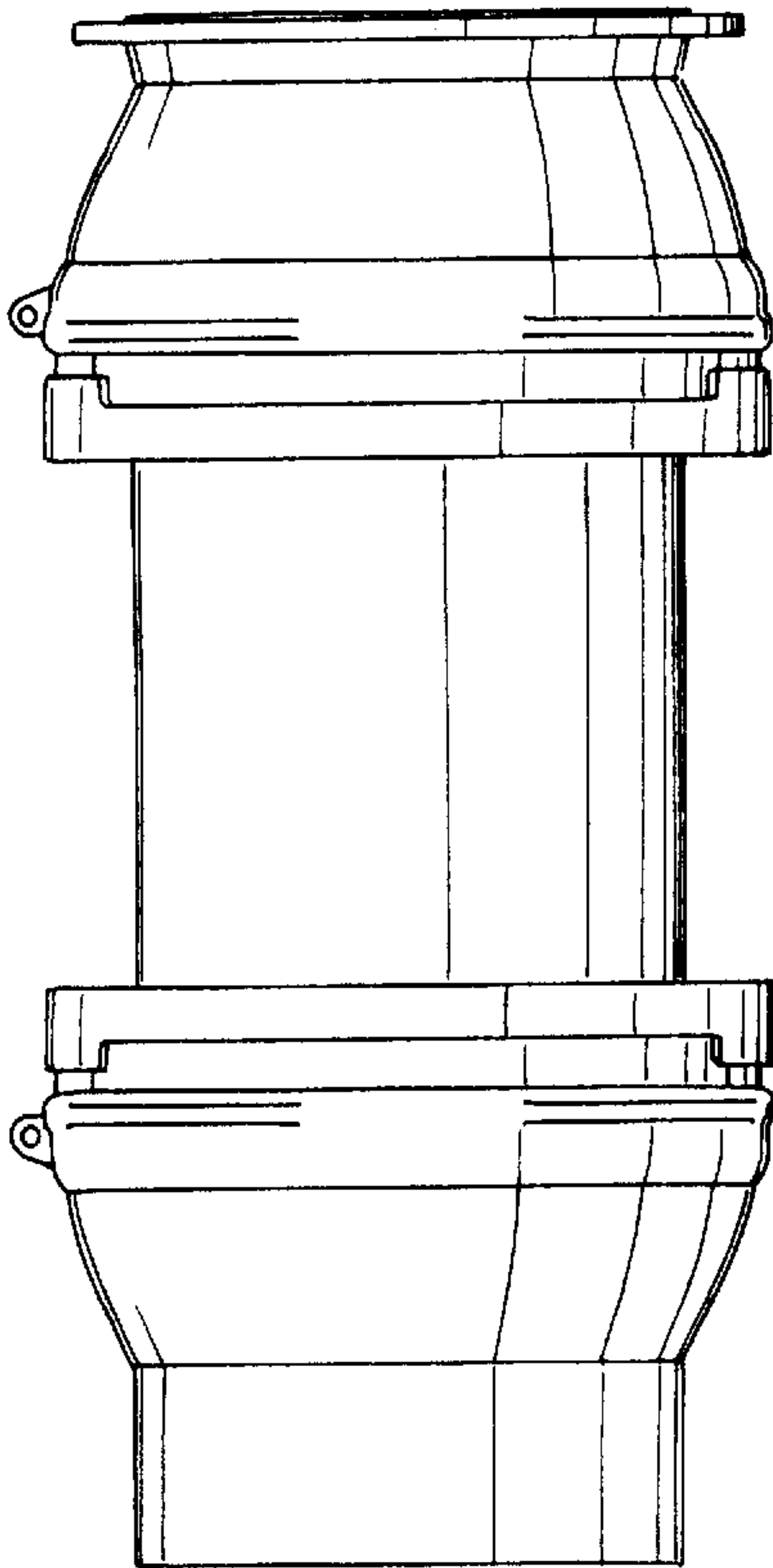


FIG.2

