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(54) **SUPPORT ROD**

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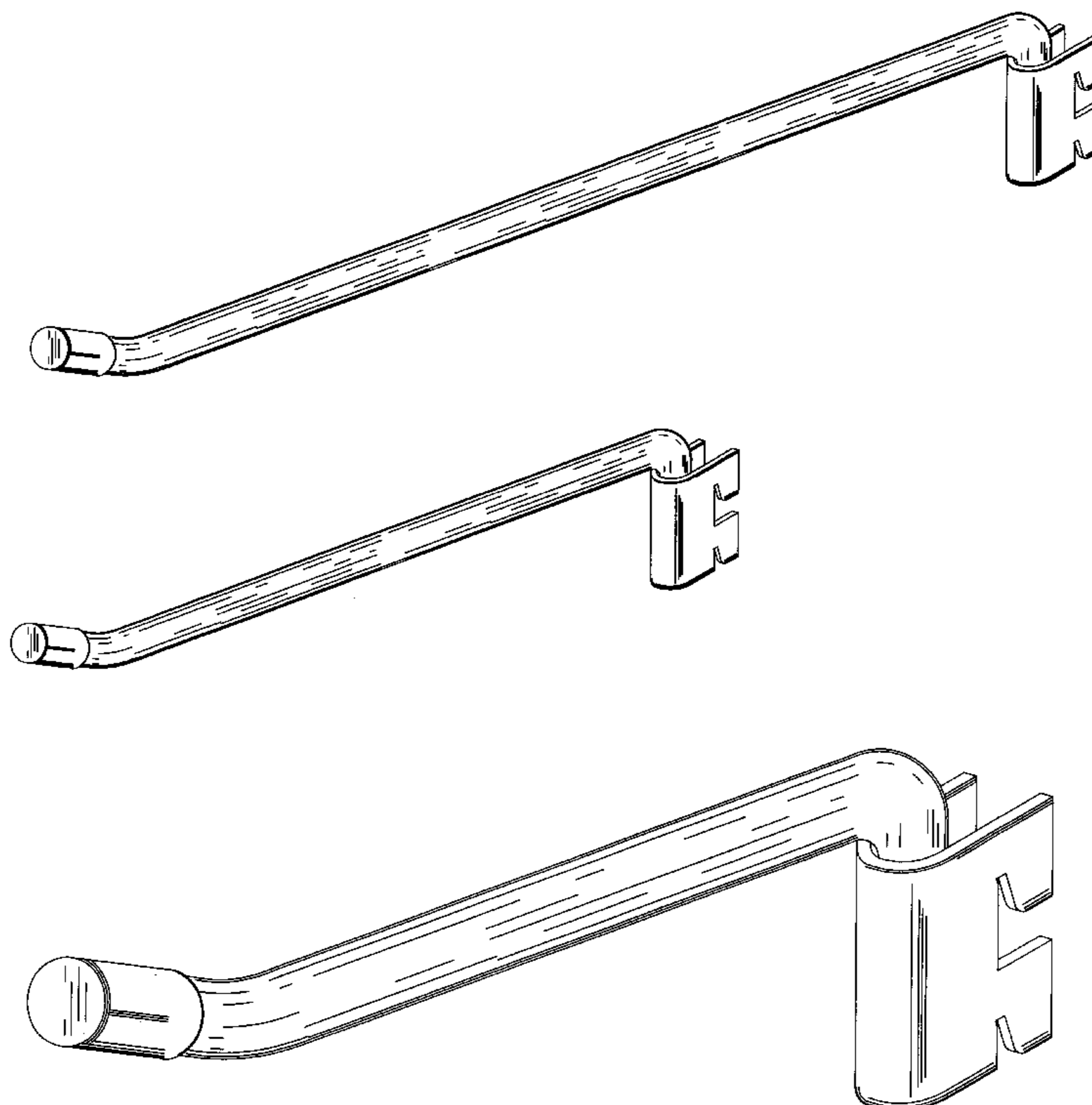
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a support rod, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top, front, and right side perspective view of a support rod showing a first embodiment of my new design; FIG. 2 is a left side elevational view thereof; FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof; FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof; FIG. 5 is a front elevational view thereof; FIG. 6 is a top, front, and right side perspective view of a support rod showing a second embodiment of my new design; FIG. 7 is a left side elevational view thereof; FIG. 8 is a top plan view thereof; FIG. 9 is a bottom plan view thereof; FIG. 10 is a front elevational view thereof; FIG. 11 is a top, front, and right side perspective view of a support rod showing a third embodiment of my new design; FIG. 12 is a left side elevational view thereof; FIG. 13 is a top plan view thereof; FIG. 14 is a bottom plan view thereof; and, FIG. 15 is a front elevational view thereof.

