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The ornamental design for a writing instrument, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an ornamental design for a writing instrument according to the present invention;

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FIG. 2 is a rear view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a front view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right side view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a left side view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof; and,

FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof.

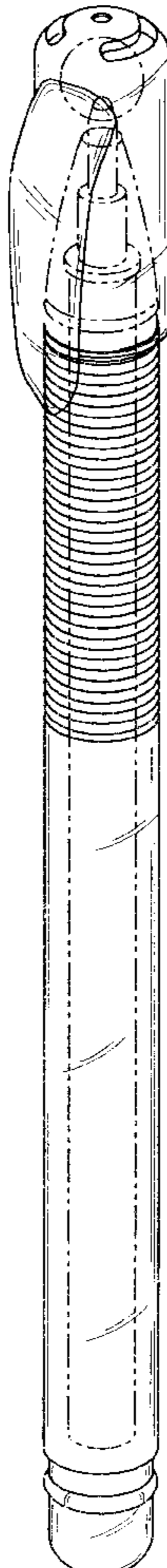
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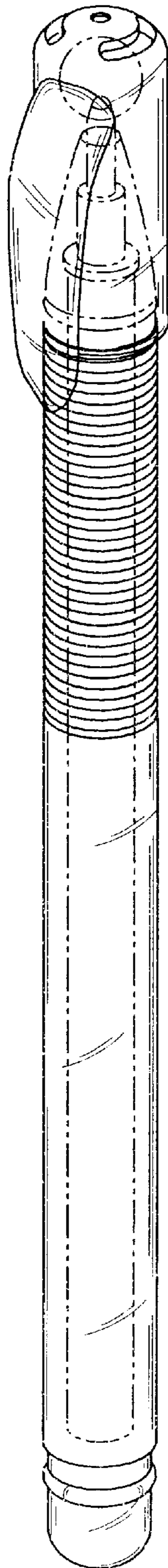
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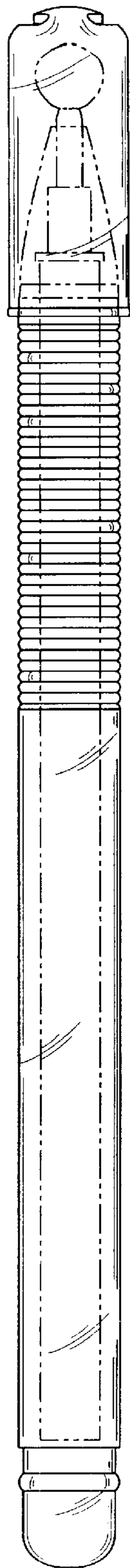
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**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**