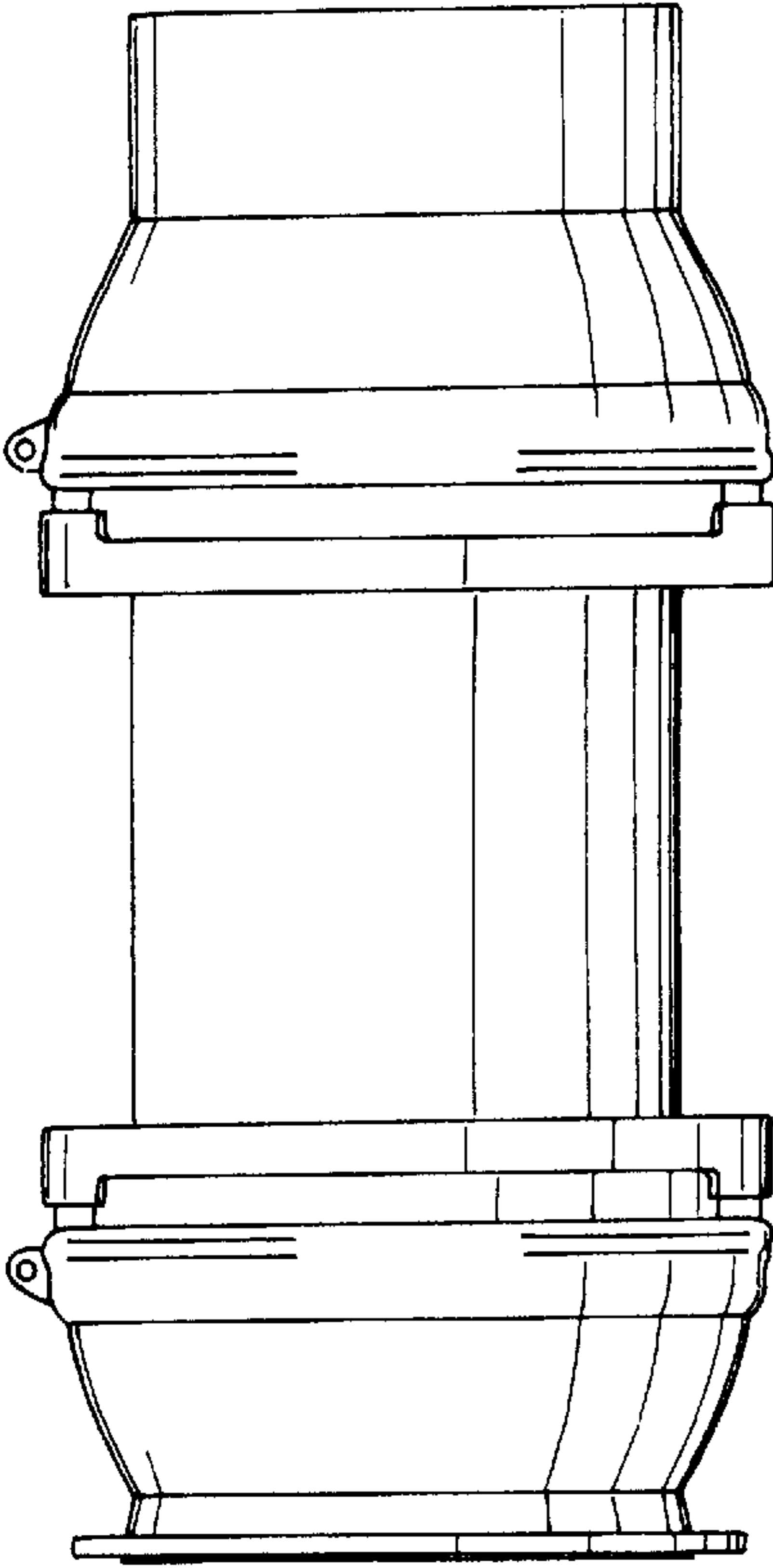


FIG.3

