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[54] **MODULAR CONNECTOR**

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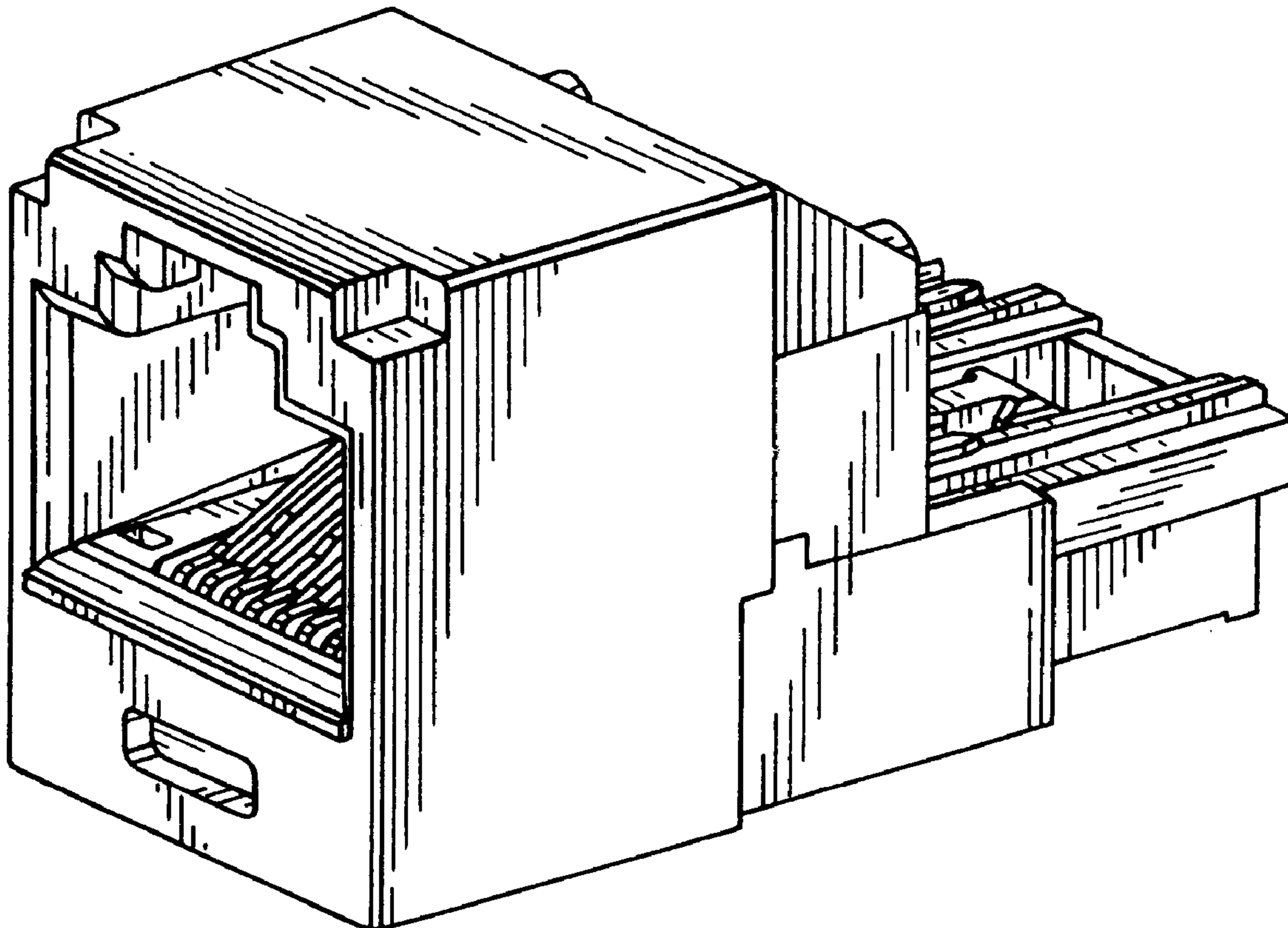
[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a modular connector, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a modular connector showing our new design;  
FIG. 2 is a rear perspective view of a modular connector showing our new design;  
FIG. 3 is a bottom and front perspective view of a modular connector showing our new design;  
FIG. 4 is a front elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 6 is a side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 7 is the opposite side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 8 is a top plan view thereof; and,  
FIG. 9 is a bottom plan view thereof.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**



