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(54) **WRITING INSTRUMENT BASE**
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The ornamental design for a writing instrument base, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

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

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FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;

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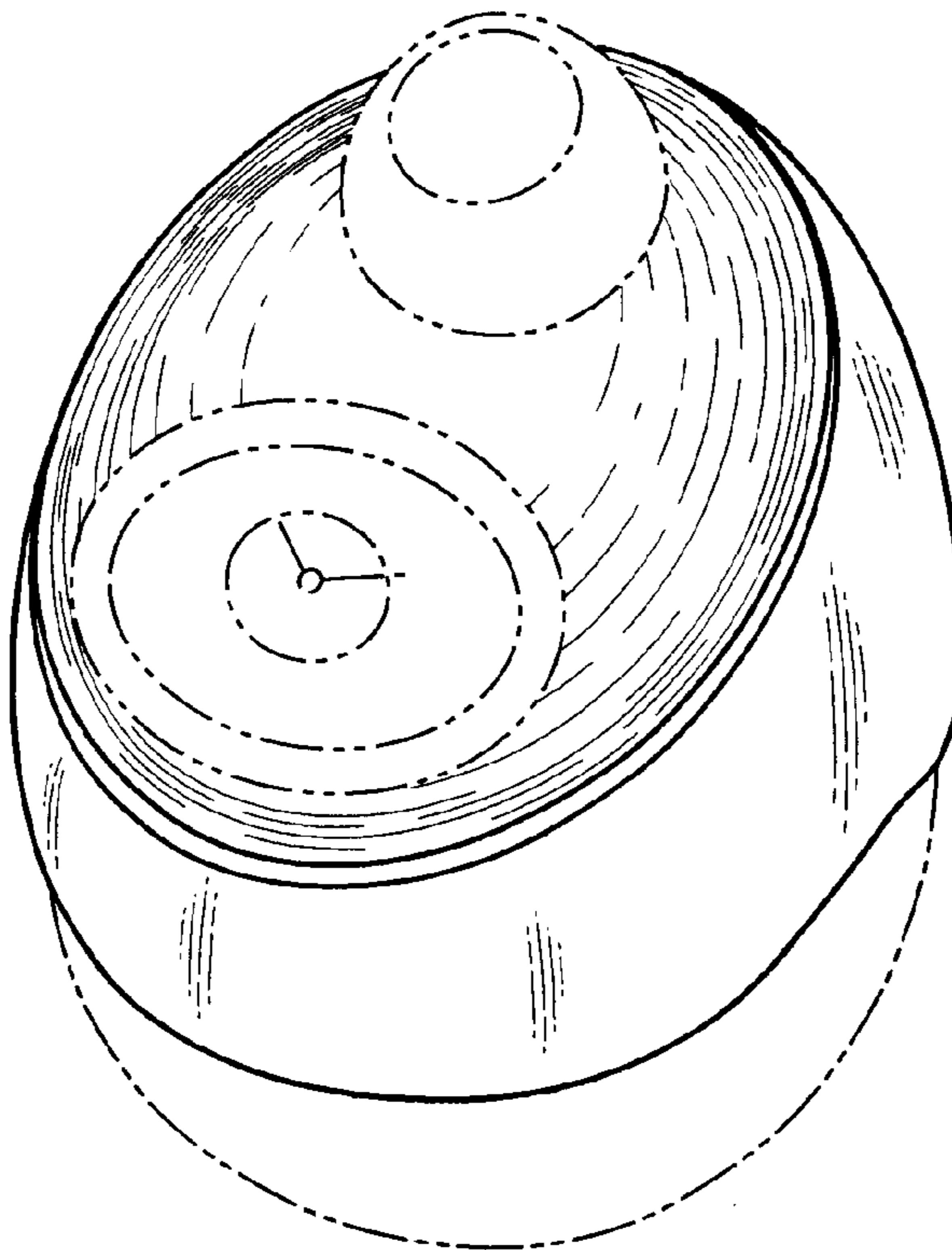
FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof.