1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets



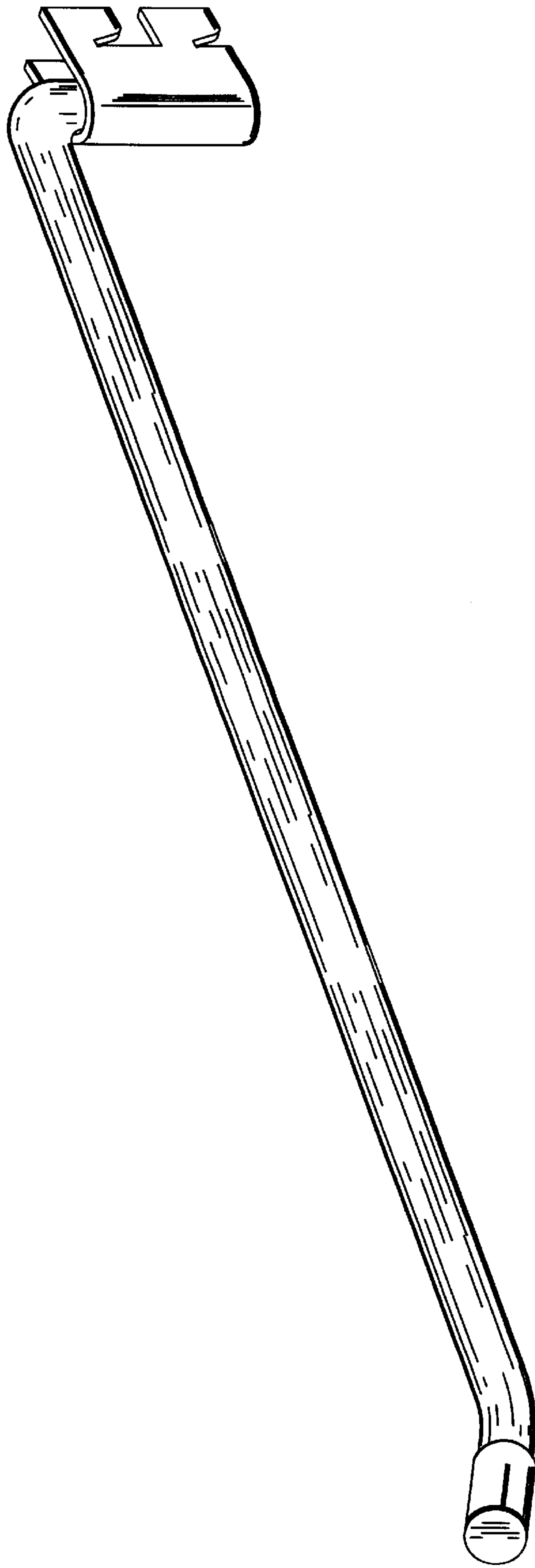


FIG. 1

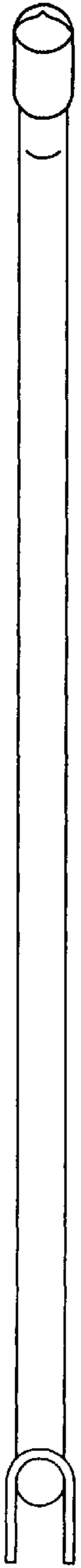


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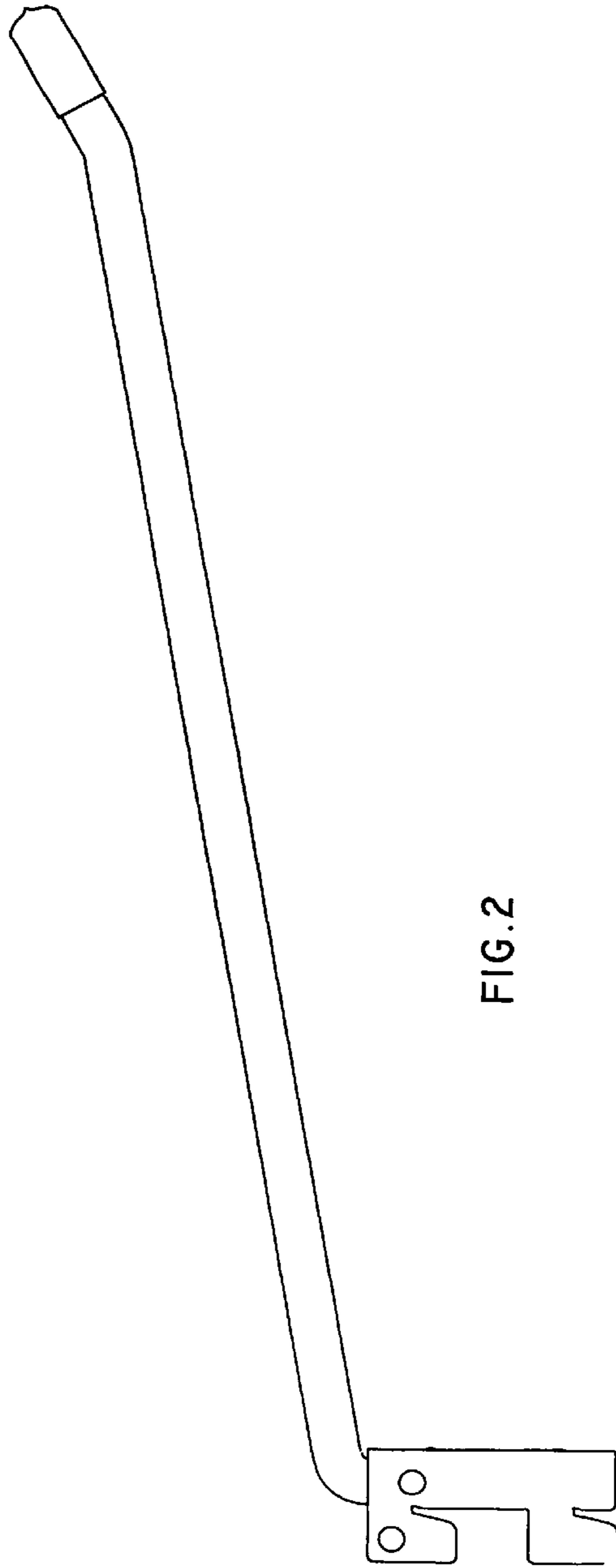