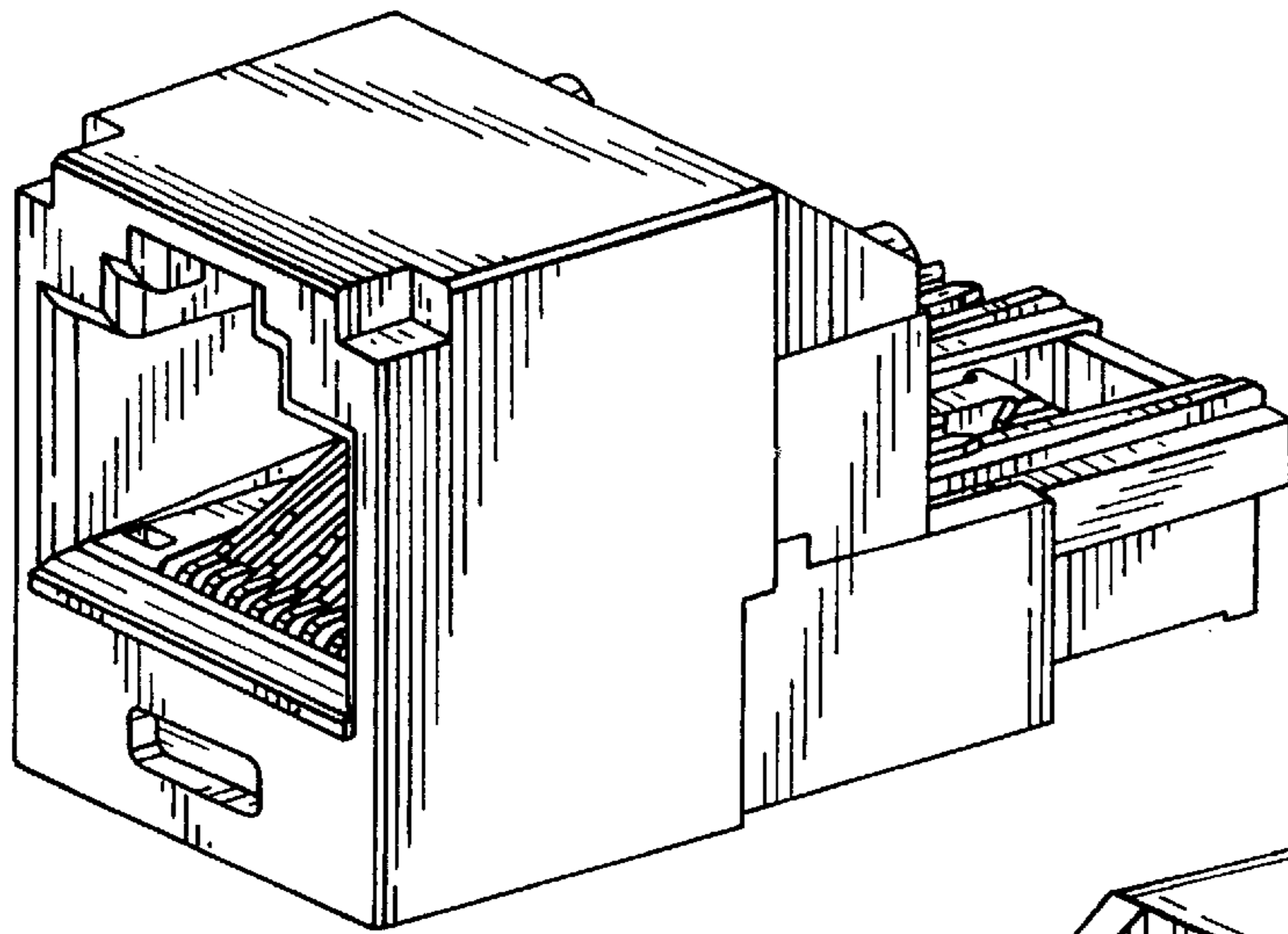


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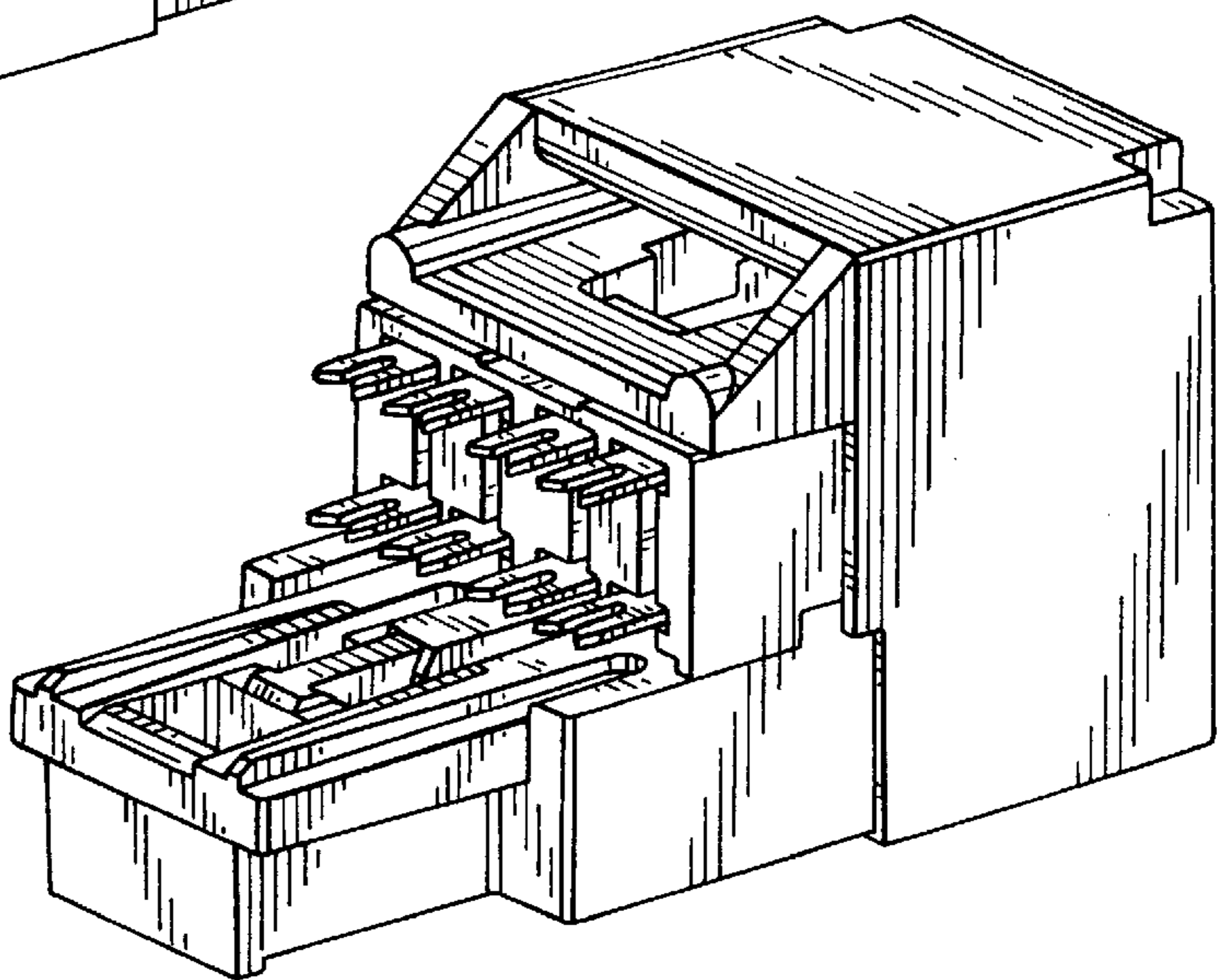