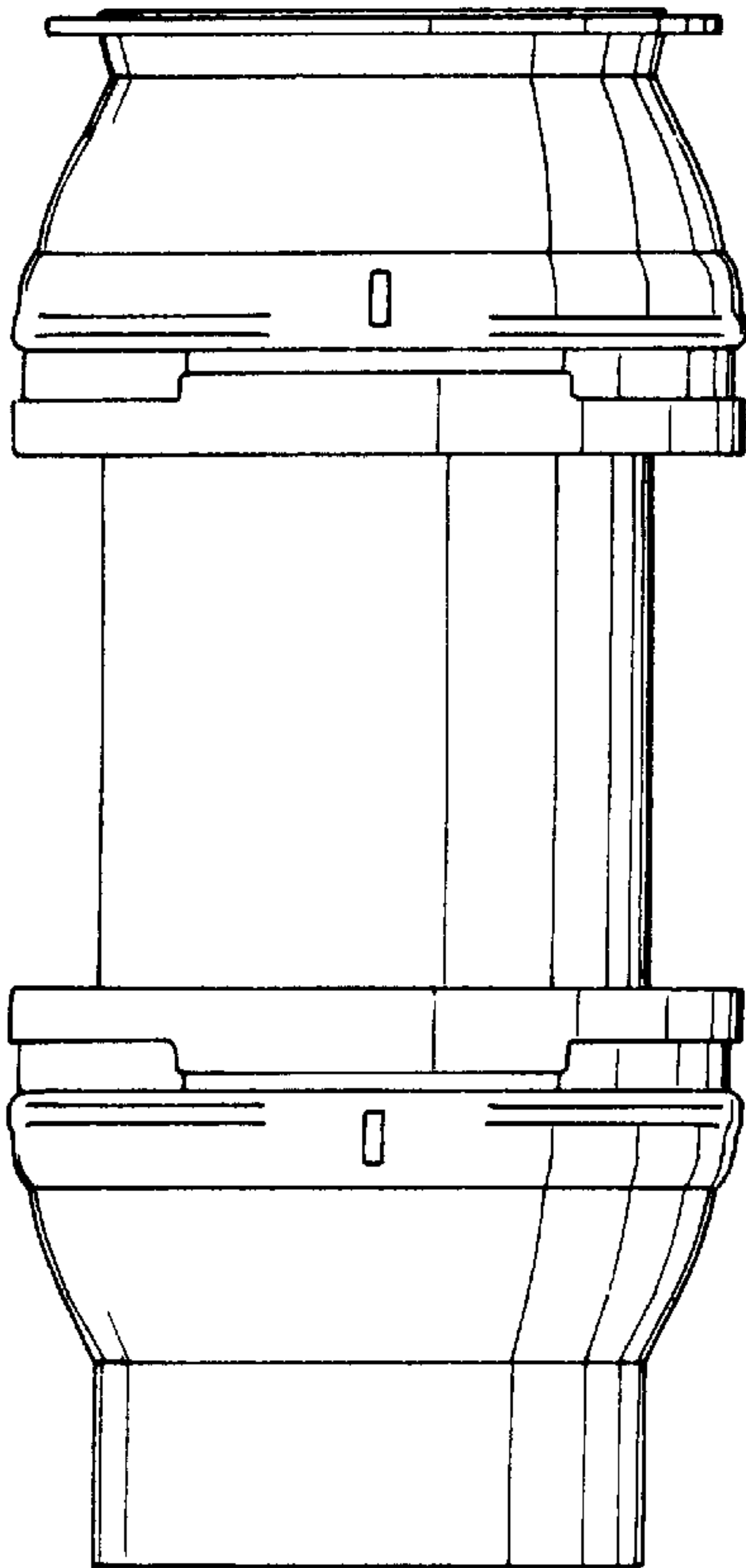
