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[54] **STEP STOOL**

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[57] **CLAIM**

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The ornamental design for a step stool, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a step stool in accordance with our new design;

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FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;

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FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof in an opened position, with the left side elevational view being substantially similar;

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FIG. 5 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of a second embodiment of a step stool in accordance with our new design, with the front, rear, right side elevational, left side elevational, and top views being substantially similar to FIGS. 1–6;

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a third embodiment of a step stool in accordance with our new design;

FIG. 9 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 10 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 11 is a right side elevational view thereof in an opened position, with the left side elevational view being substantially similar;

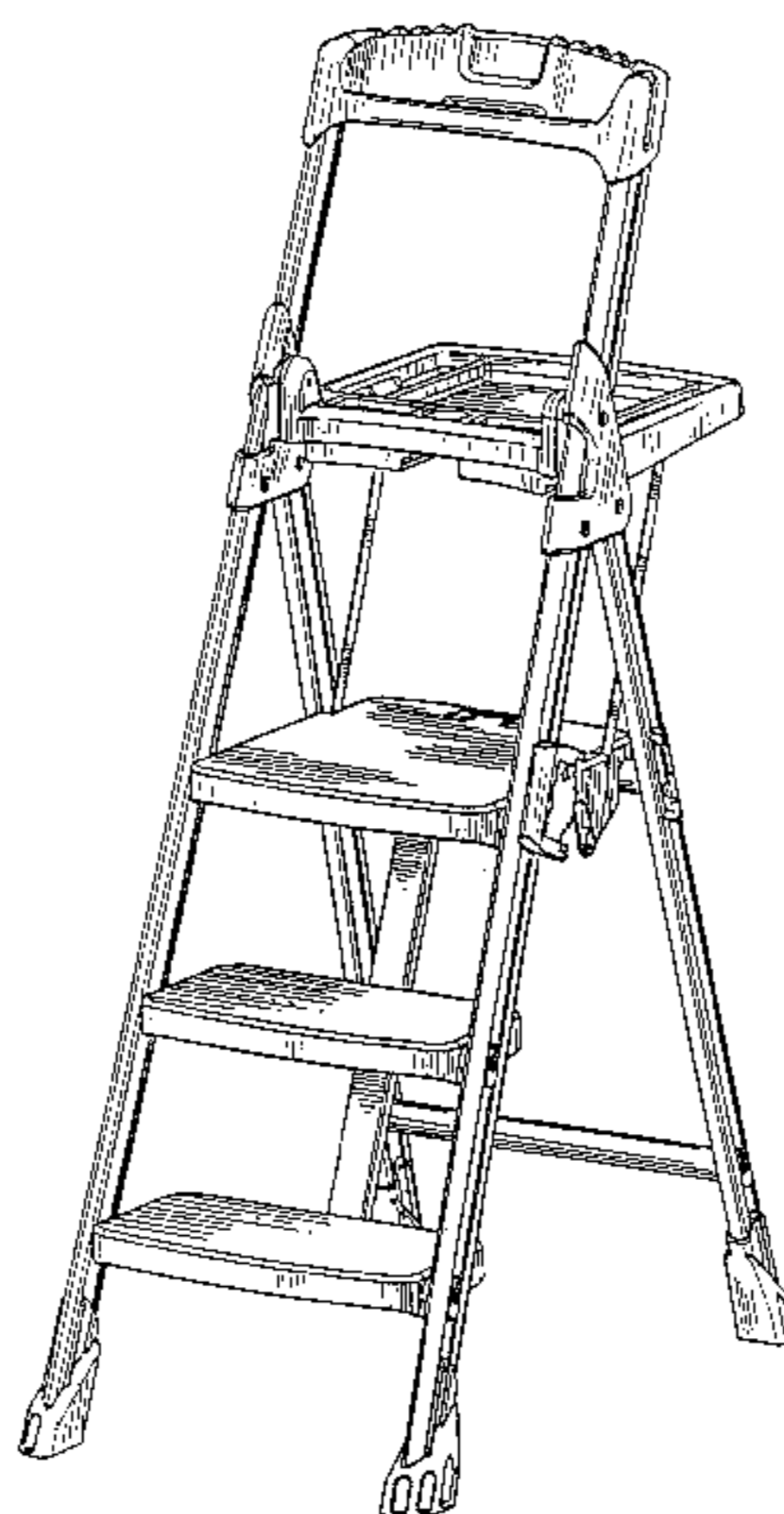
FIG. 12 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 13 is a bottom plan view thereof; and,

FIG. 14 is a bottom plan view of a fourth embodiment of a step stool in accordance with our new design, with the front, rear, right side elevational, left side elevational, and top views being substantially similar to FIGS. 9–13.

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**1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets**