All portions shown in broken lines are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



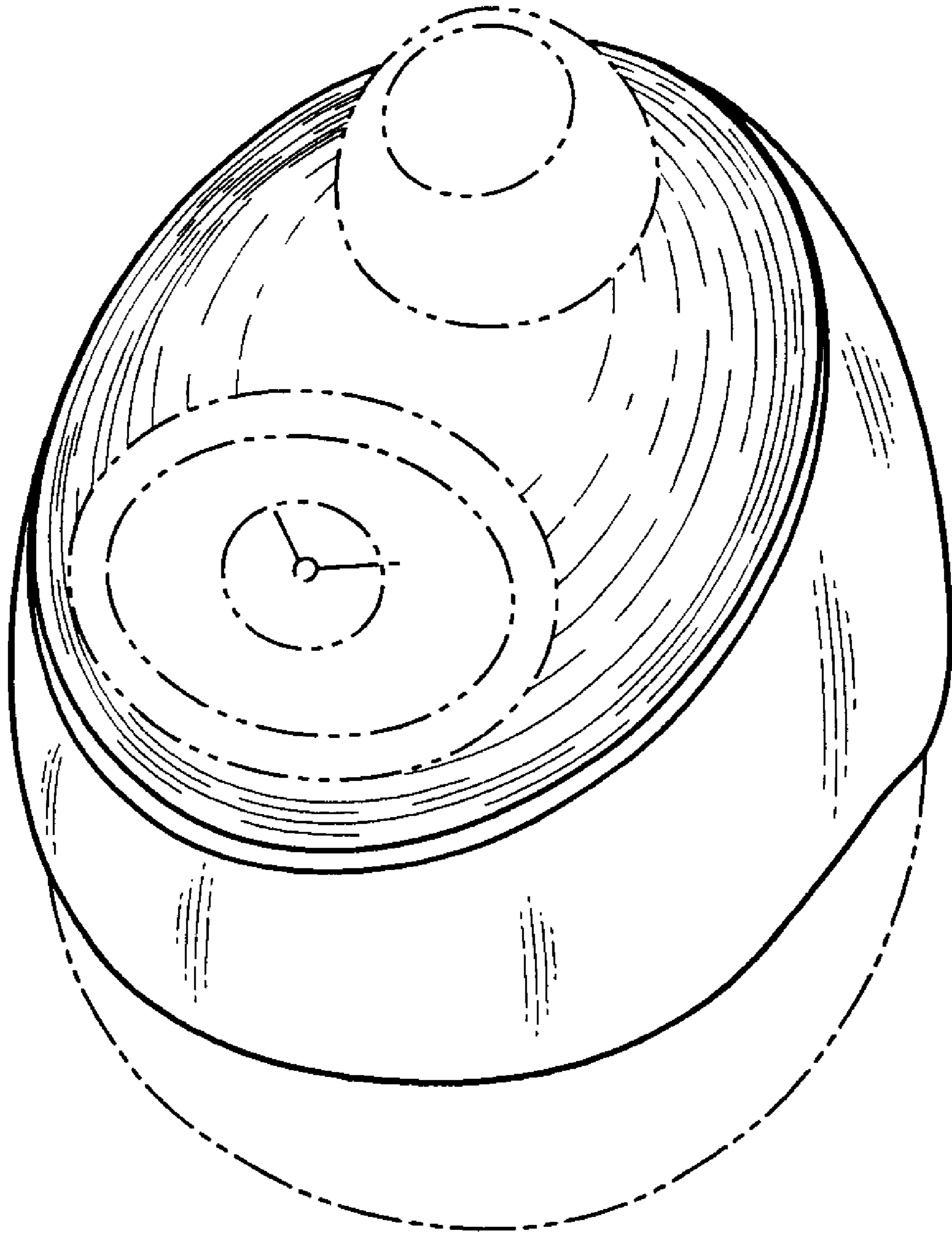


Fig. 1

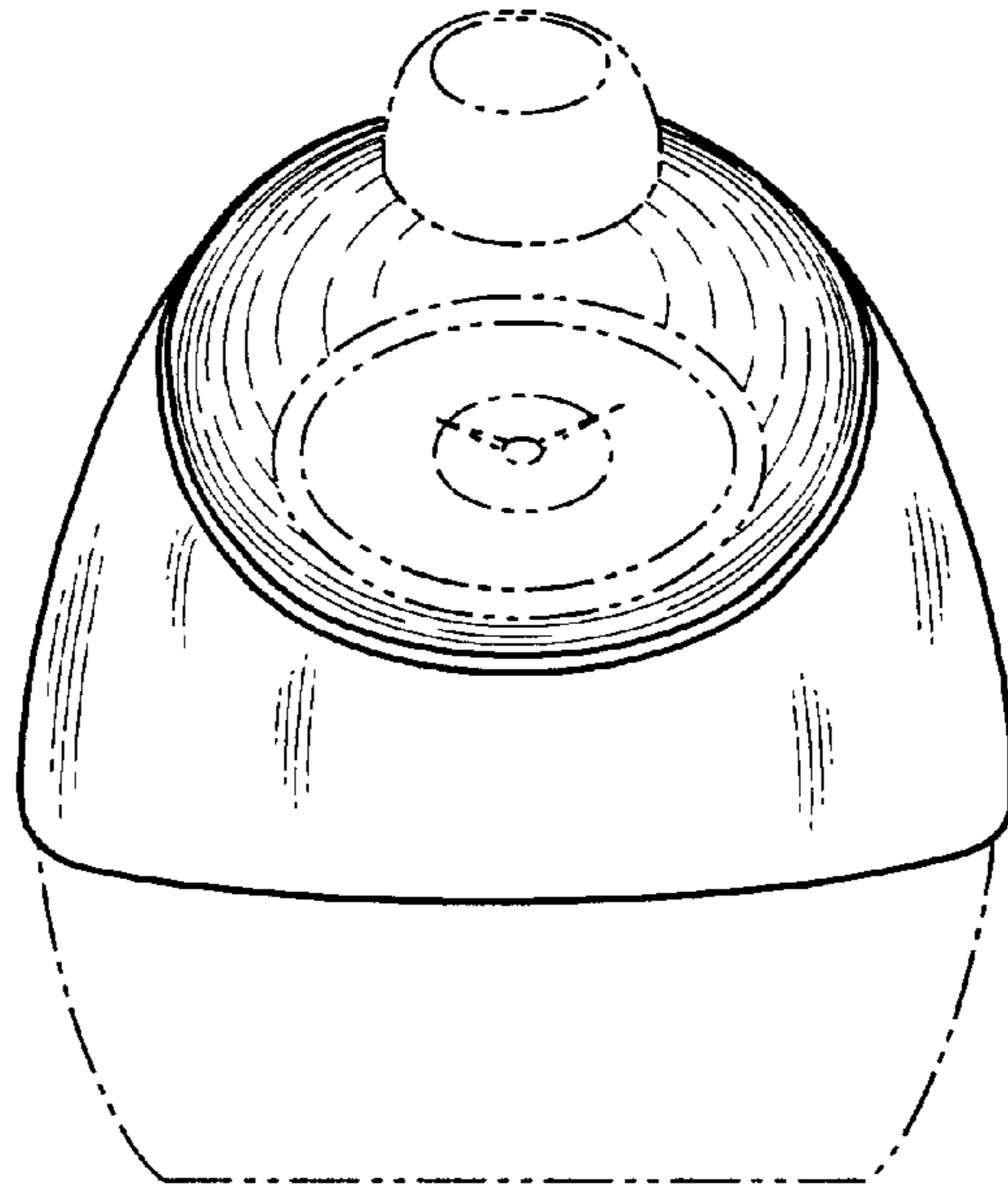