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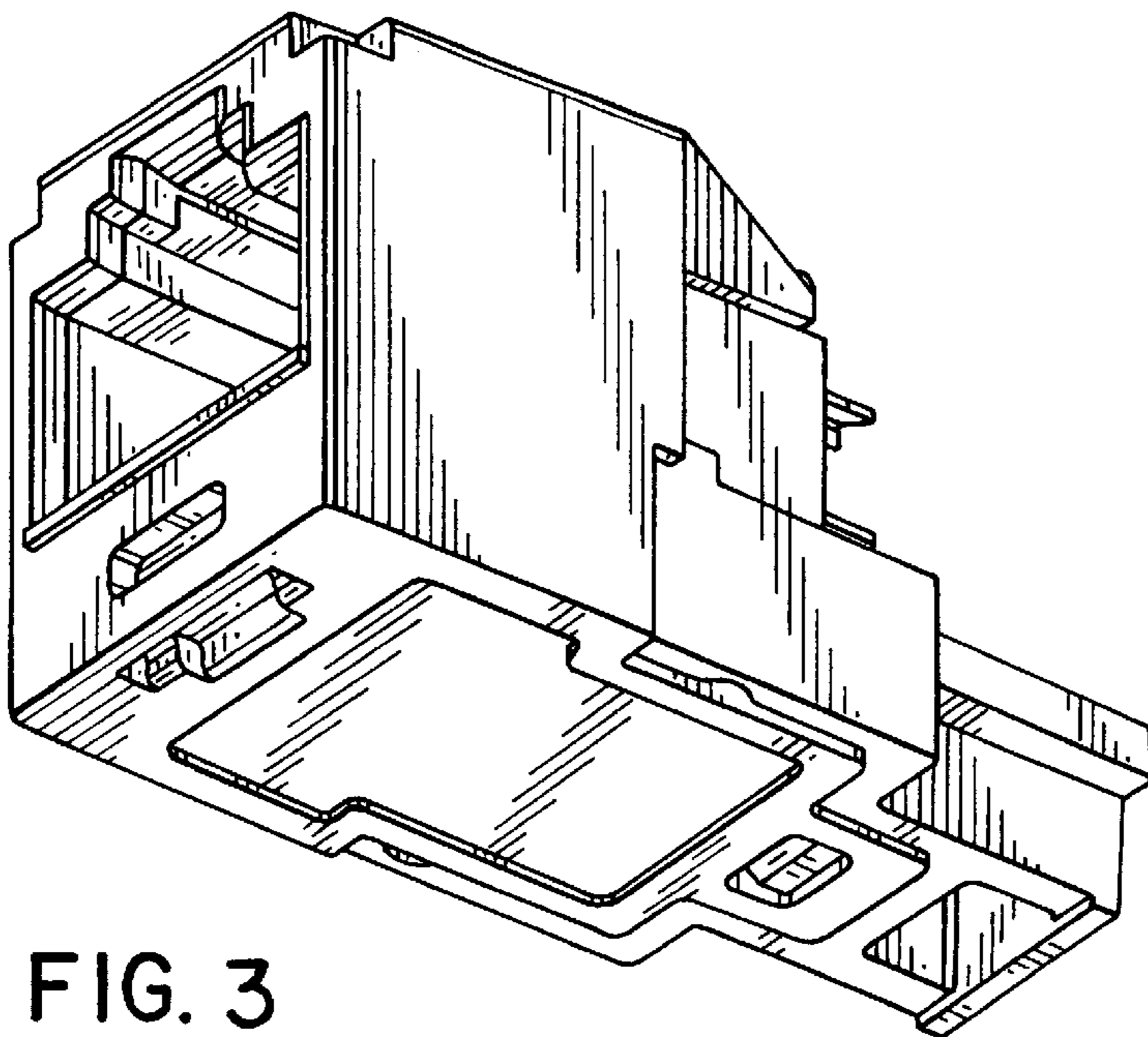