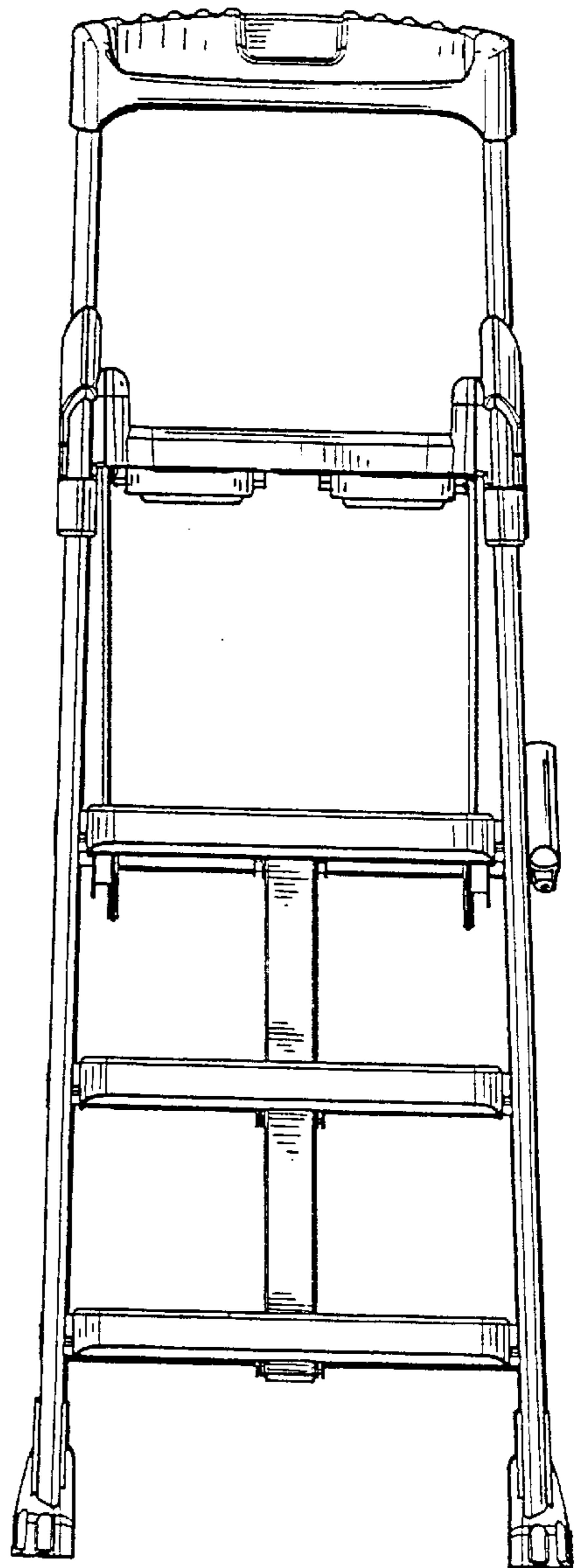


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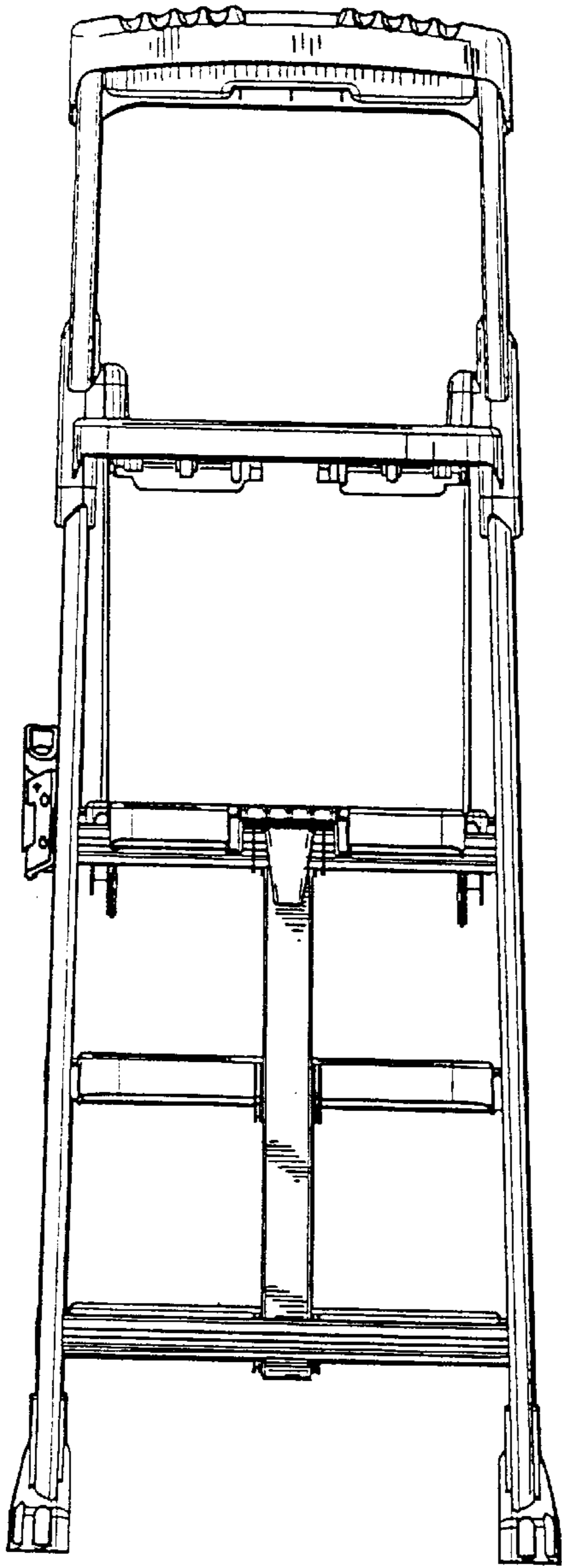
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*FIG. 1*

