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(54) **WRITING INSTRUMENT**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a writing instrument, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of the writing instrument according to a first embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a right side elevational view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1, the left side being a mirror image of the right side;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged sectional view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1, taken on a plane indicated in FIG. 2 by a line 6—6, in which an internal mechanism of the writing instrument is removed for clarity of illustration;

FIG. 7 is a top, right side perspective view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;

FIG. 8 is a front elevational view of the writing instrument according to a second embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 9 is a right side elevational view of the writing instrument of FIG. 8, the left side being a mirror image of the right side;

FIG. 10 is a rear elevational view of the writing instrument of FIG. 8;

FIG. 11 is a top plan view of the writing instrument of FIG. 8;

FIG. 12 is a bottom plan view of the writing instrument of FIG. 8;

FIG. 13 is an enlarged sectional view of the writing instrument of FIG. 8, taken on a plane indicated in FIG. 9 by a line 13—13, in which an internal mechanism of the writing instrument of FIG. 8 is removed for clarity of illustration; and,

FIG. 14 is a top, right side perspective view of the writing instrument of FIG. 8.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**

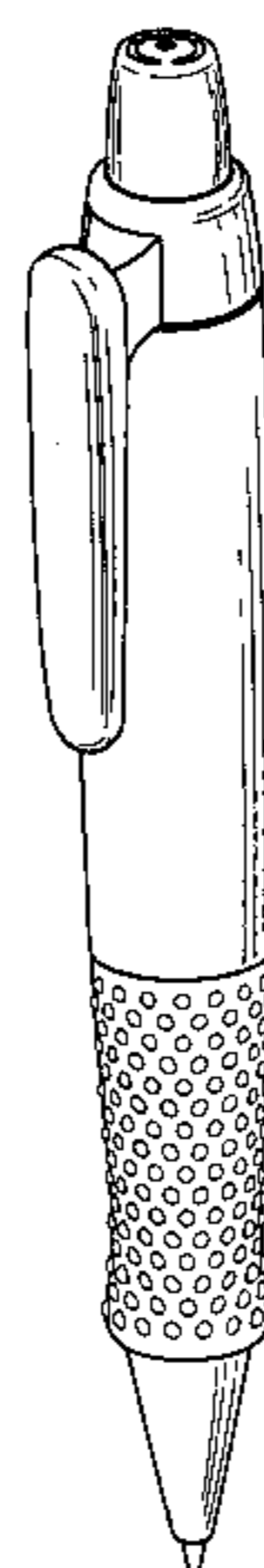


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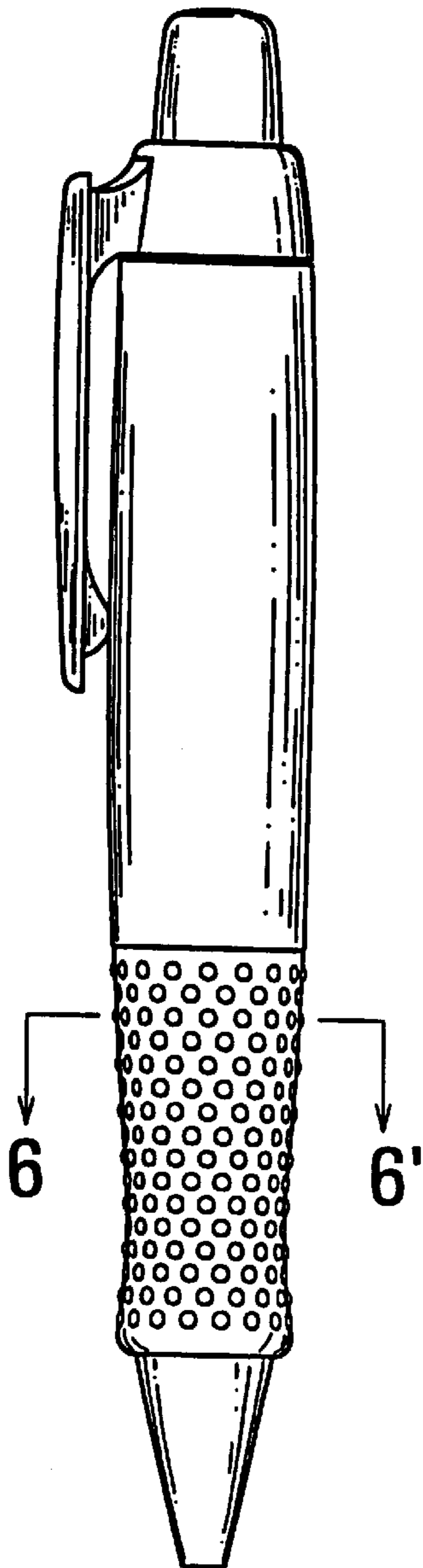


