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(54) **FORMED METAL BOAT STEERING WHEEL RIM WITH FINGER GRIP INDENTATIONS**

**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of the steering wheel rim with finger grip indentations showing my new design, a representative center hub and spokes typically associated with a boat steering wheel being shown in phantom;

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FIG. 2 is a bottom perspective view of the steering wheel rim with finger grip indentations formed on the underside thereof, the finger grip indentations being formed with a compound curvature, curved radially and circumferentially, into the oval-shaped steering wheel rim, the representative center hub and spokes as depicted in FIG. 1 being shown in phantom lines;

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FIG. 3 is an enlarged, partial, bottom perspective view similar to that shown in FIG. 2, but enlarged to show more detail of the finger grip indentations formed therein, a portion of the representative center hub and spokes being shown in phantom;

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FIG. 4 is a further enlarged, partial, top perspective view similar to that shown in FIG. 1;

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FIG. 5 is an enlarged, cross sectional view of the steering wheel rim taken through a finger grip indentation, the oval shape of the steering wheel and the compound curvature of the finger grip indentations being best depicted; and,

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FIG. 6 is an enlarged, cross sectional view of the steering wheel rim taken through a ridge between adjacent finger grip indentations, the oval shape of the steering wheel being best depicted.

(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a formed metal boat steering wheel rim with finger grip indentations, as shown and described.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**