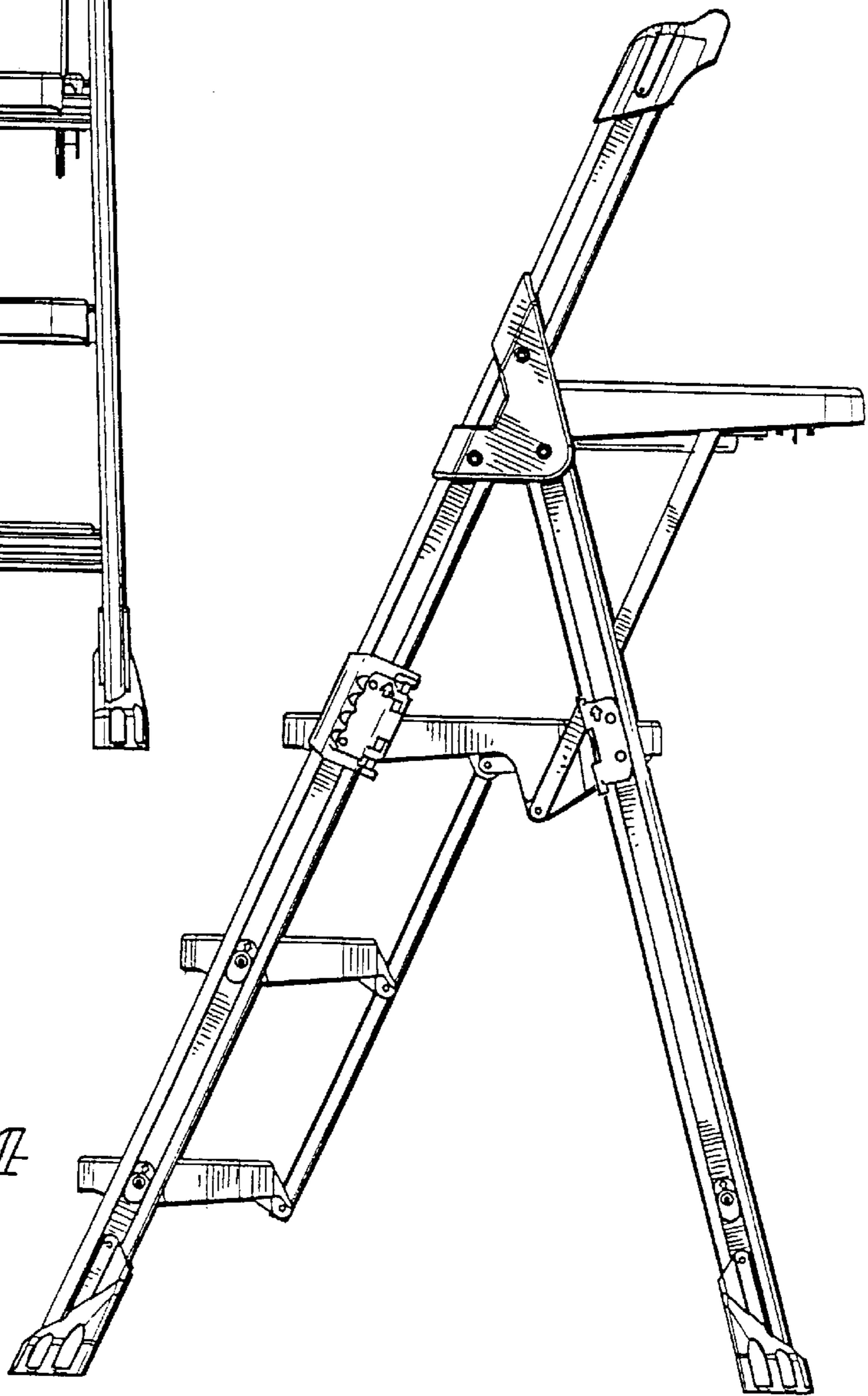


*FIG. 2*



*FIG. 3*

*FIG. 4*





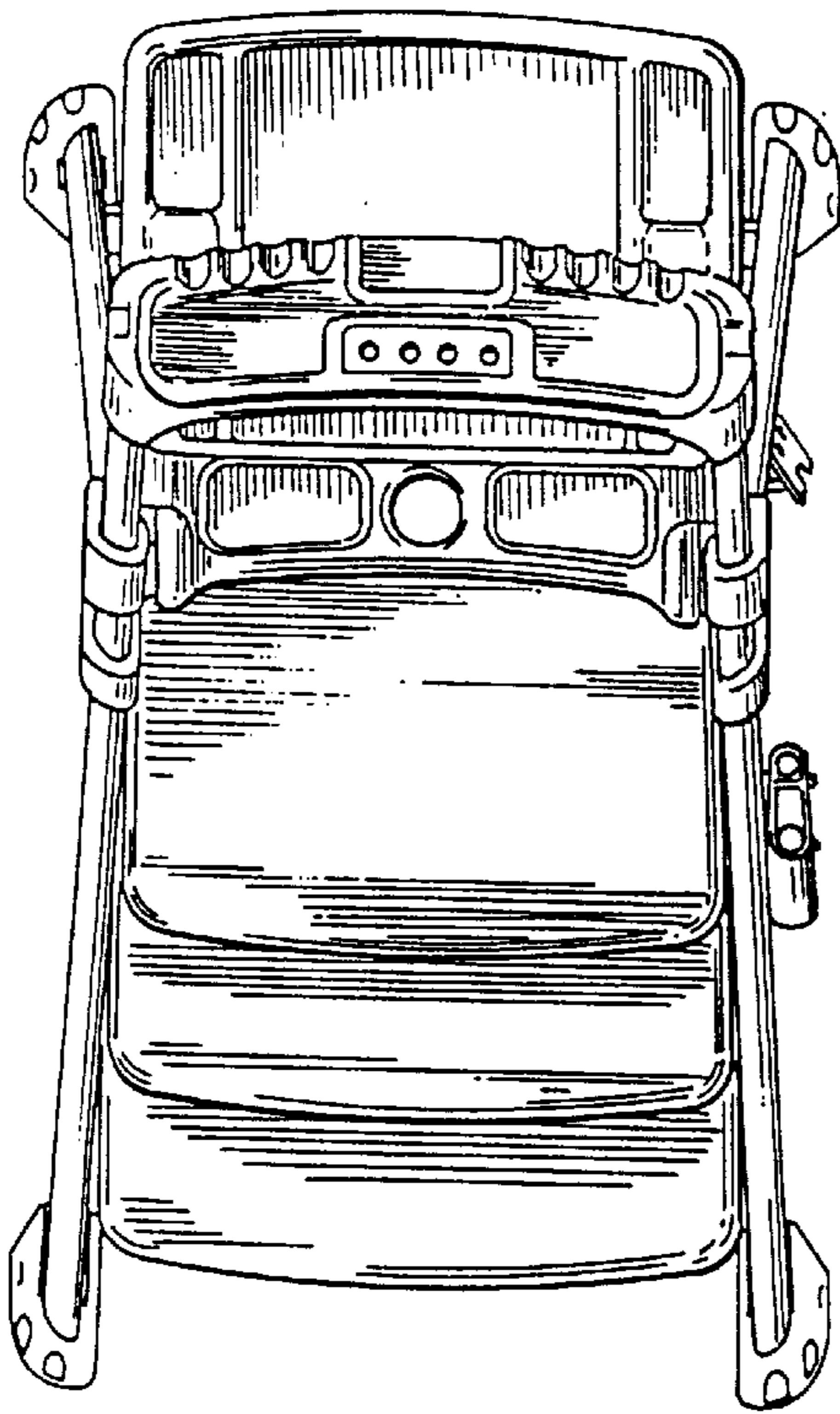


