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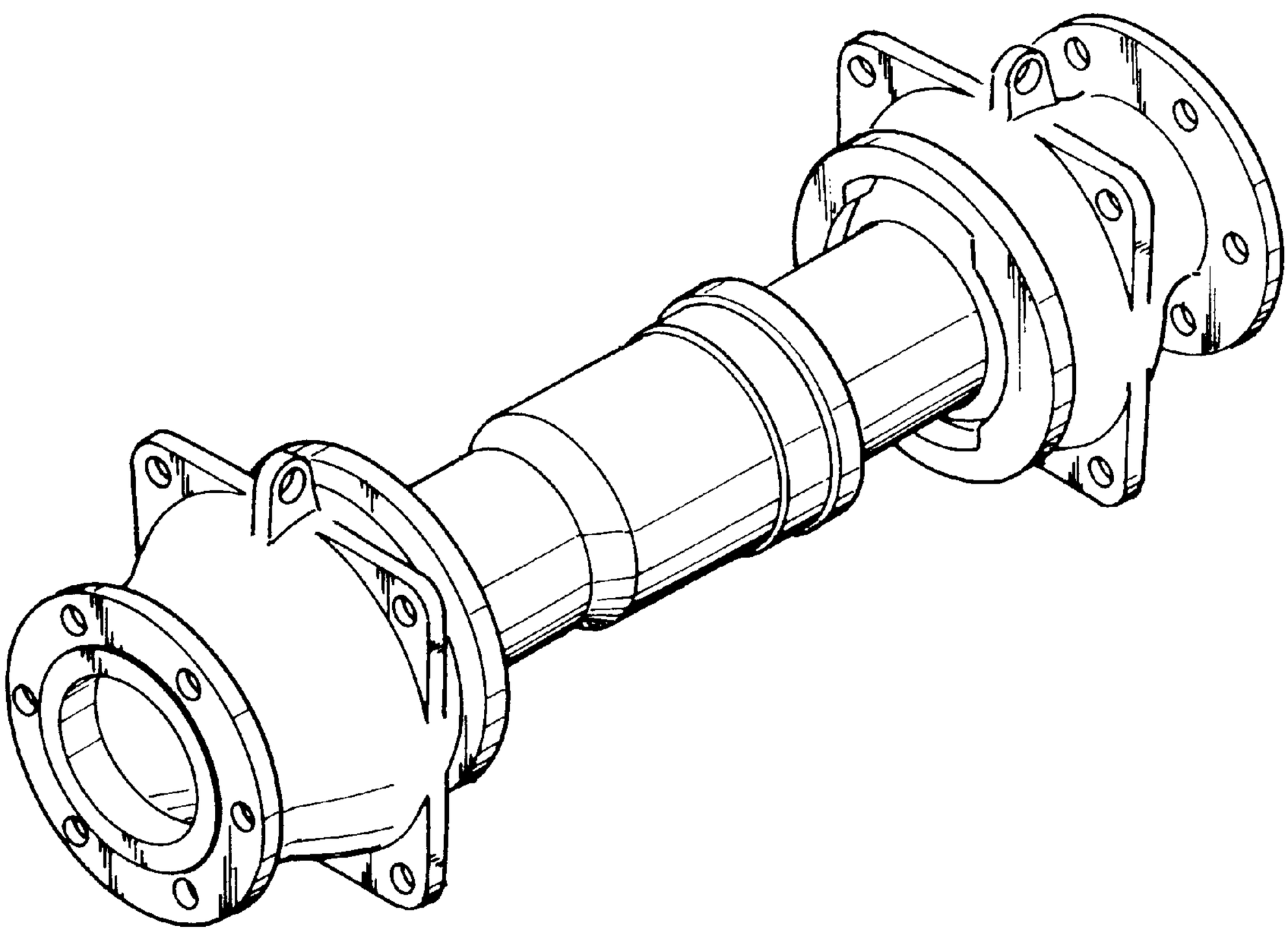
[57] **CLAIM**

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 reduced scale perspective view of the flexible joint.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



