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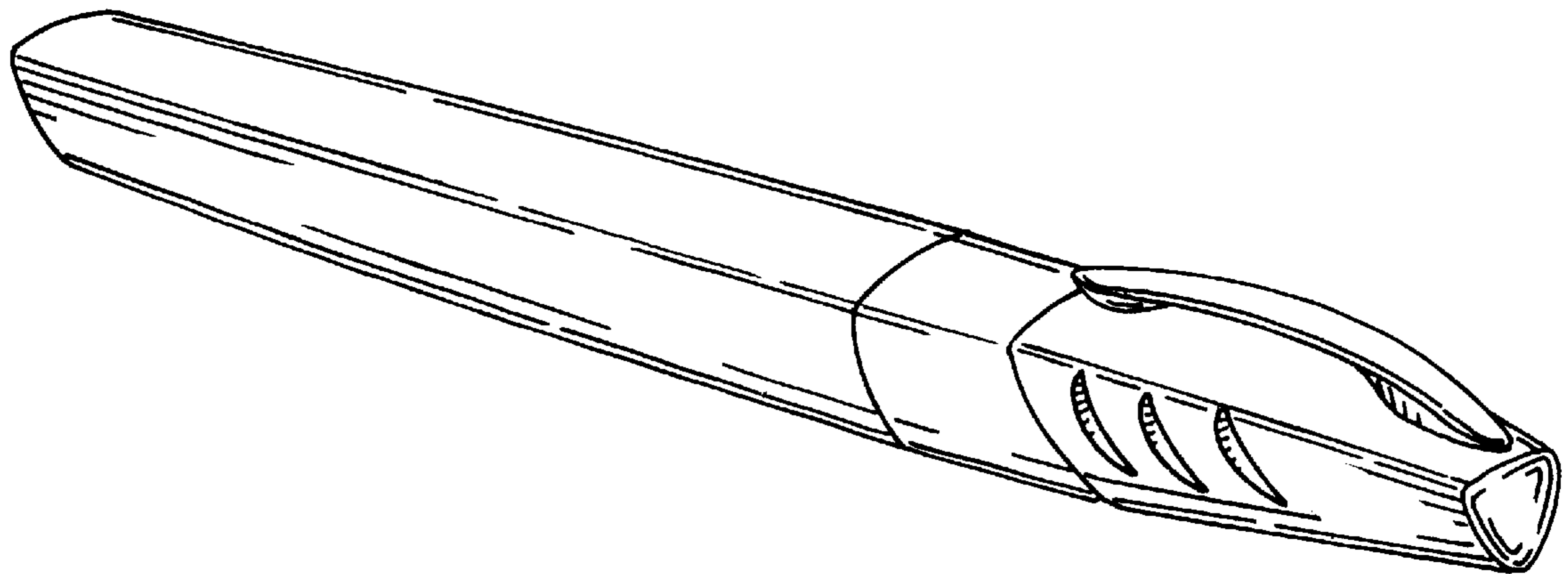
(57) **CLAIM**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a left side perspective view taken from the front and above showing our new design;  
FIG. 2 is a bottom view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a plan view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a front elevational view thereof; and,  
FIG. 6 is right side elevational view, the left side being a mirror image thereof.