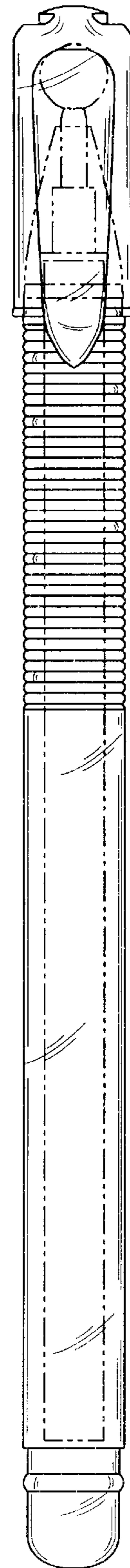




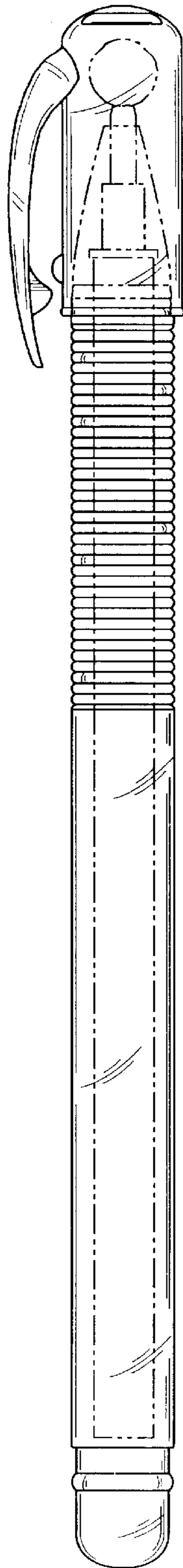
*Fig. 1*



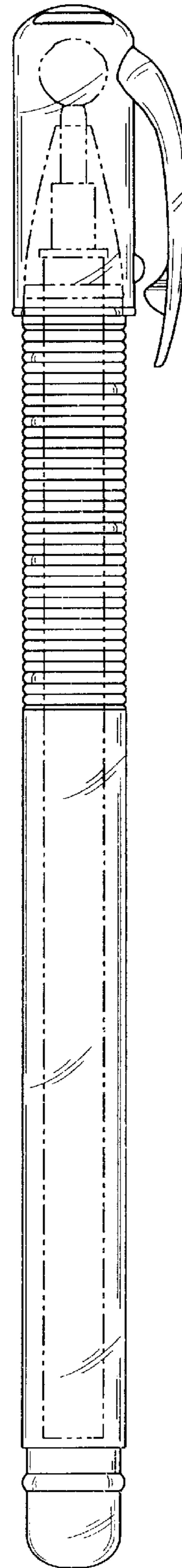
*Fig. 2*



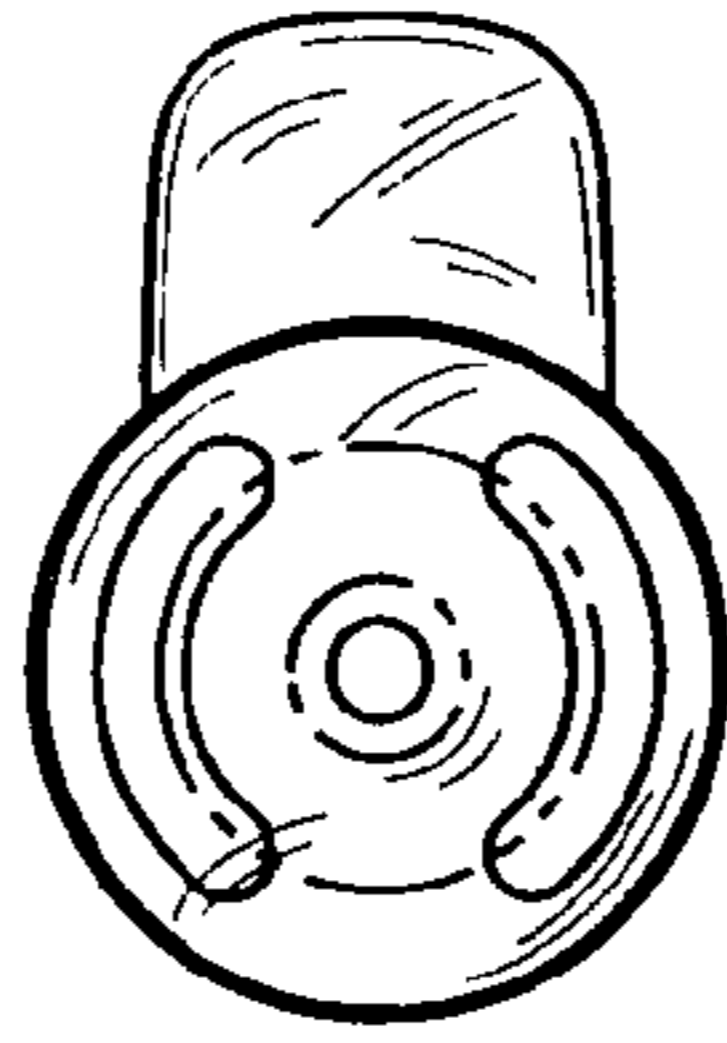
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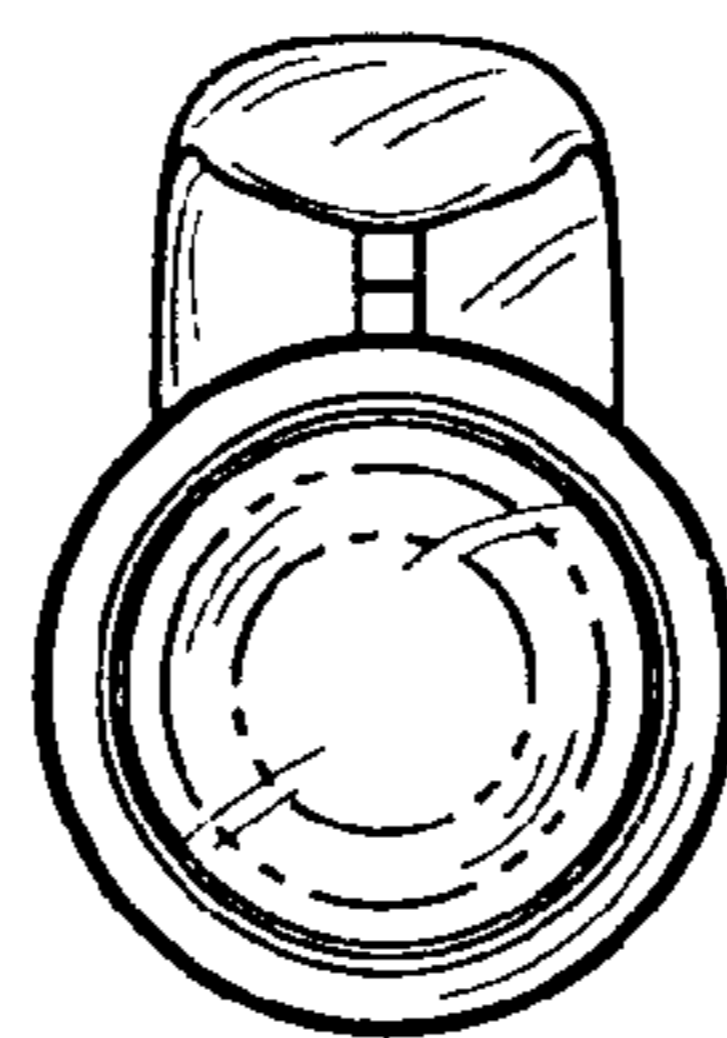
*Fig. 4*



*Fig. 5*



*Fig. 6*



*Fig. 7*