FIG. 1

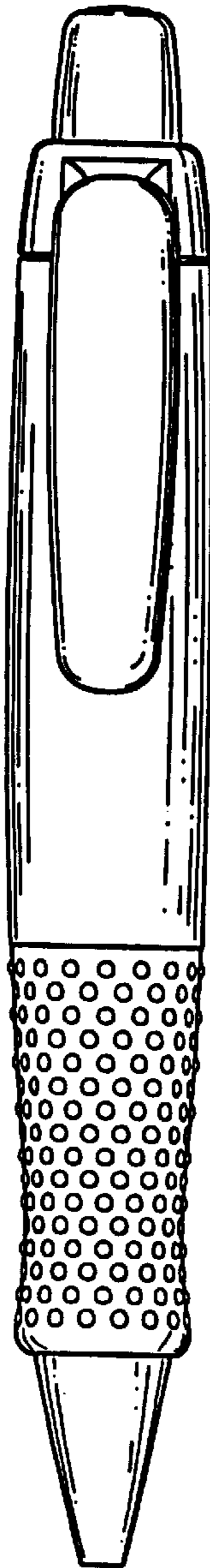


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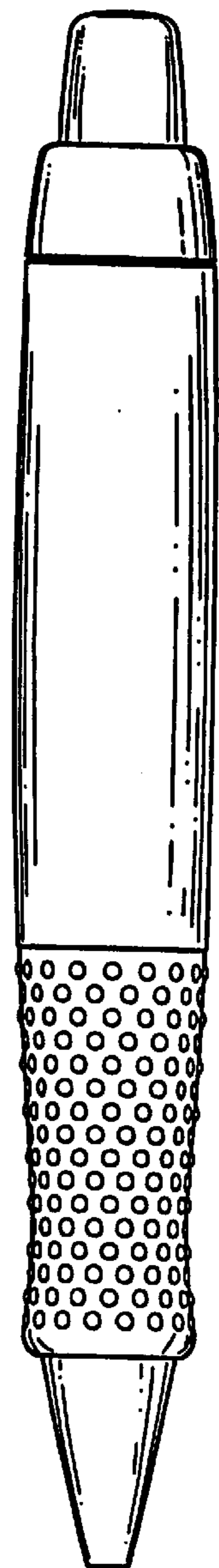


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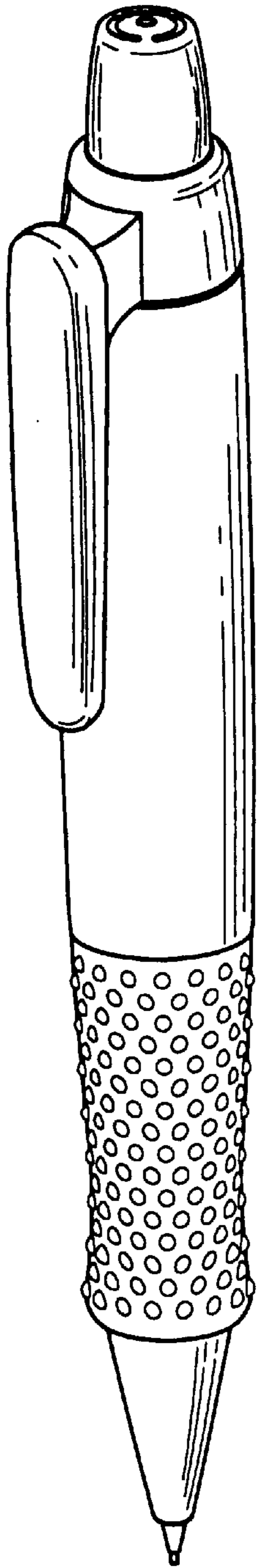


