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- (54) **DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE**
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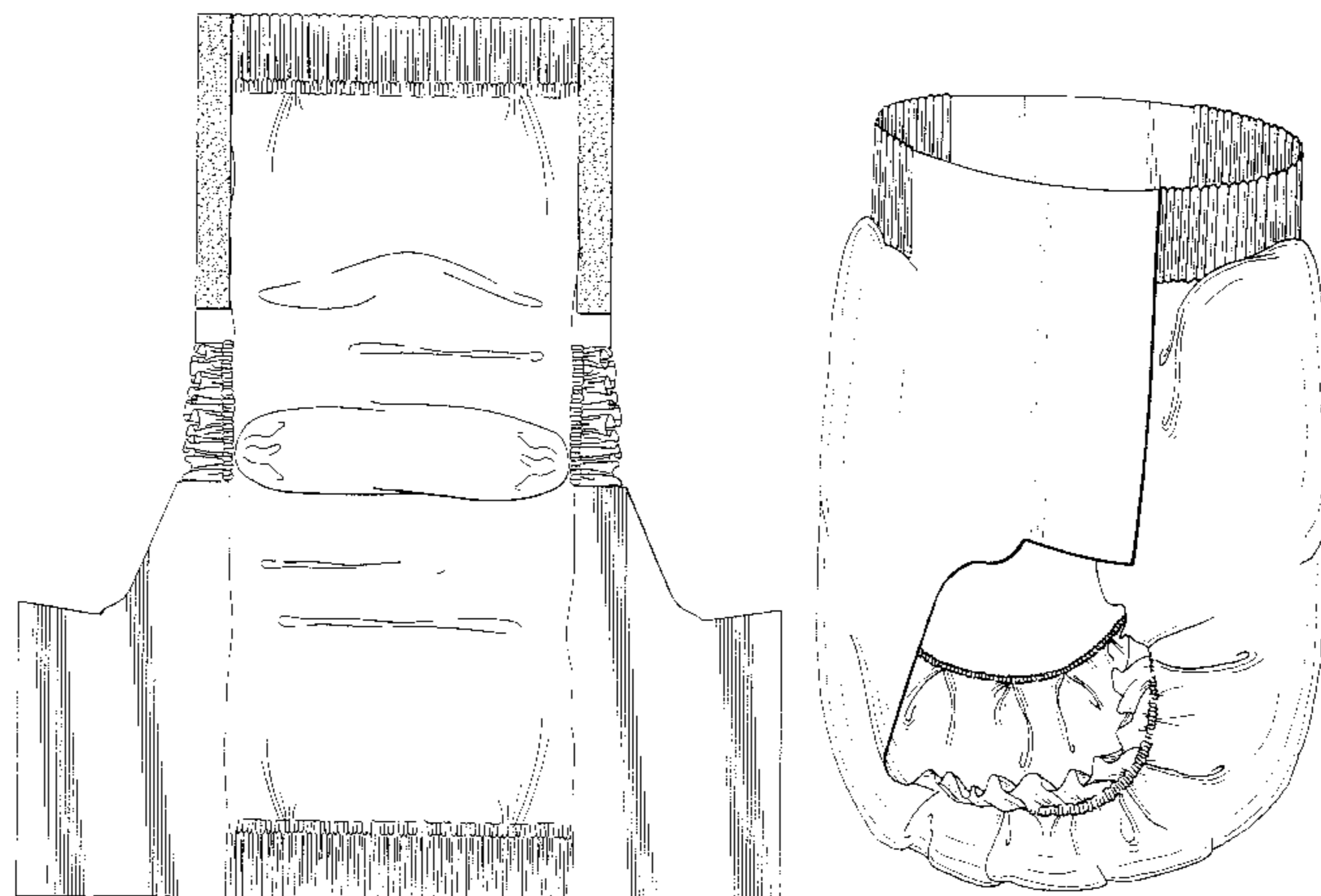
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Exhibit A—Photographs of training pant sold by Kimberly-Clark Corporation under the tradename HUGGIES® PULL-UPS® Training Pants.

Exhibit B—Photographs of training pant sold by Kao Corporation in Japan under the tradename Merries Kids Torepants.

Exhibit C—Photographs of training pant sold by Paragon under the tradename Wal-Mart Dri-Bottoms Training Pants.

Exhibit D—Photographs of training pant sold by The Procter & Gamble Company under the tradename LUVS® Training Pants (unisex).

Exhibit E—Photographs of training pant sold by The Procter & Gamble Company in Japan under the tradename Pampers Sukusuku.

Exhibit F—Photographs of training pant sold by Uni-Charm Corporation in Japan under the tradename Torepan Man (Boys).

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(57) **CLAIM**

We claim the ornamental design for a disposable absorbent article, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a plan view of one embodiment of a disposable absorbent article according to our new design, in a laid flat condition and showing the surface of the article that faces away from the wearer.

FIG. 2 is a side perspective view of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 1, with the fastening system shown engaged on both sides of the absorbent article.

FIG. 3 is a front elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a rear elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a right side elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 1.

FIG. 6 is a left side elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 1.

FIG. 7 is a top plan view of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 1.

FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 1.

FIG. 9 is a perspective view of a further embodiment of the disposable absorbent article according to our new design, with the fastening system shown engaged on both sides of the absorbent article.

FIG. 10 is a front elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 9.

FIG. 11 is a rear elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 9.

FIG. 12 is a right side elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 9.

FIG. 13 is a left side elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 9.

FIG. 14 is a top plan view of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 9.

FIG. 15 is a bottom plan view of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 9.

FIG. 16 is a perspective view of yet another embodiment of the disposable absorbent article according to our new design, with the fastening system shown engaged on both sides of the absorbent article.

FIG. 17 is a front elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 16.

FIG. 18 is a rear elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 16.

FIG. 19 is a right side elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 16.

FIG. 20 is a left side elevation of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 16.

FIG. 21 is a top plan view of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 16; and,

FIG. 22 is a bottom plan view of the disposable absorbent article of FIG. 16.

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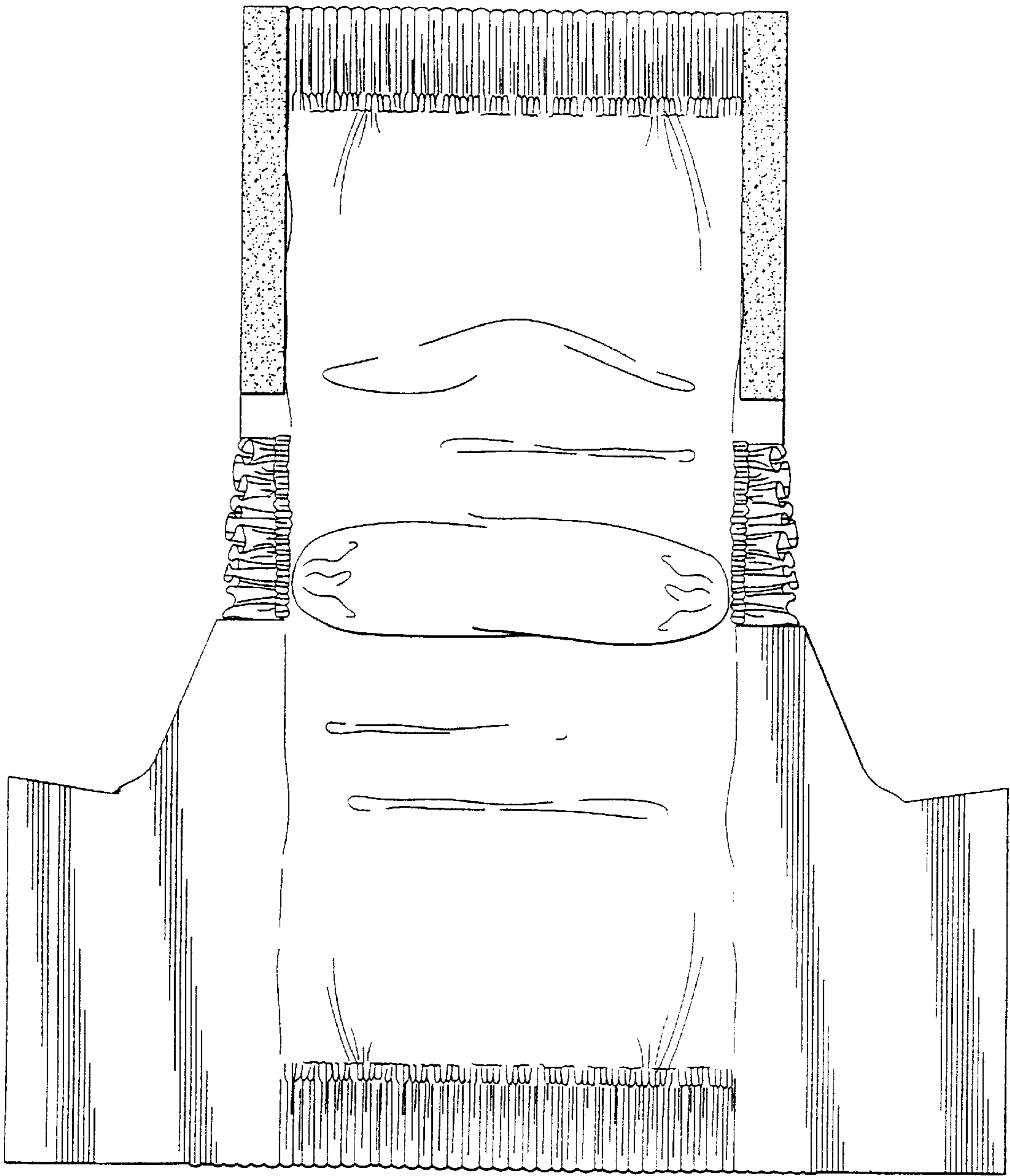