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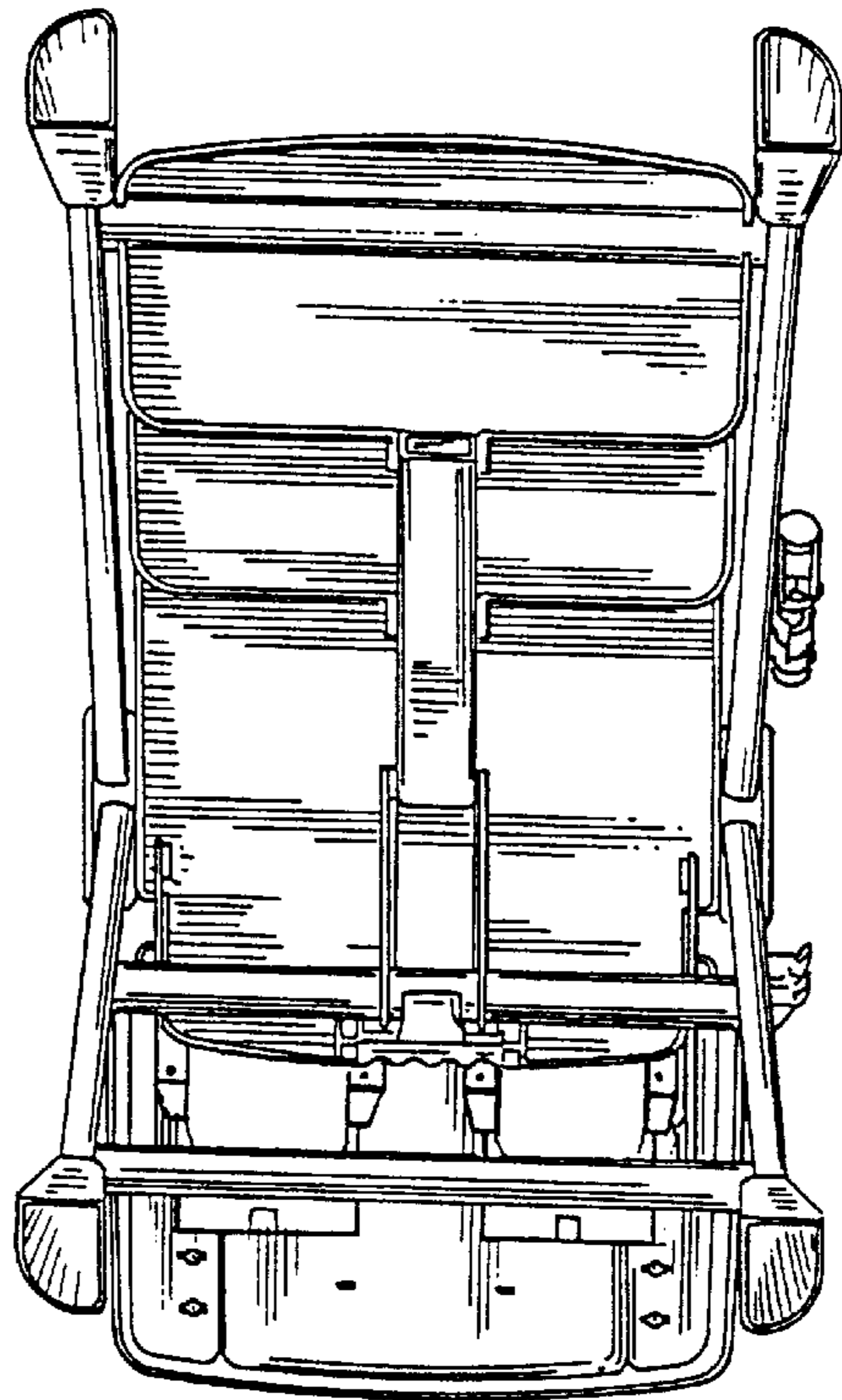