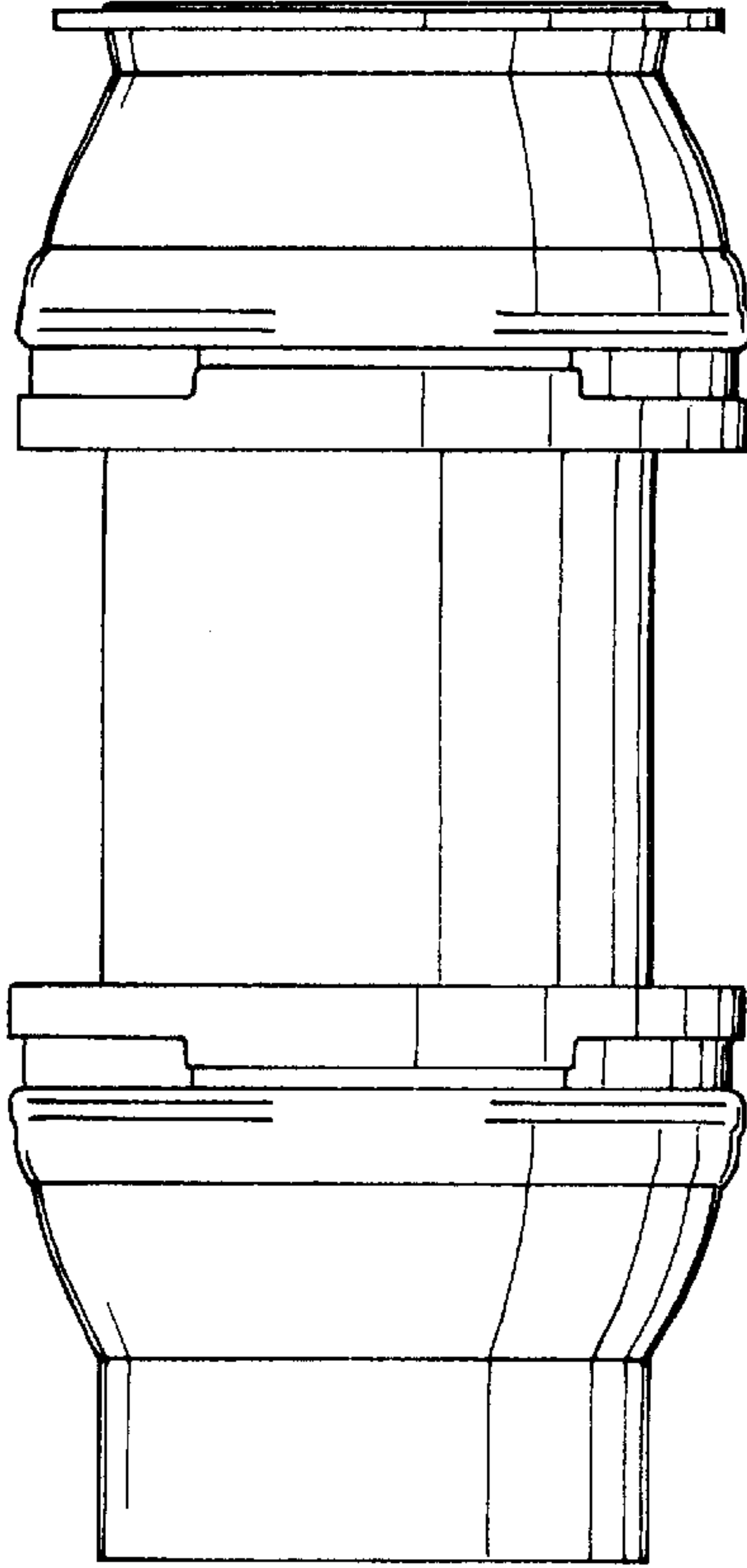


FIG.4