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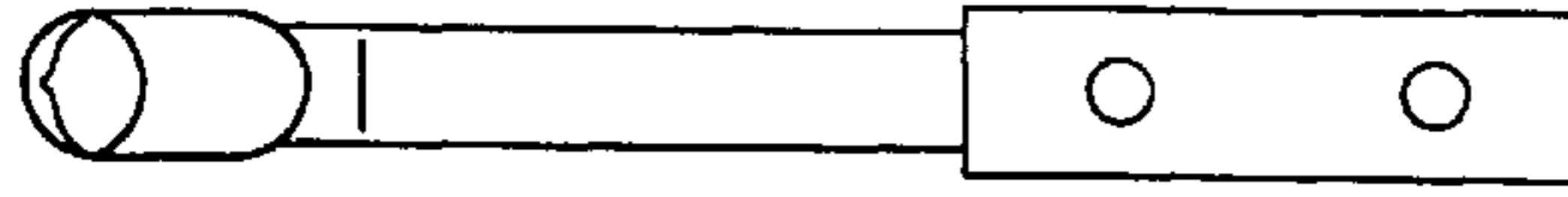


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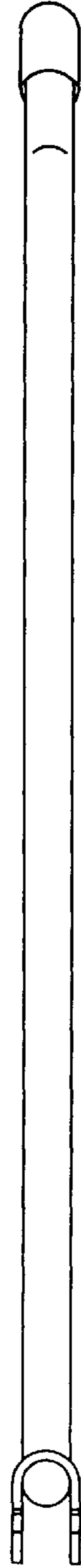