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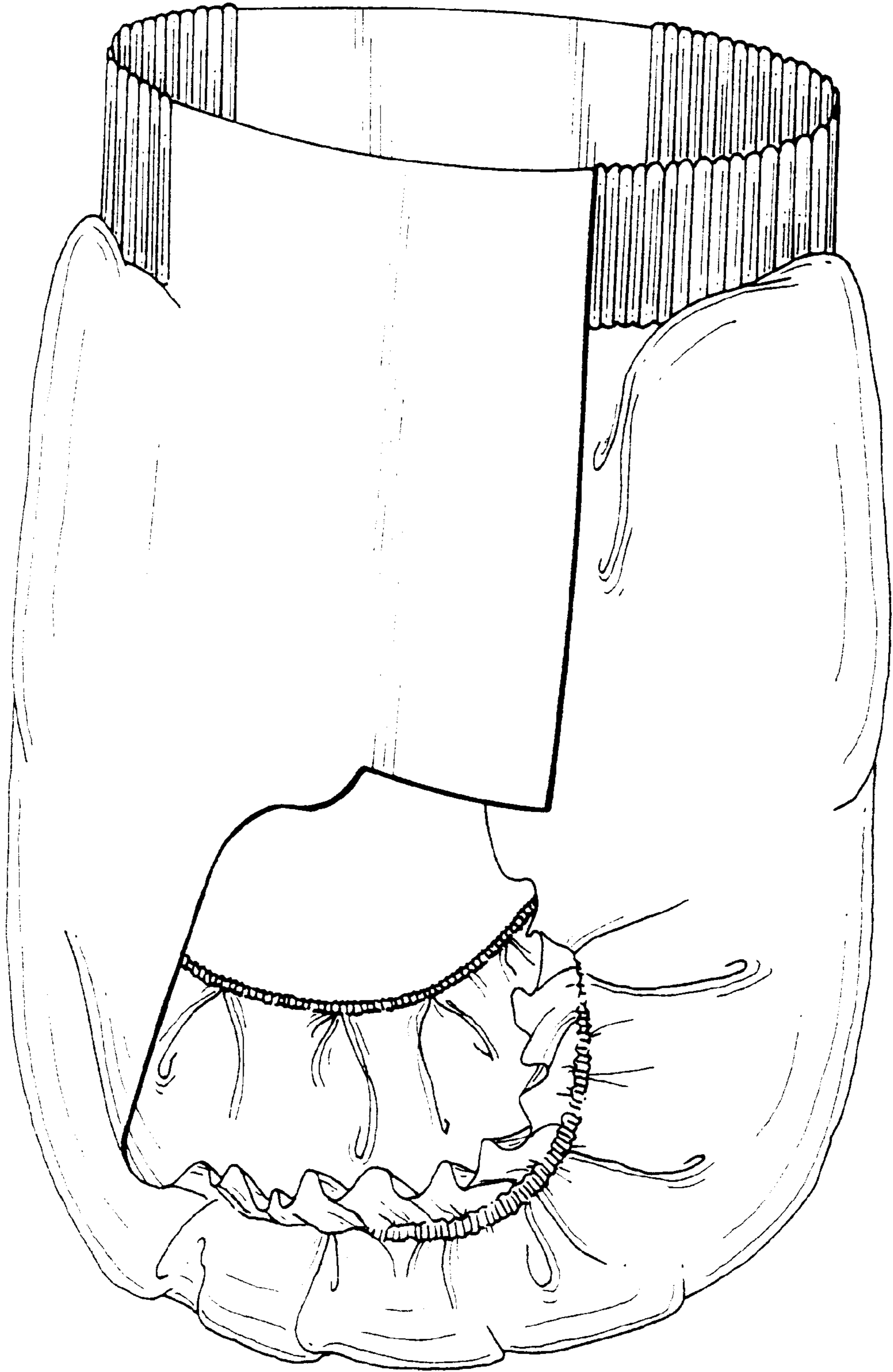


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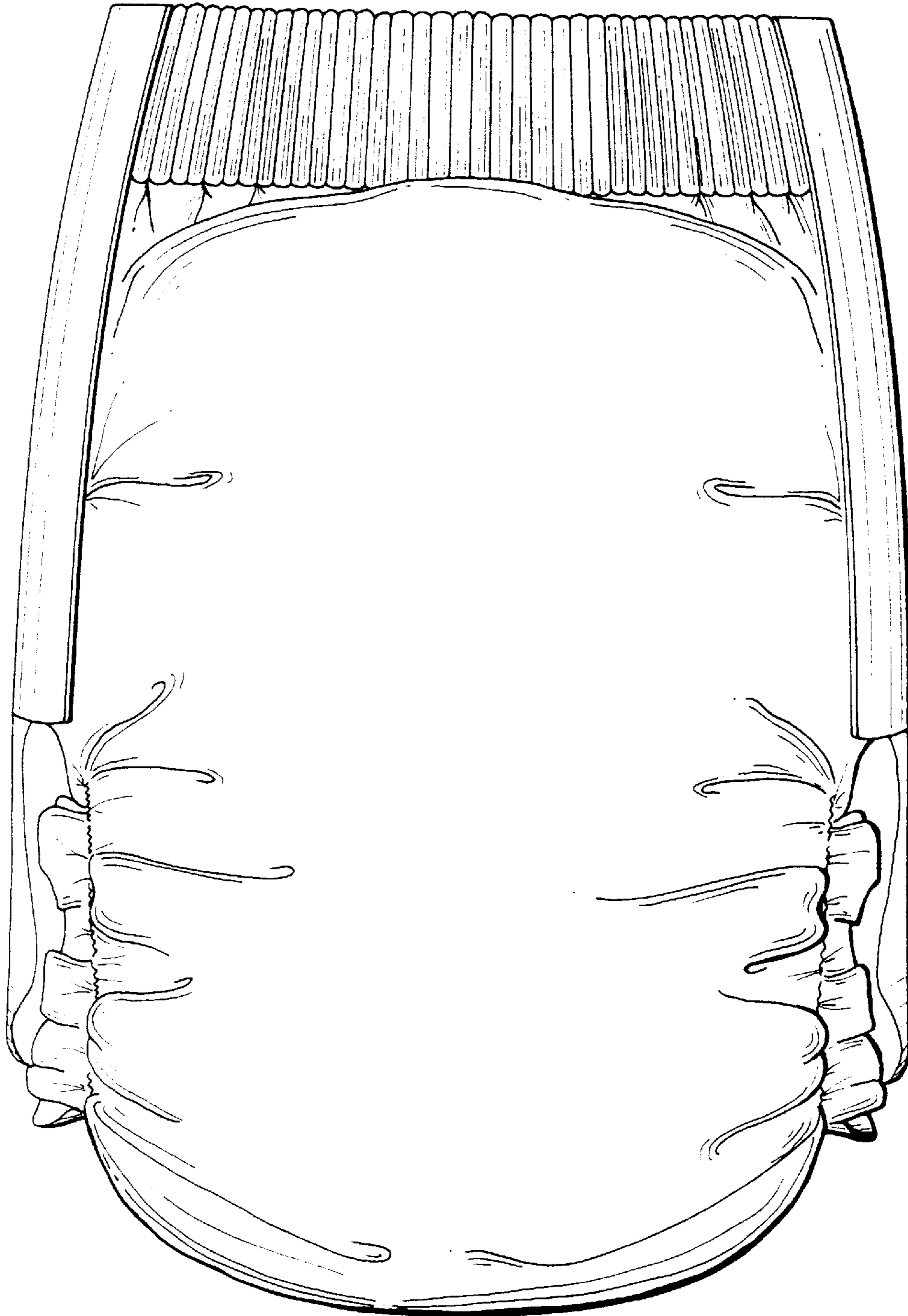


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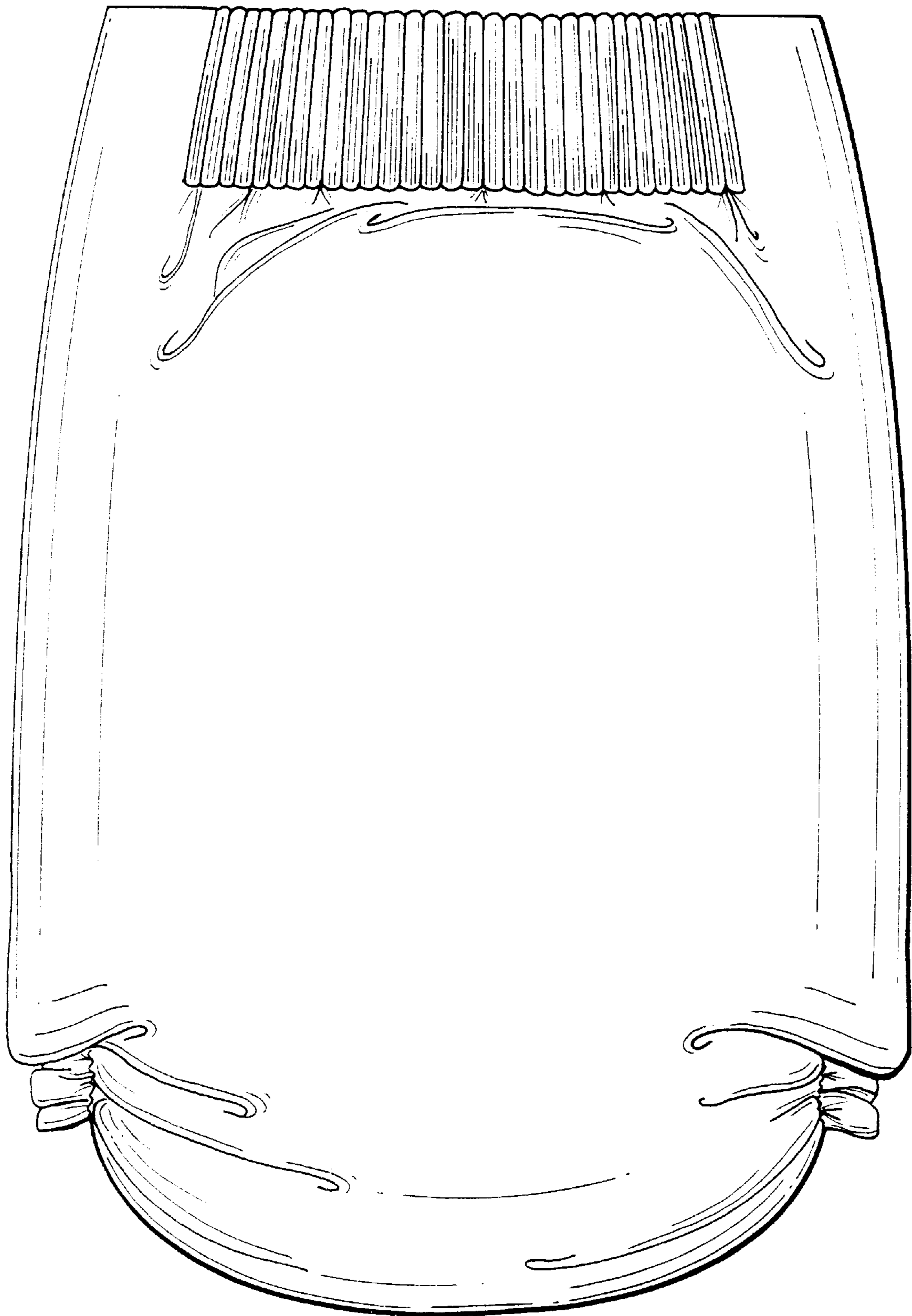