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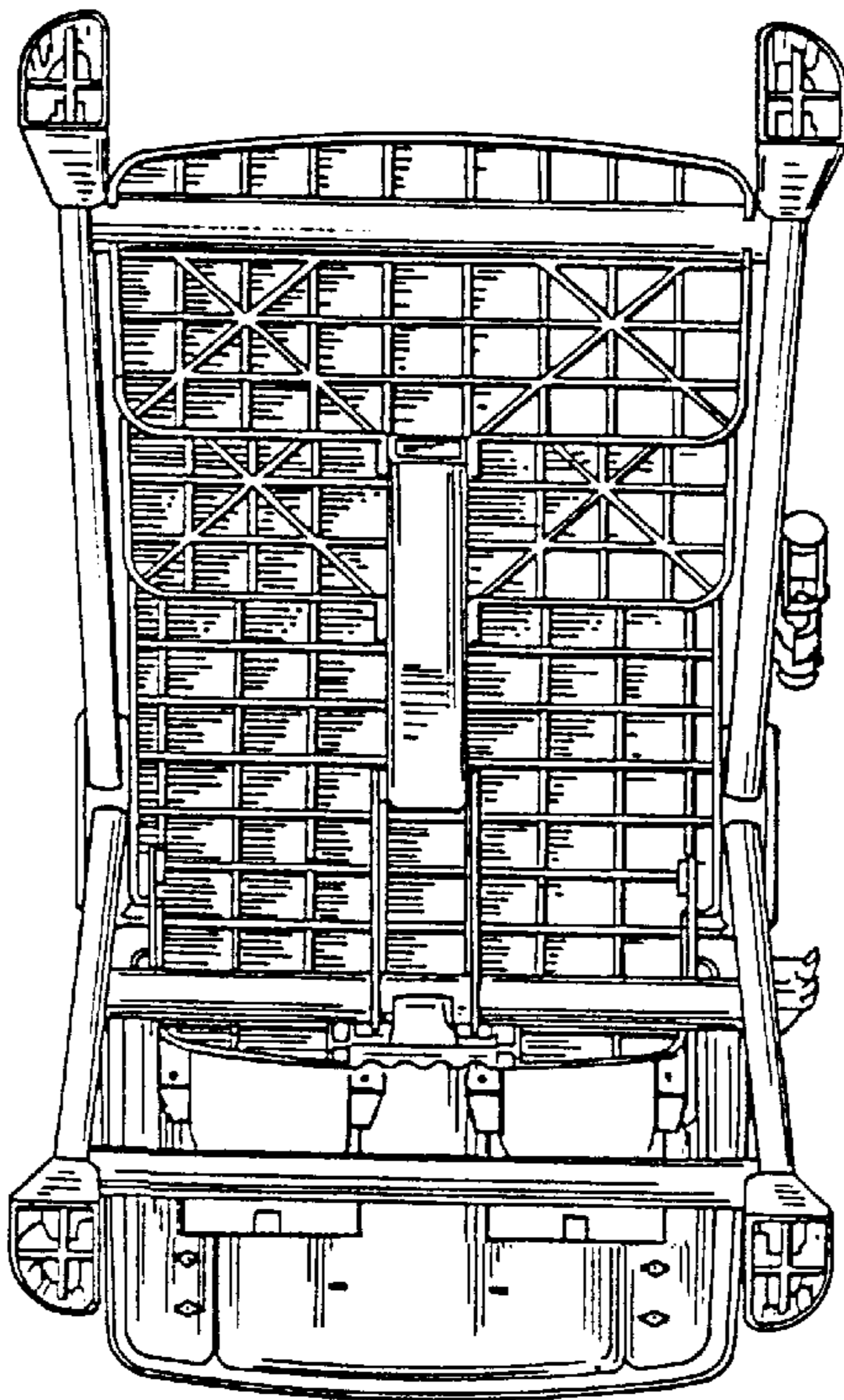
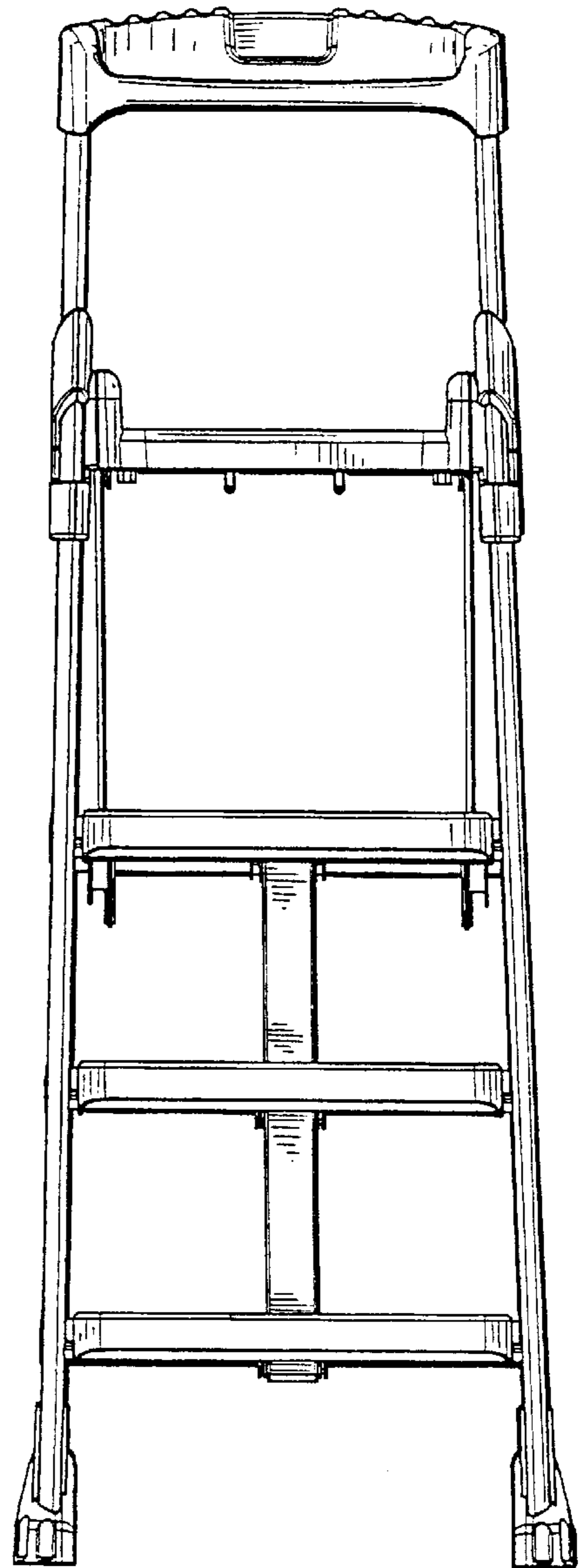