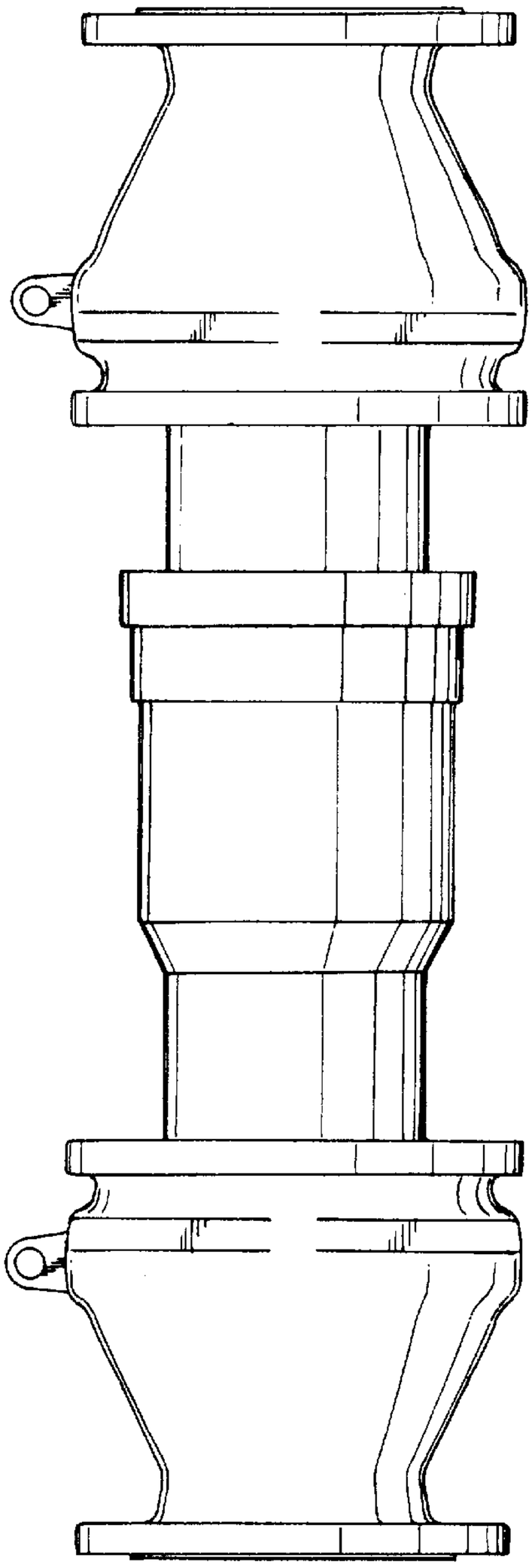
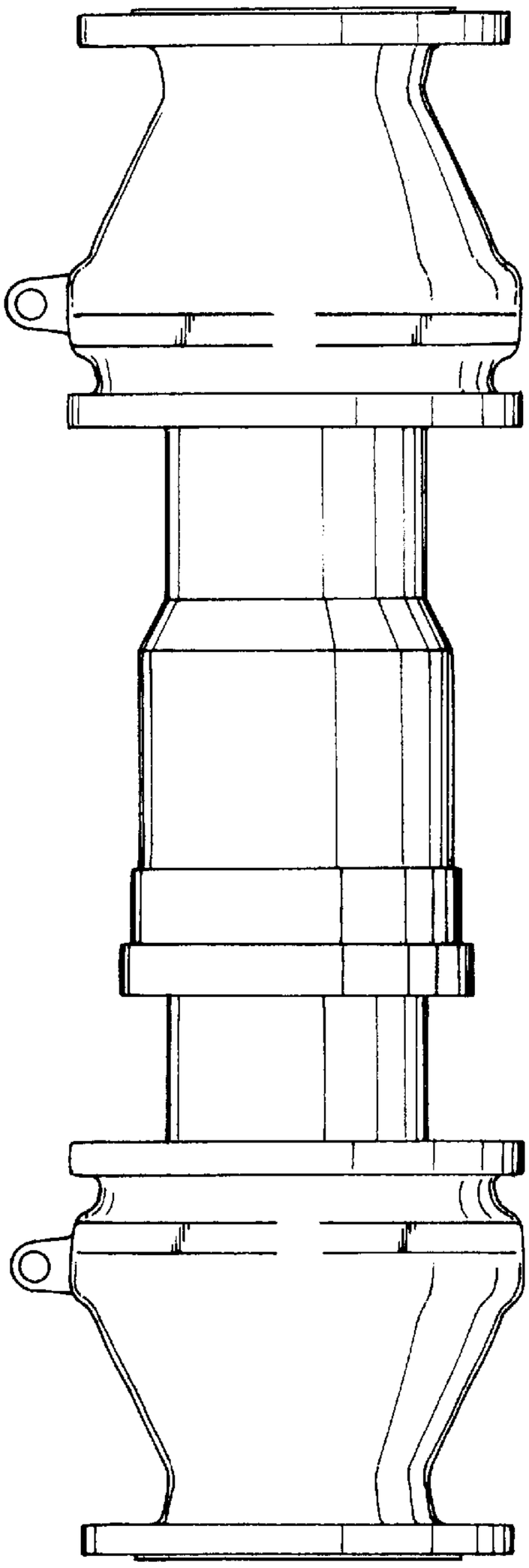