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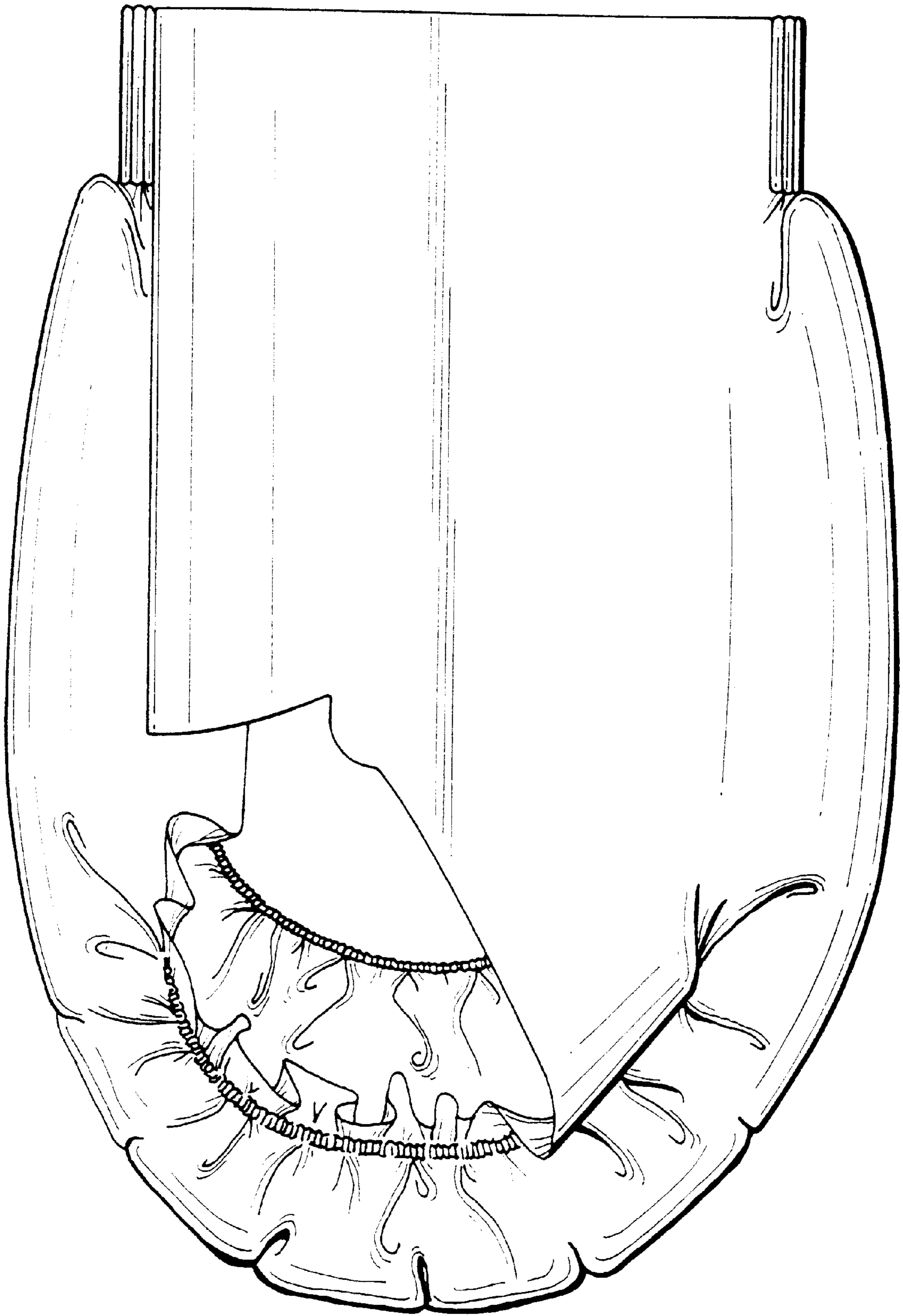


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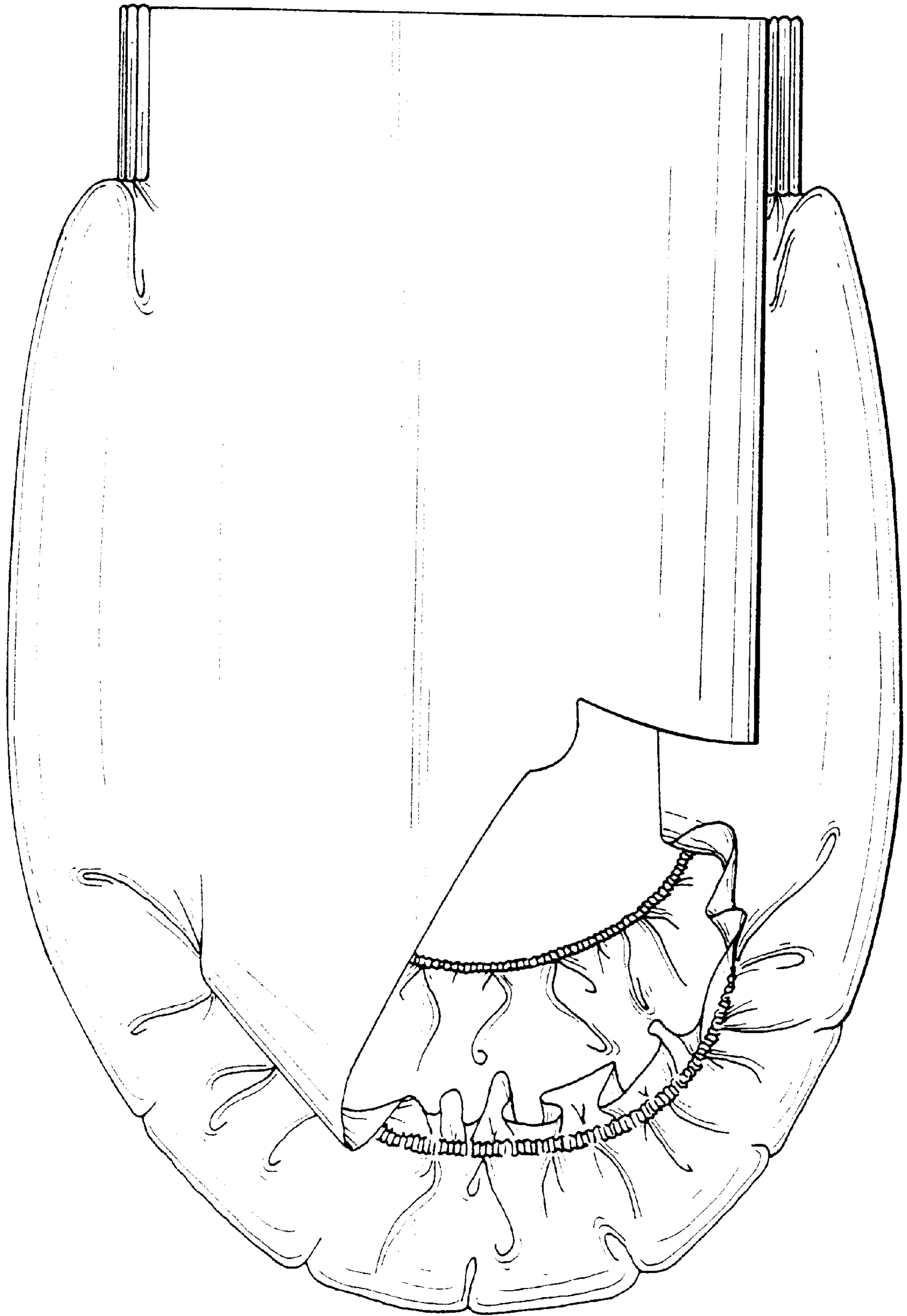


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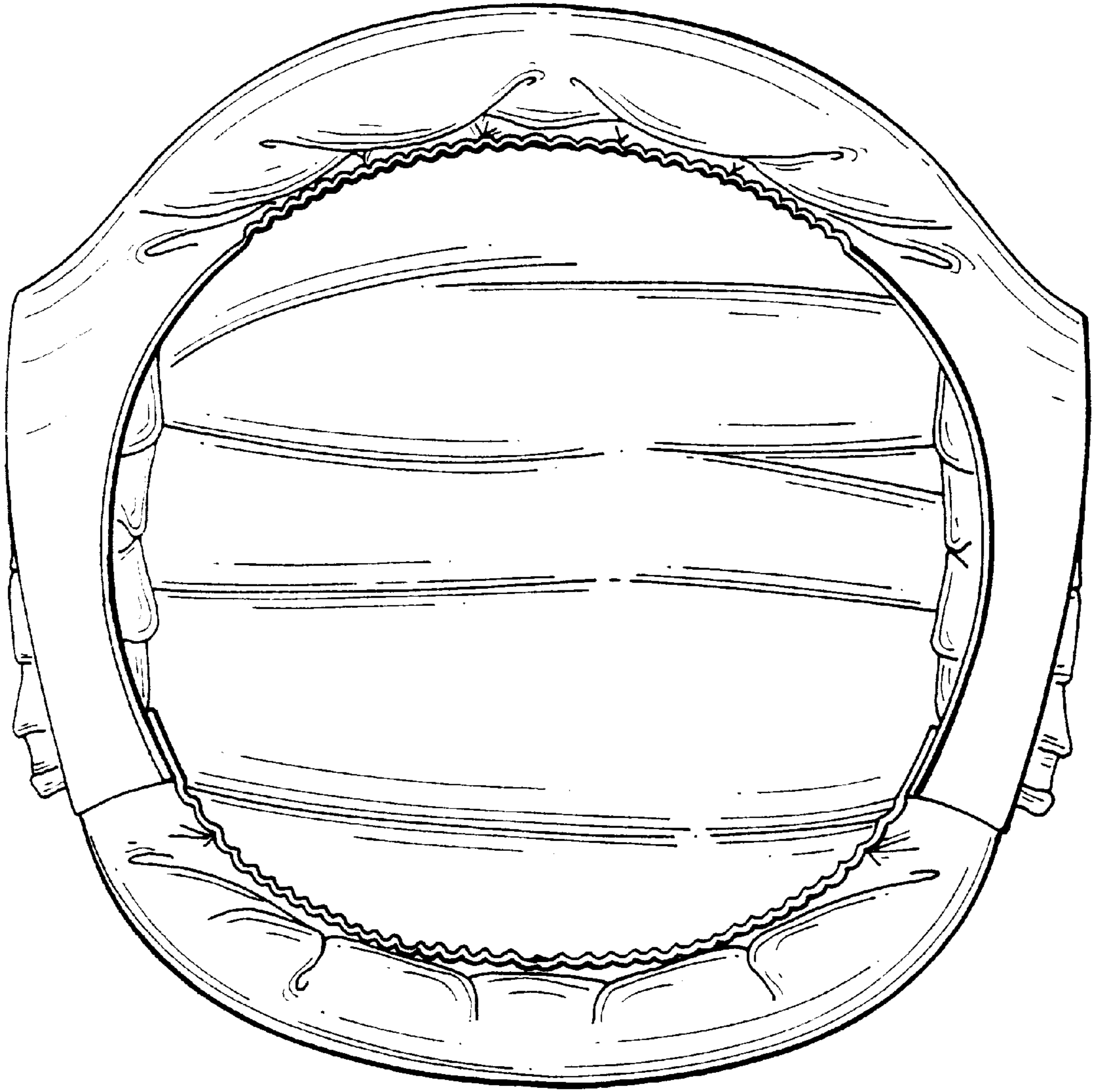