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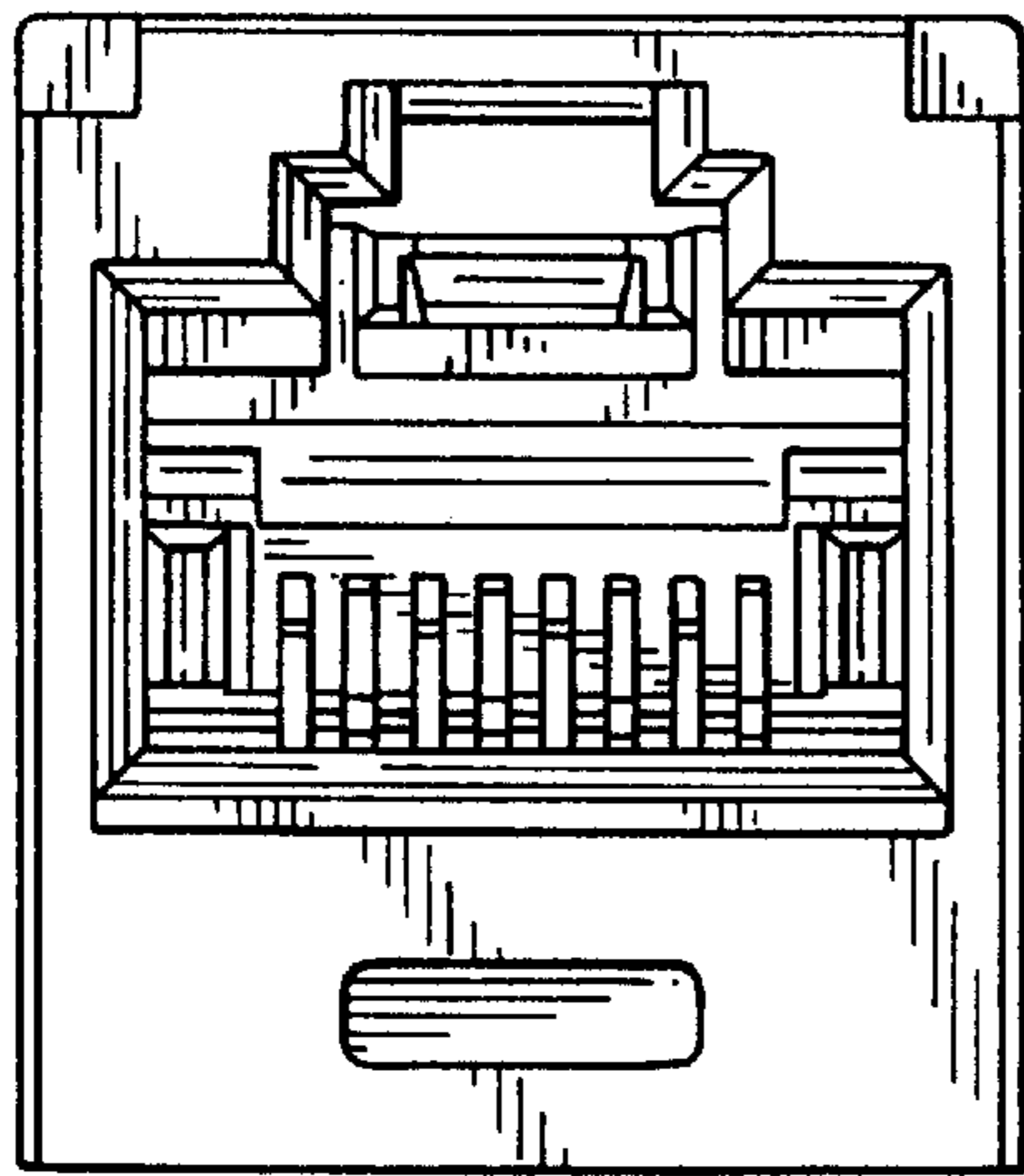