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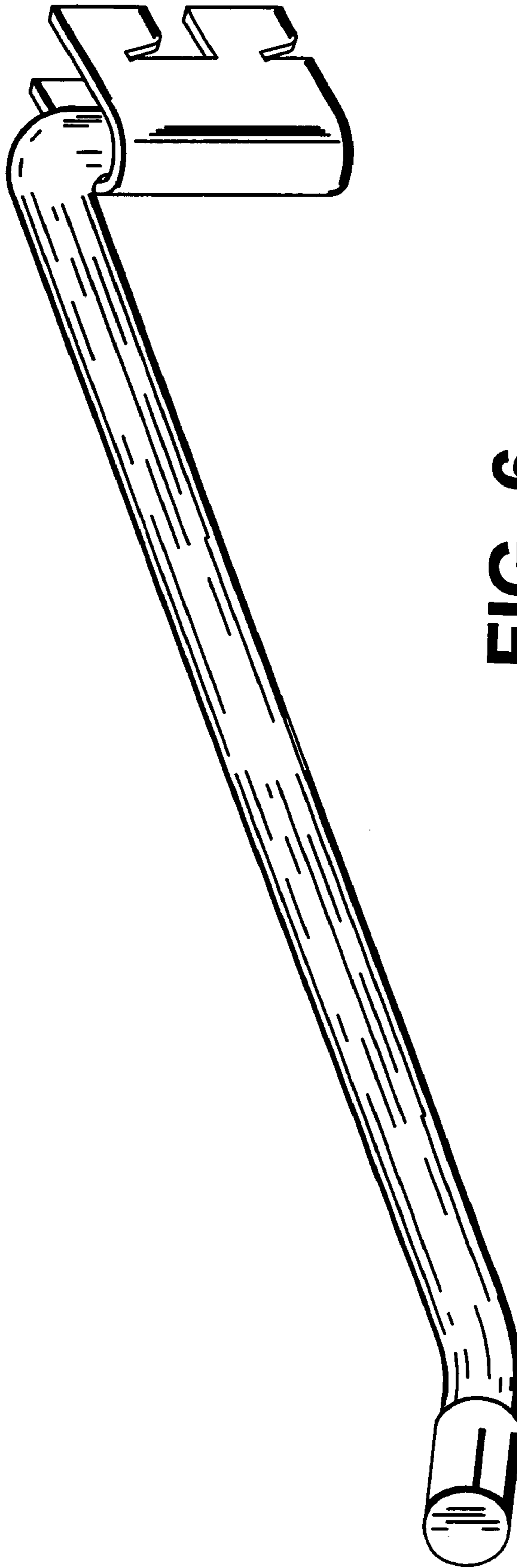


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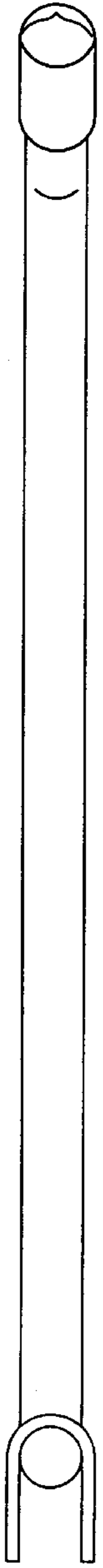


