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[54] EAR CURETTE

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[57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for an ear curette, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top plan view of an ear curette according to the present design;

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view as shown in FIG. 1; the opposite side elevational view being a mirror image thereof;

FIG. 3 is a bottom view of the ear curette as shown in FIG. 1;

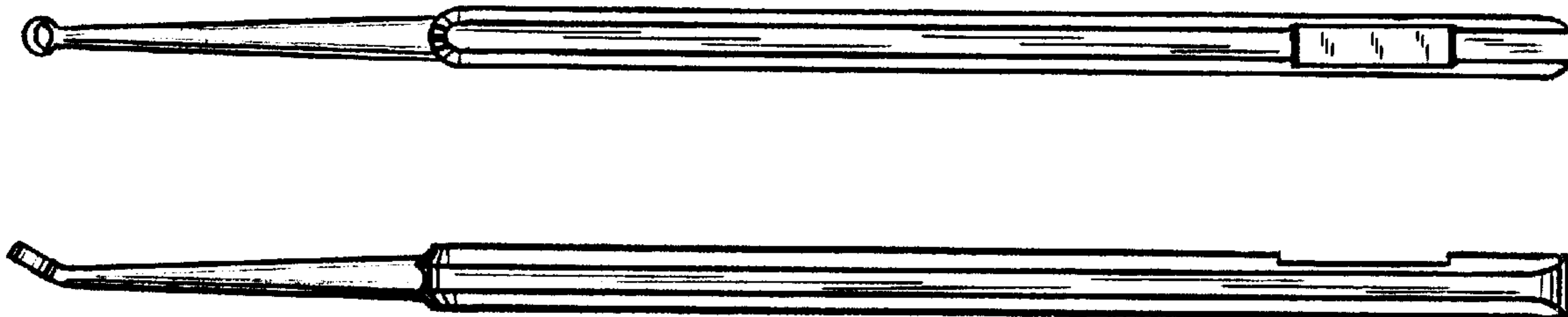
FIG. 4 is an enlarged end view of the rear end of the ear curette shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is an enlarged end view of the front end of the ear curette as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged, fragmentary elevation view of the front end of the ear curette as shown in FIG. 1; and

FIG. 7 is an enlarged, fragmentary top plan view of the ear curette as shown in FIG. 1.

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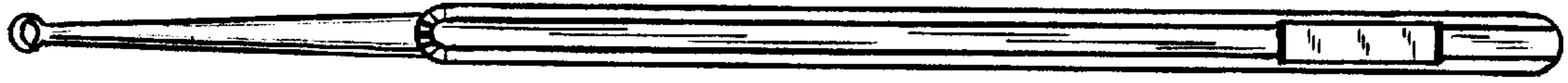


FIG. 1

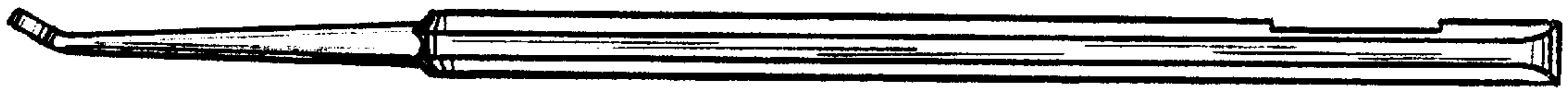


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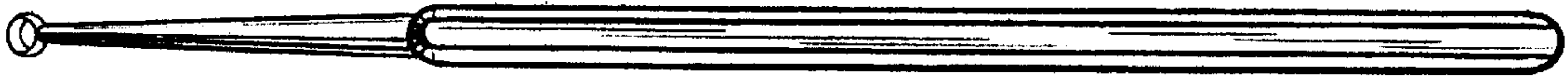


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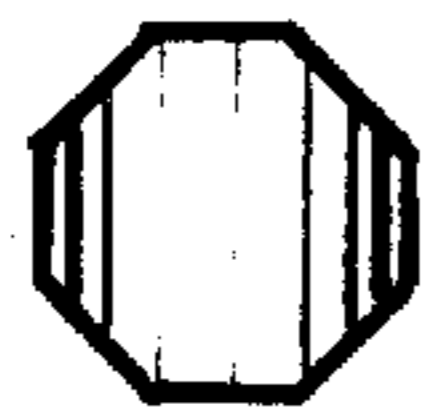