FIG. 1



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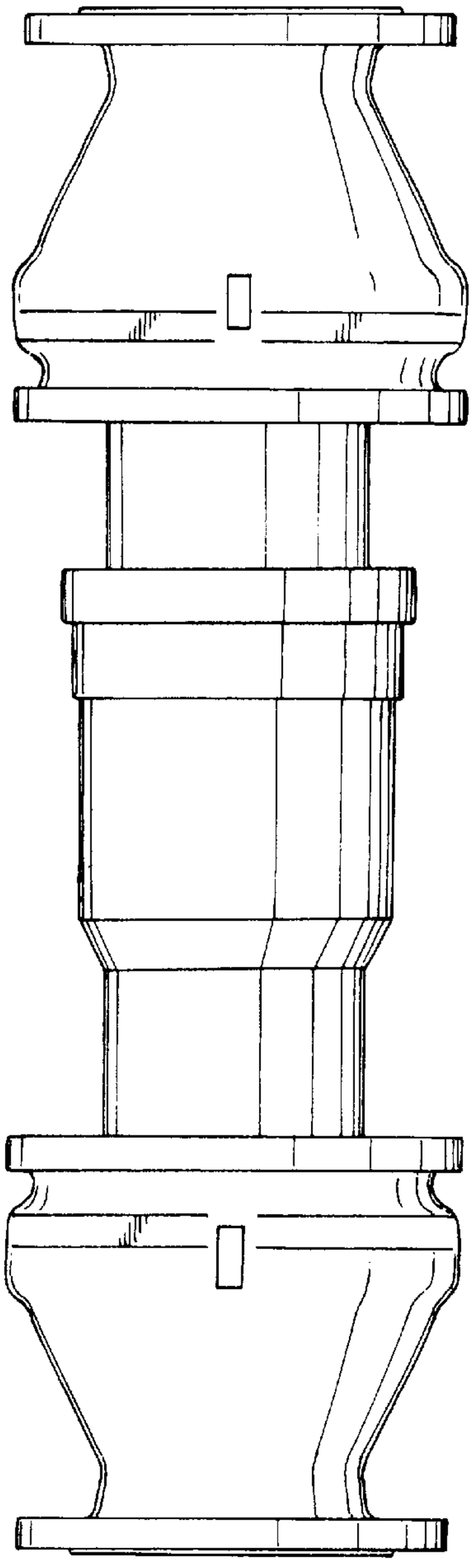