FIG. 8

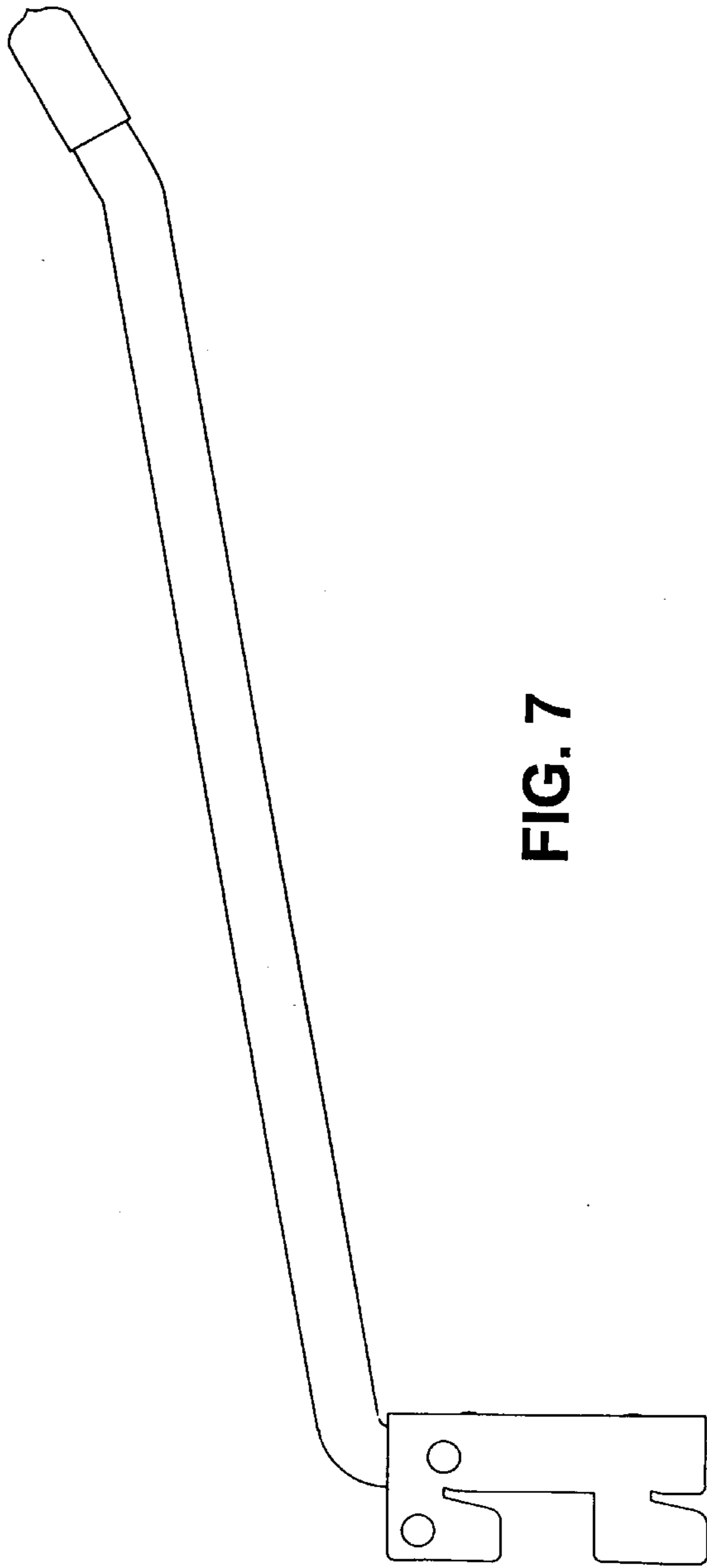


FIG. 7

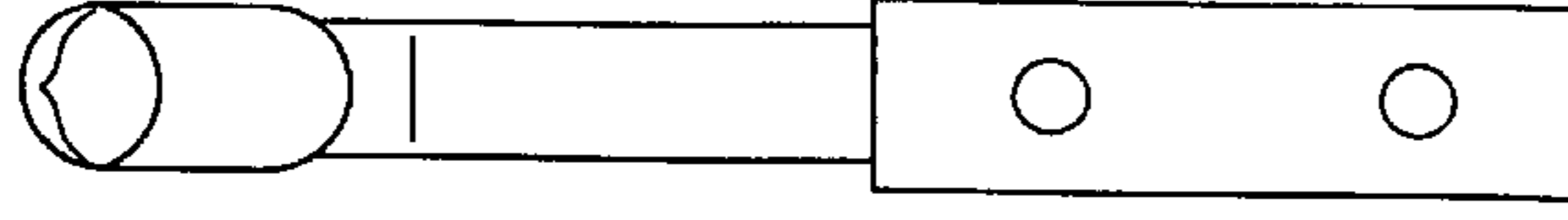


FIG. 10



FIG. 9