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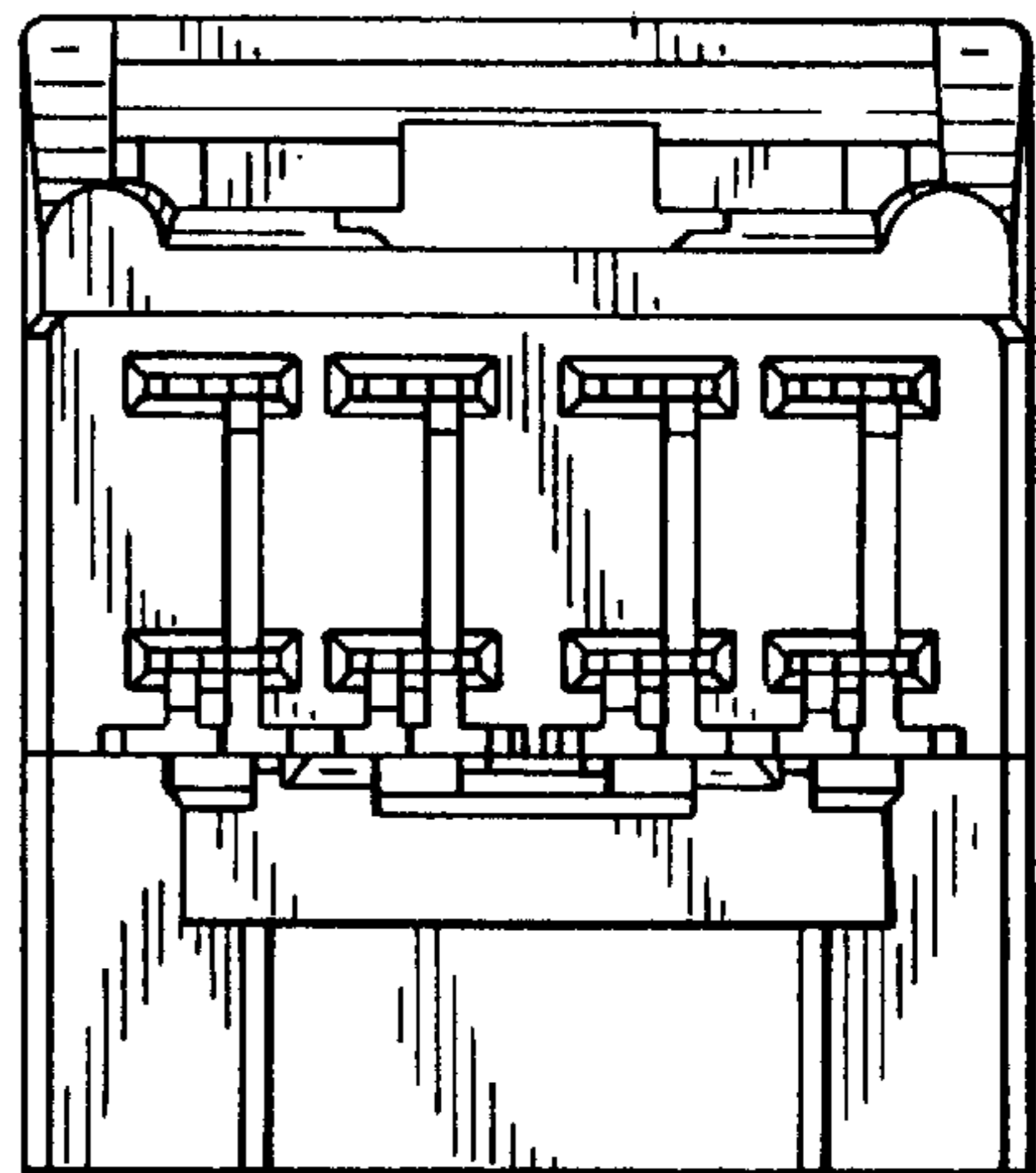