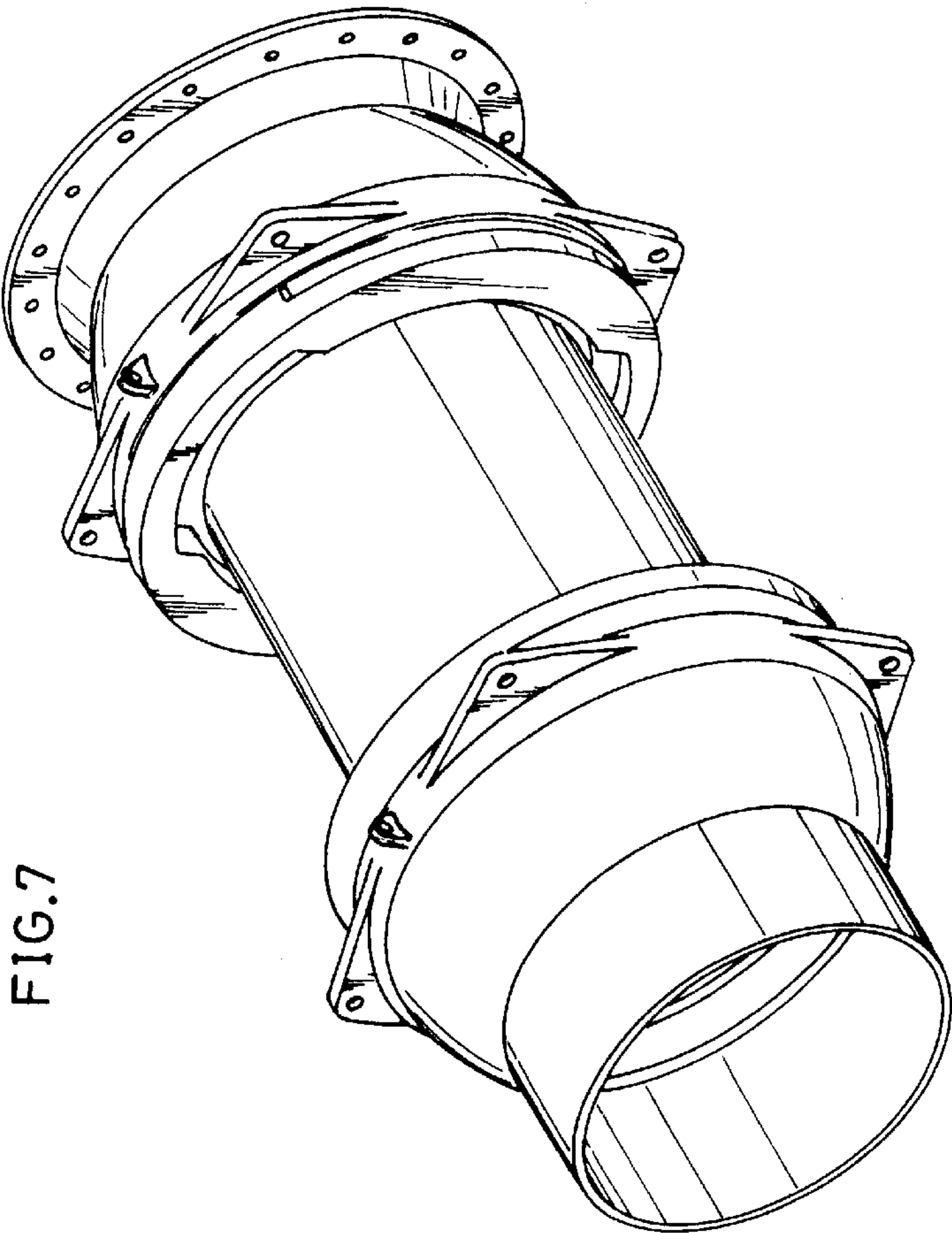


FIG. 7

