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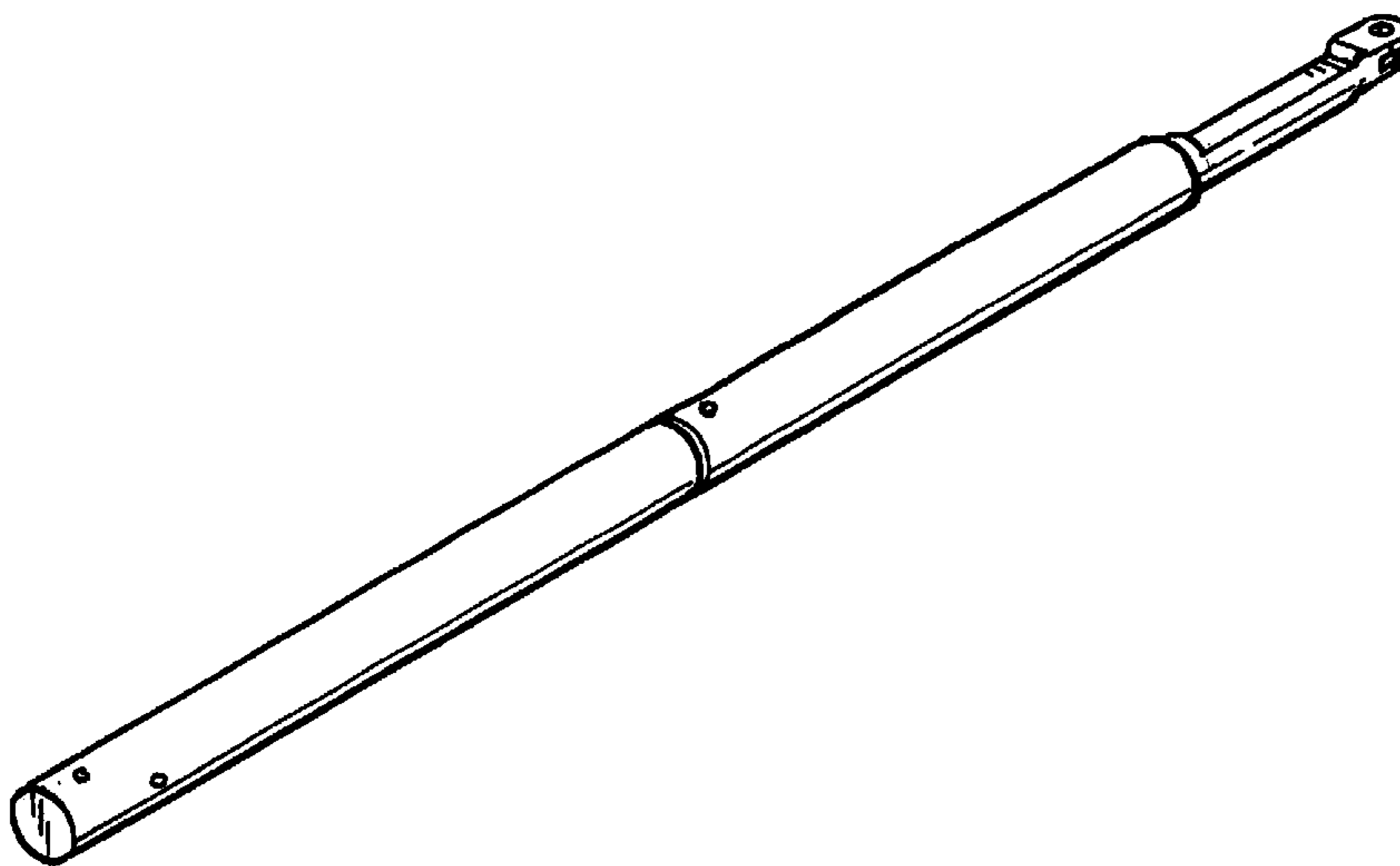
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a towing device, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a top plan view of a towing device showing my new design;  
 FIG. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof;  
 FIG. 3 is a side elevational view thereof with the opposite being a mirror image;  
 FIG. 4 is an elevational view from one end thereof;  
 FIG. 5 is an elevational view from an end opposite that of FIG. 4; and,  
 FIG. 6 is a perspective view thereof.