FIG. 4



FIG. 5

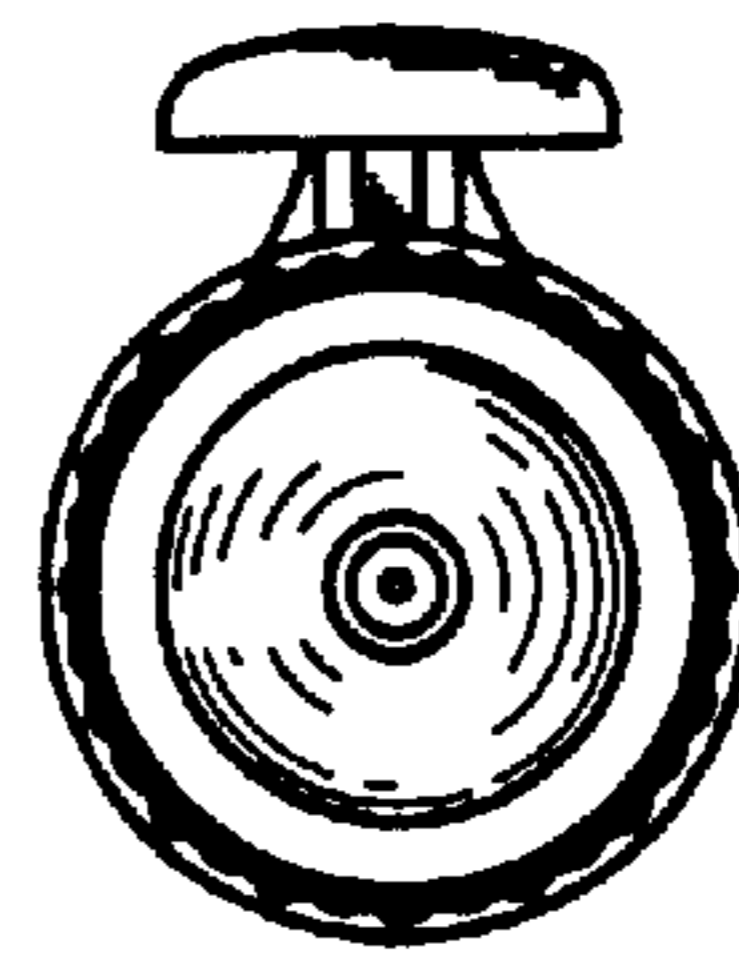


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