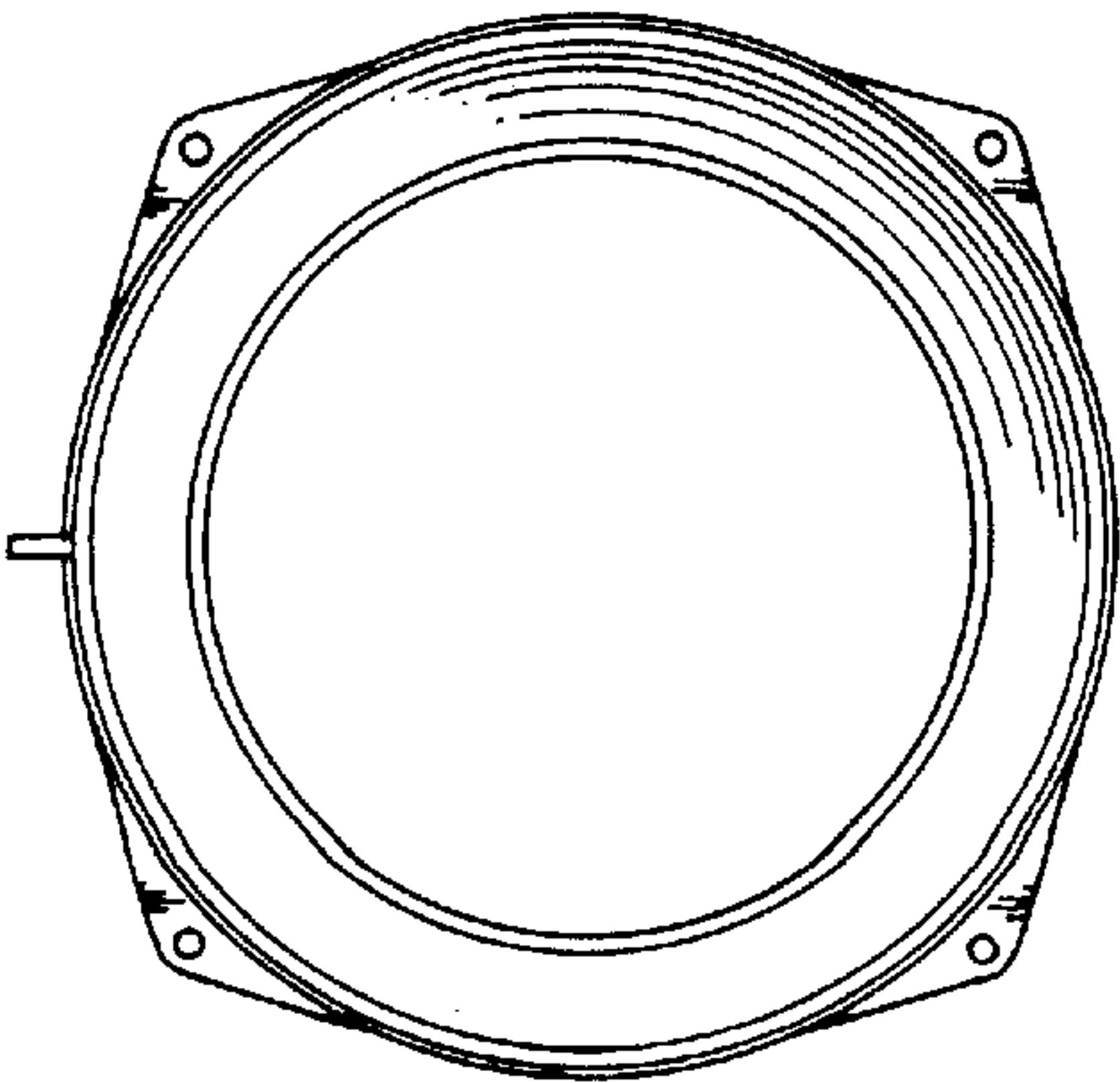


FIG. 5

