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(54) **SNOW STOP**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a snow stop, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is top view of a snow stop of the invention and showing my new design is made of a light-transmissive material, its base having holes and a grooved, rough surfaced bottom;

FIG. 2 is a bottom view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a front view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a left side view thereof, its right side being a mirror image thereof;

FIG. 5 is a rear view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a top, left, rear perspective view thereof; and

FIG. 7 shows detail of bottom slots or grooves in the base thereof.

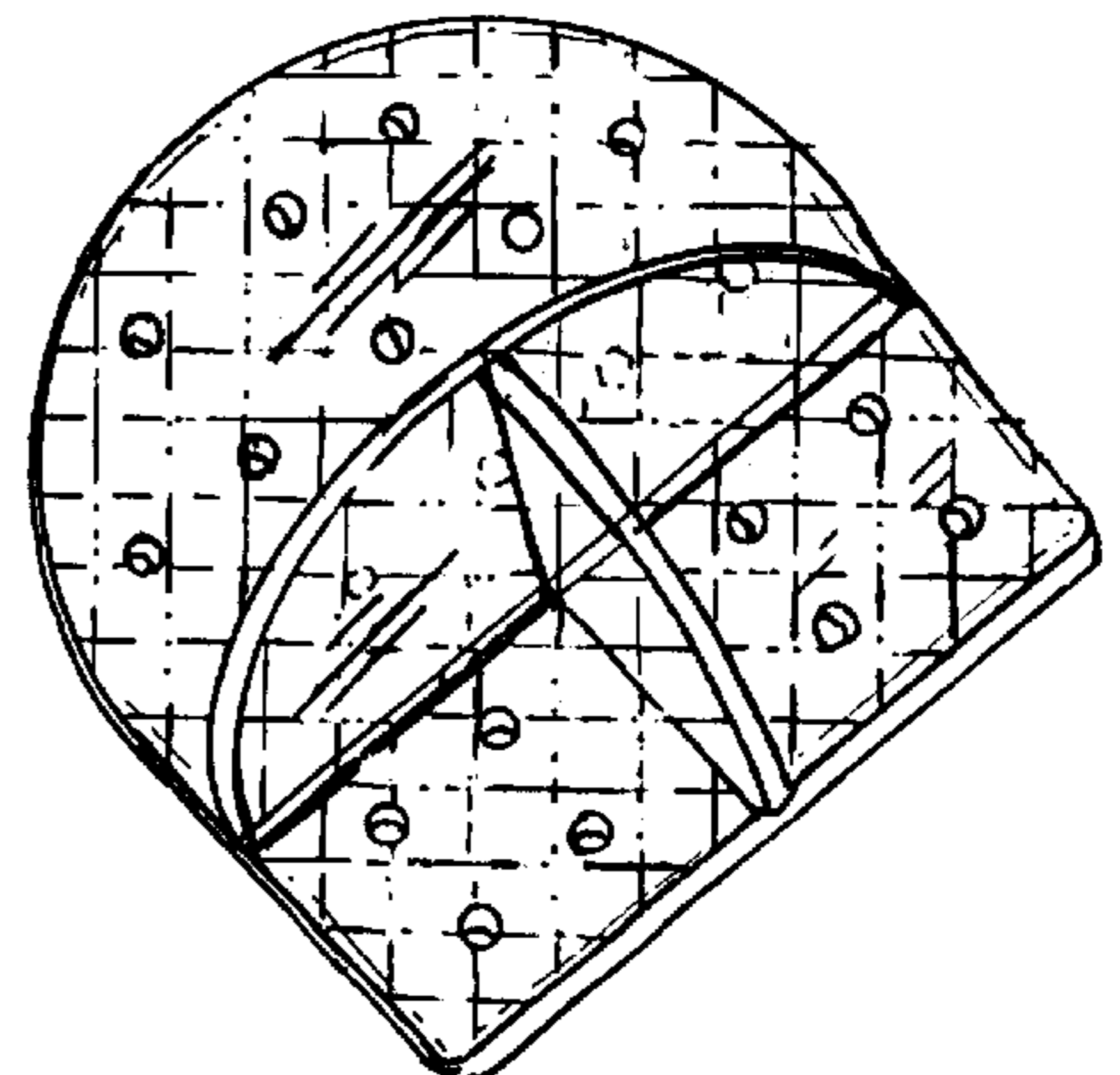
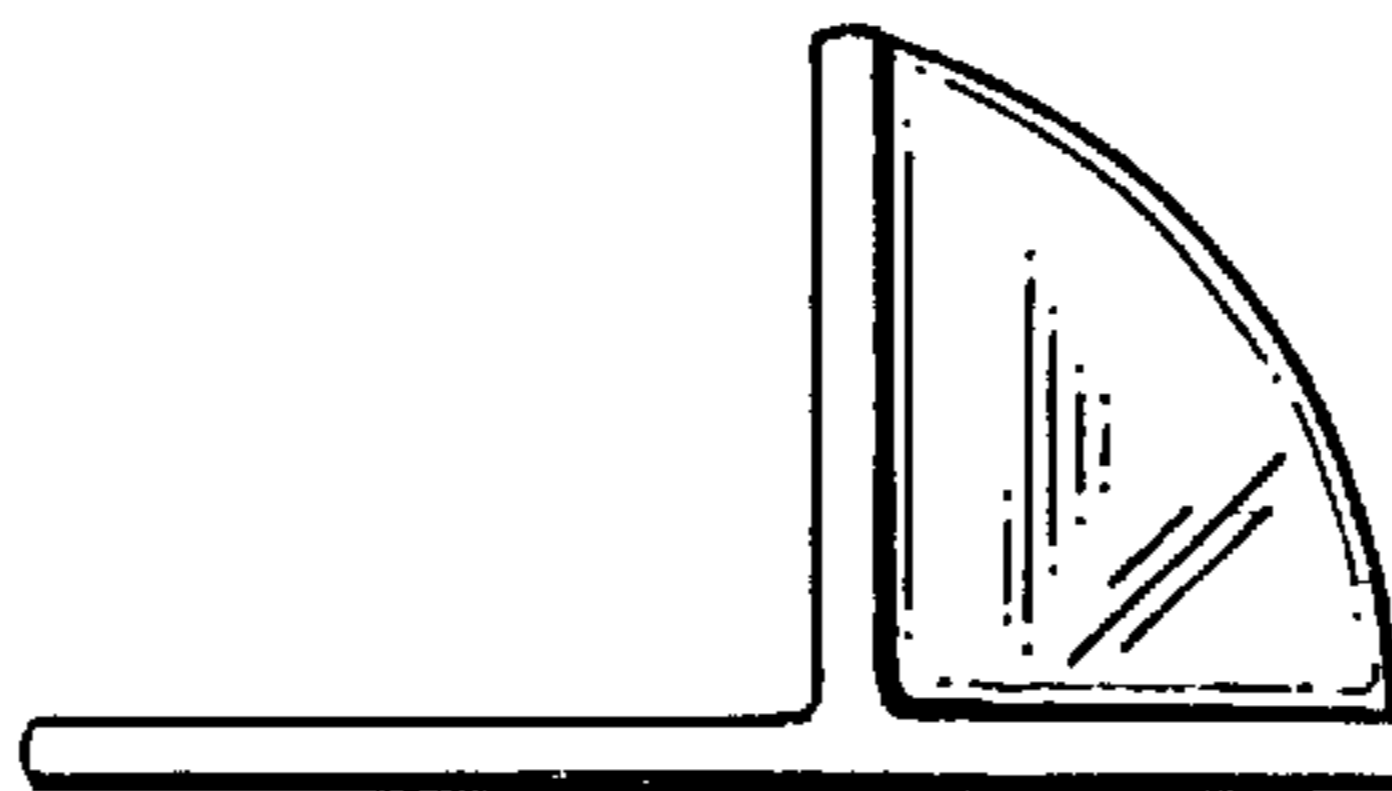