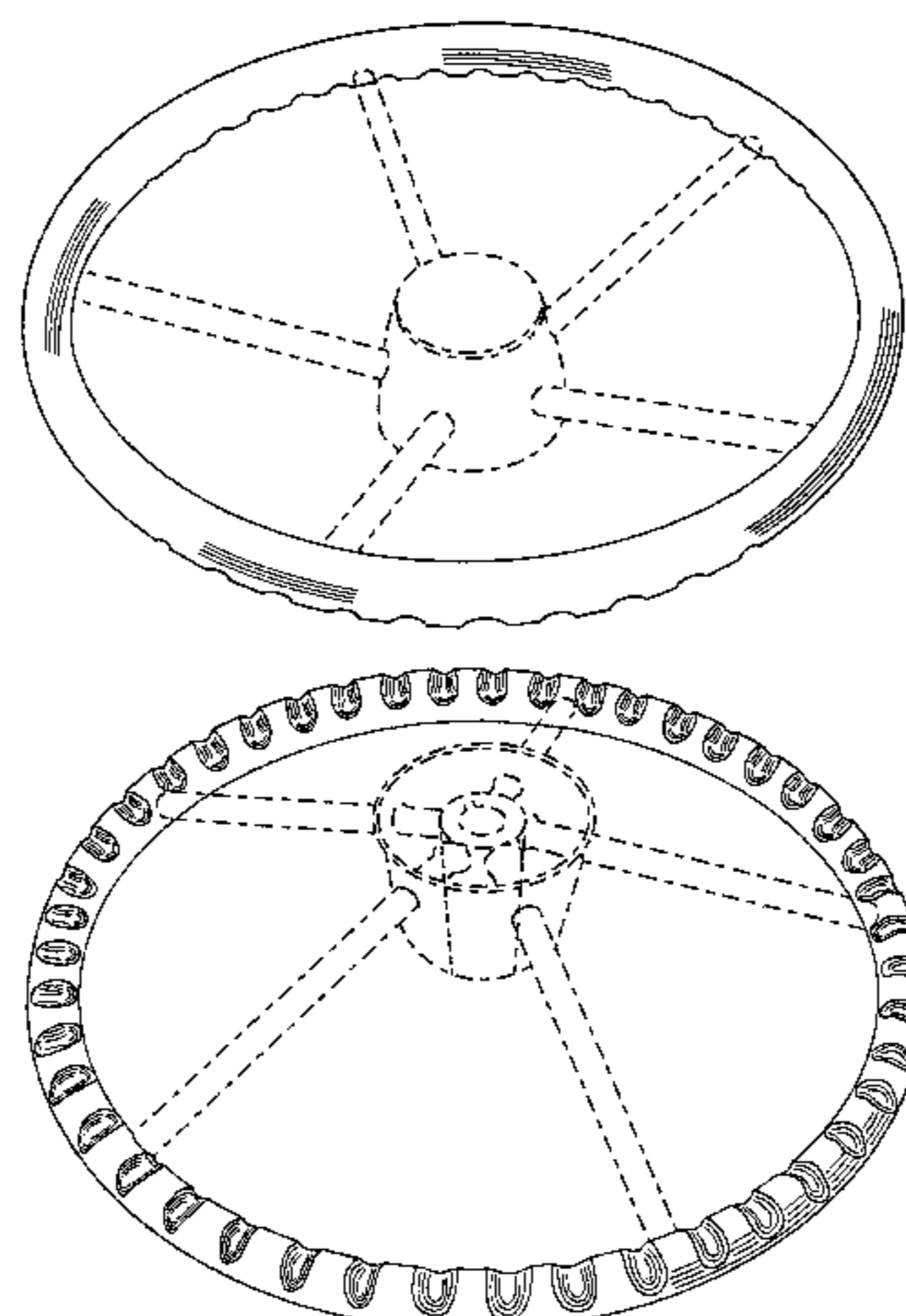
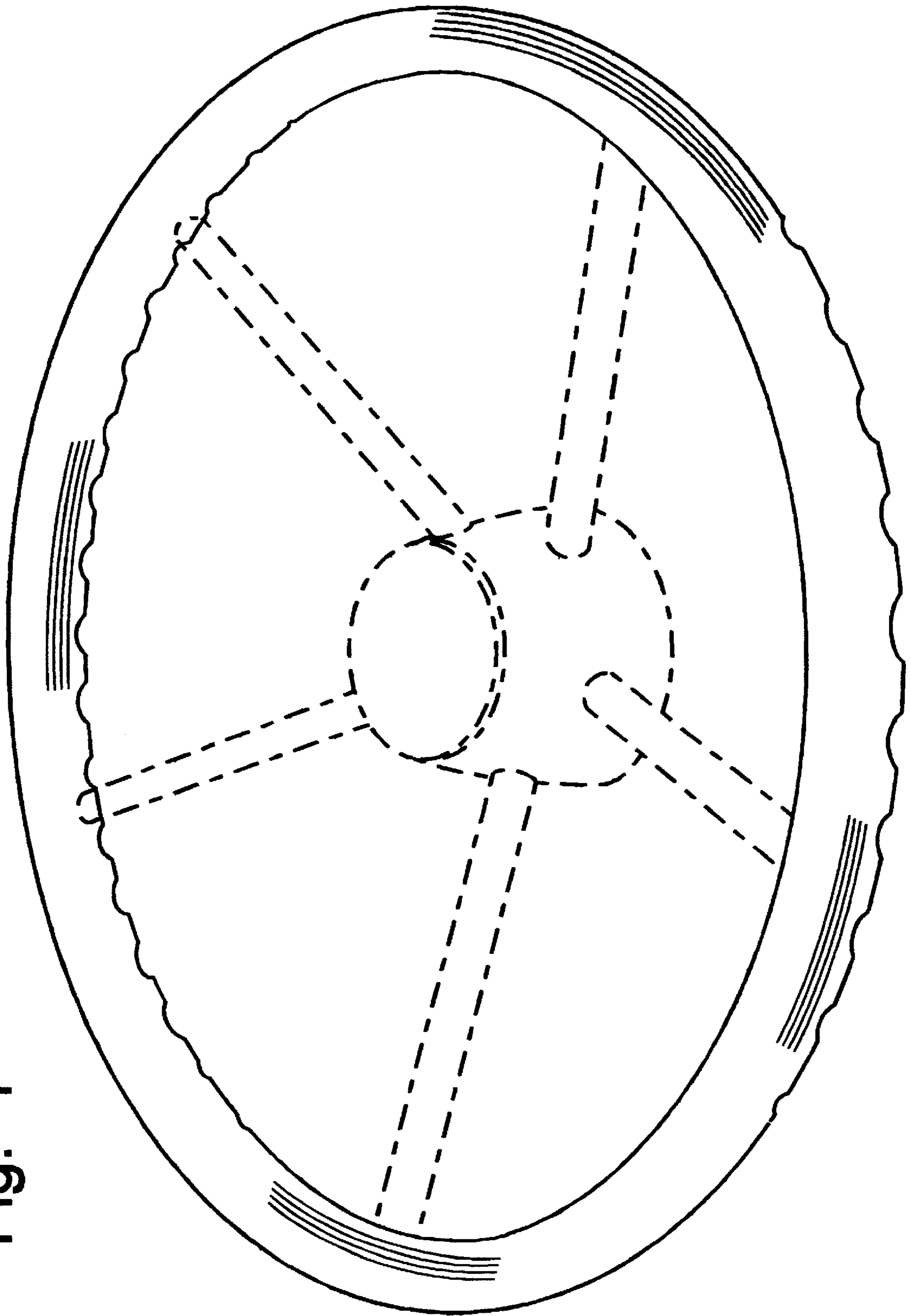