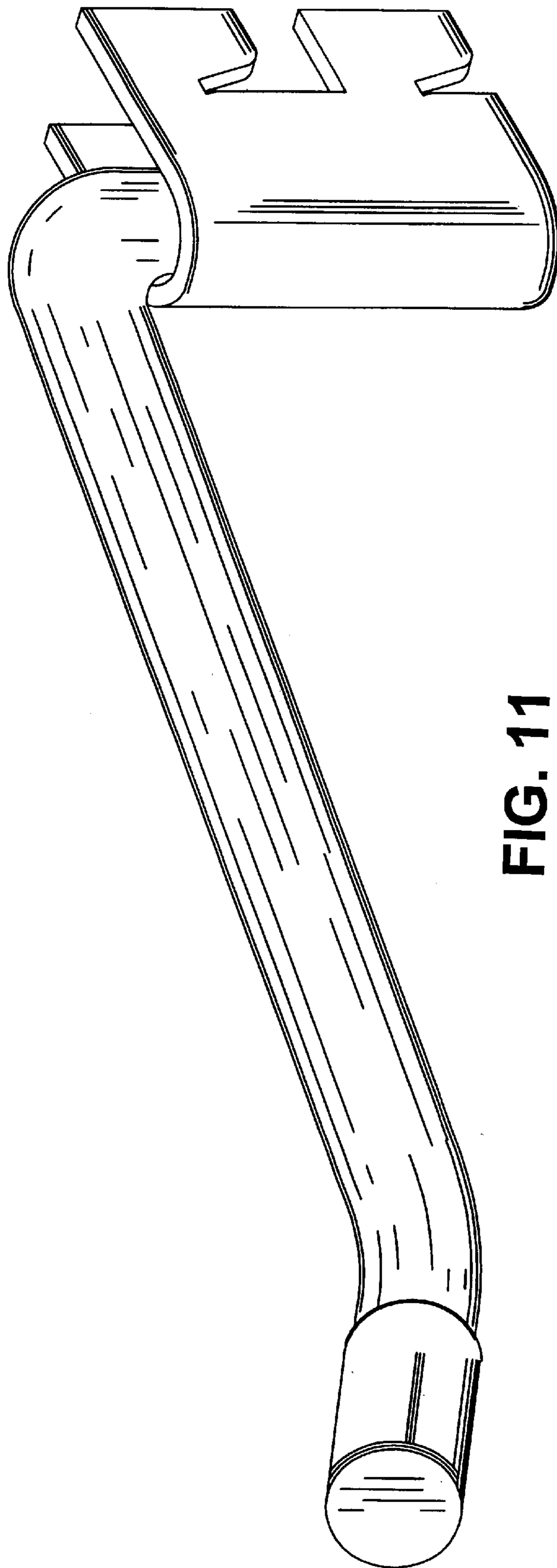


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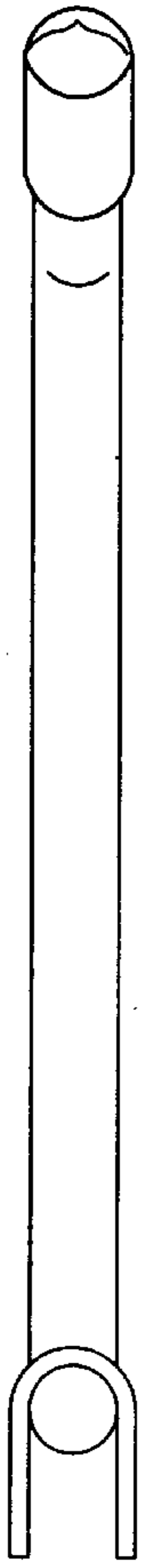