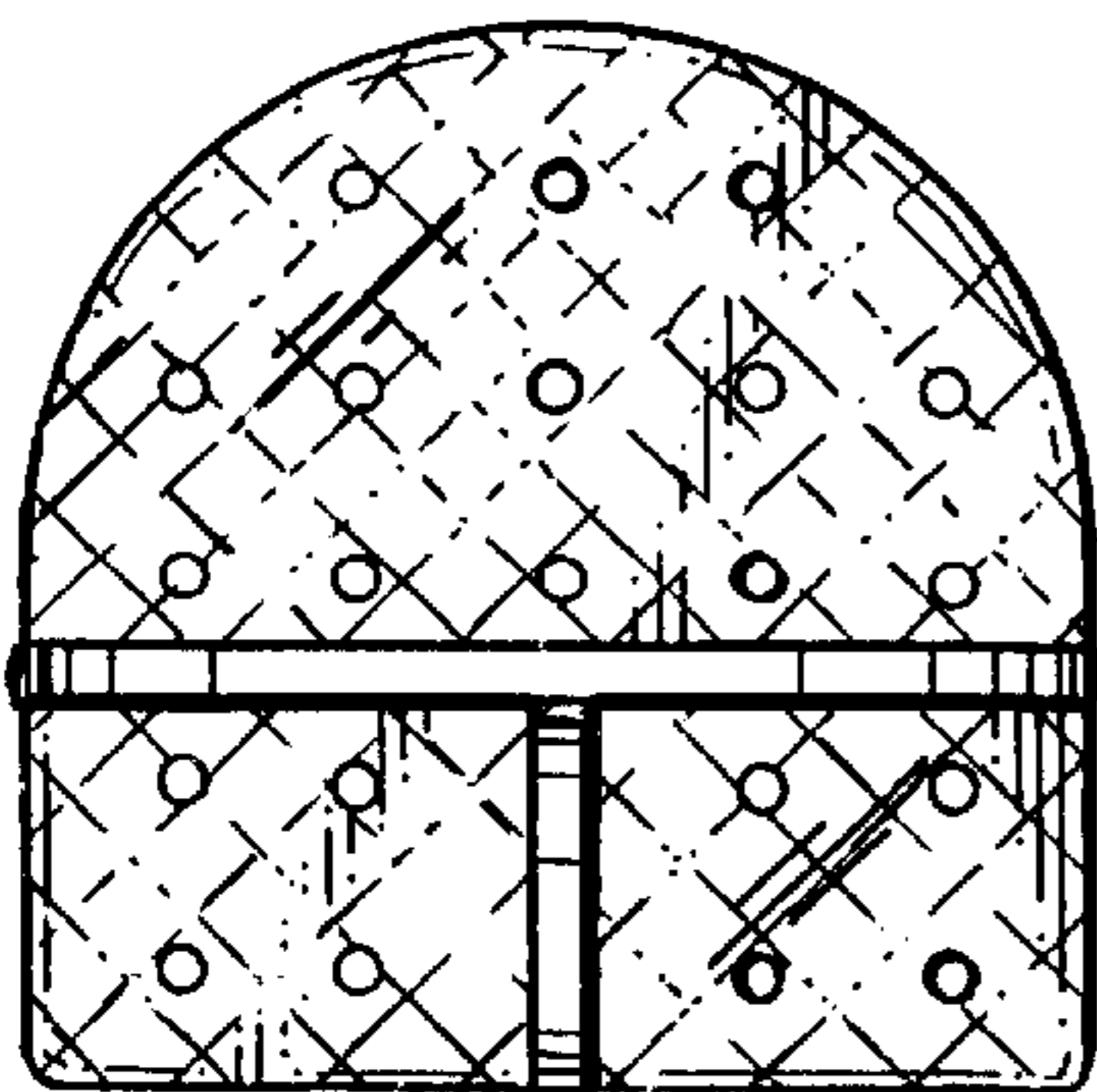
FIG. 8 is a top view of another embodiment of a snow stop of the invention and showing my new design is made of a light-transmissive material, its base without holes but having a grooved, rough surfaced bottom;

FIG. 9 is a bottom view thereof; and,

FIG. 10 is a top, left, rear perspective view thereof, with the remaining views being otherwise akin to FIGS. 3-5 and 7.

