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(54) **BALL HITCH STEM**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a ball hitch stem, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a ball hitch stem showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is front elevational view thereof, with the rear elevational view being a mirror image of FIG. 2;

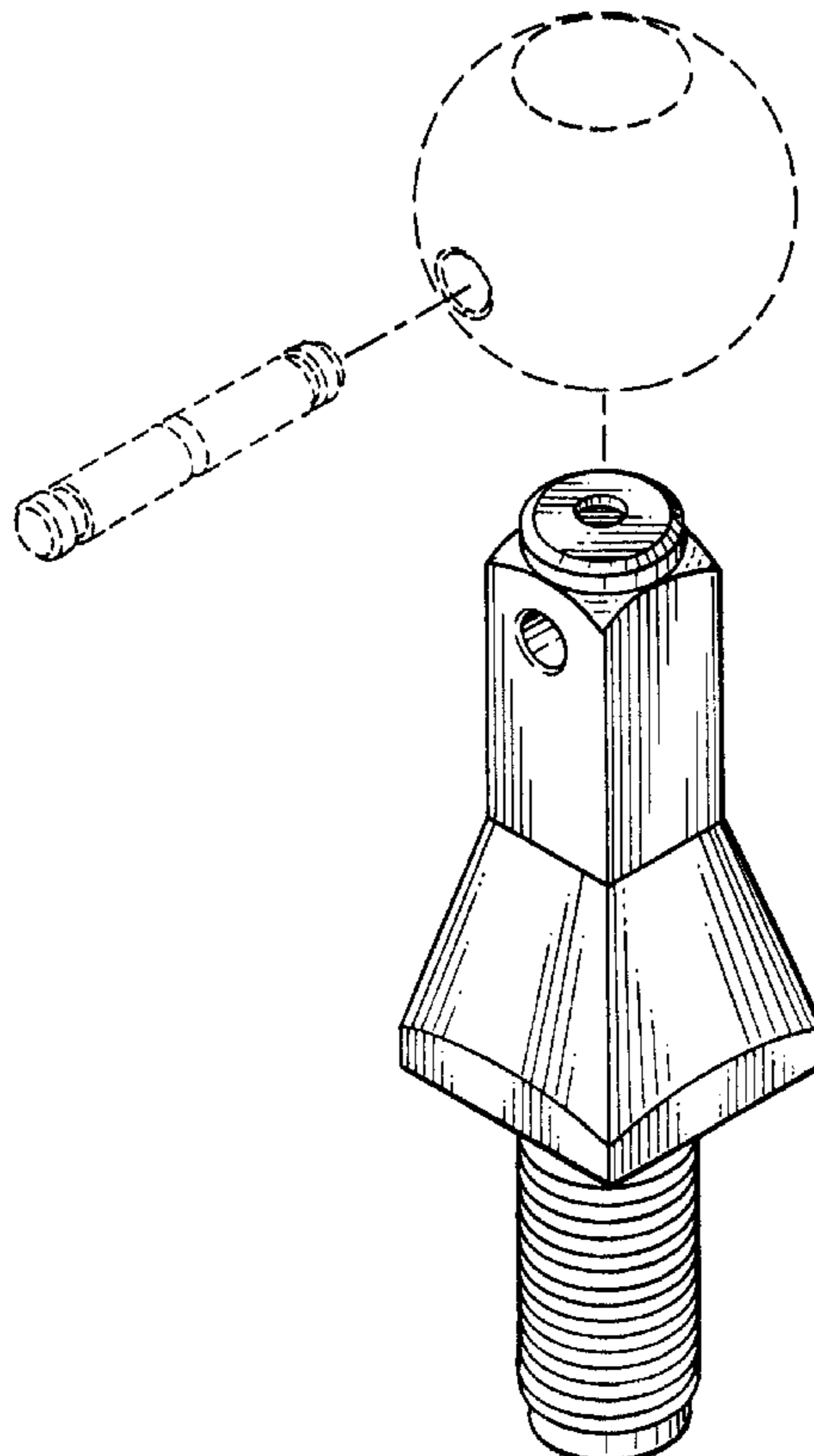
FIG. 3 is a right side elevational view thereof, with the left side elevational view being a mirror image of FIG. 3;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view thereof.