**1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets**



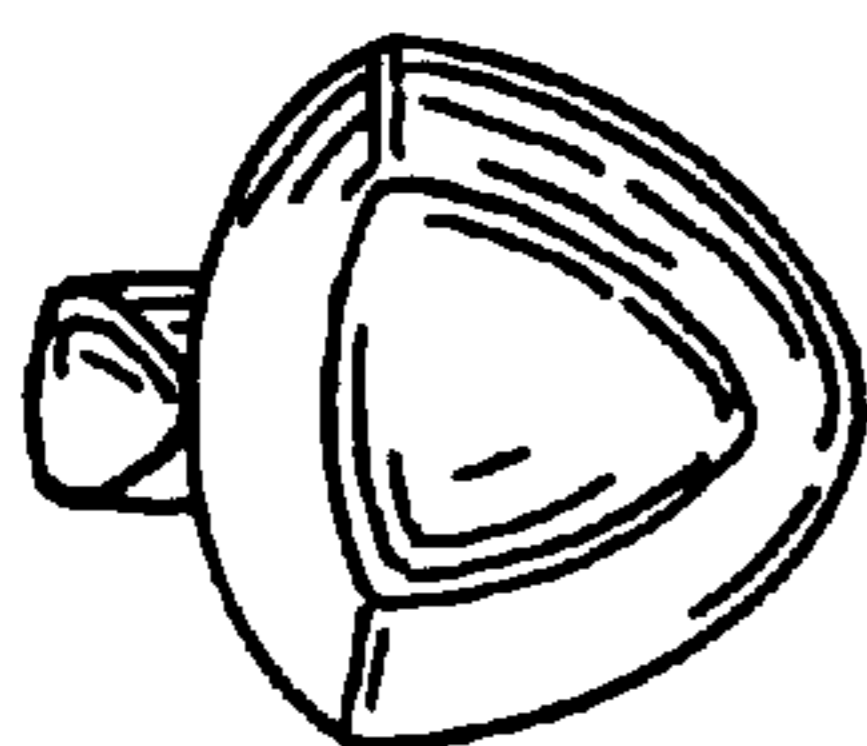


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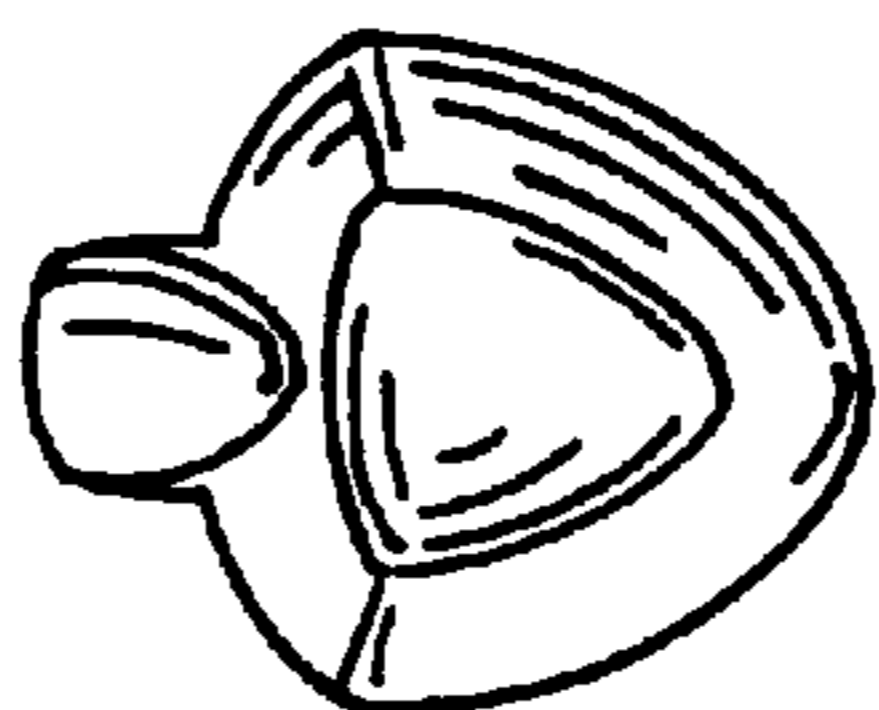


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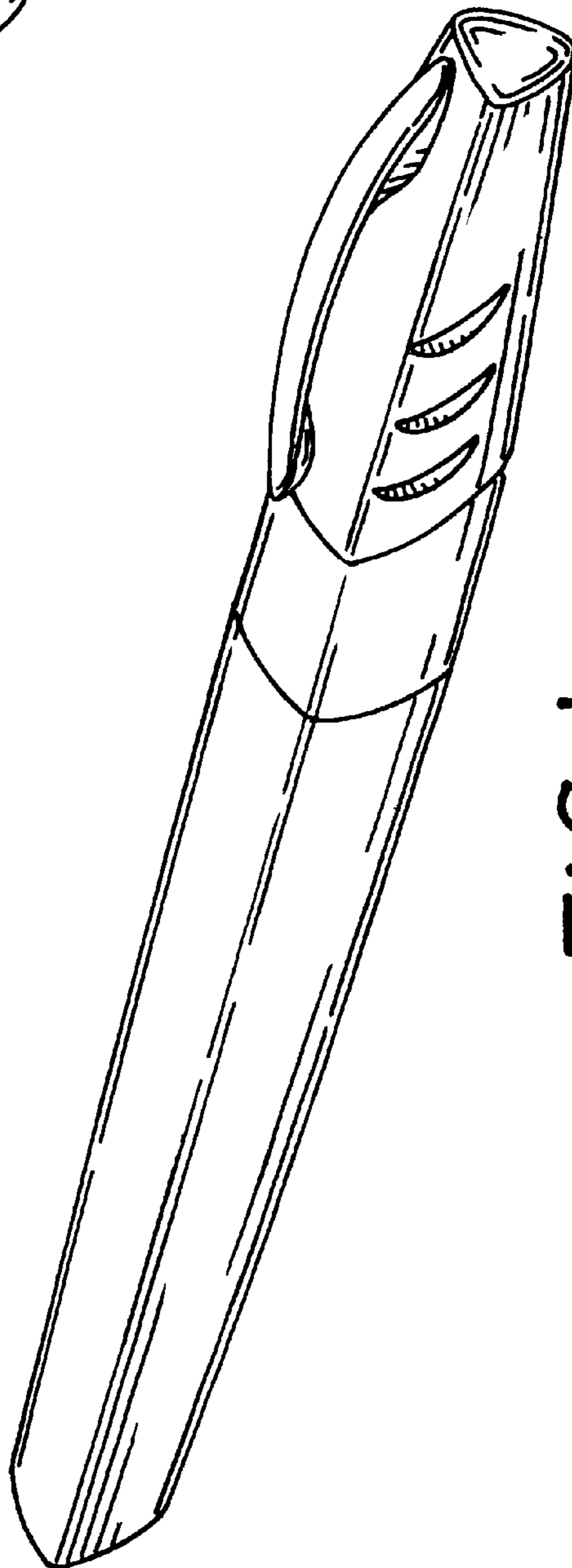