Fig. 2

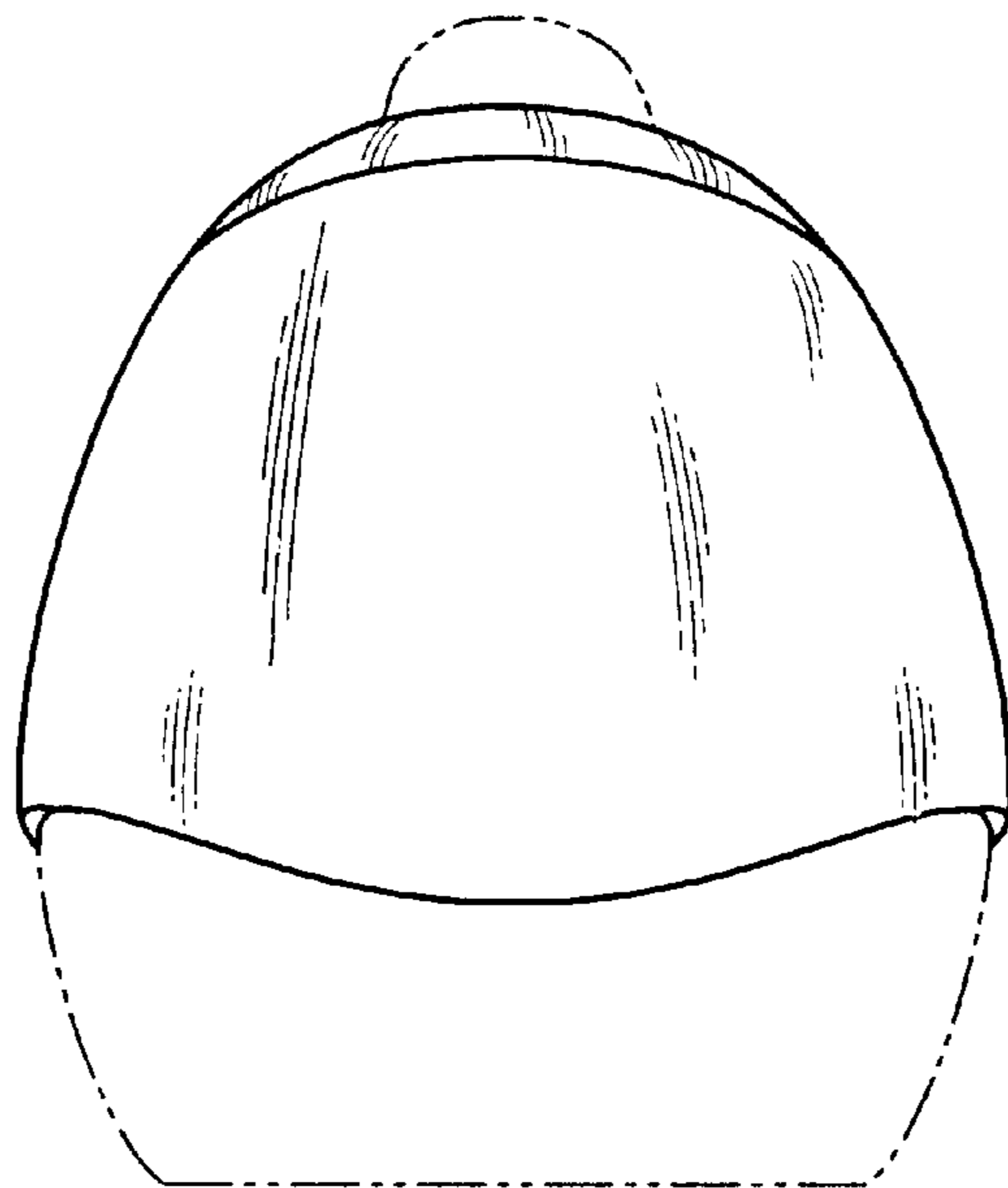