The broken line showing of environment is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet



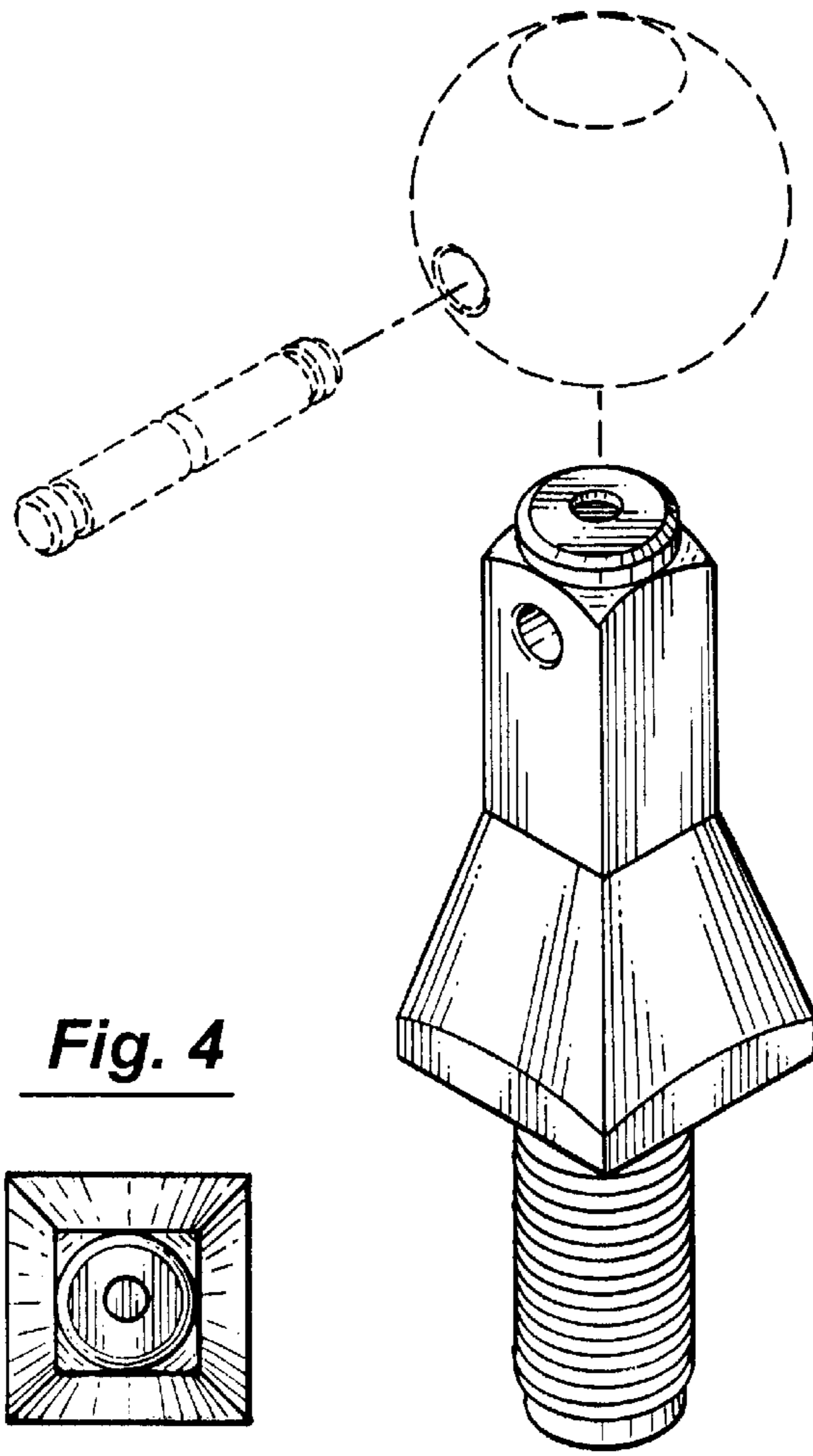


Fig. 1

Fig. 4