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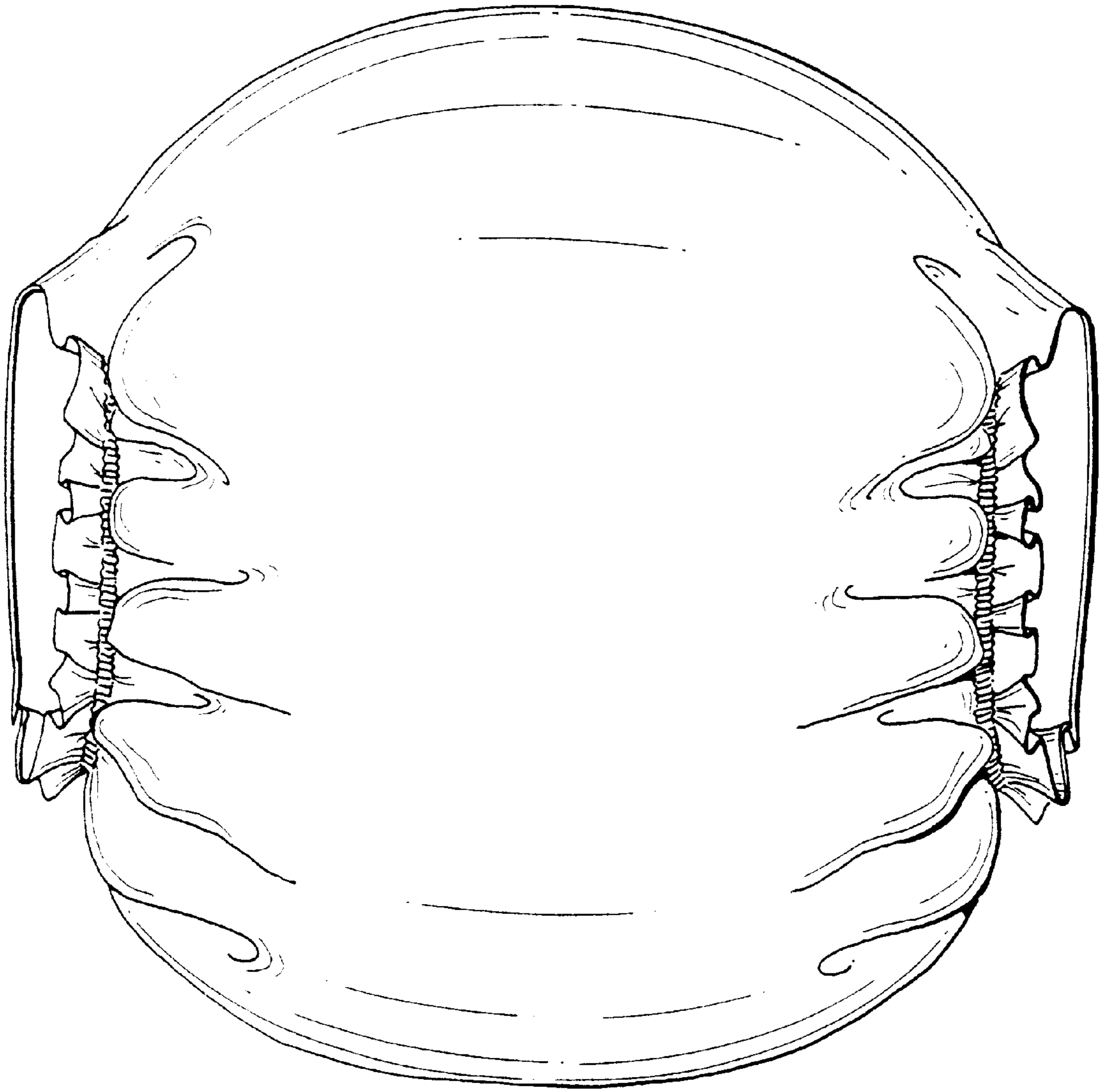


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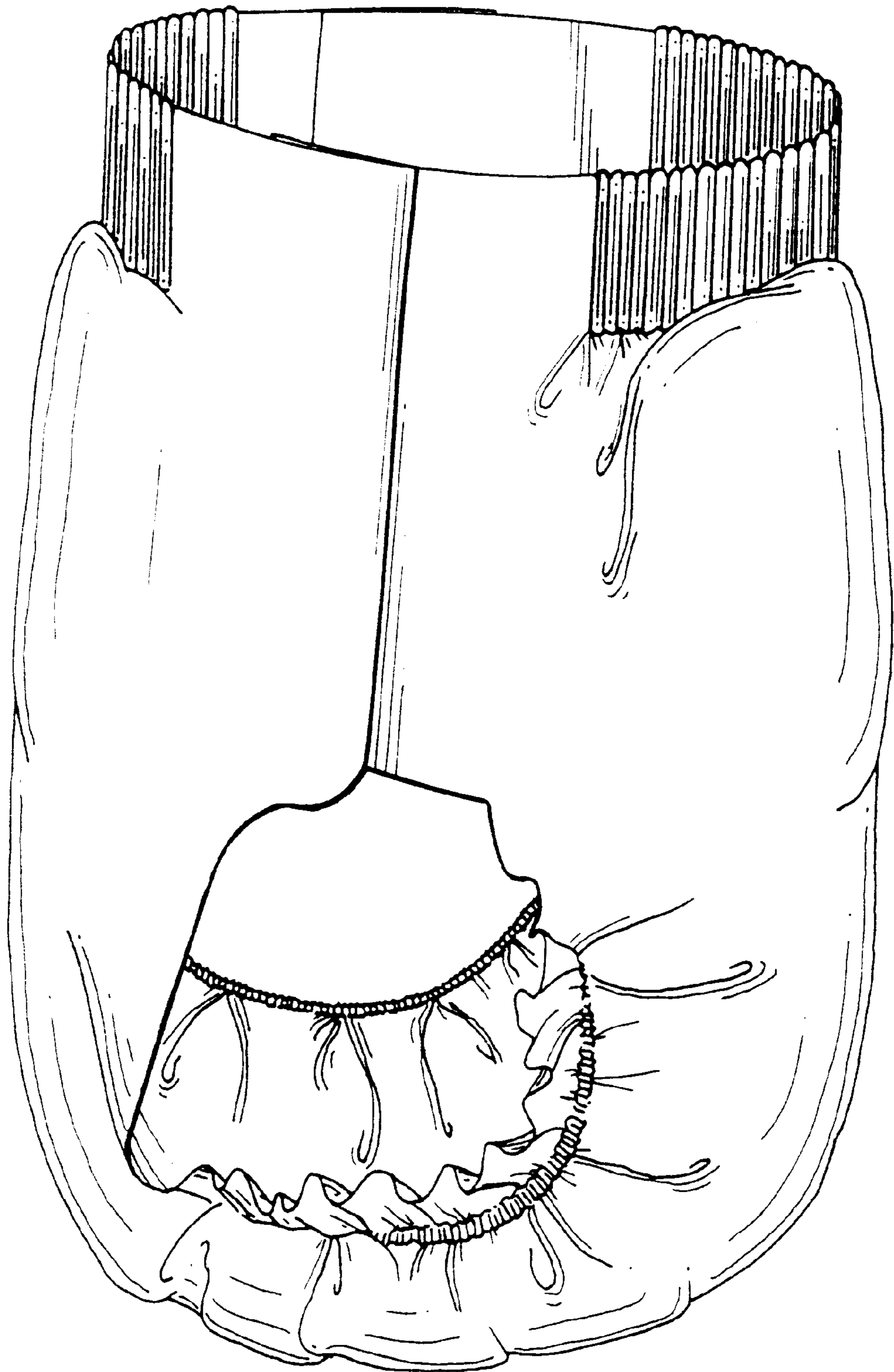


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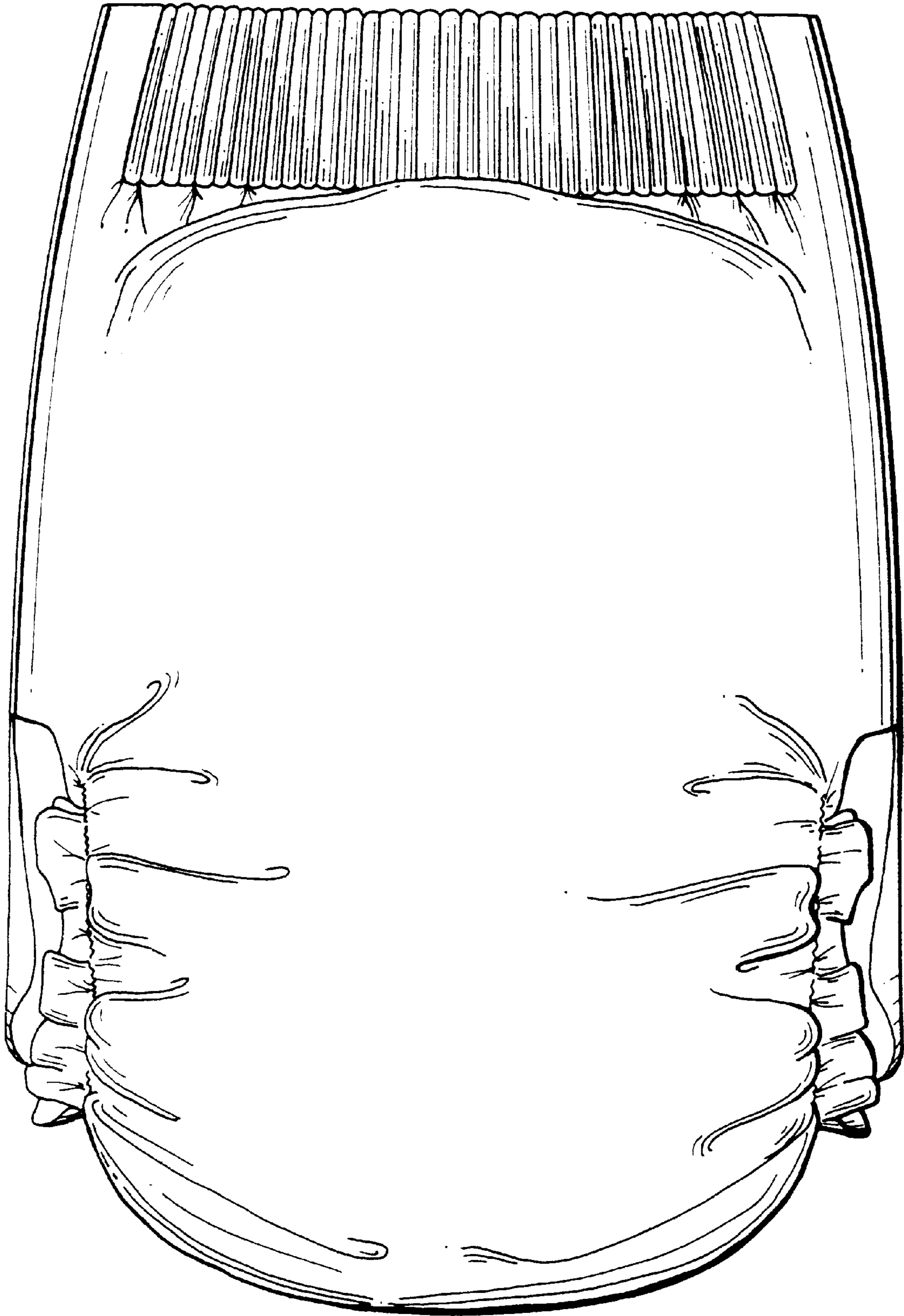