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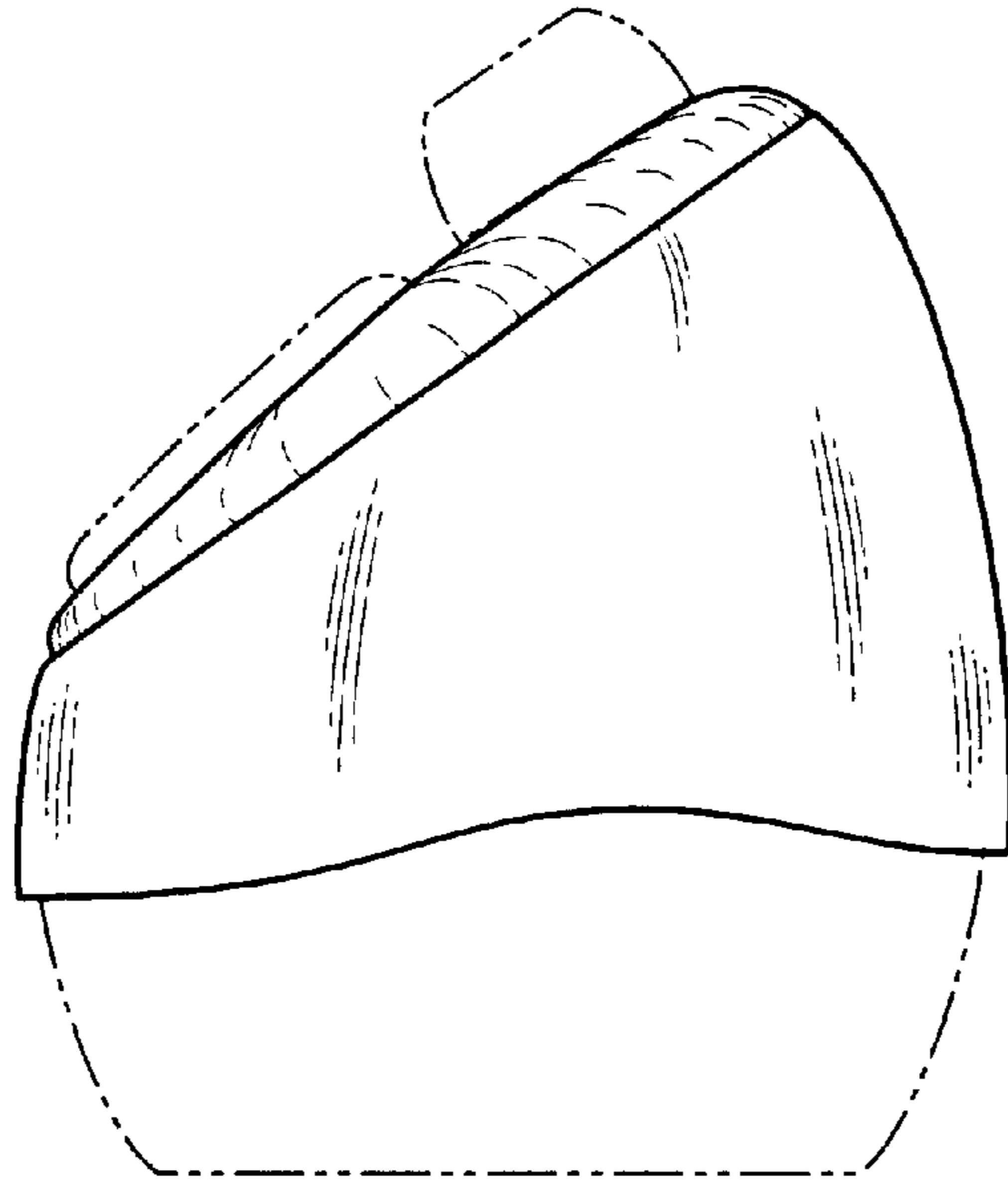