In general, the present snow stop has its grooved pattern extending substantially across the bottom of the base.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



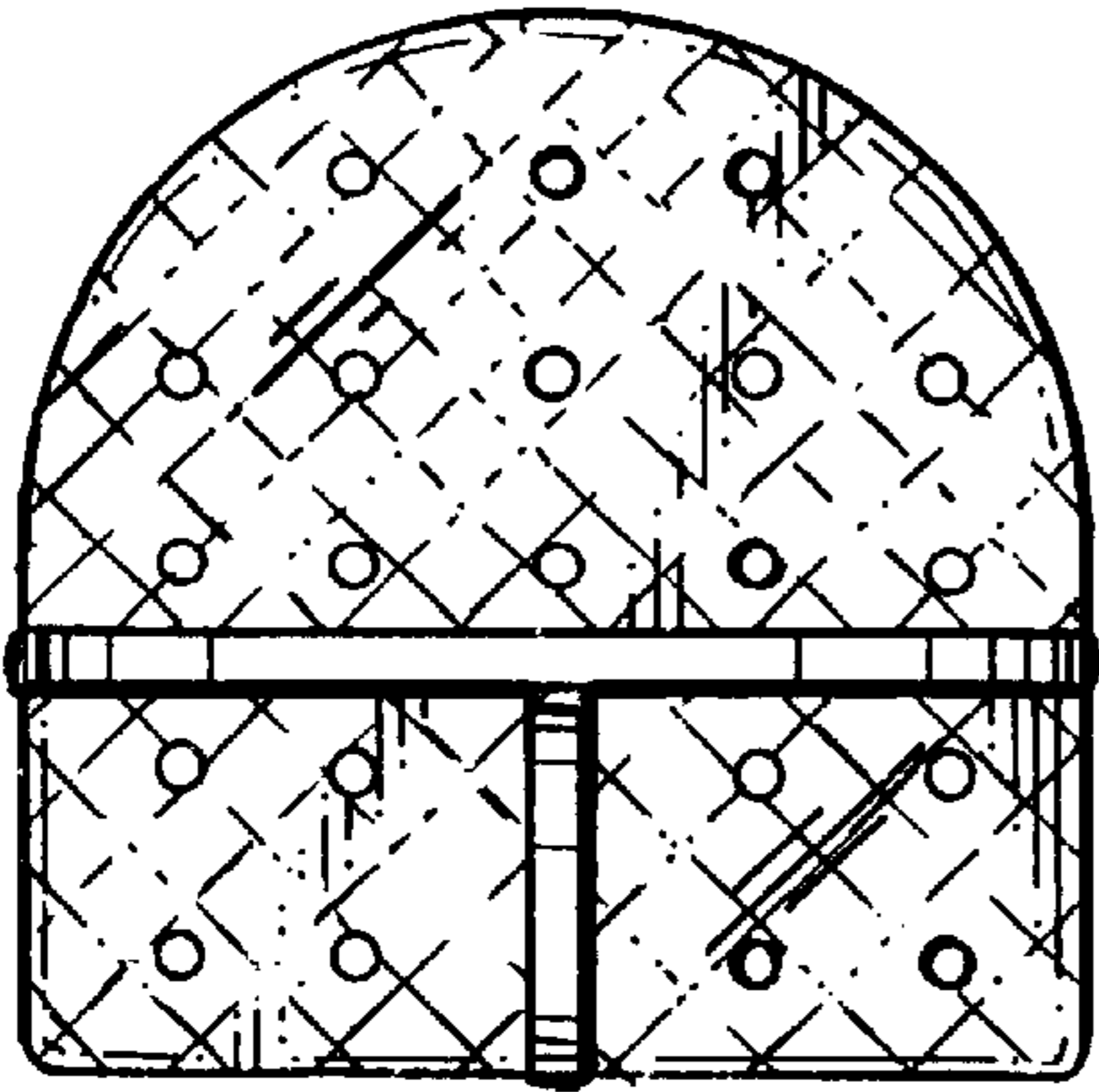


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