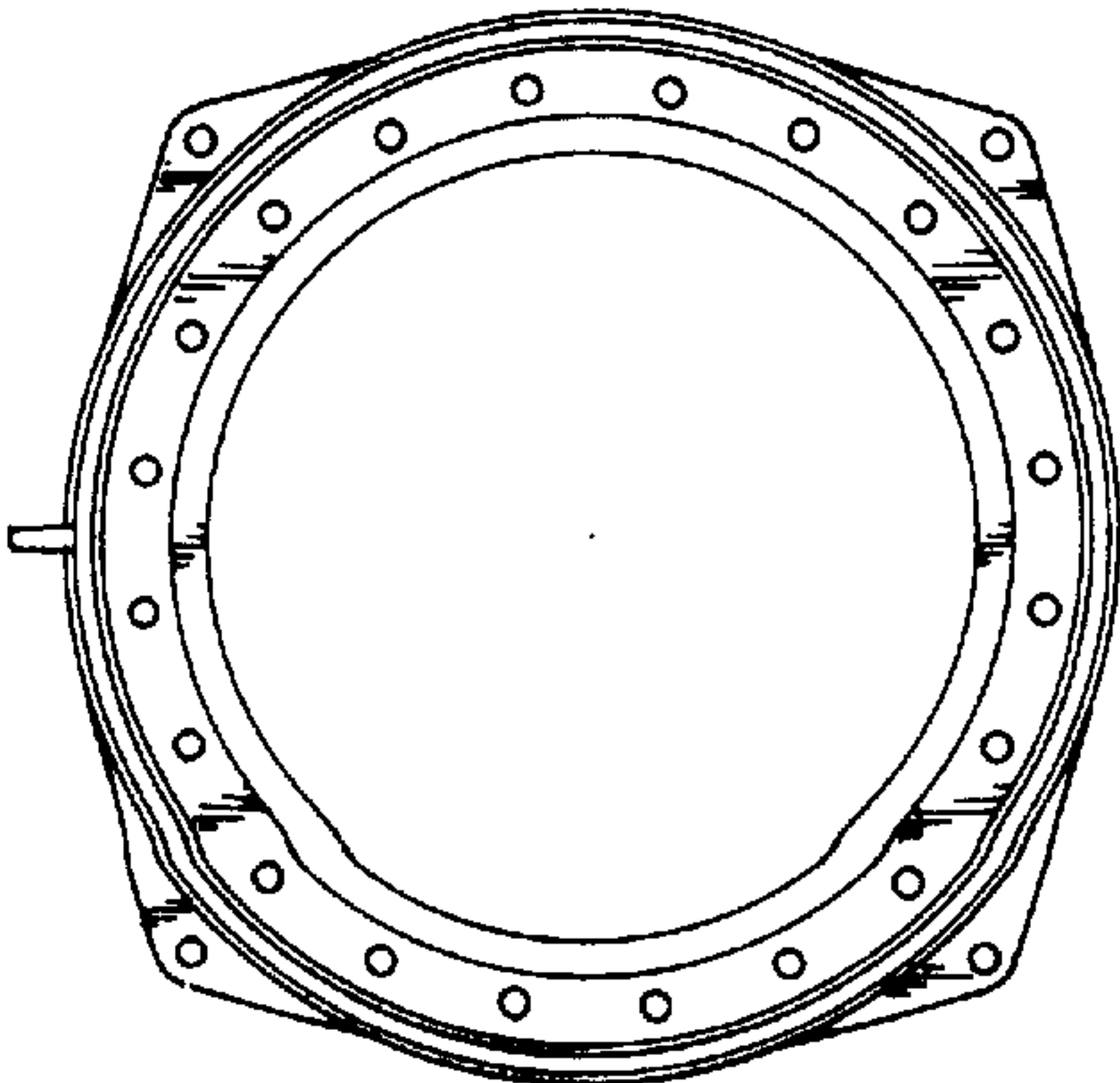


FIG. 6