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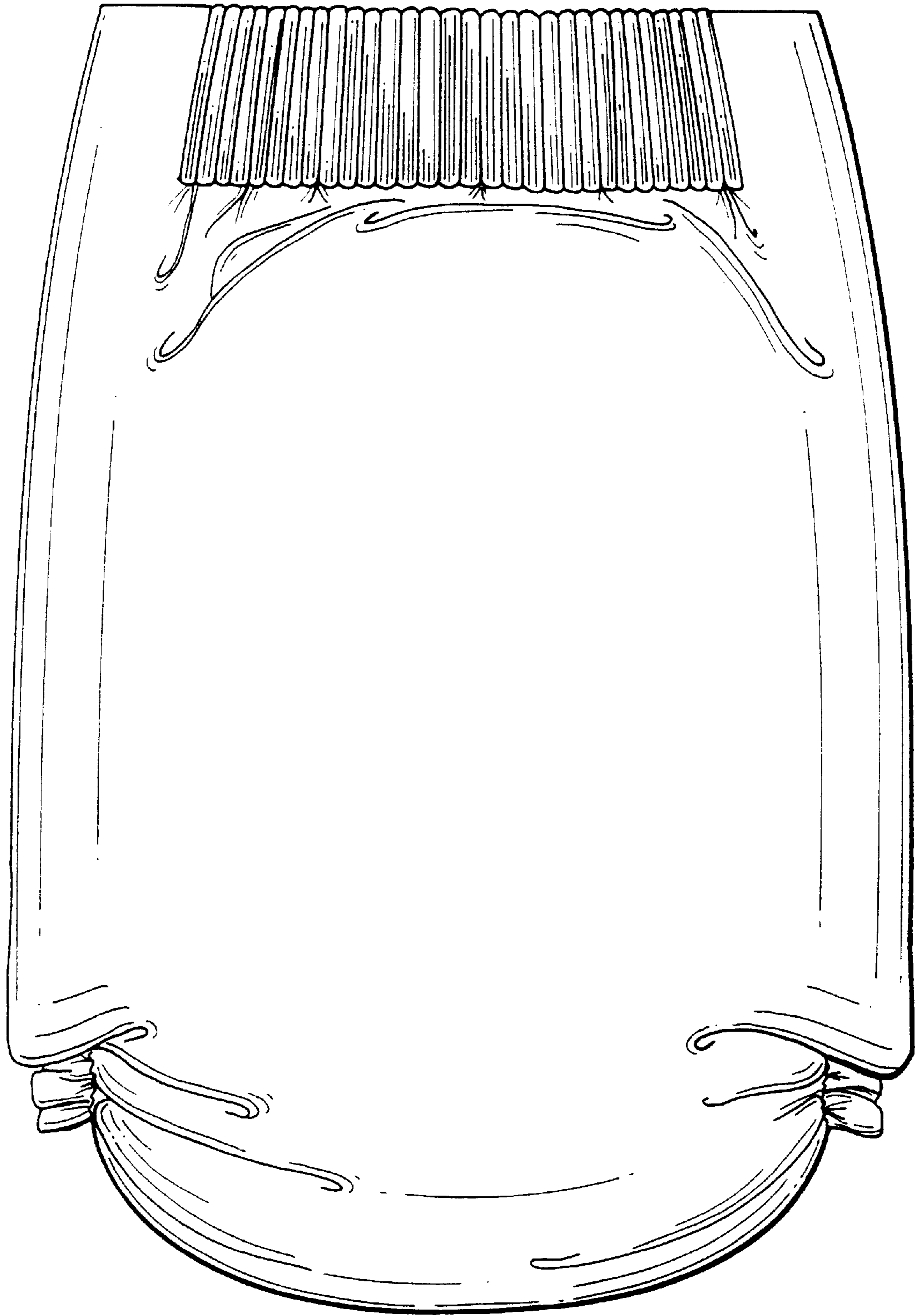


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FIG. 12

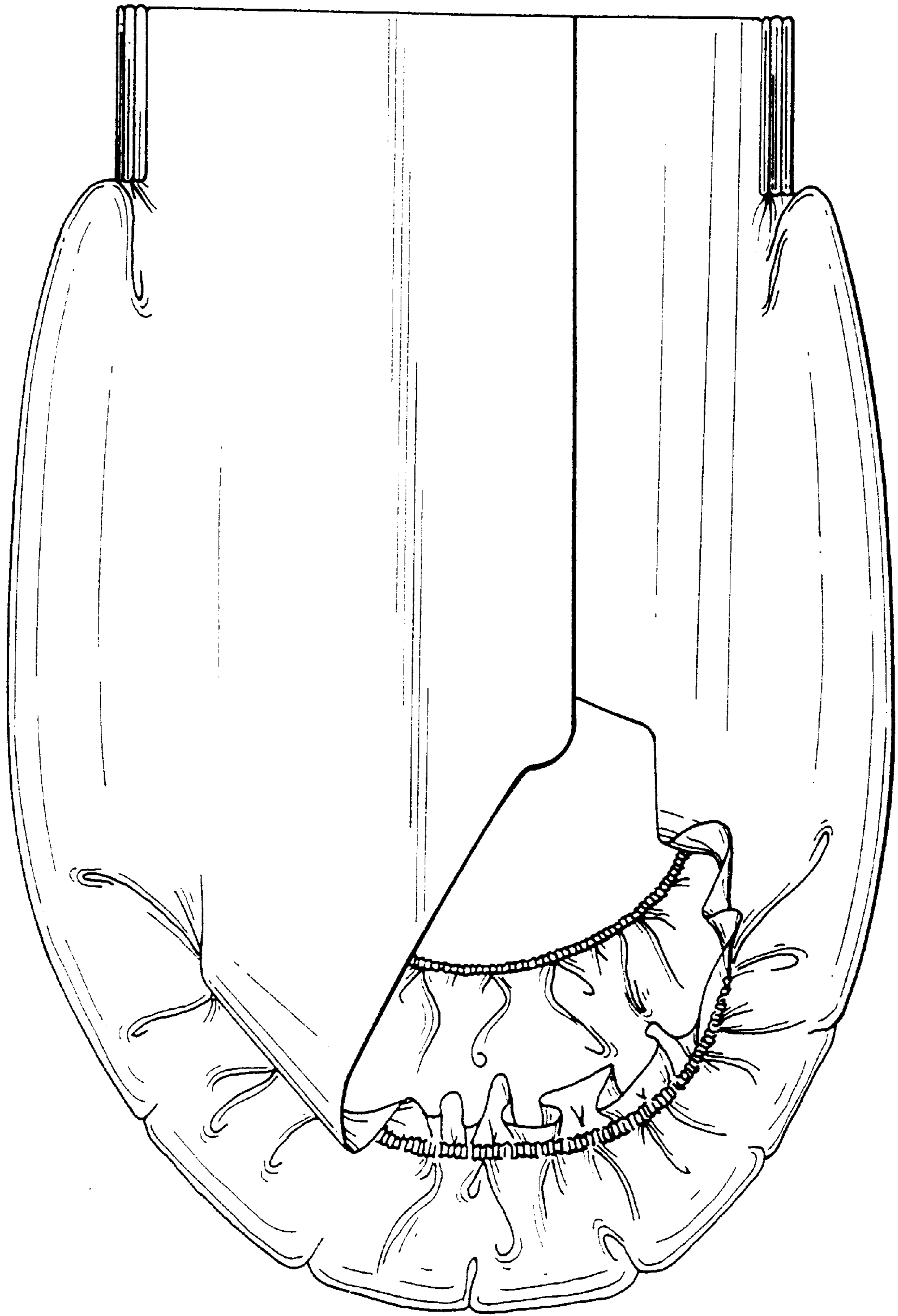


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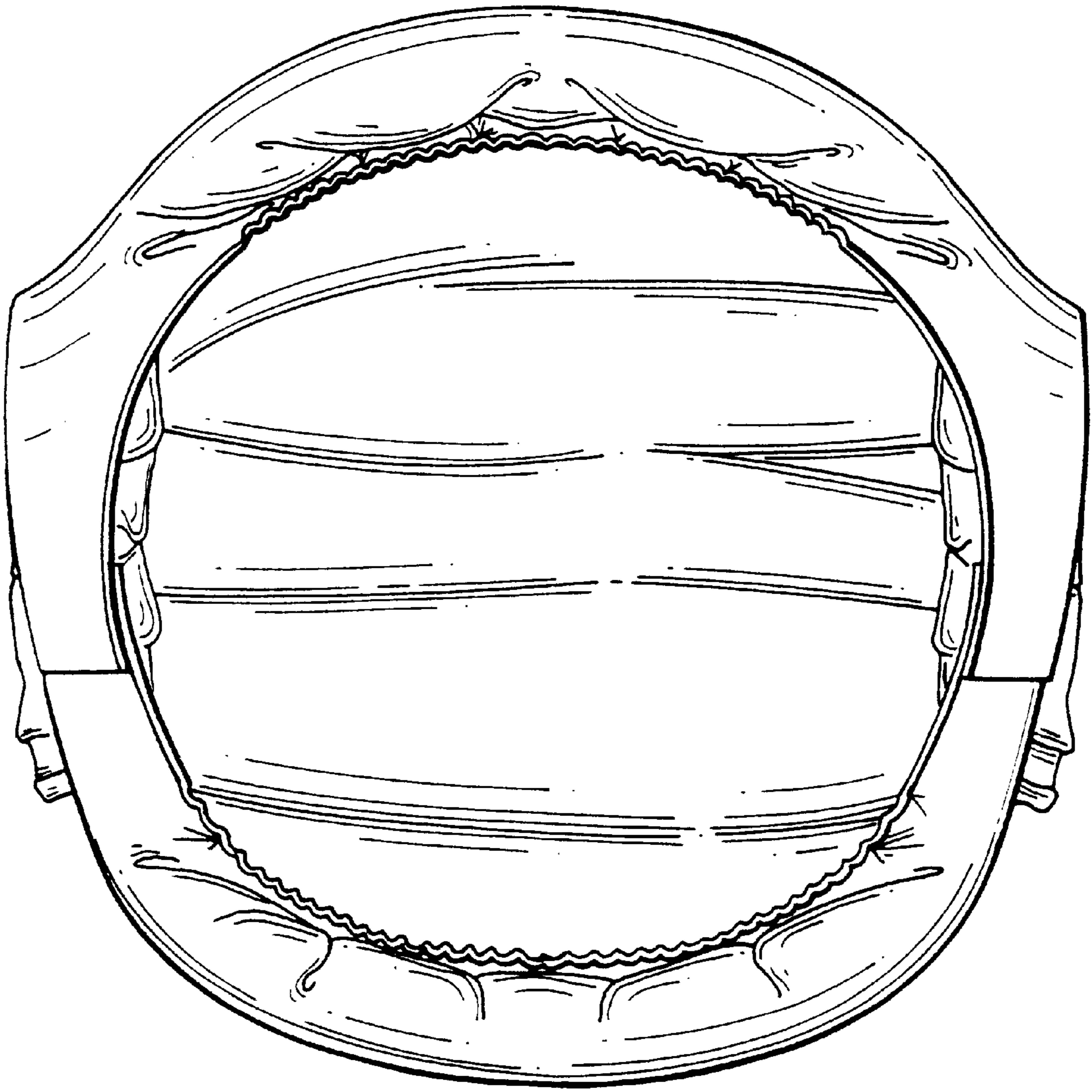