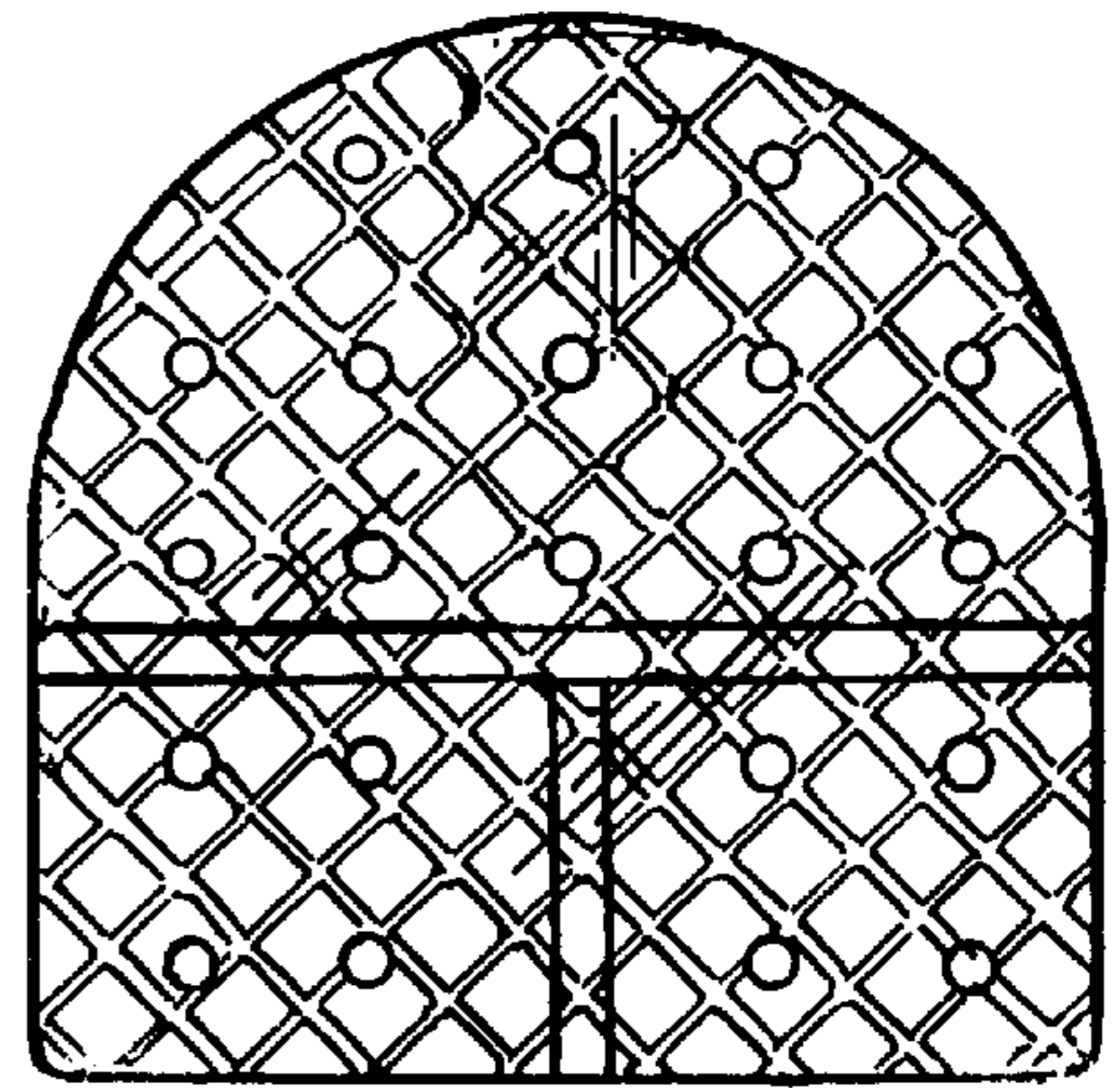


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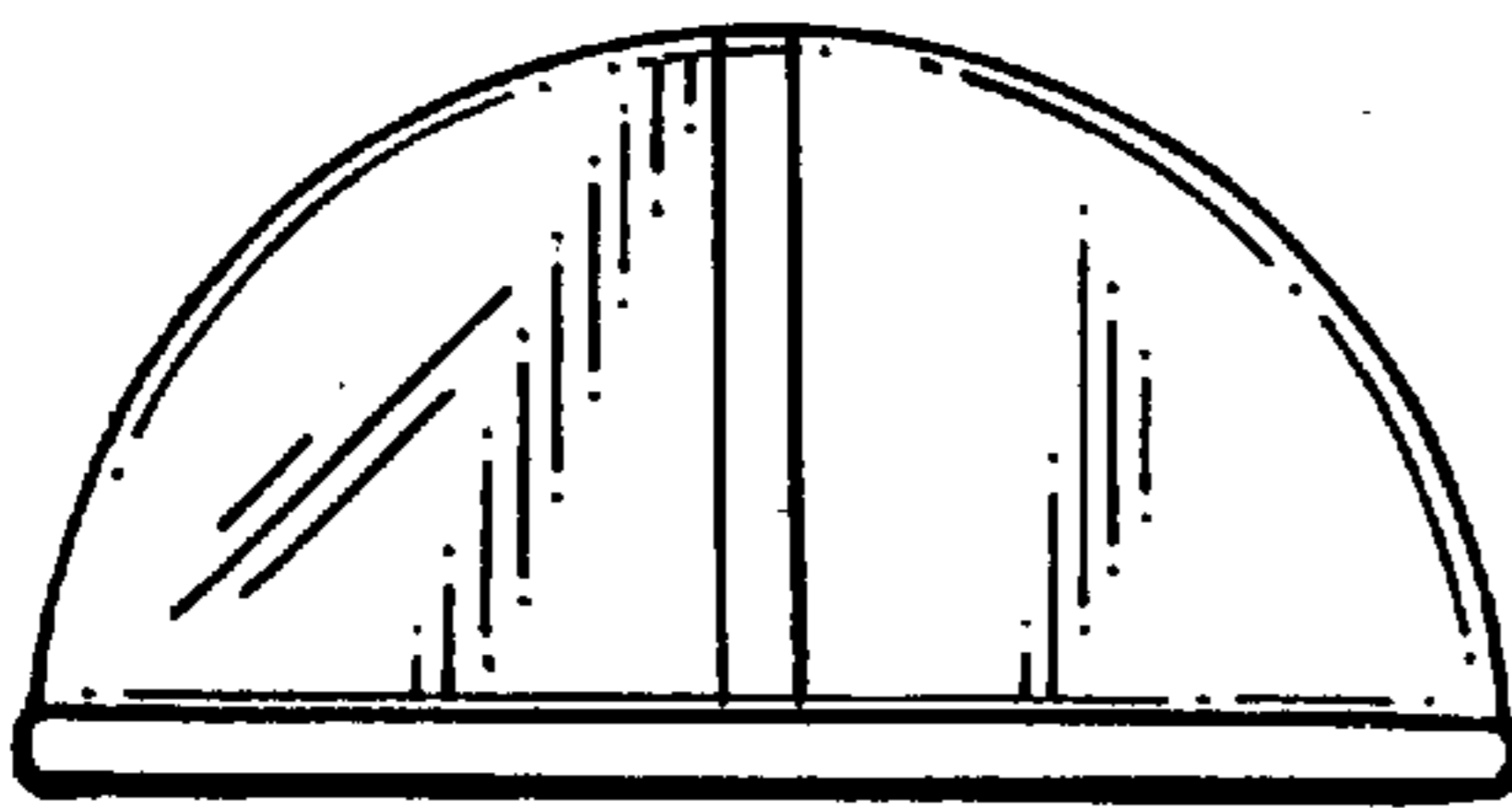