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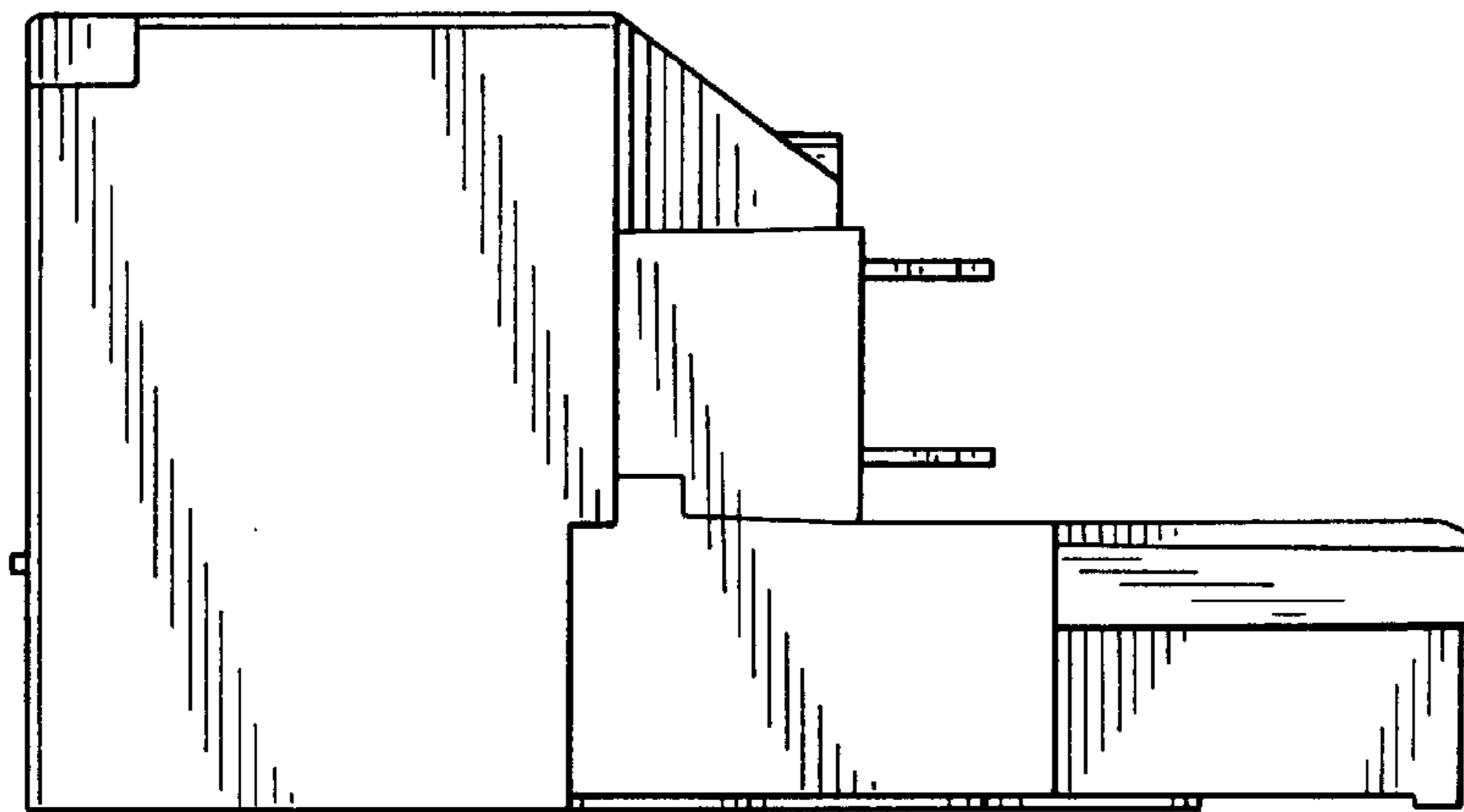