**1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets**



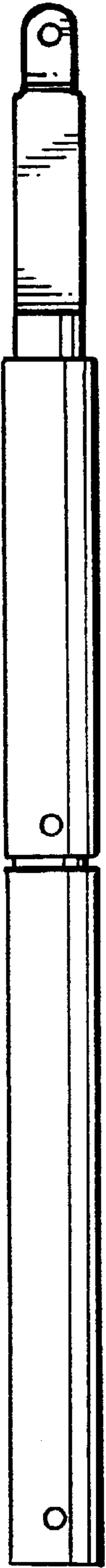


FIG. 1

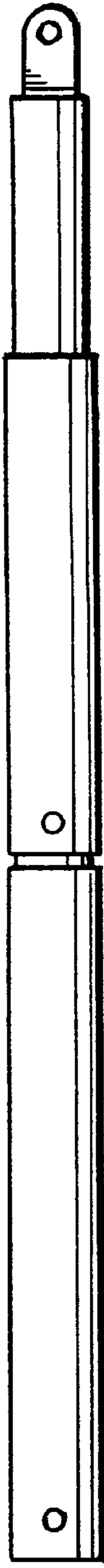


FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5

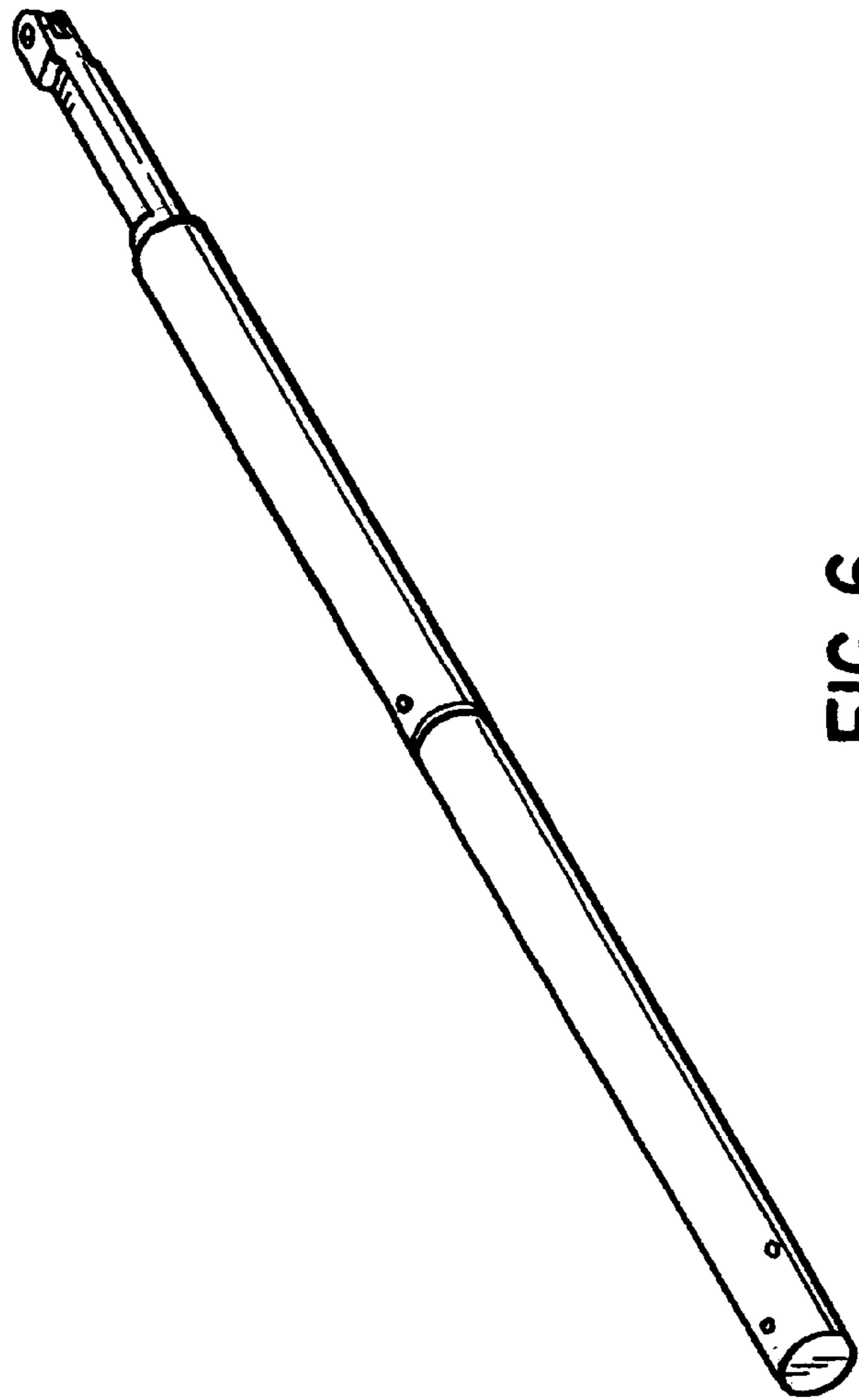


FIG. 6