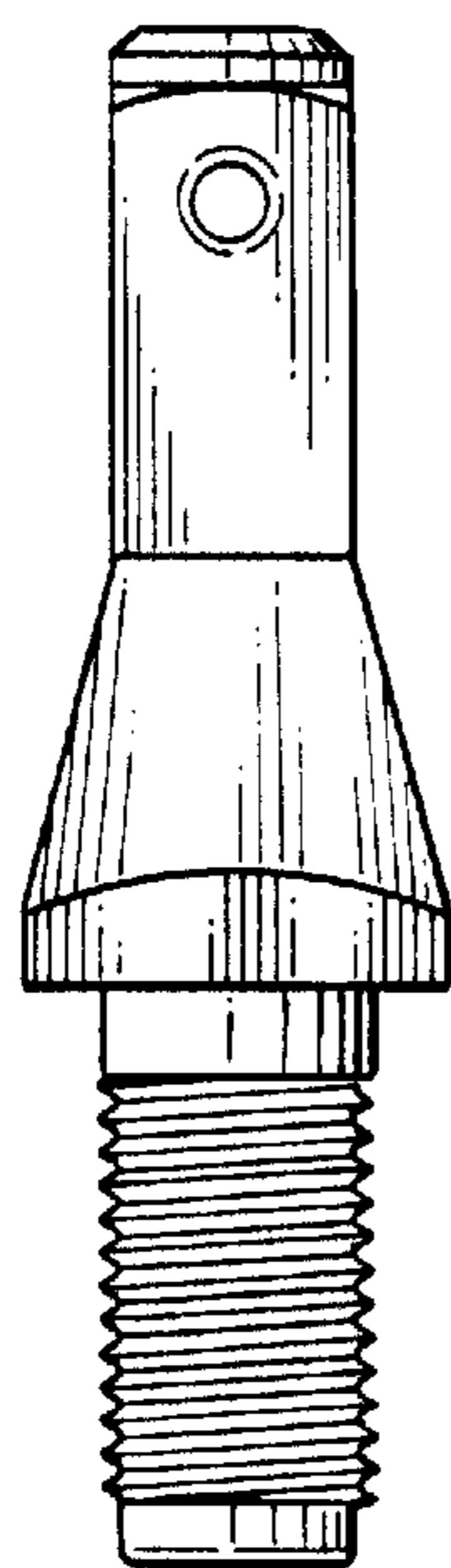
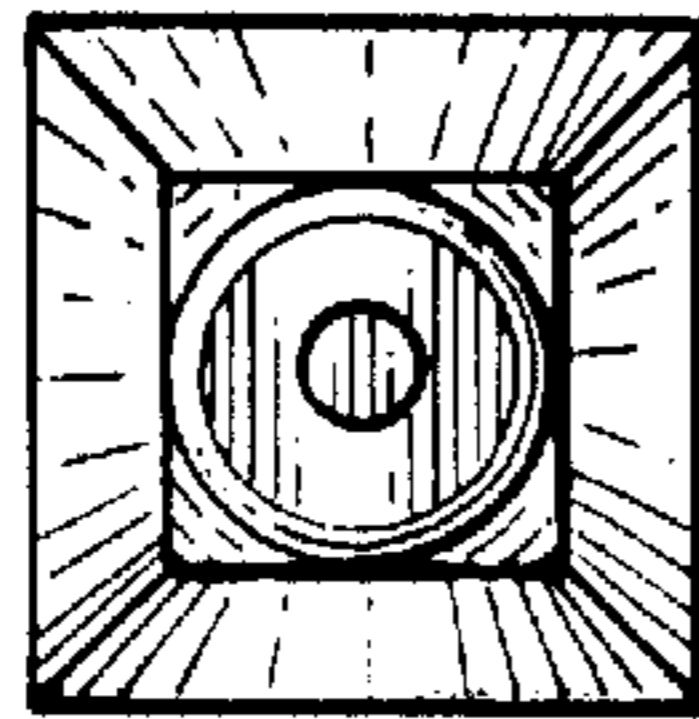


Fig. 2

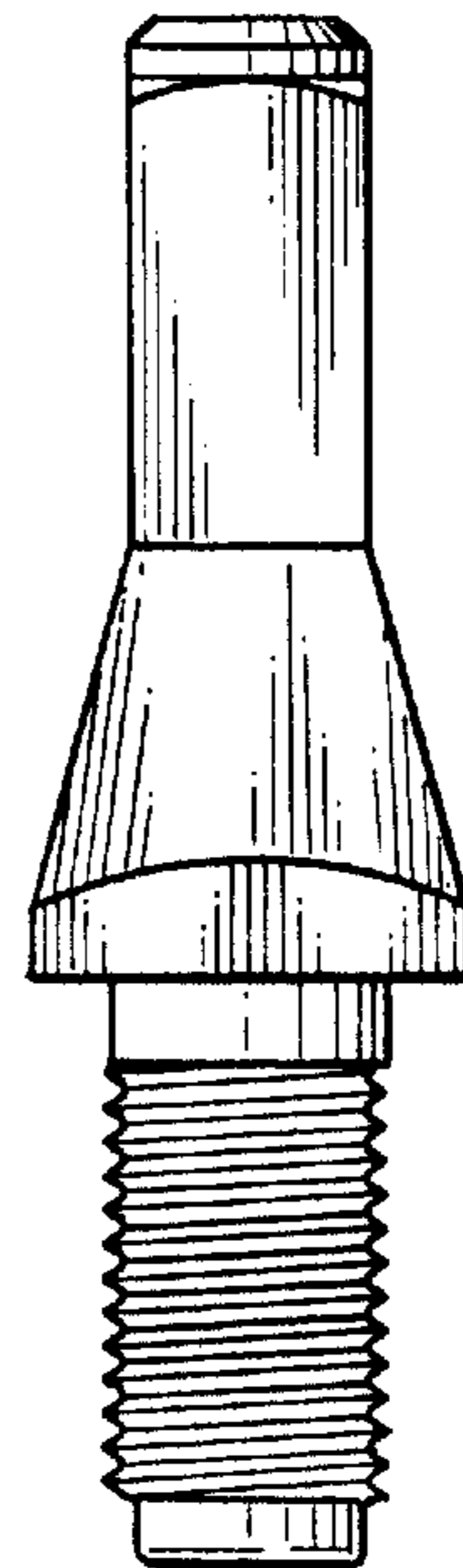


Fig. 3

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