FIG. 4



FIG. 5

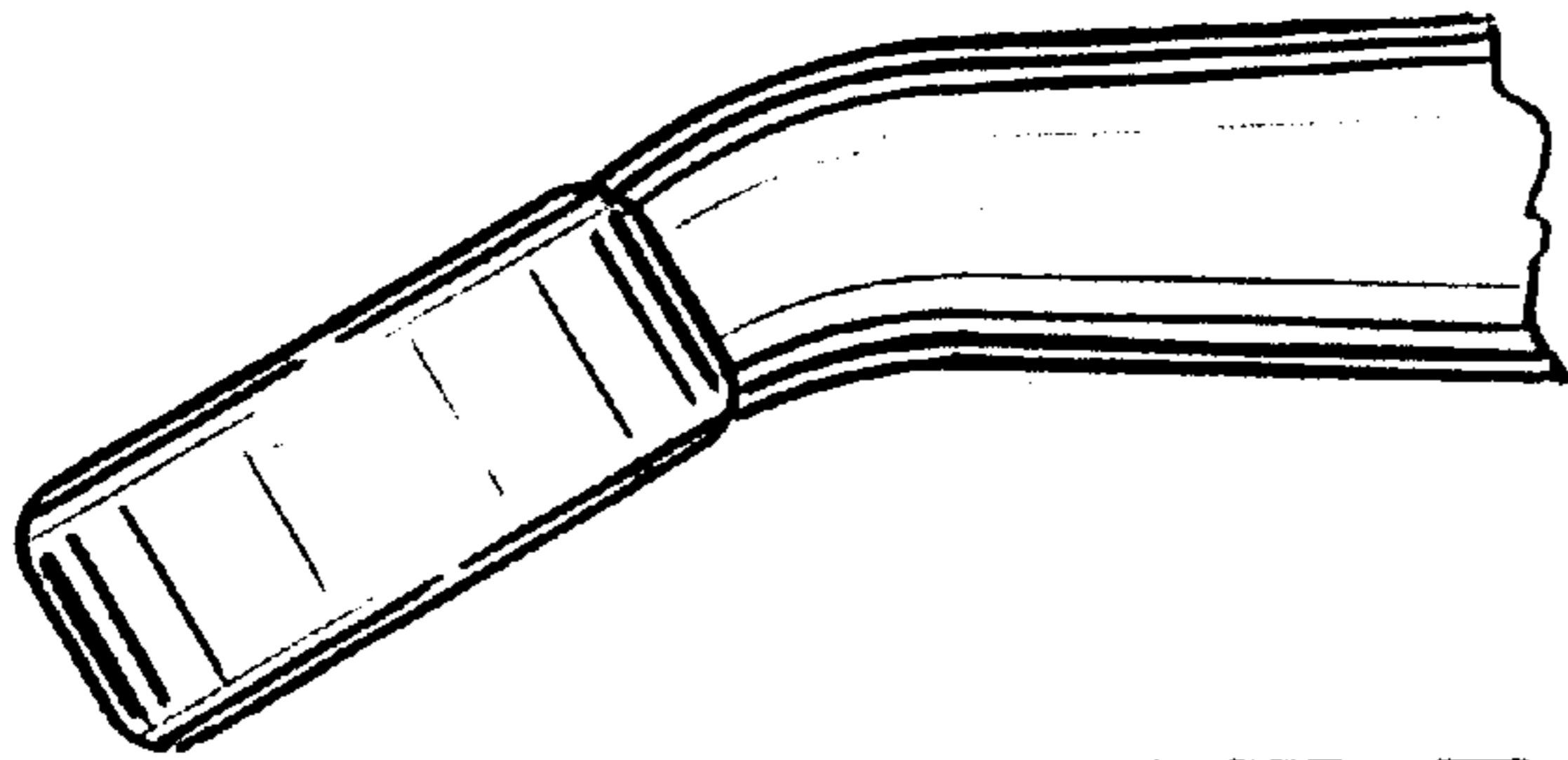