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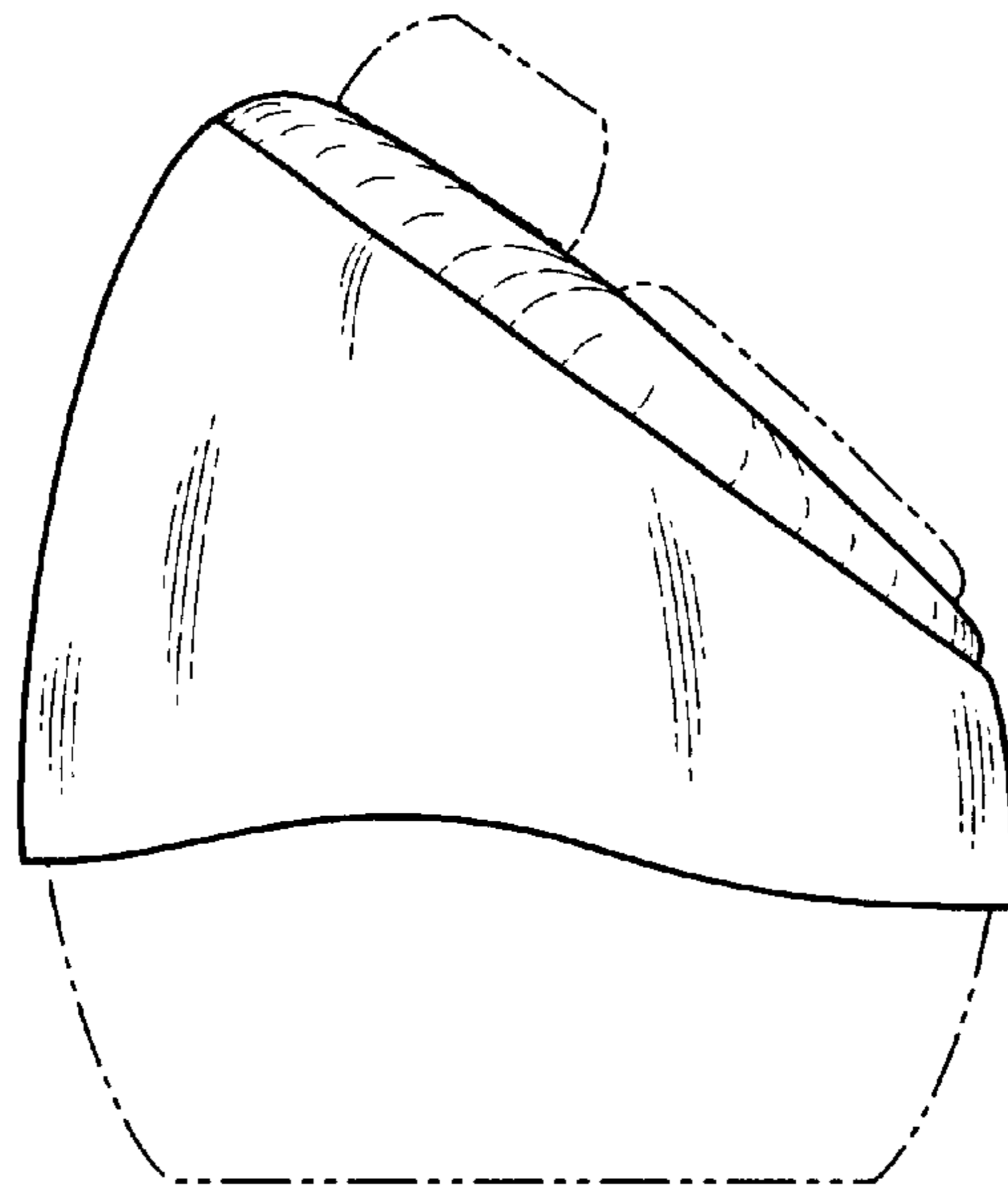