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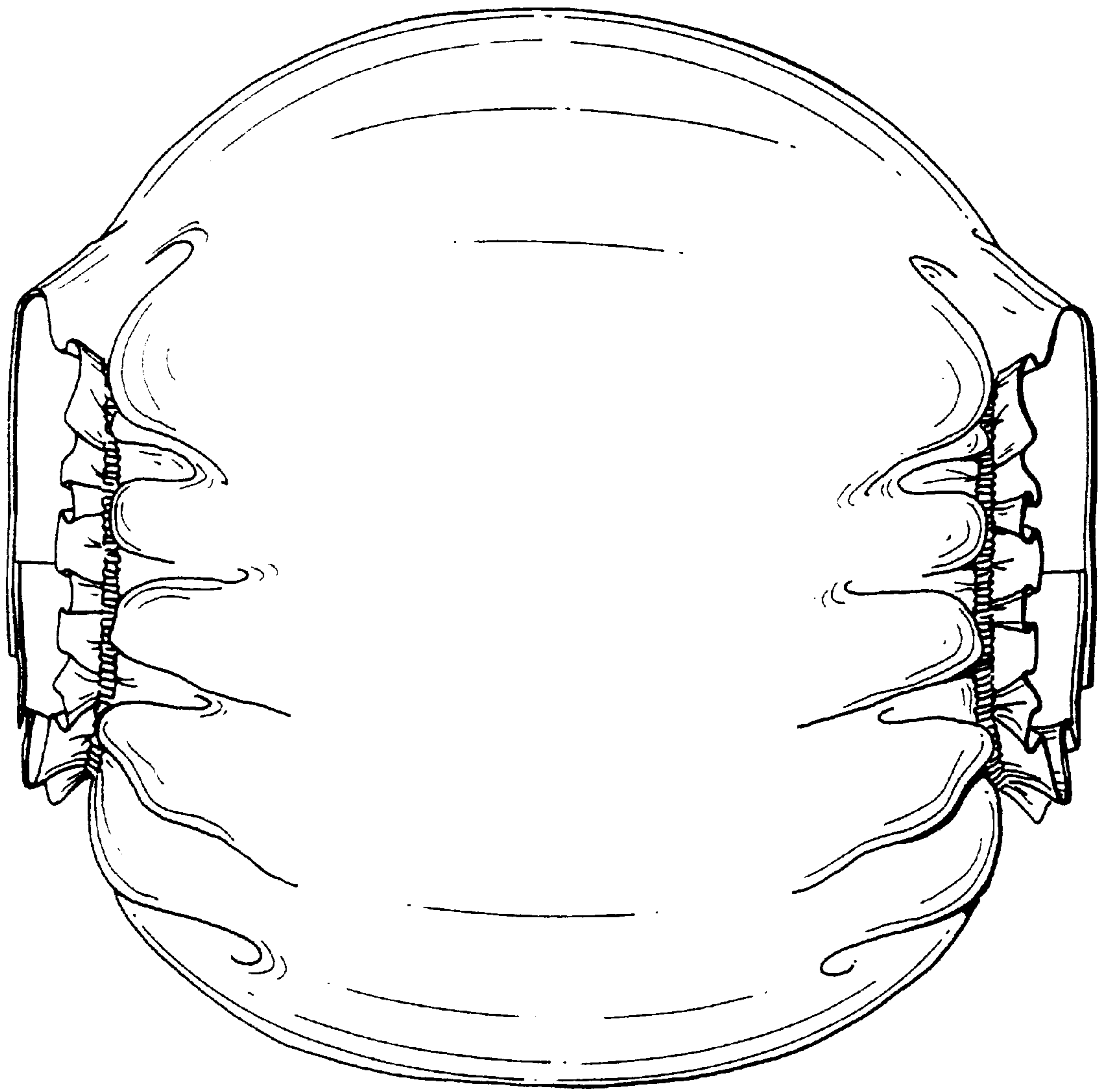


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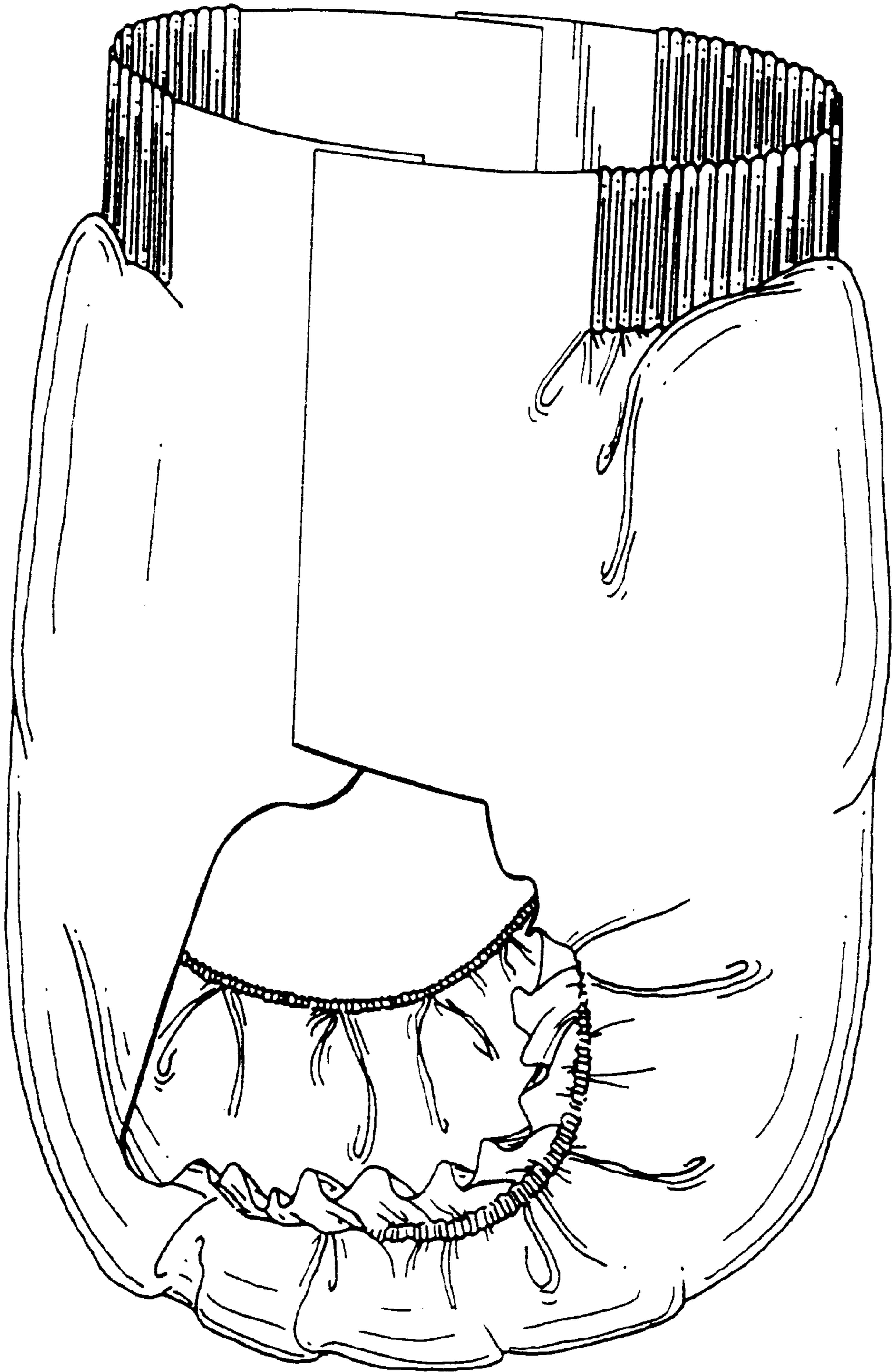


