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(57) **CLAIM**

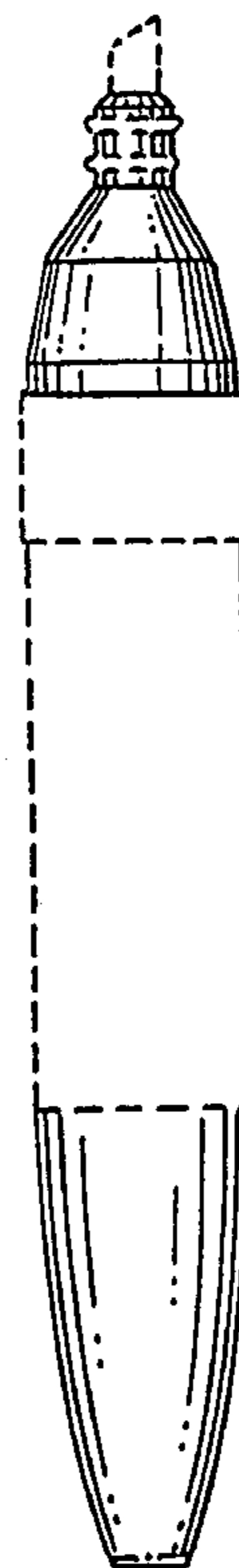
The ornamental design for a writing instrument, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a writing instrument according to the present invention;
 FIG. 2 is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side elevational view being a mirror image thereof;
 FIG. 3 is a top view thereof;
 FIG. 4 is a rear elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 5 is a bottom view thereof; and,
 FIG. 6 is a view of a writing instrument as in FIG. 1 with the cap removed.

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1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



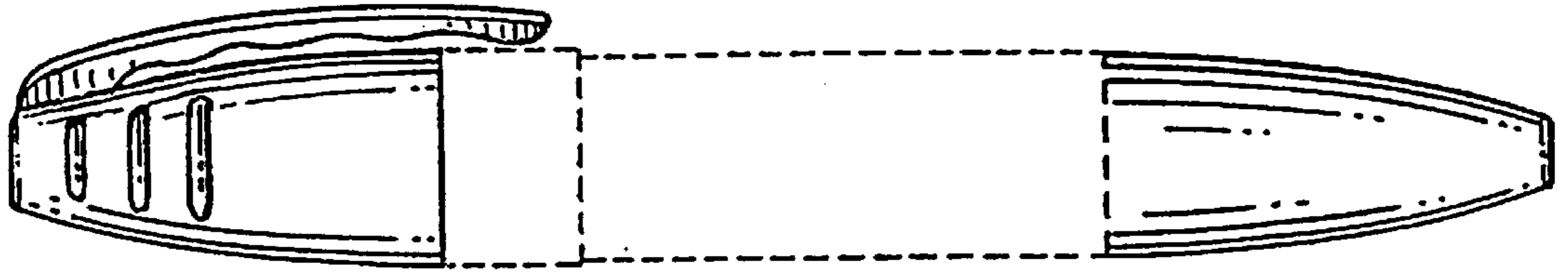


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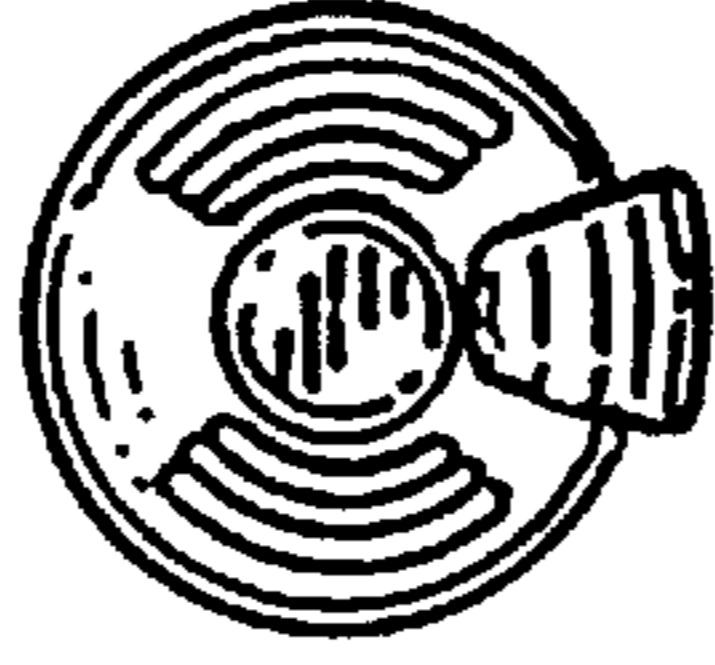