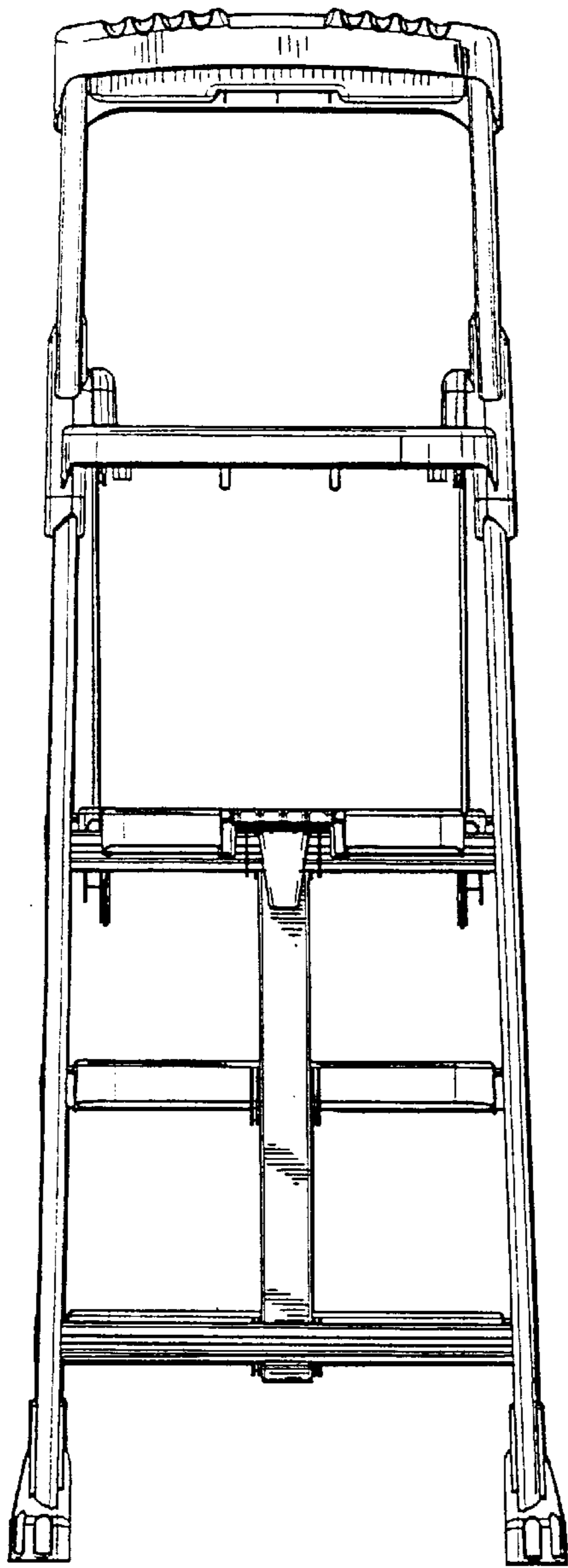
FIG. 7



*FIG. 8*

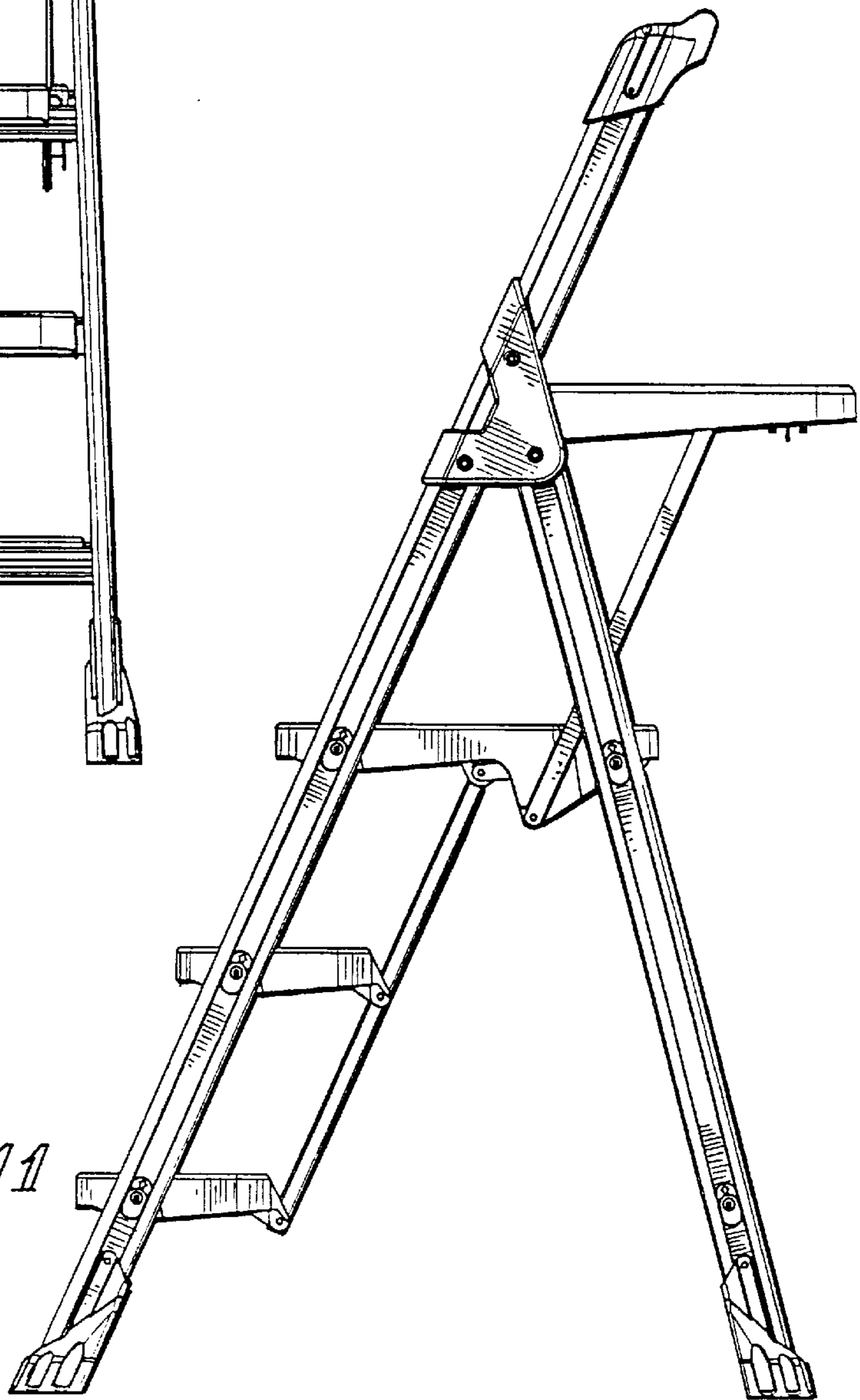


*FIG. 9*



*FIG. 10*