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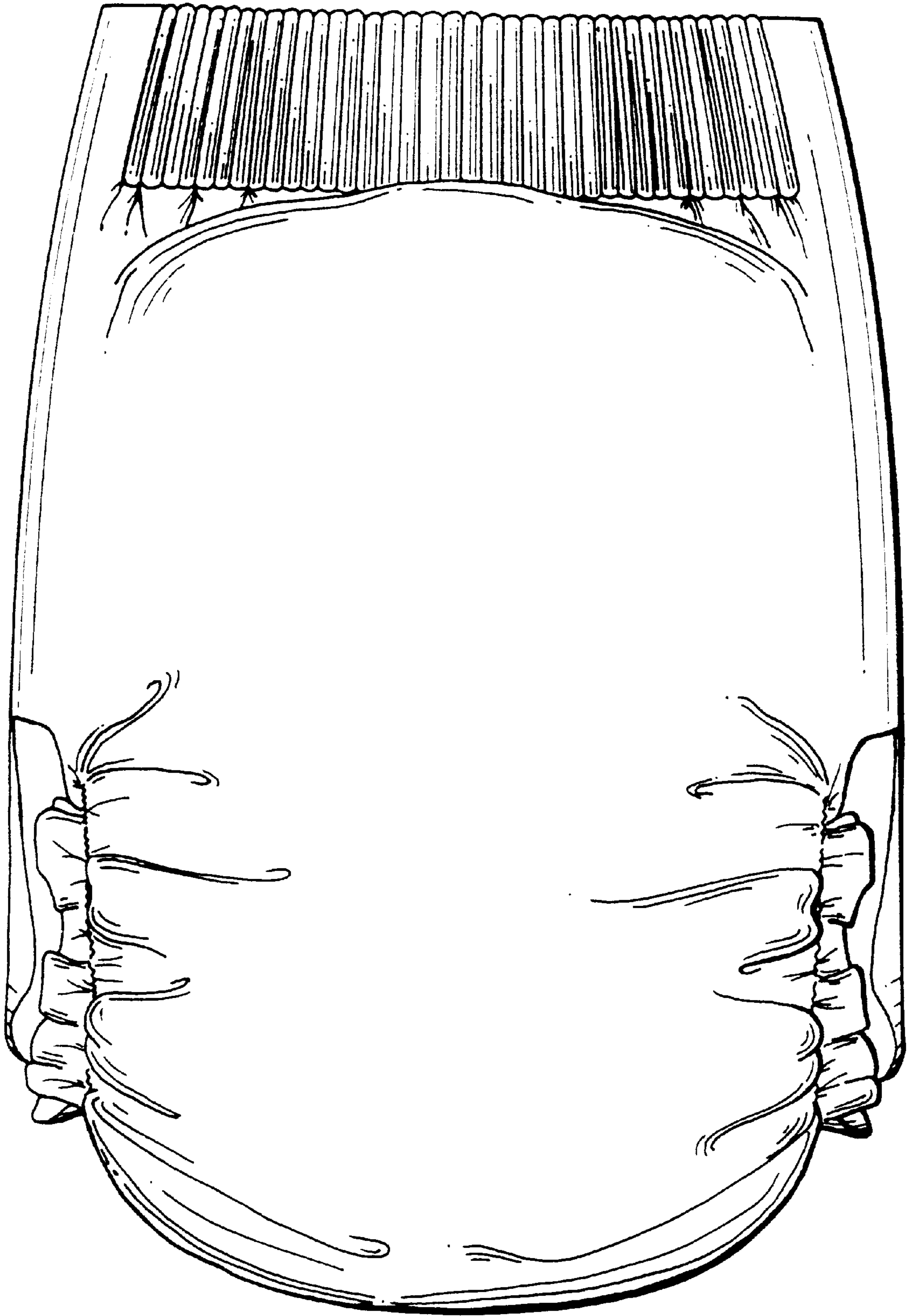


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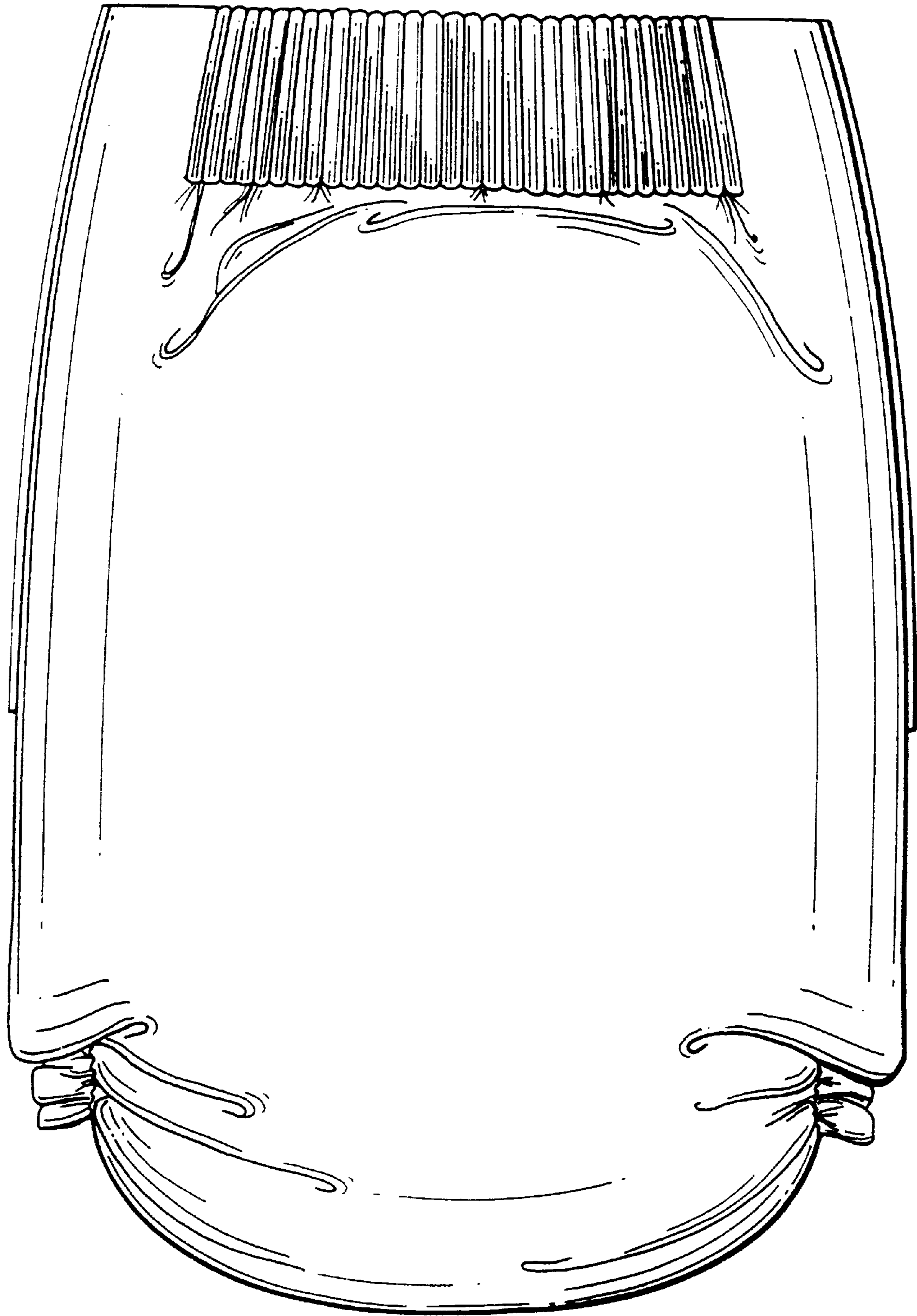


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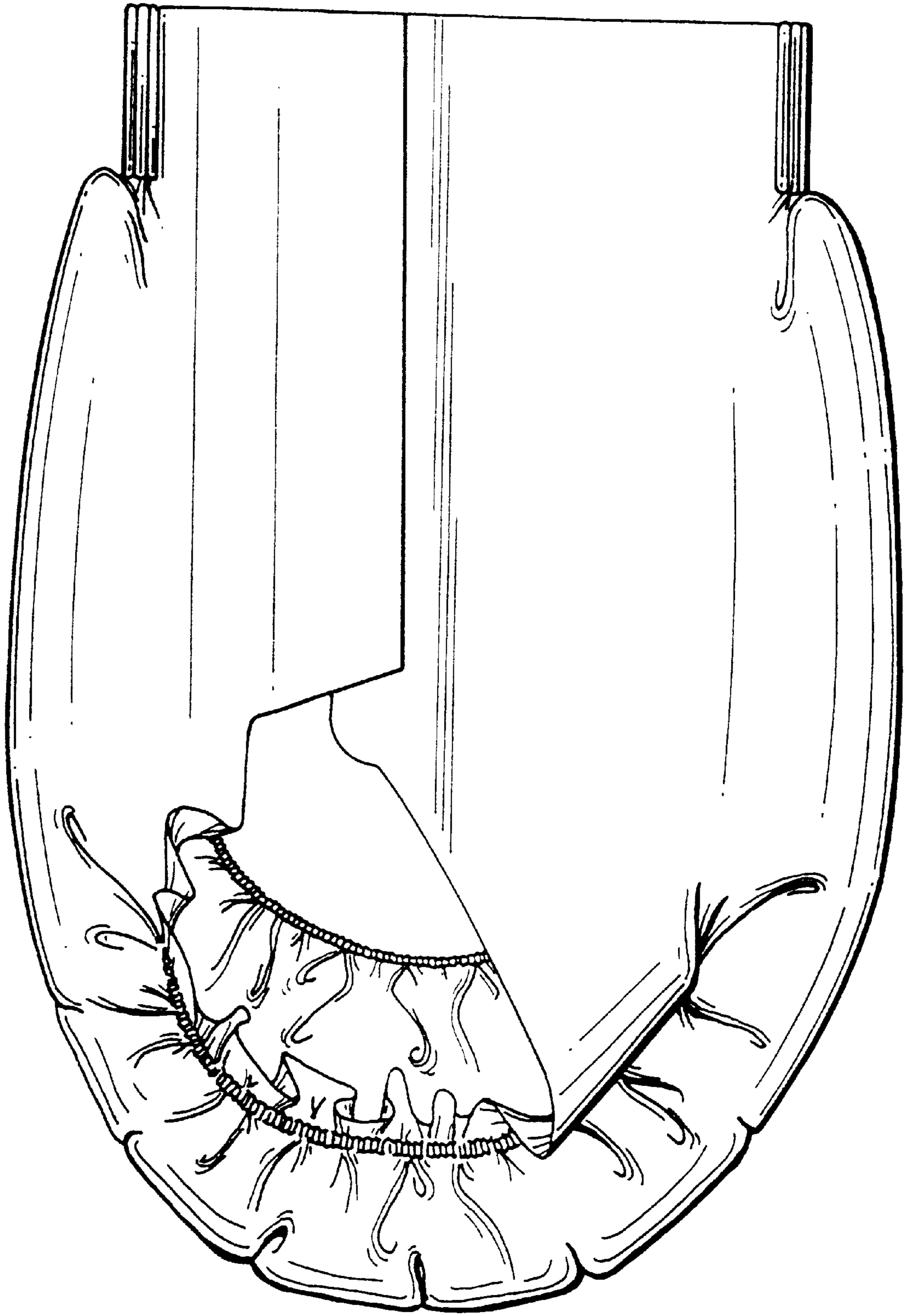