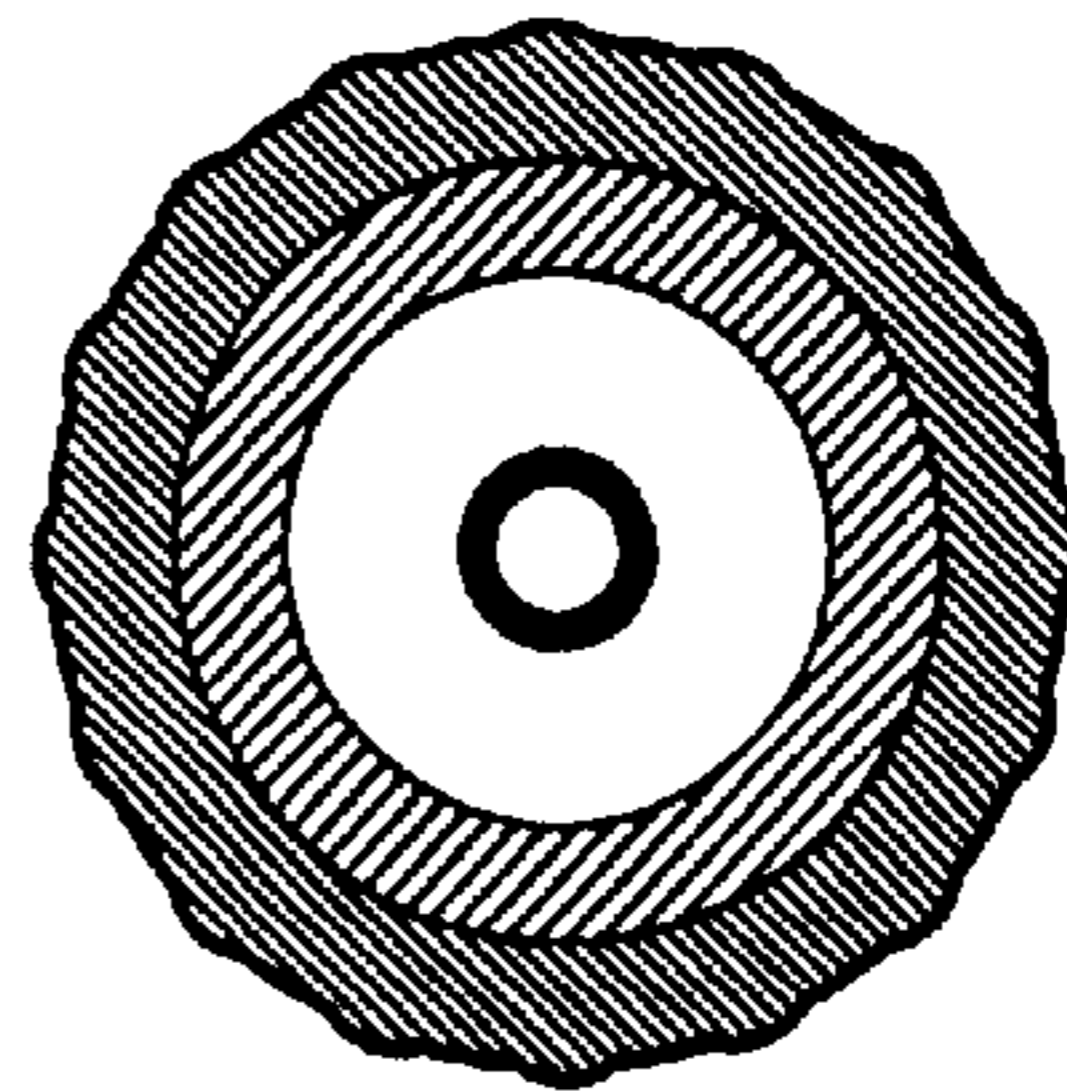


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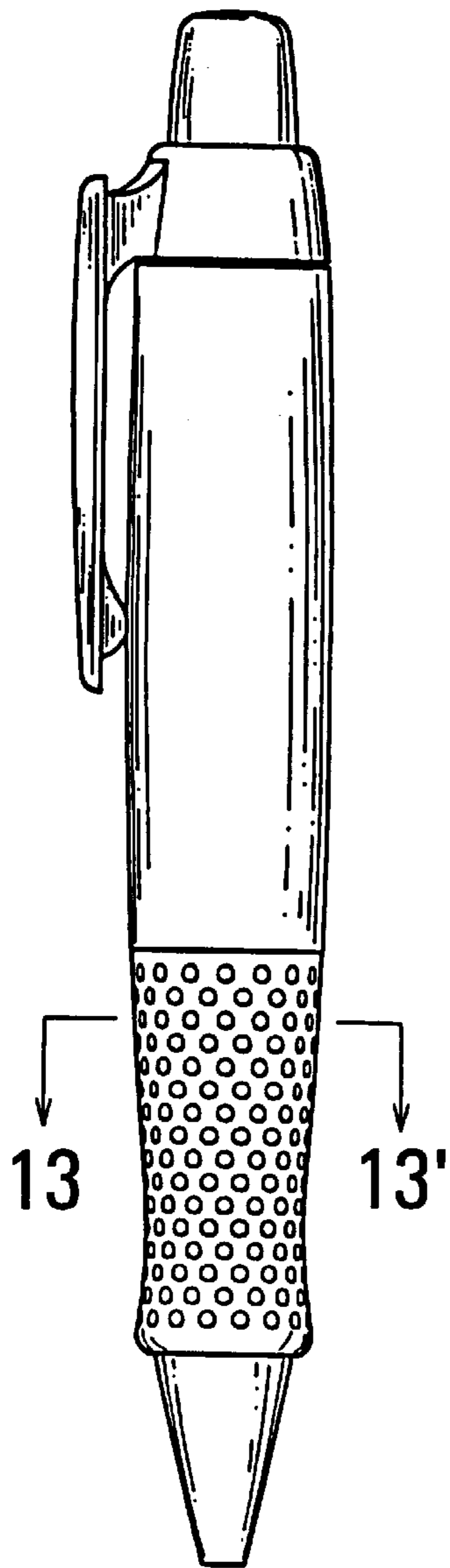