Fig. 1



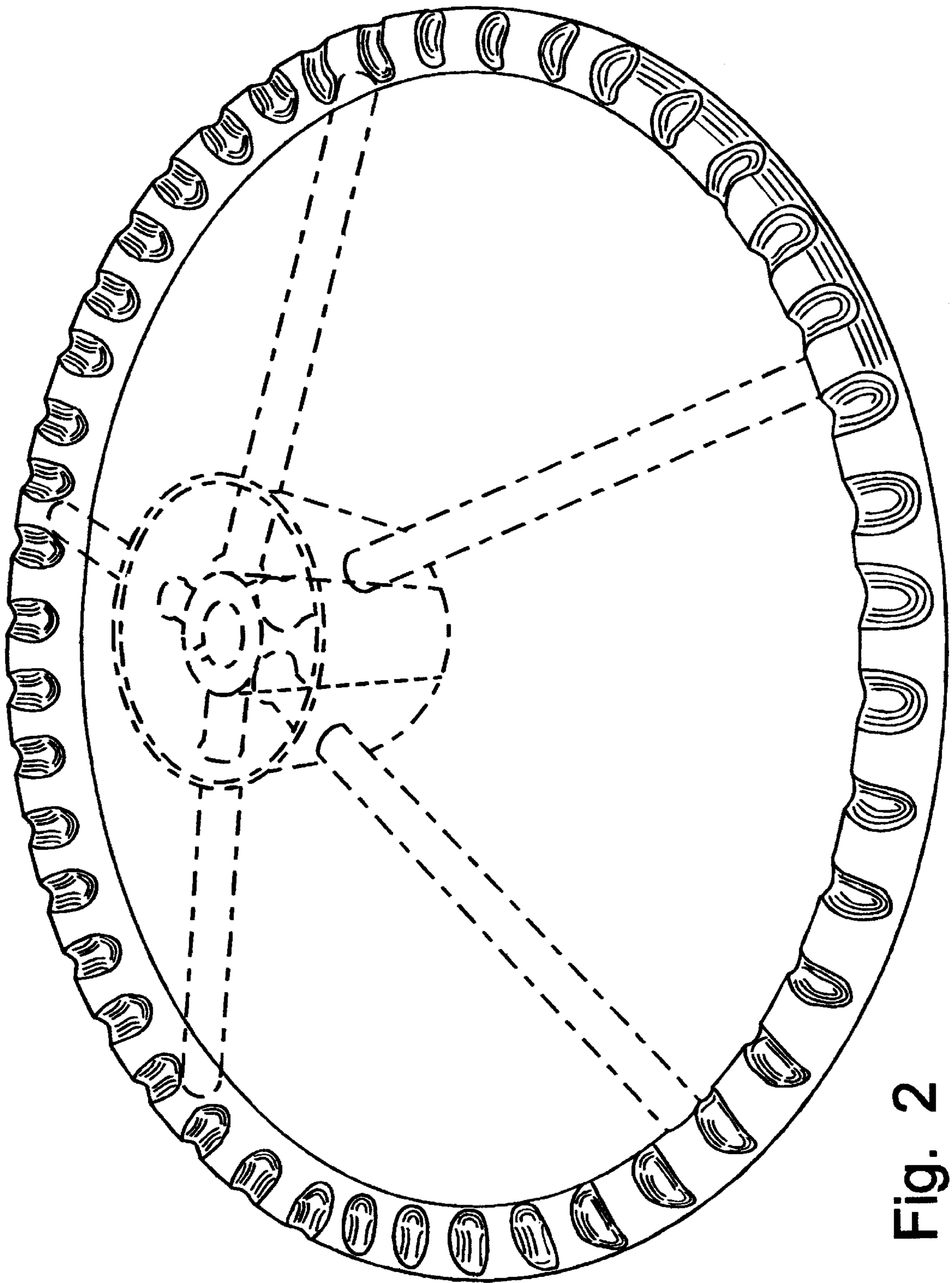


Fig. 2