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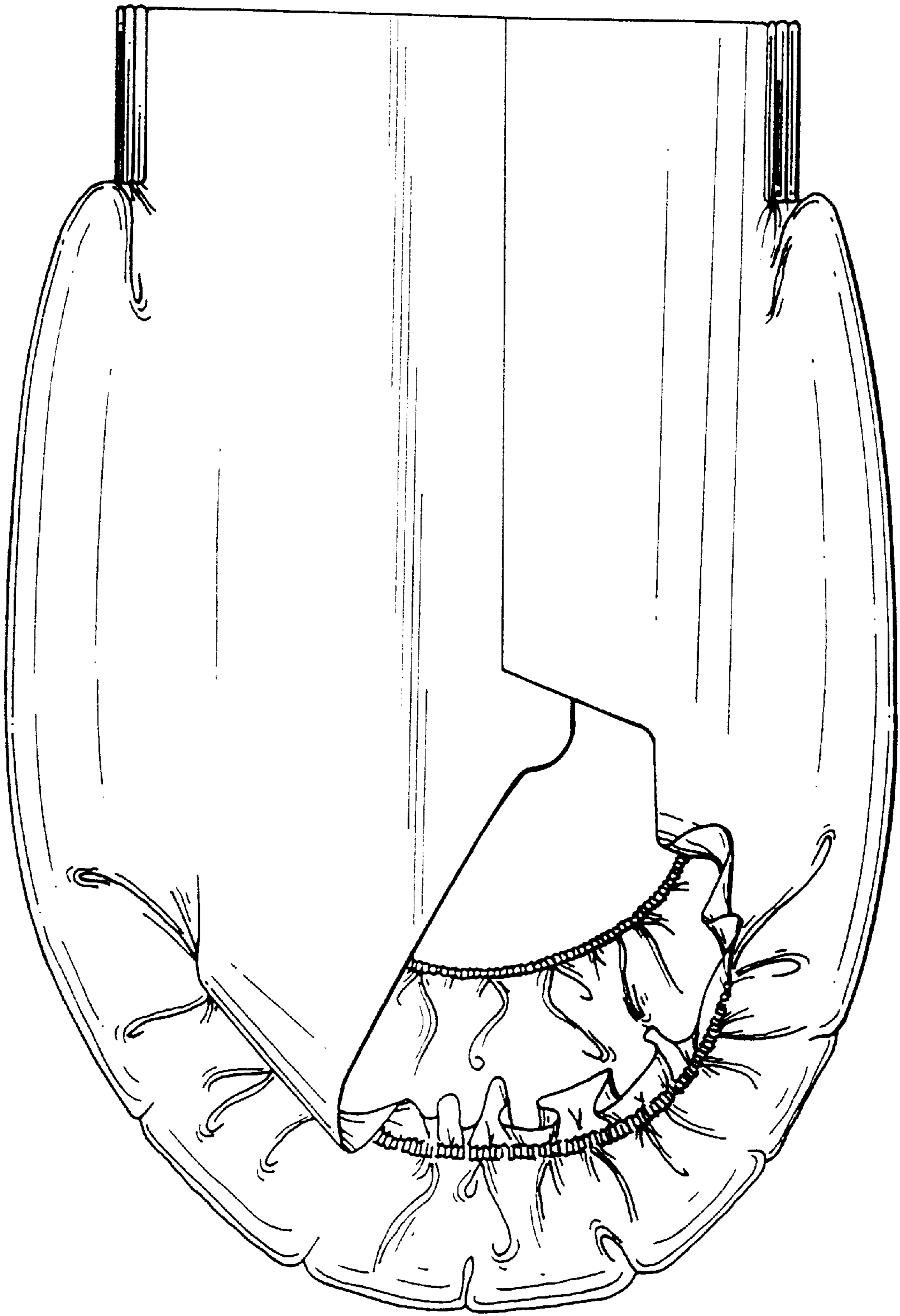


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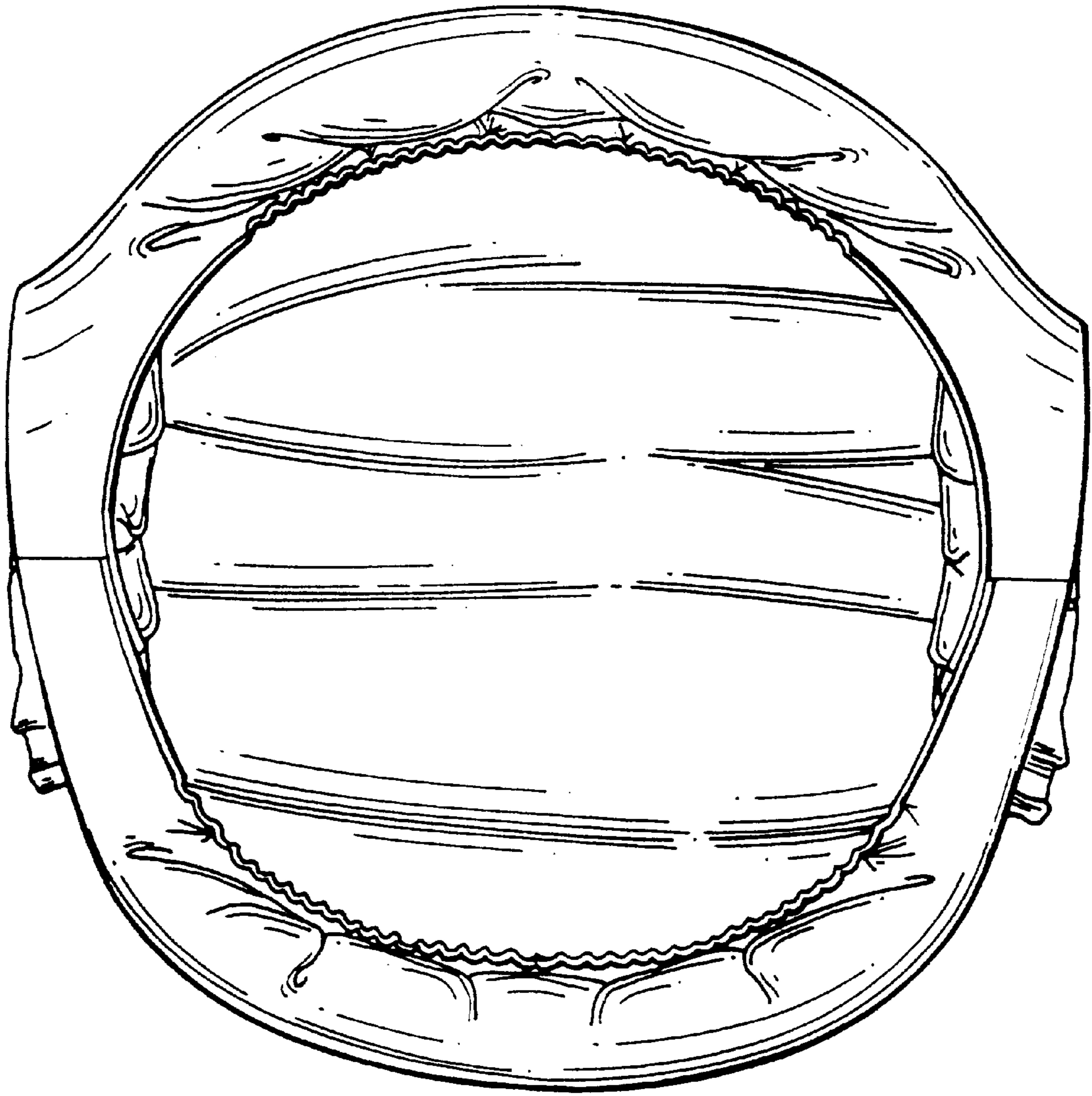


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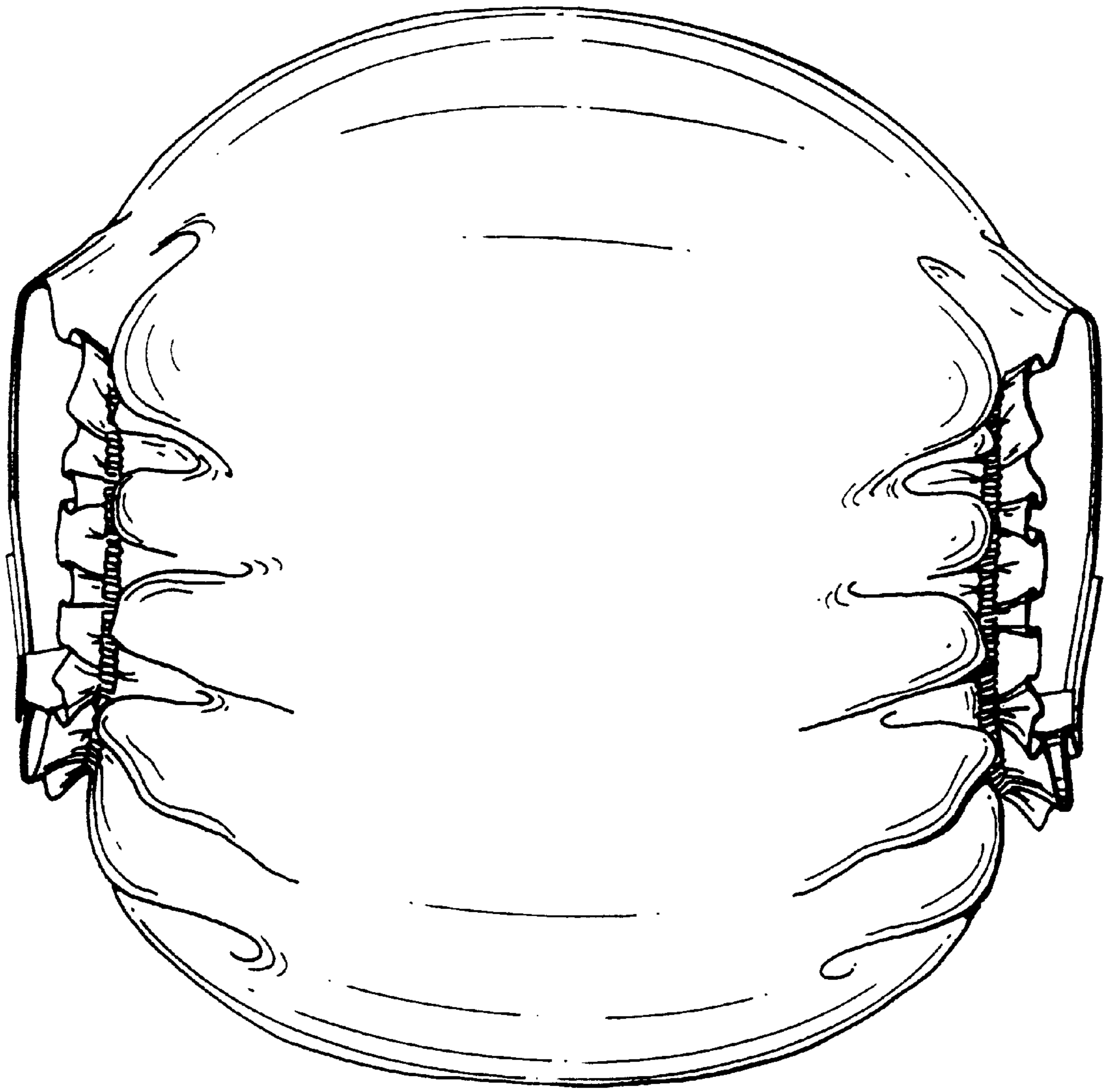


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