FIG. 1

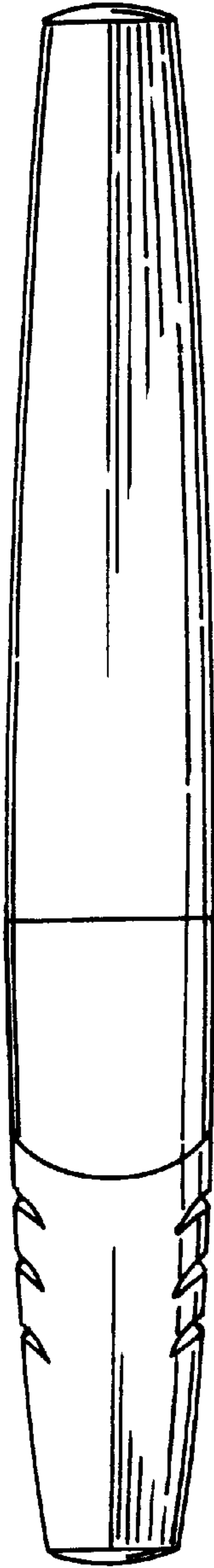


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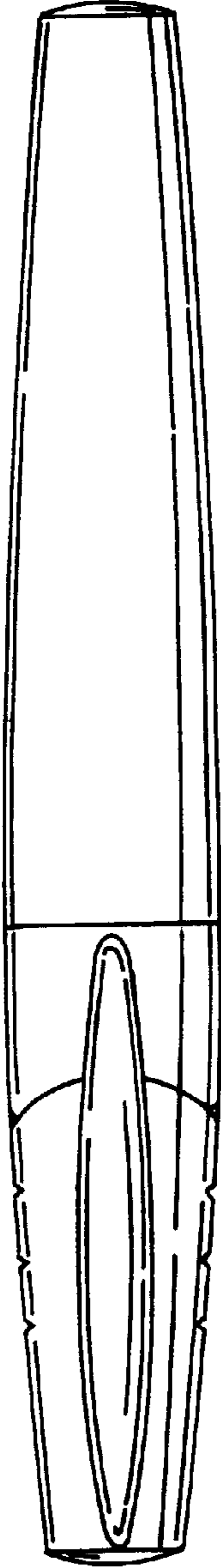


FIG. 5

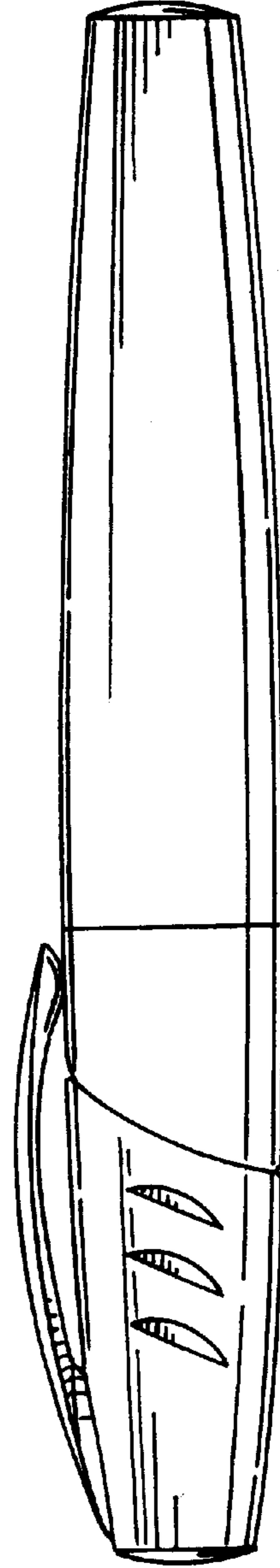


FIG. 6