FIG. 13

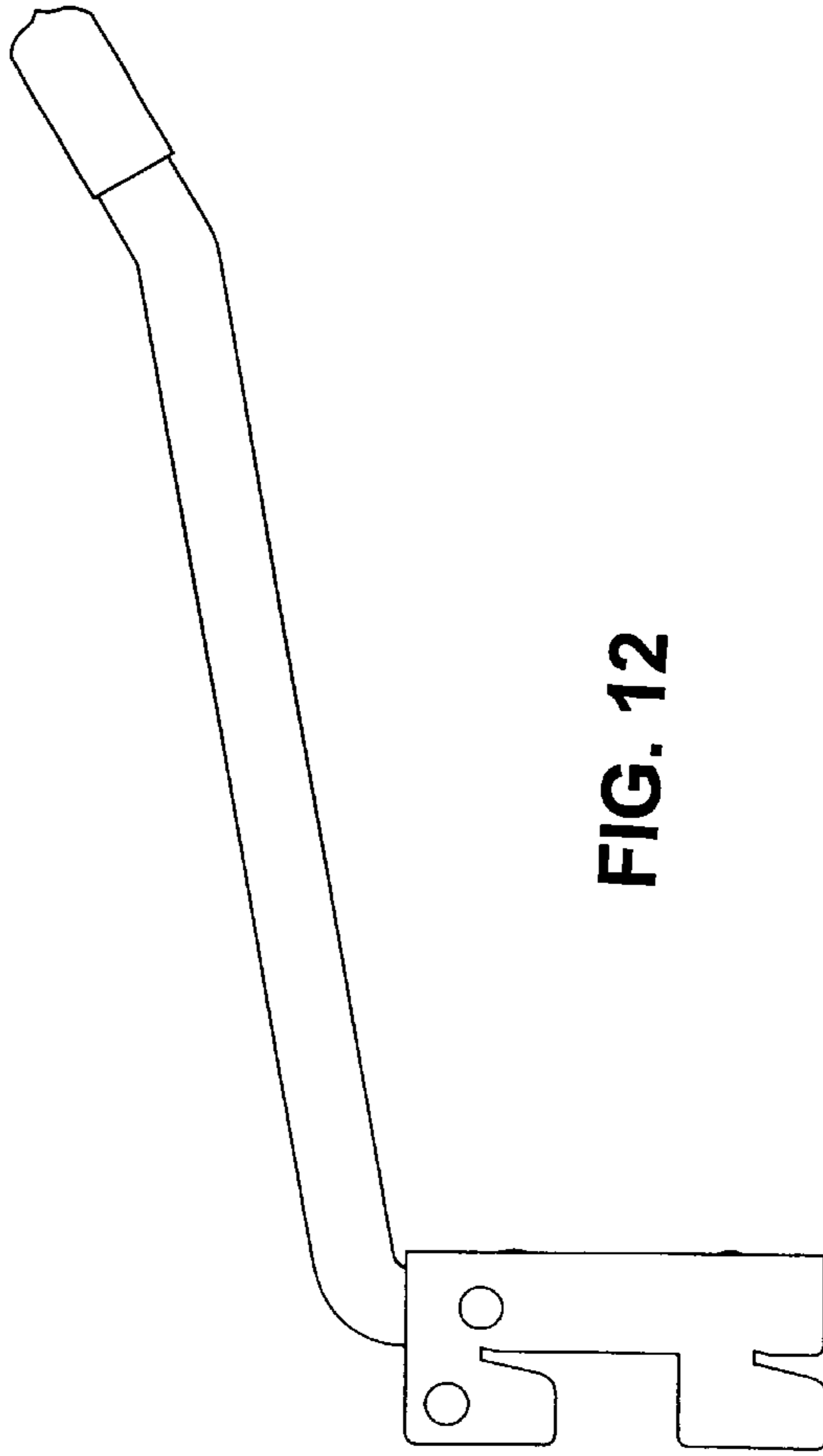


FIG. 12

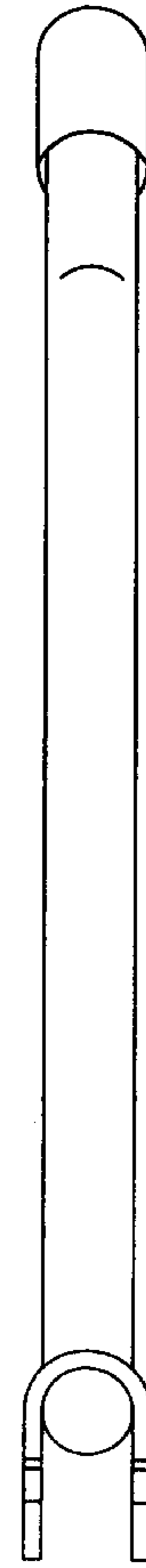


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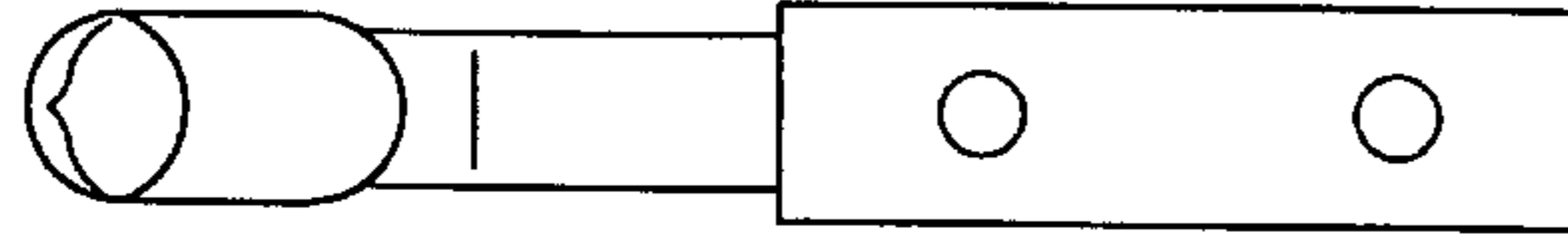


FIG. 15