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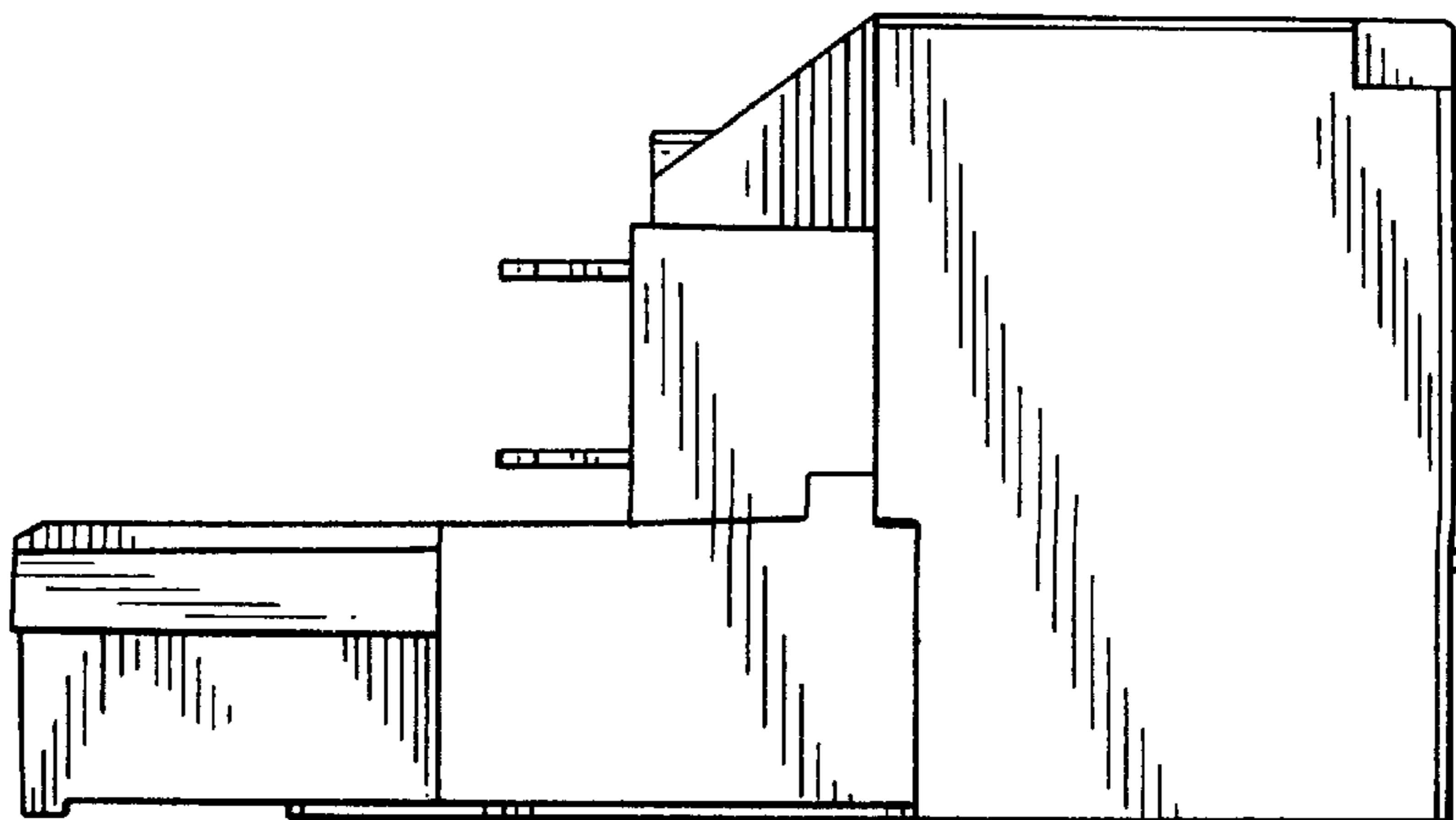


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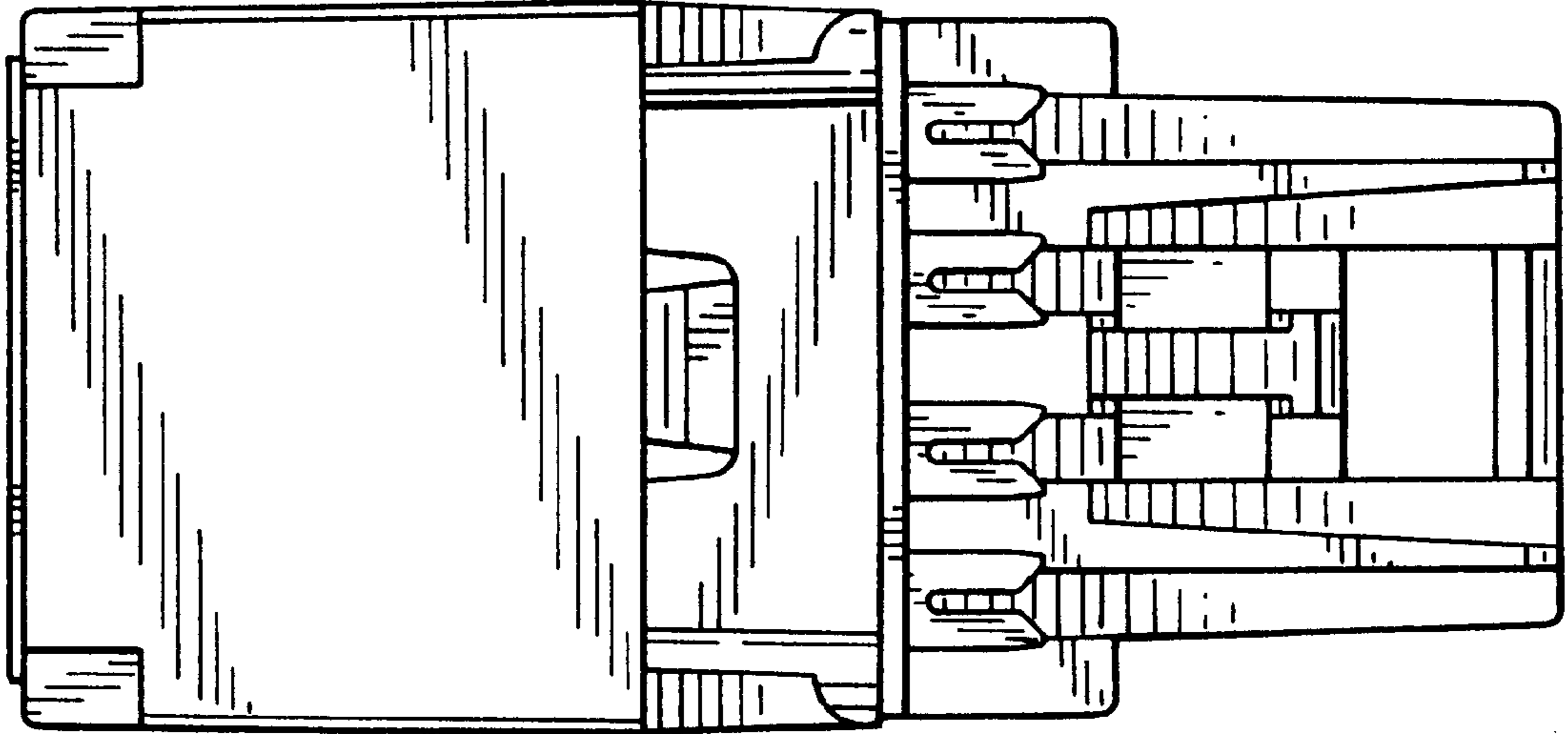