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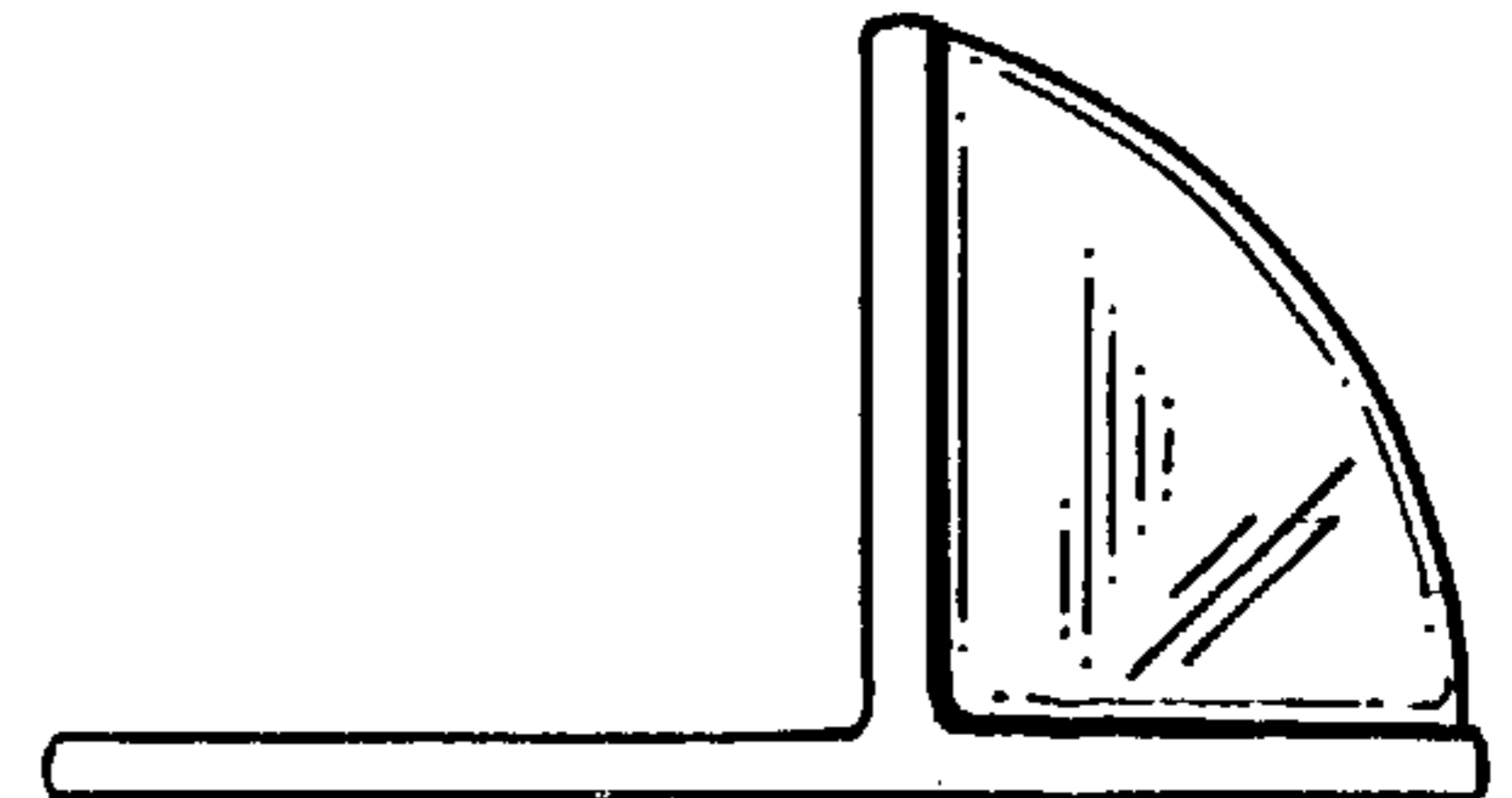