FIG. 6

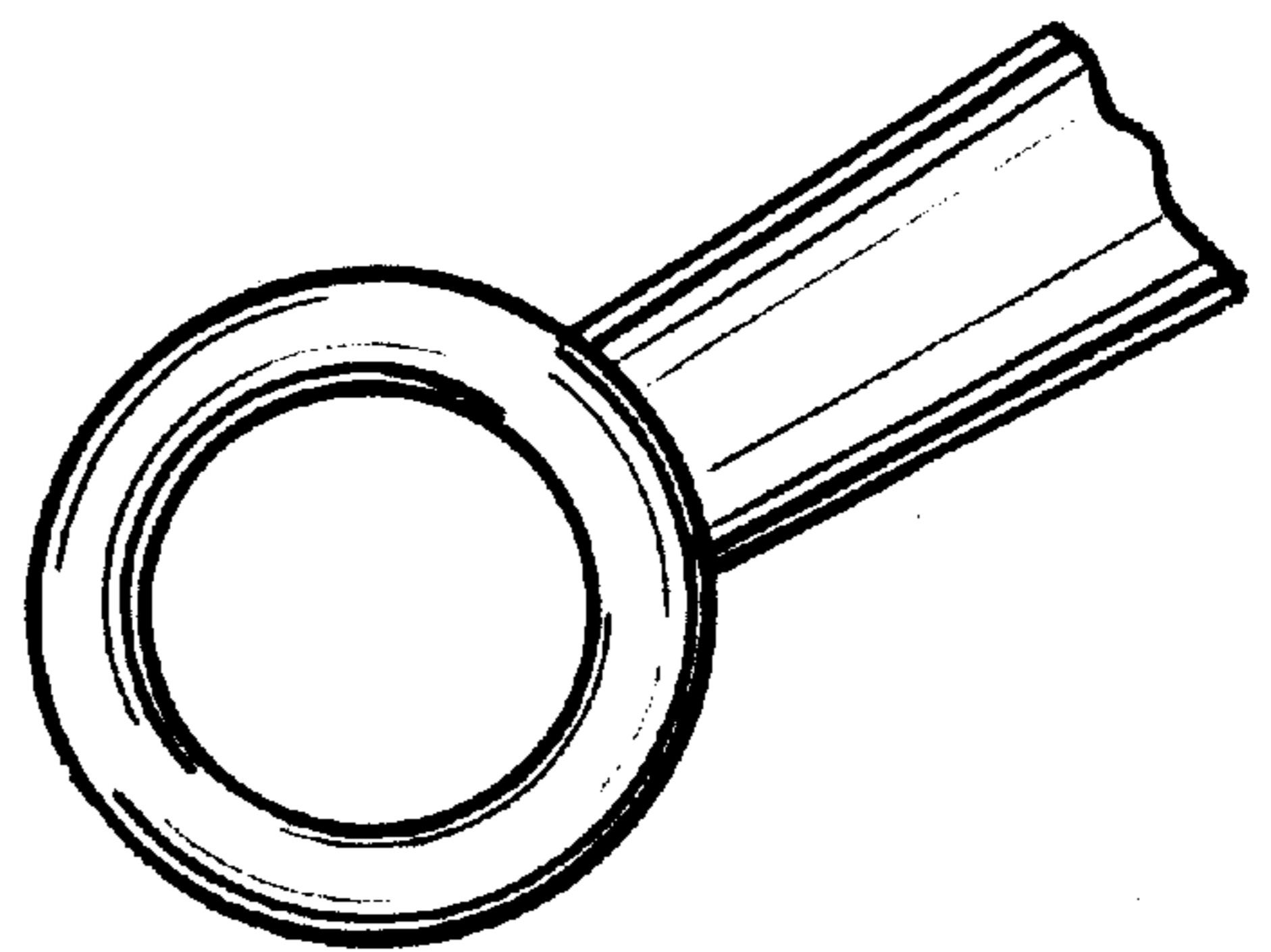


FIG. 7