Fig. 5

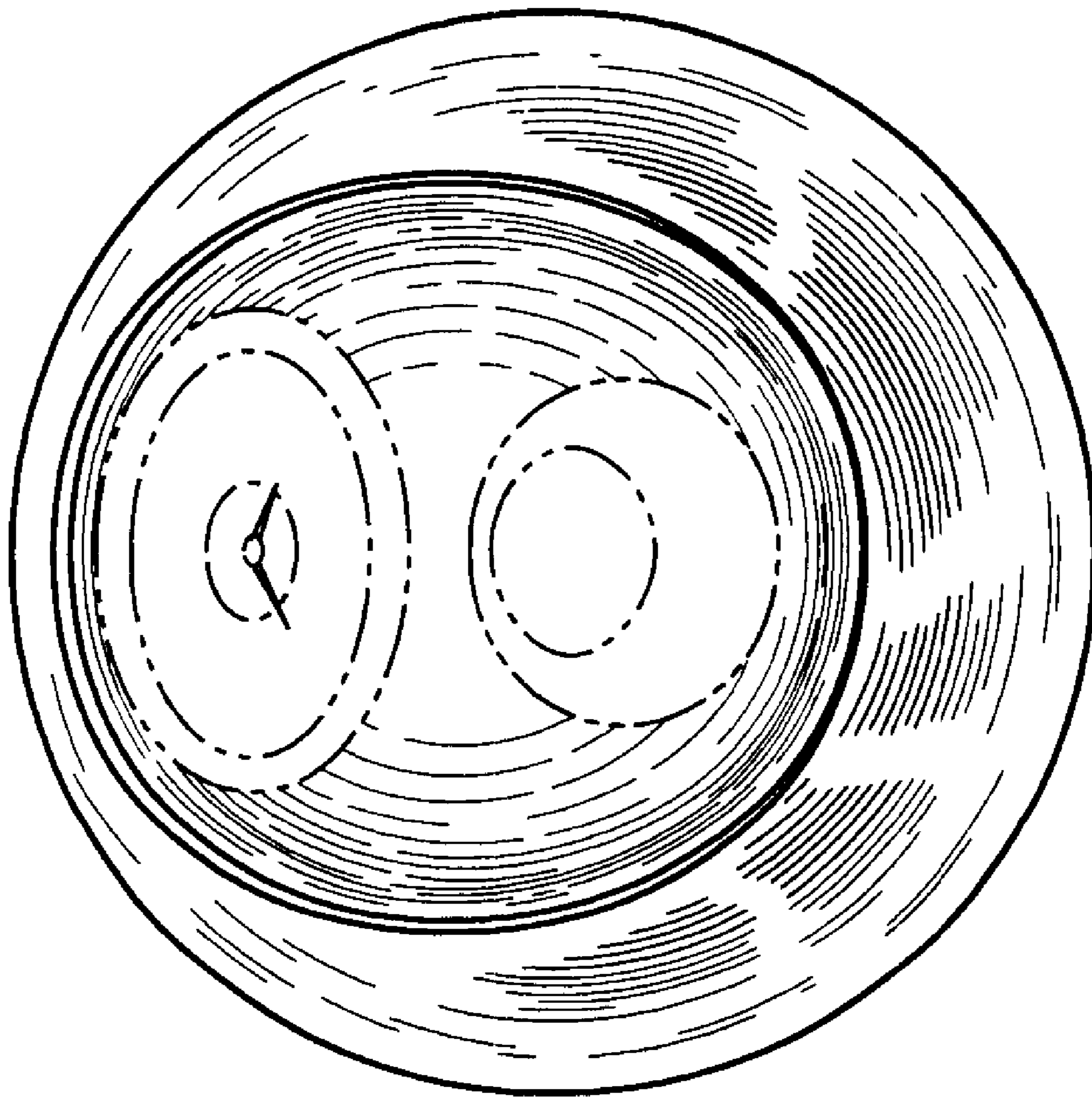


Fig. 6