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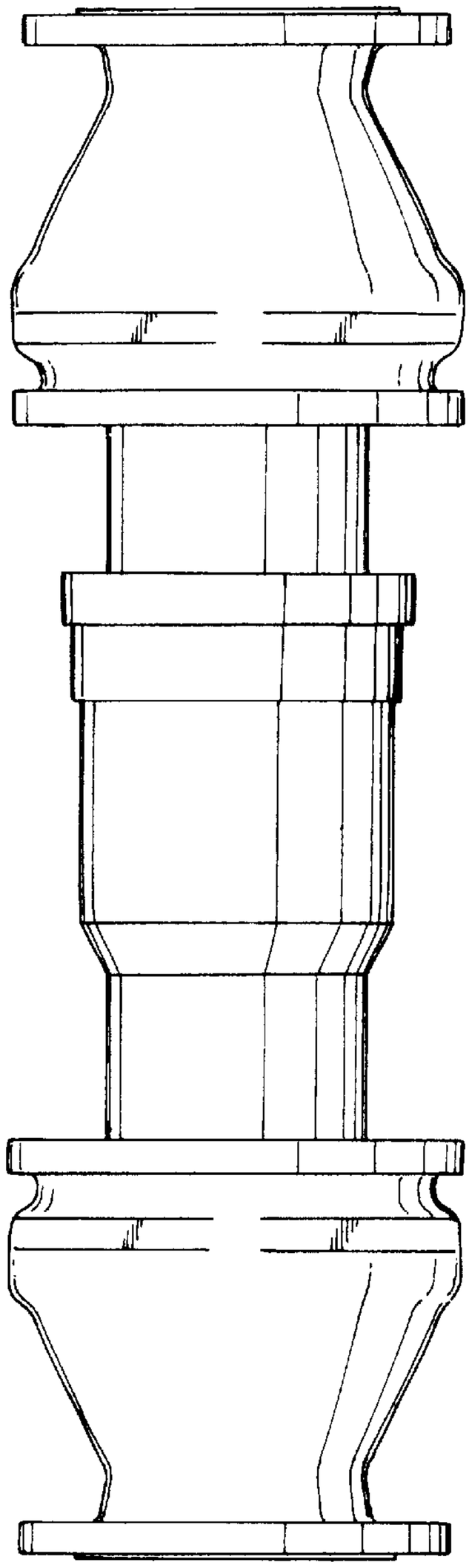