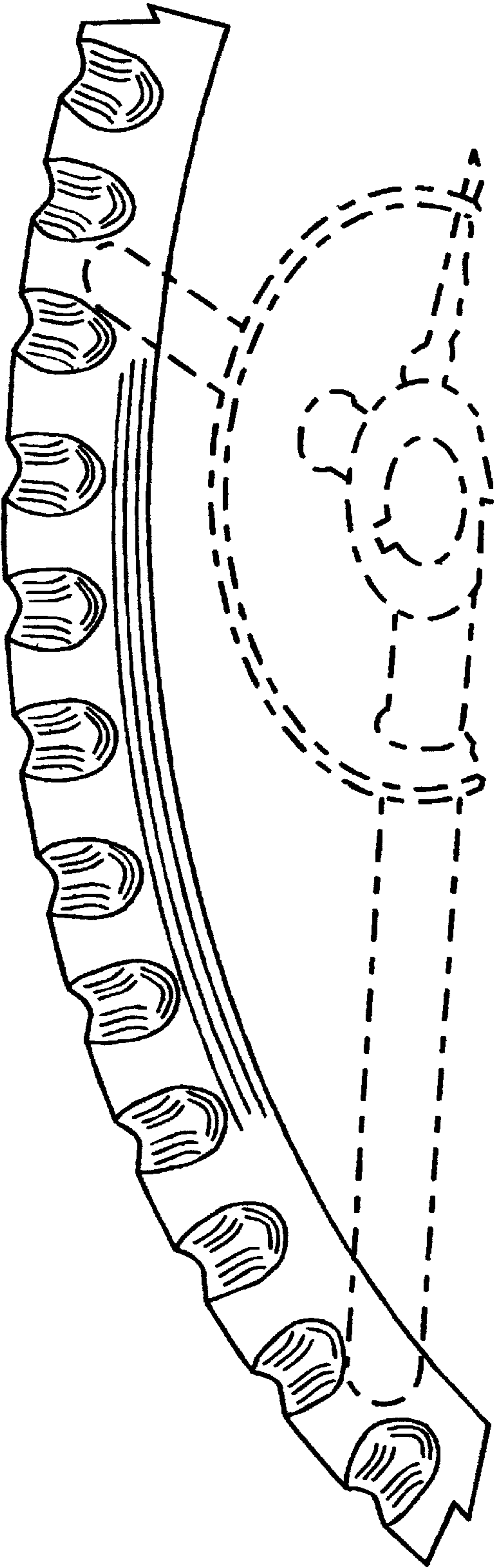


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