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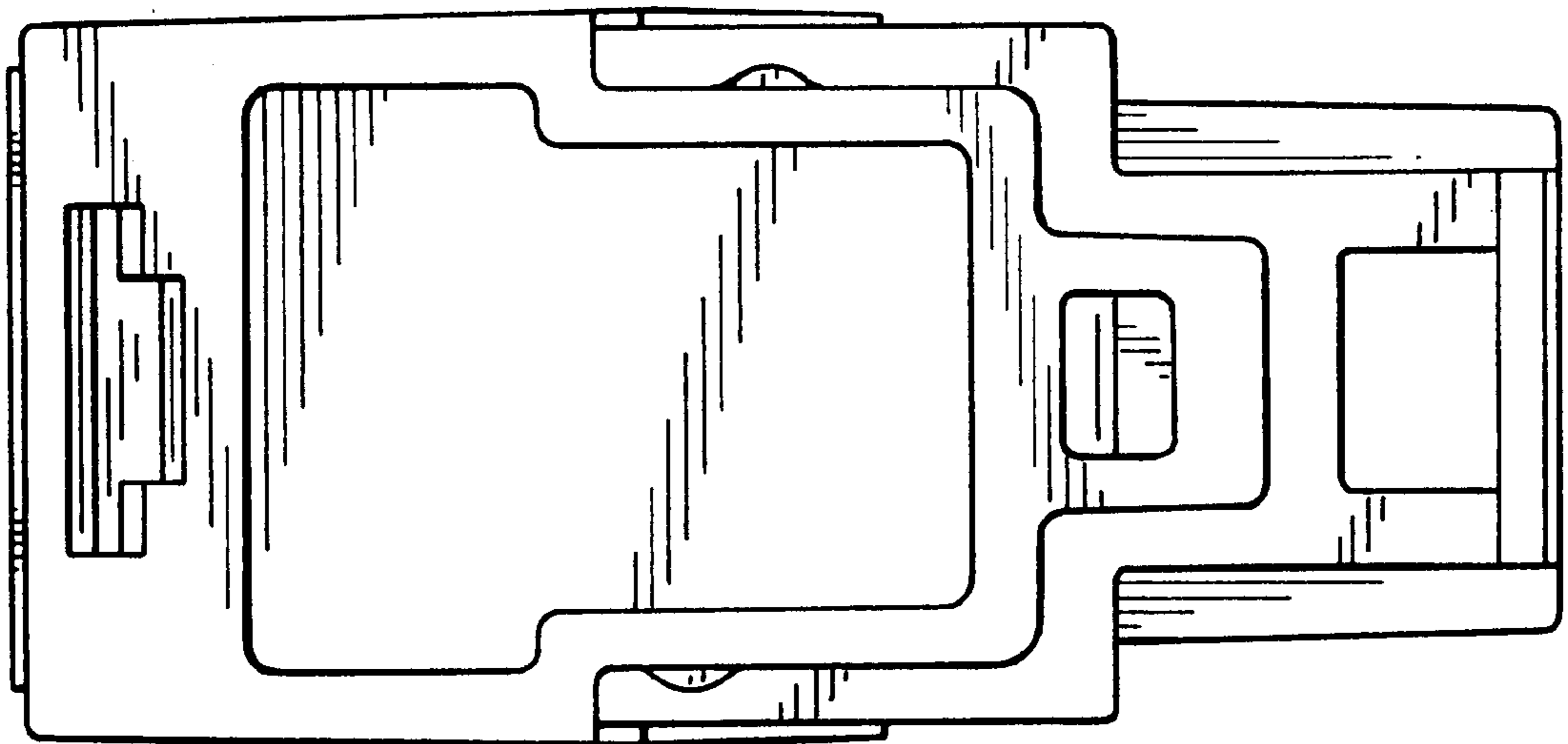


FIG. 9



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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page,

Item [75], Inventor, insert -- **Russell A. Vanderhoof**, Minooka, IL (US) --

DESCRIPTION,

FIG. 1, after "connector" -- housing -- should be inserted.

FIG. 2, after "connector" -- housing -- should be inserted.

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