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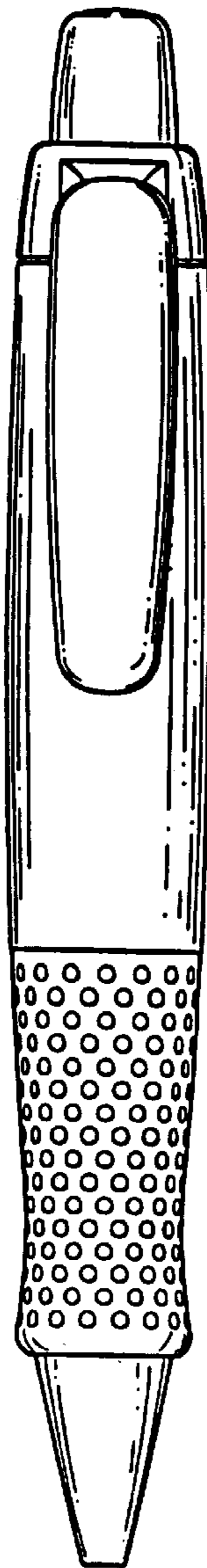


FIG. 10



FIG. 14

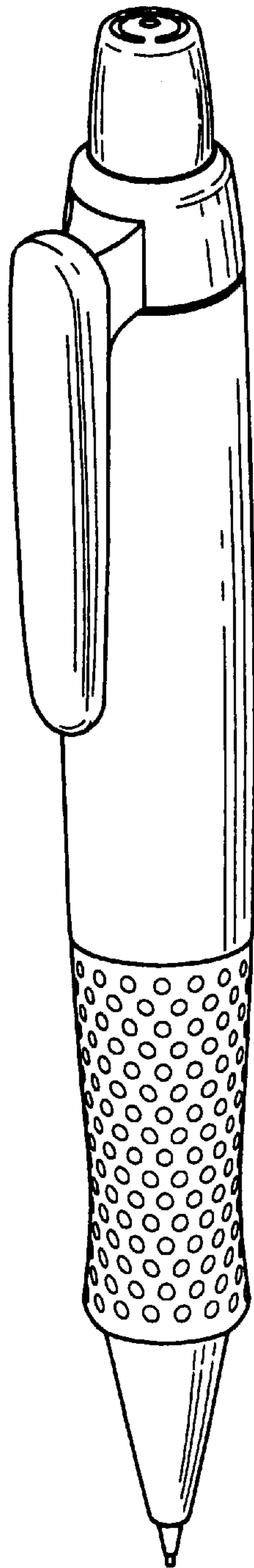