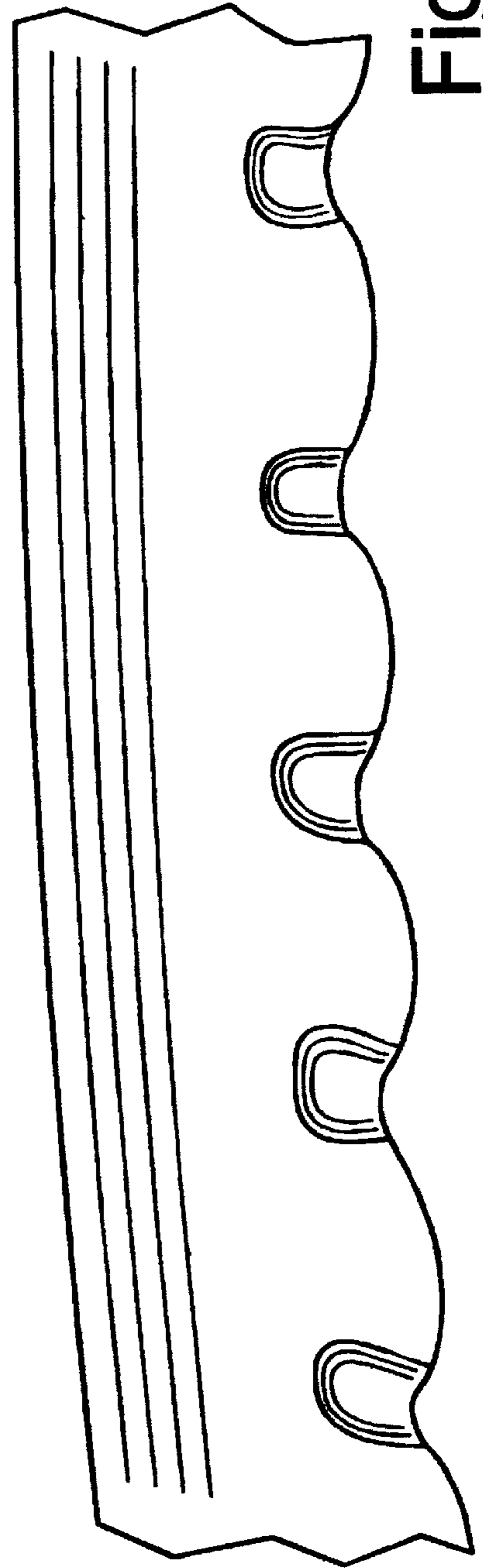
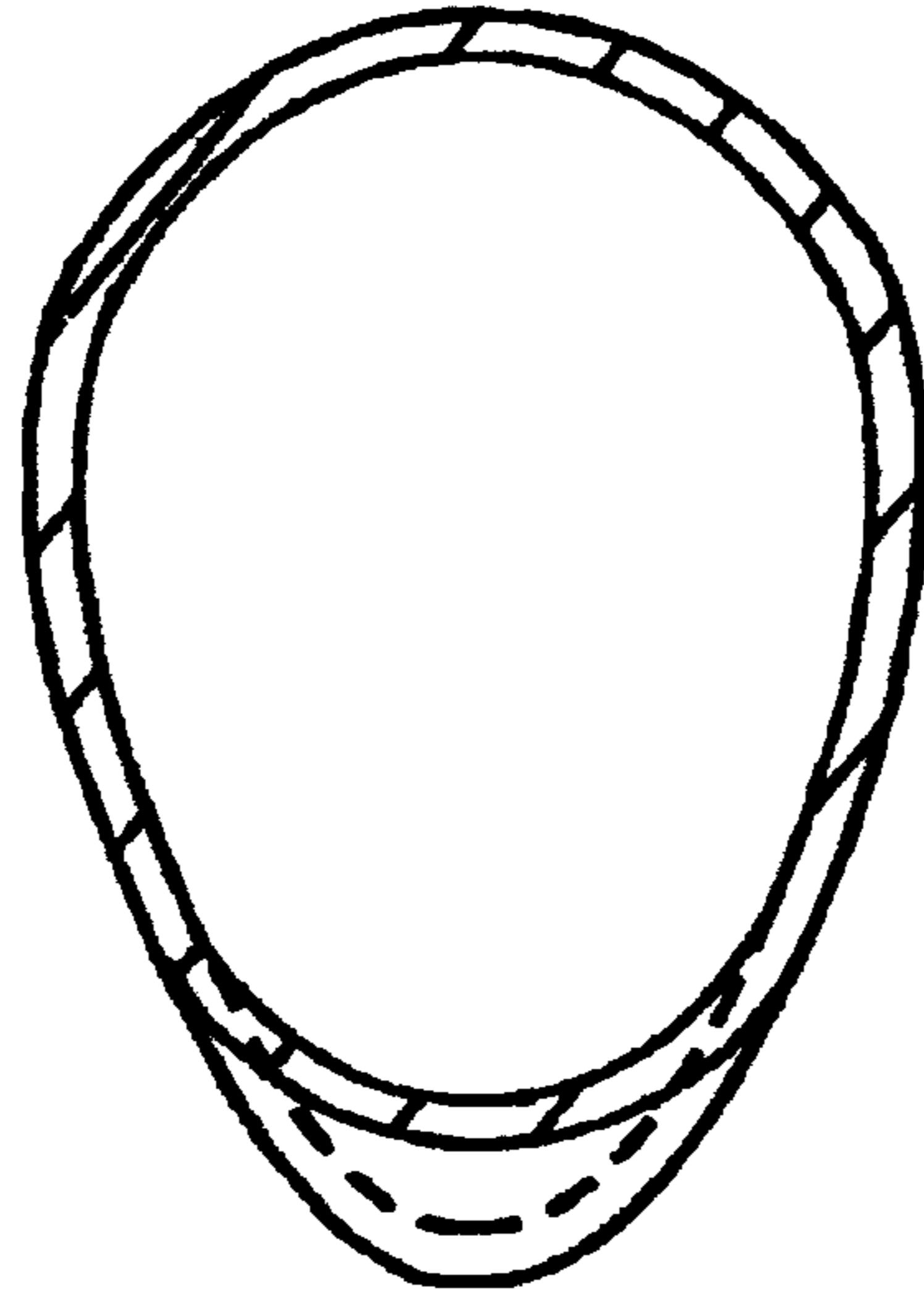