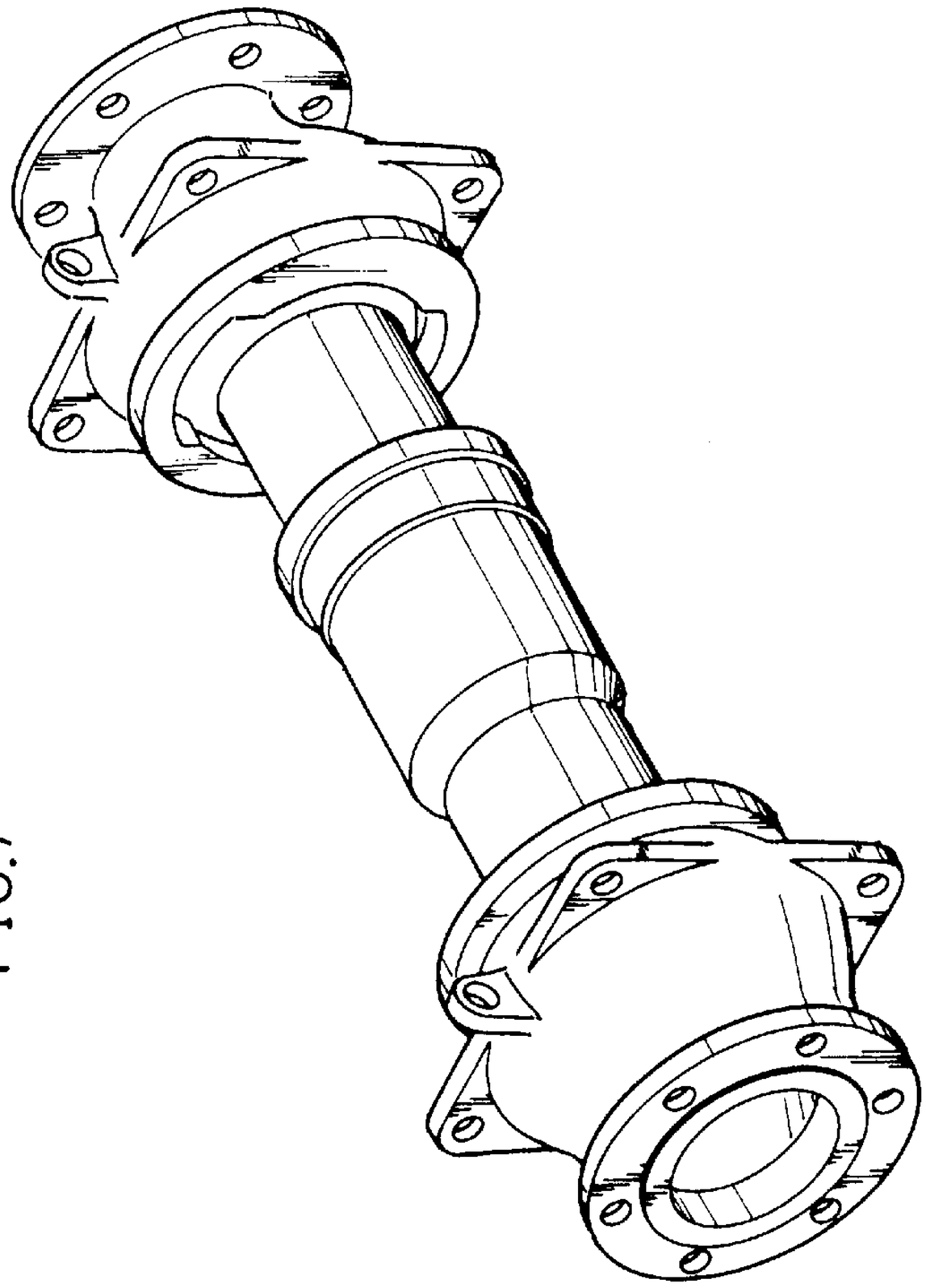

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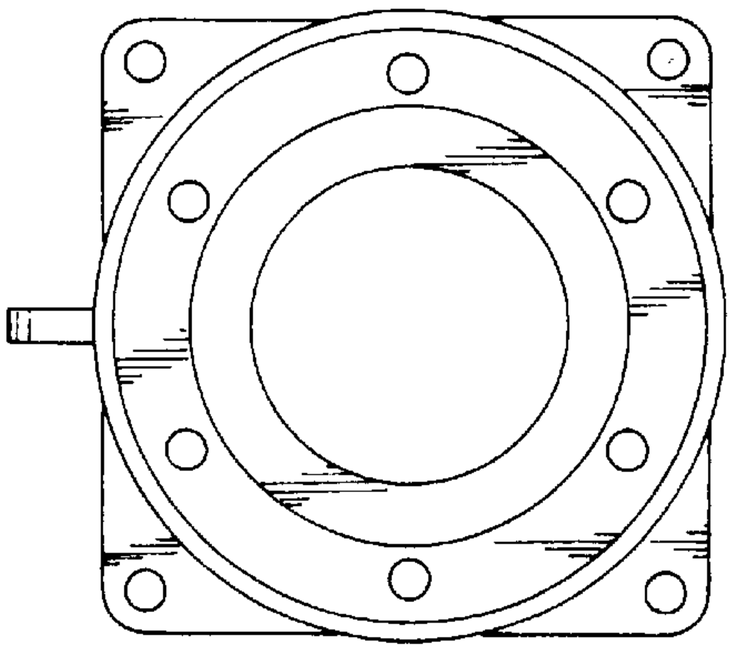

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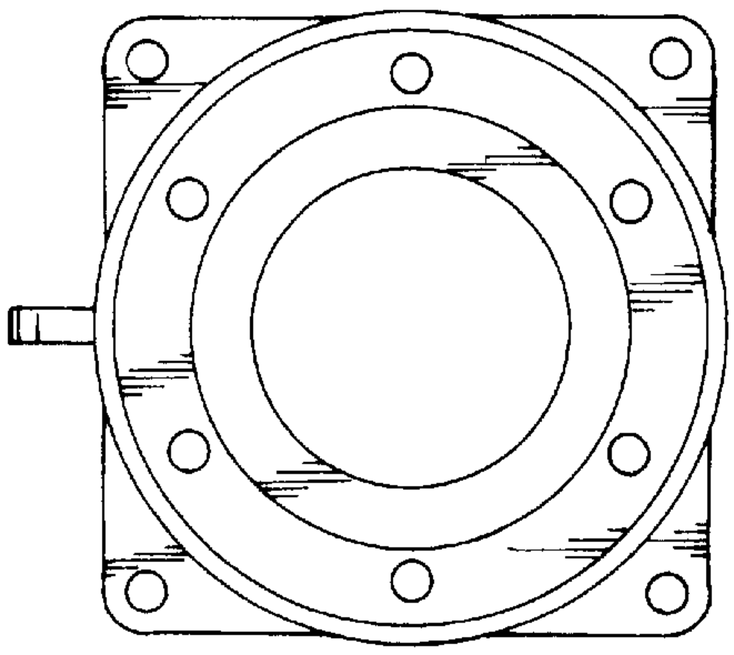

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