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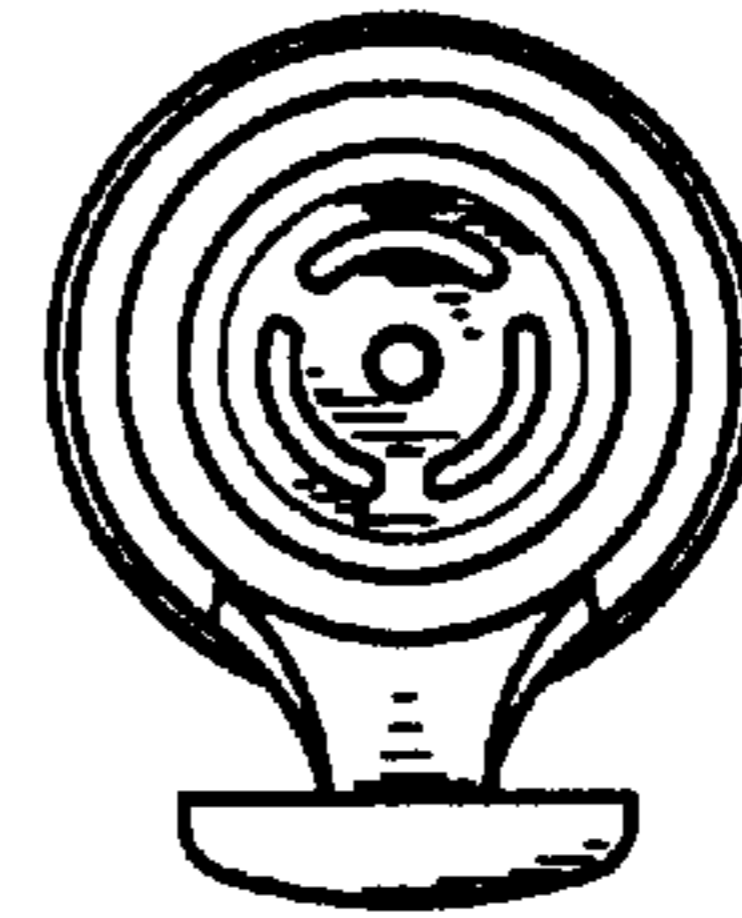


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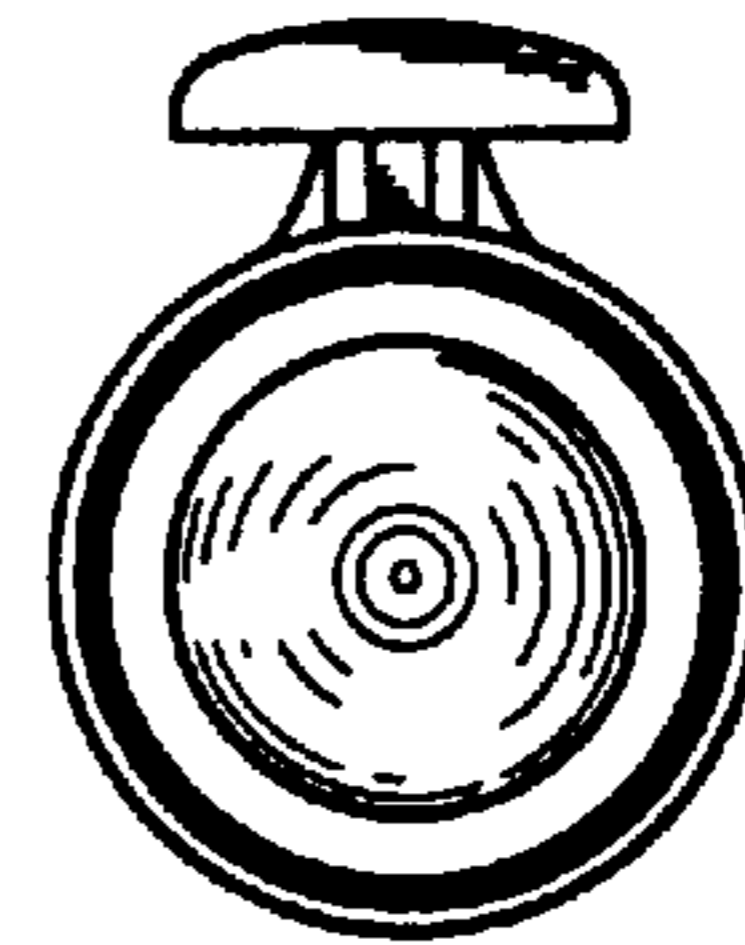


FIG. 13

