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(54) **MESSAGE TOOL**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for the message tool, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

Applicant claims the benefit of the priority date of co-pending U.S. Application, Ser. No. 09/379,028, filed on Aug. 23, 1999.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a message tool according to the invention.

FIG. 2 is a side elevation view of the message tool of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the message tool of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a left end elevation view of the message tool of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 5 is a right end elevation view of the message tool of FIG. 1.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet

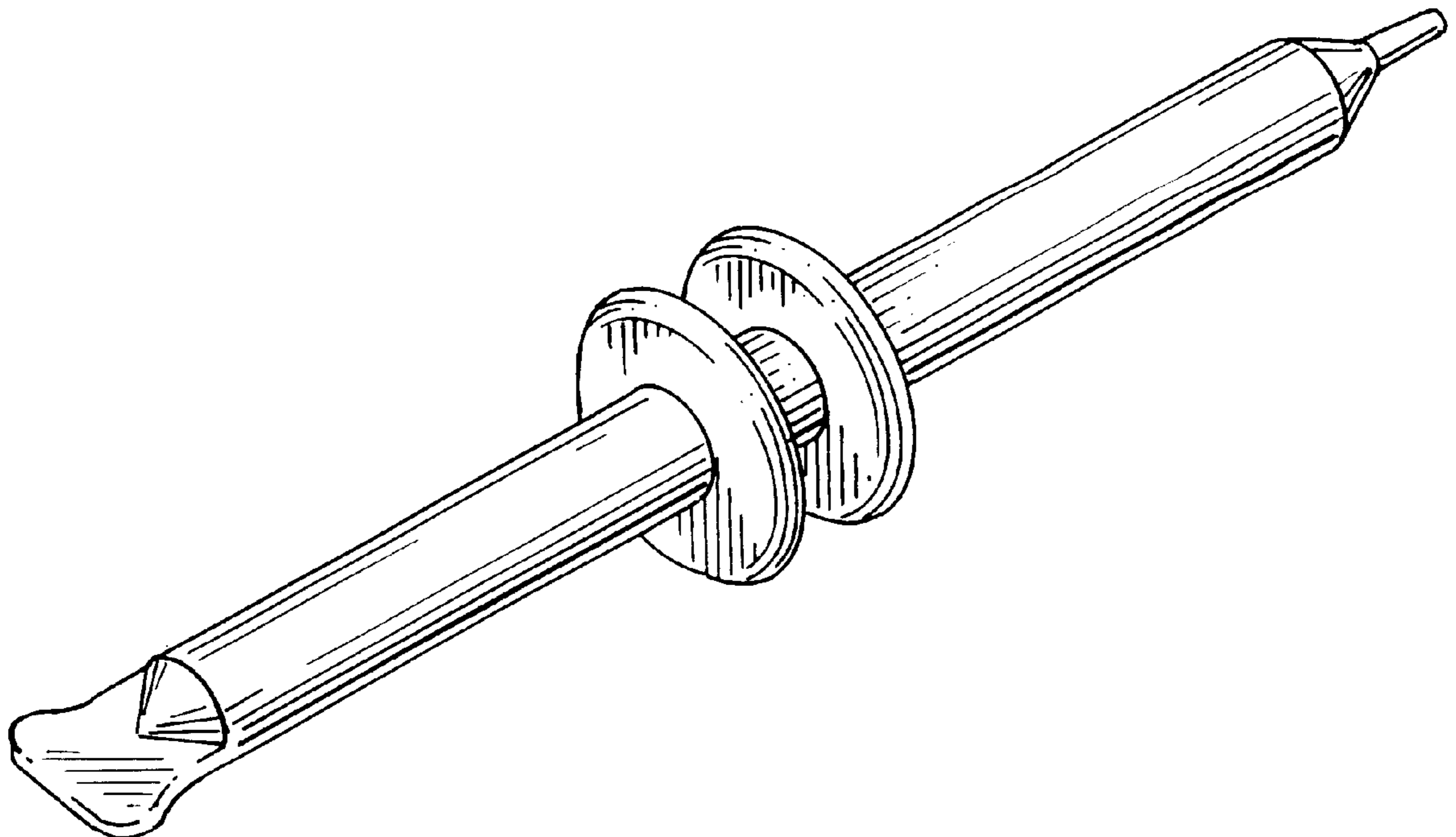


FIG. 1

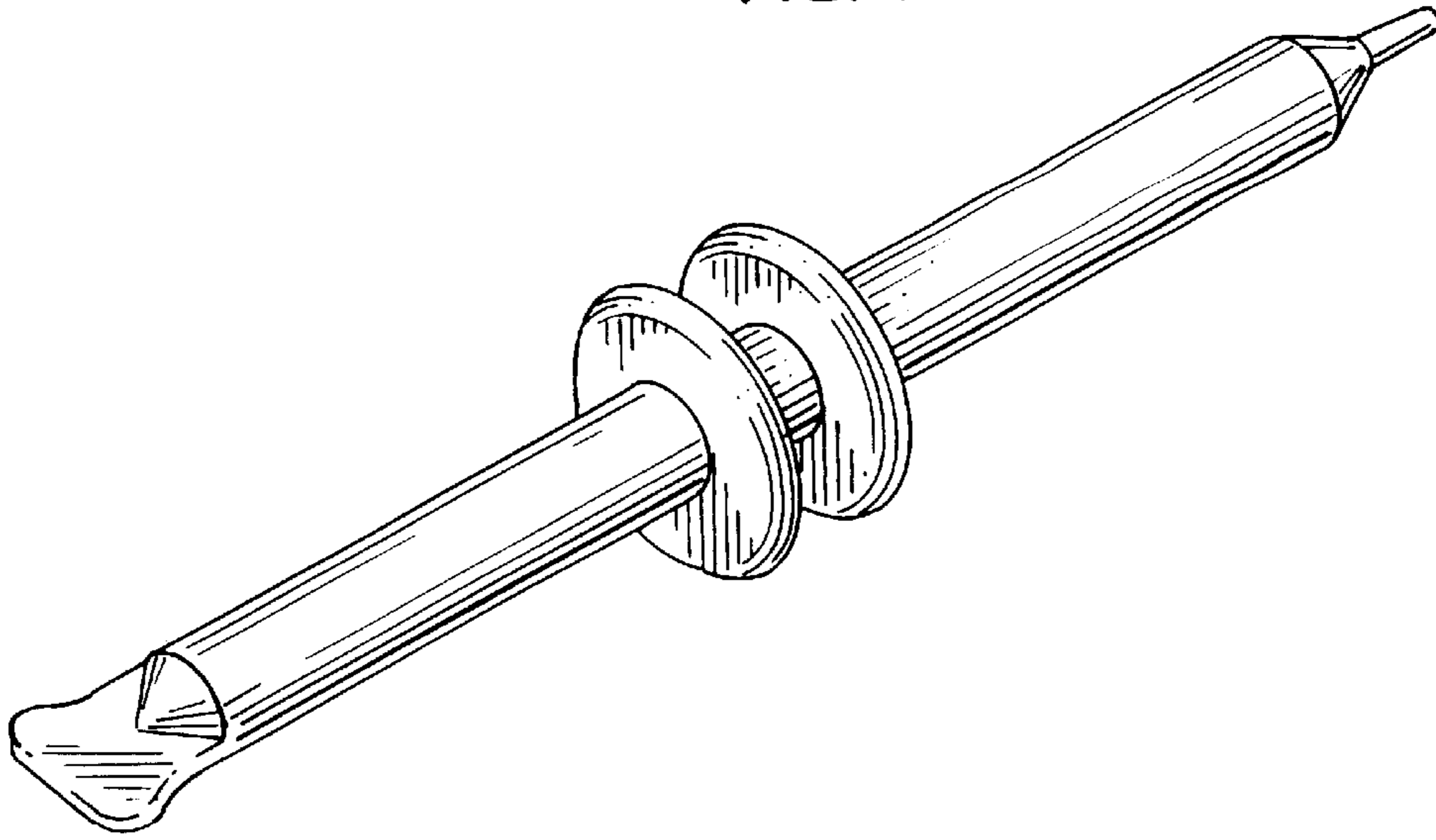


FIG. 2

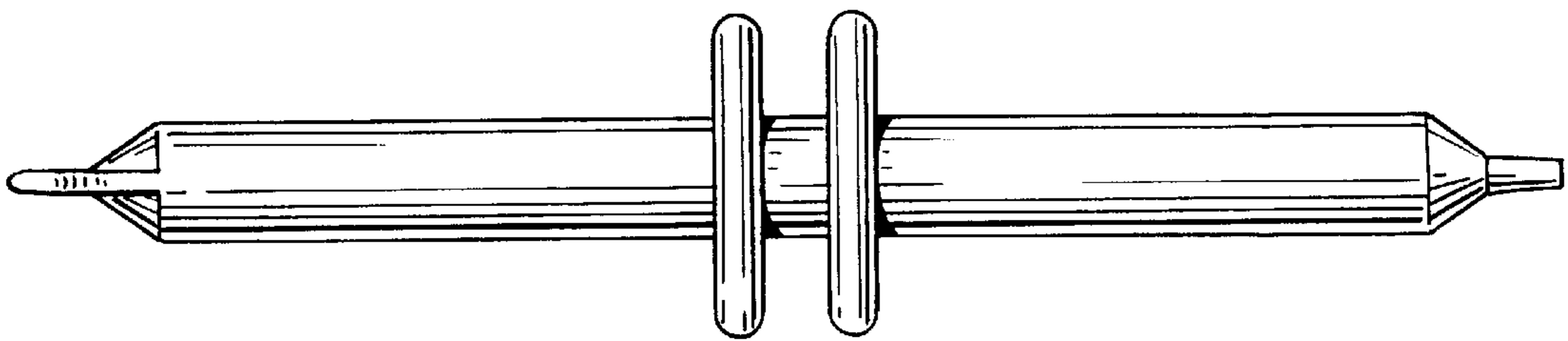


FIG. 3

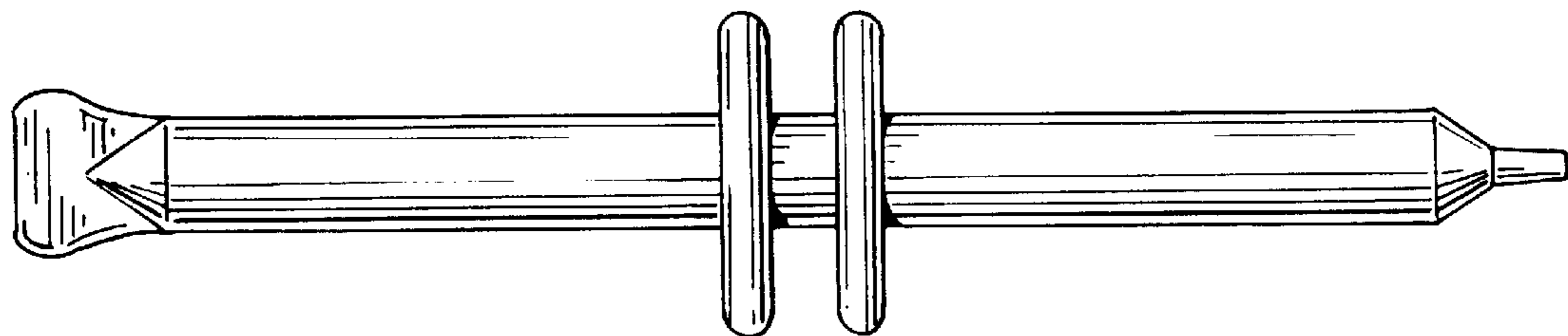


FIG. 4

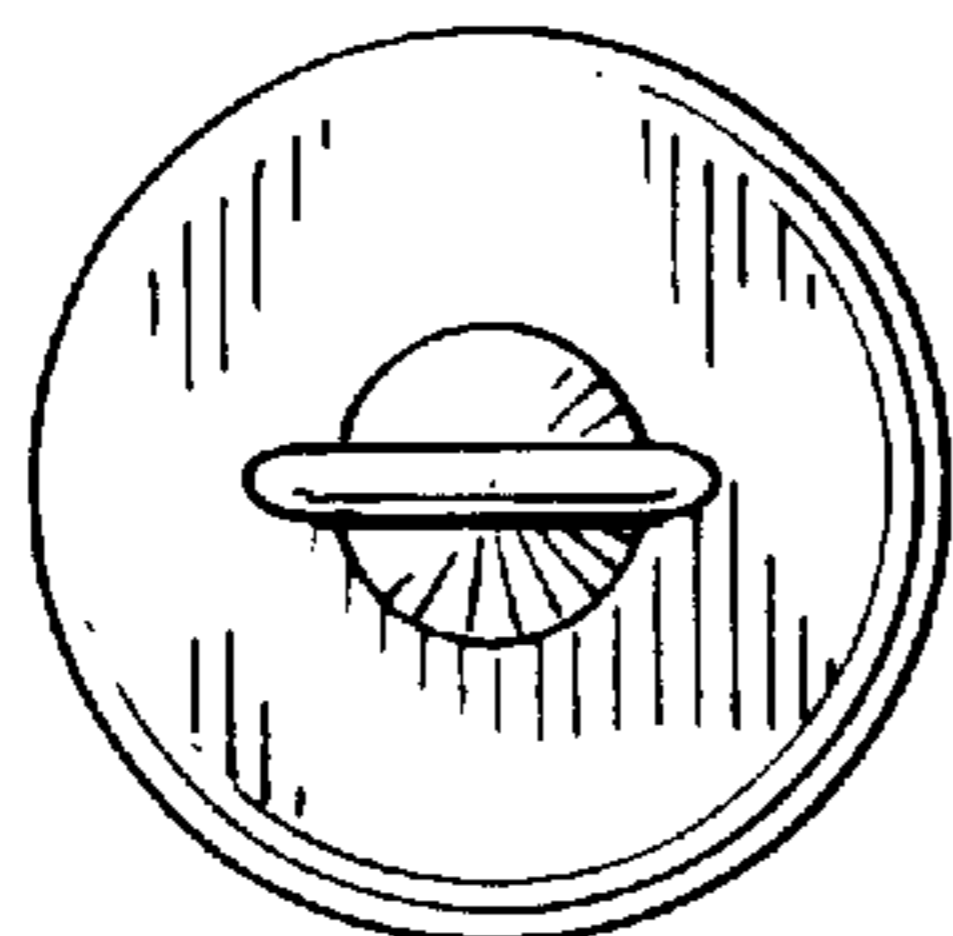


FIG. 5