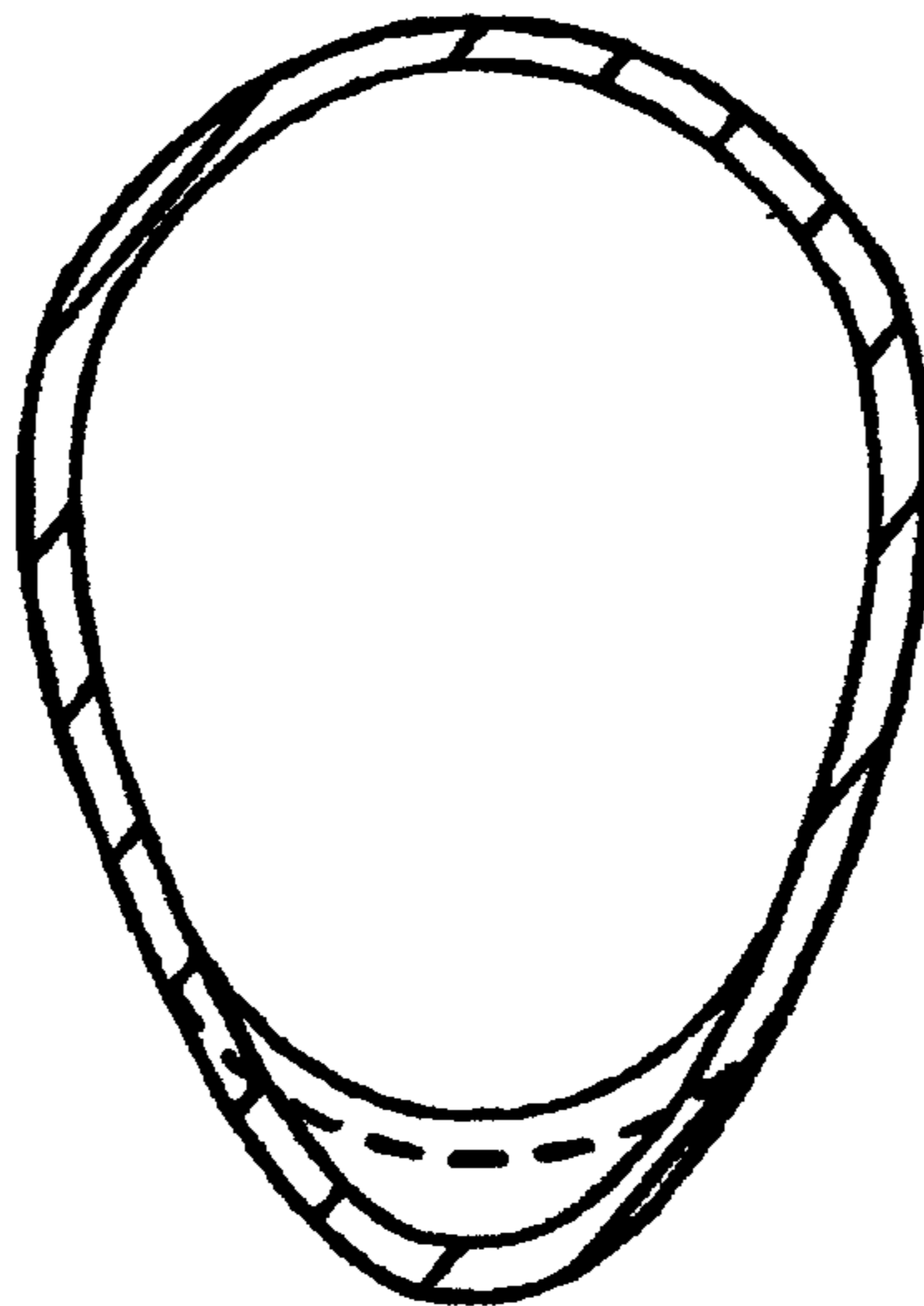


Fig. 4



**Fig. 5**



**Fig. 6**