*FIG. 11*





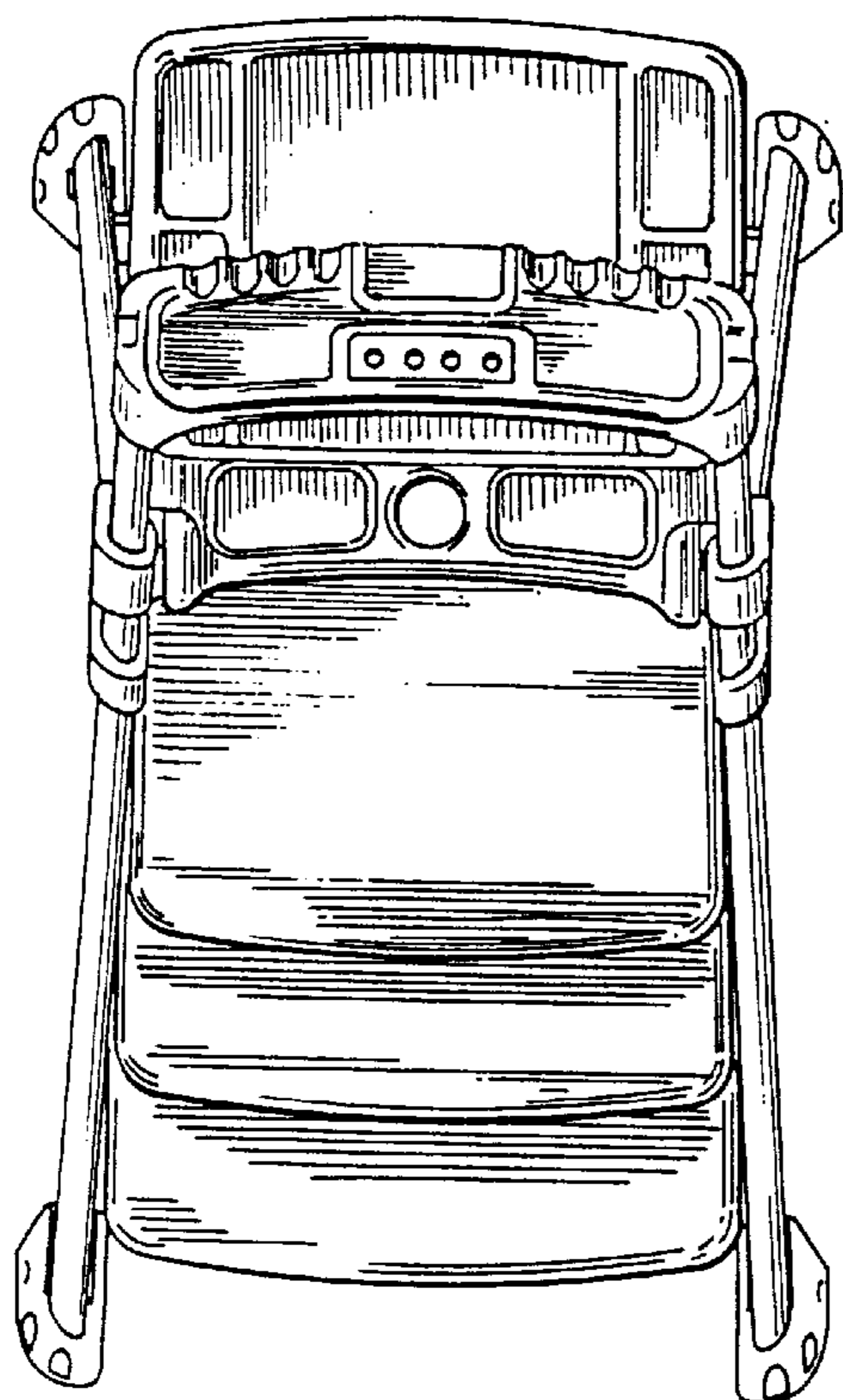


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