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Fig. 1

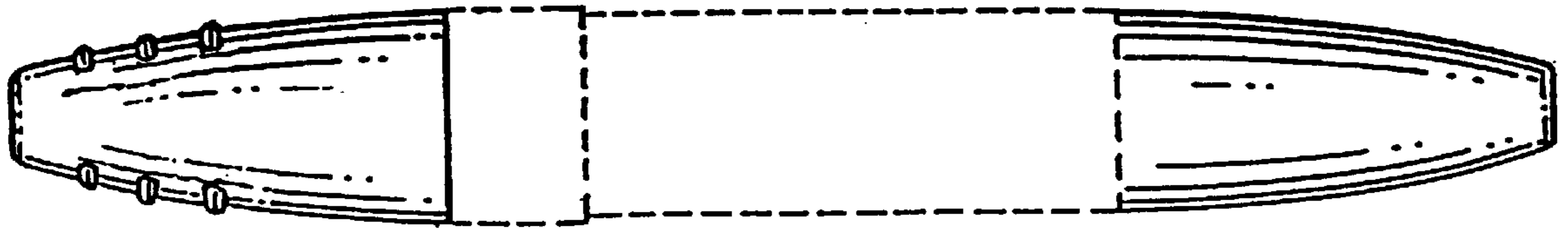


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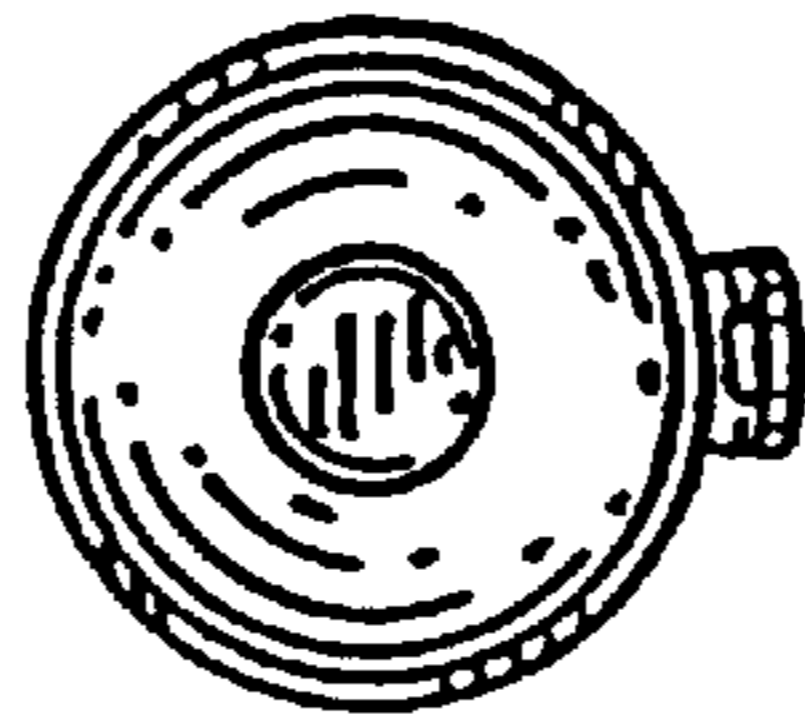


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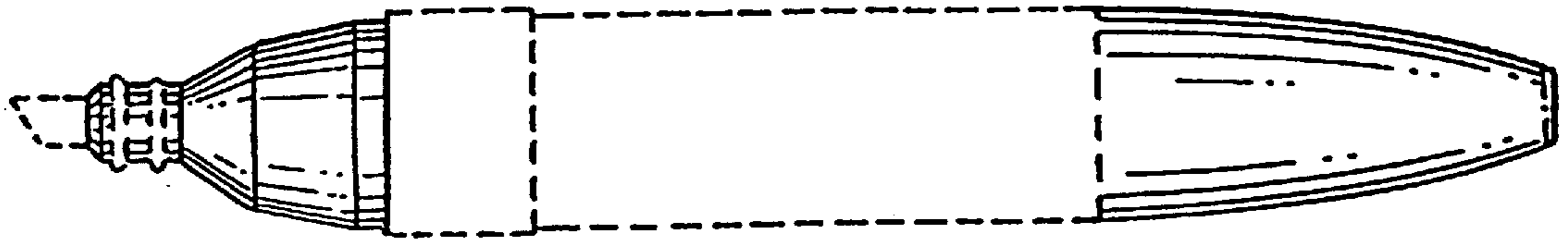