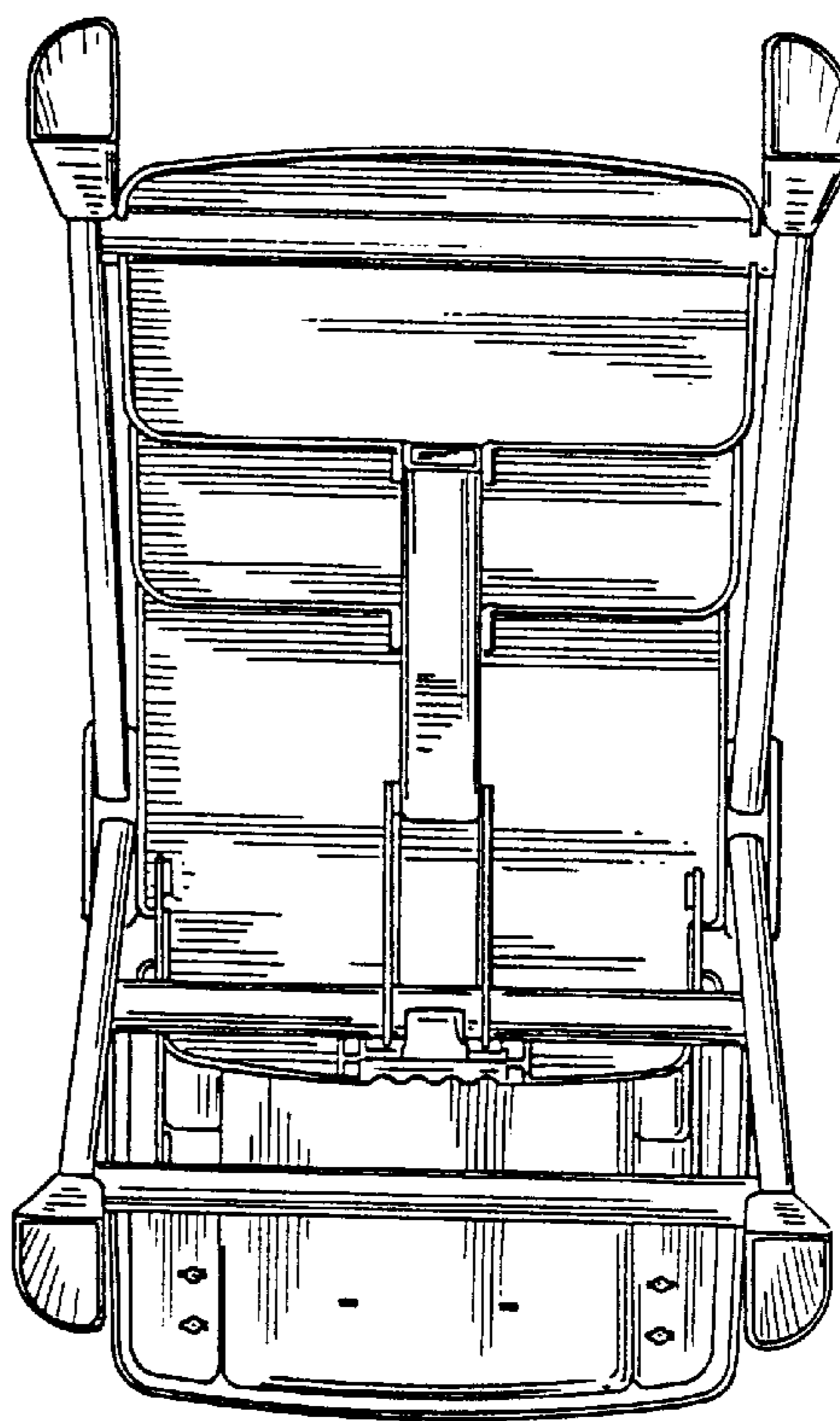


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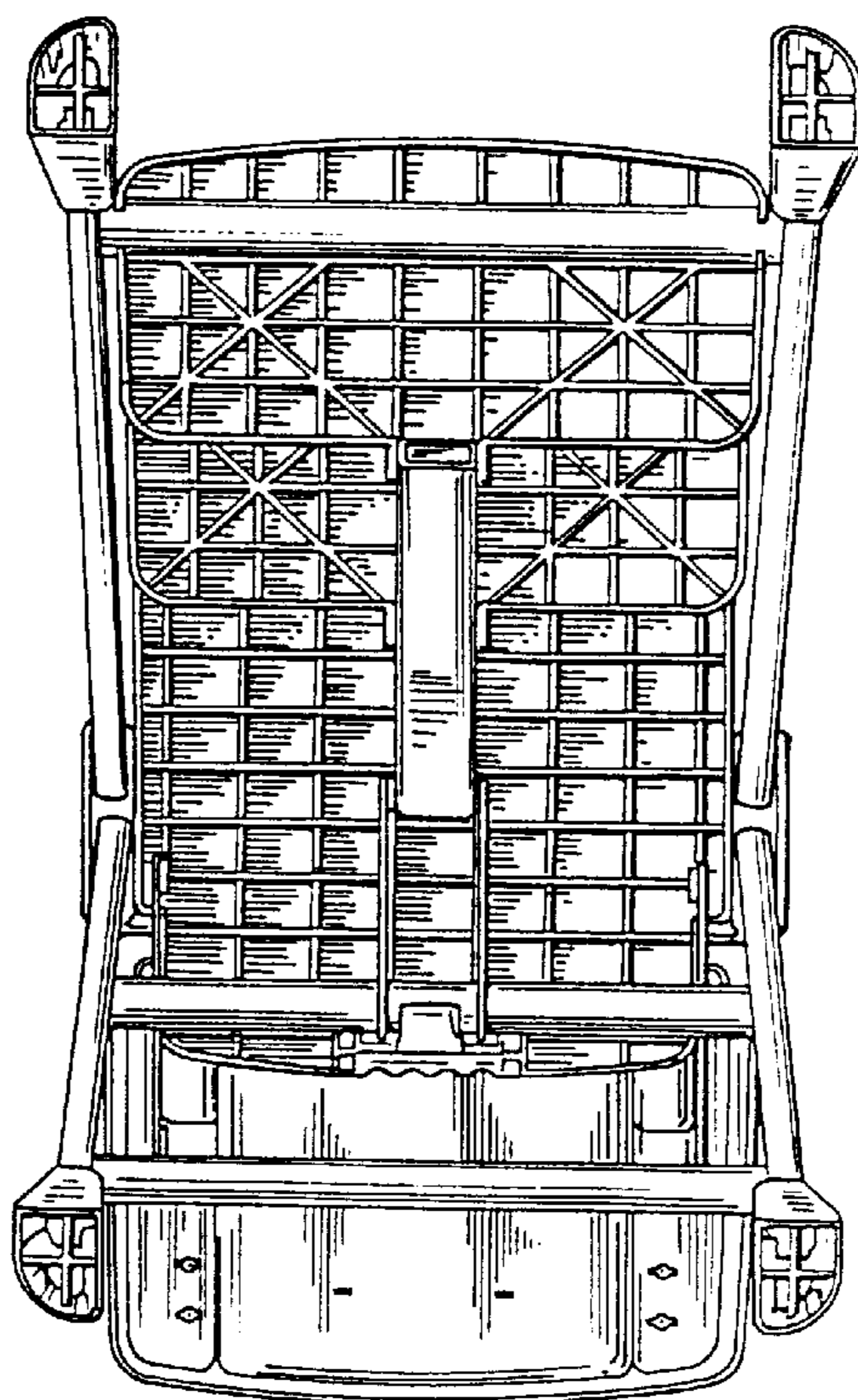


FIG. 14