Fig. 6

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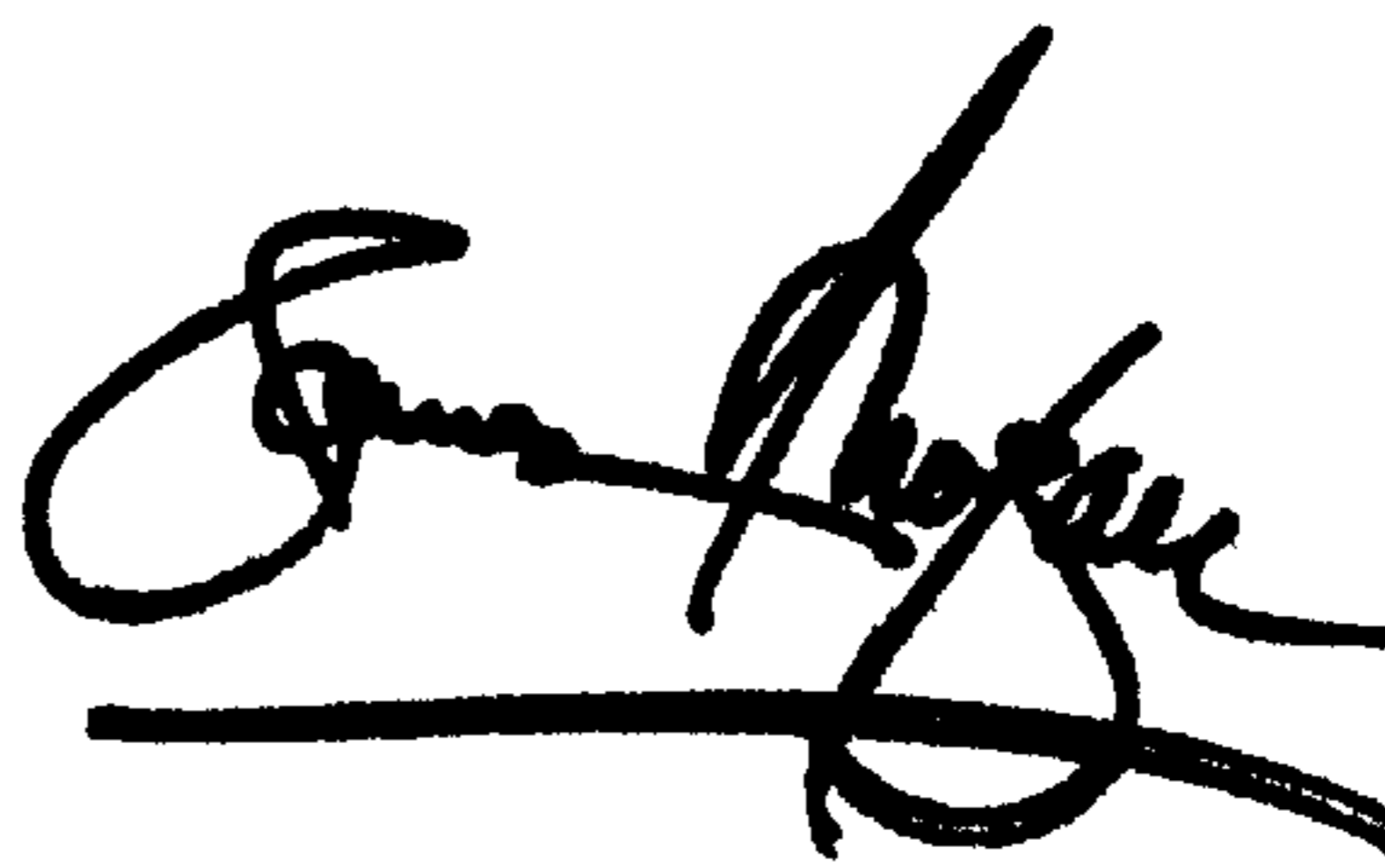
It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page,

Item [75], Inventors, change "**Michael Kent**,Cheshire, CA (US);" to
-- **Michael Kent**, Cheshire, CT (US); --

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Rogan", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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