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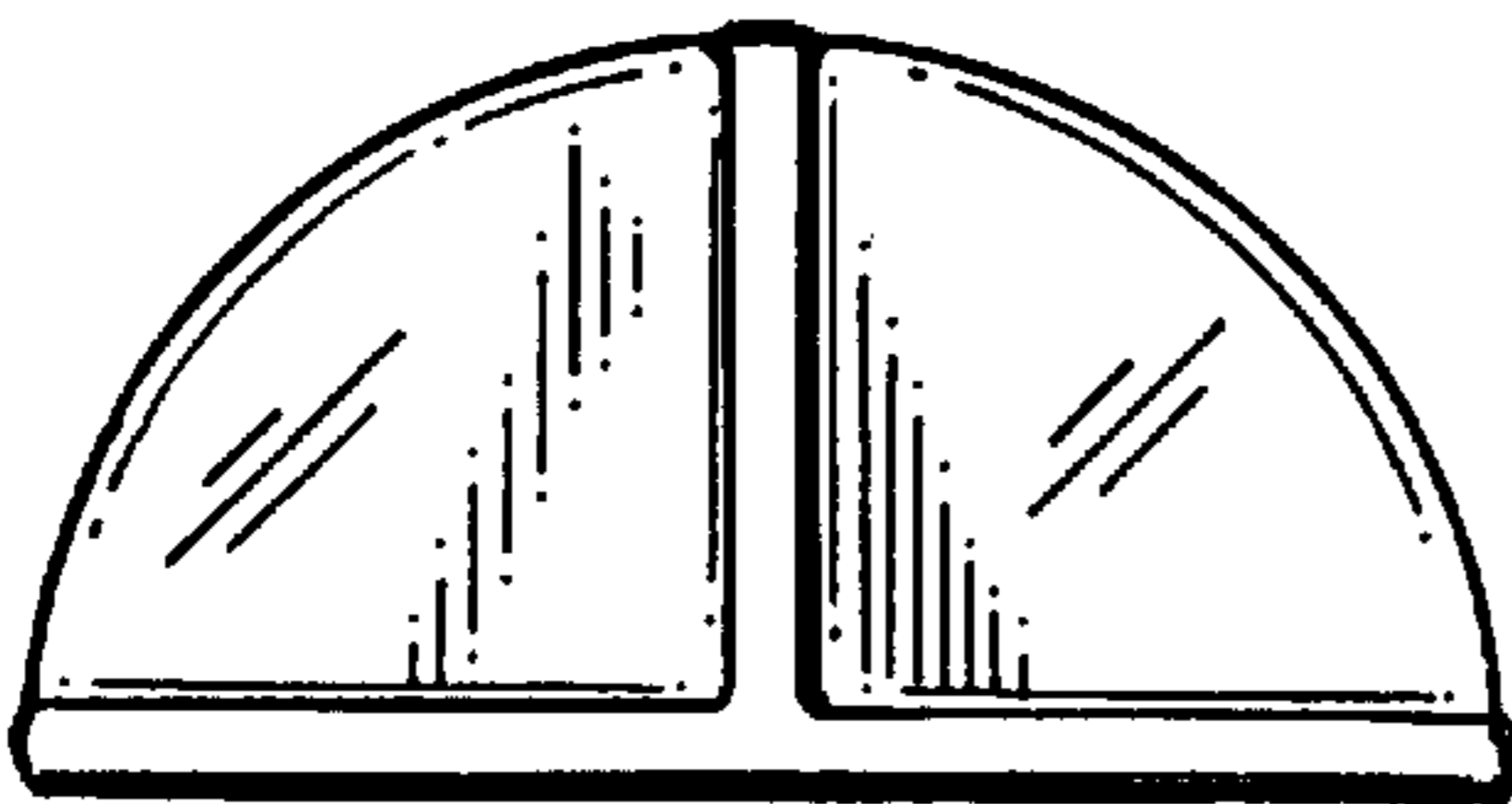


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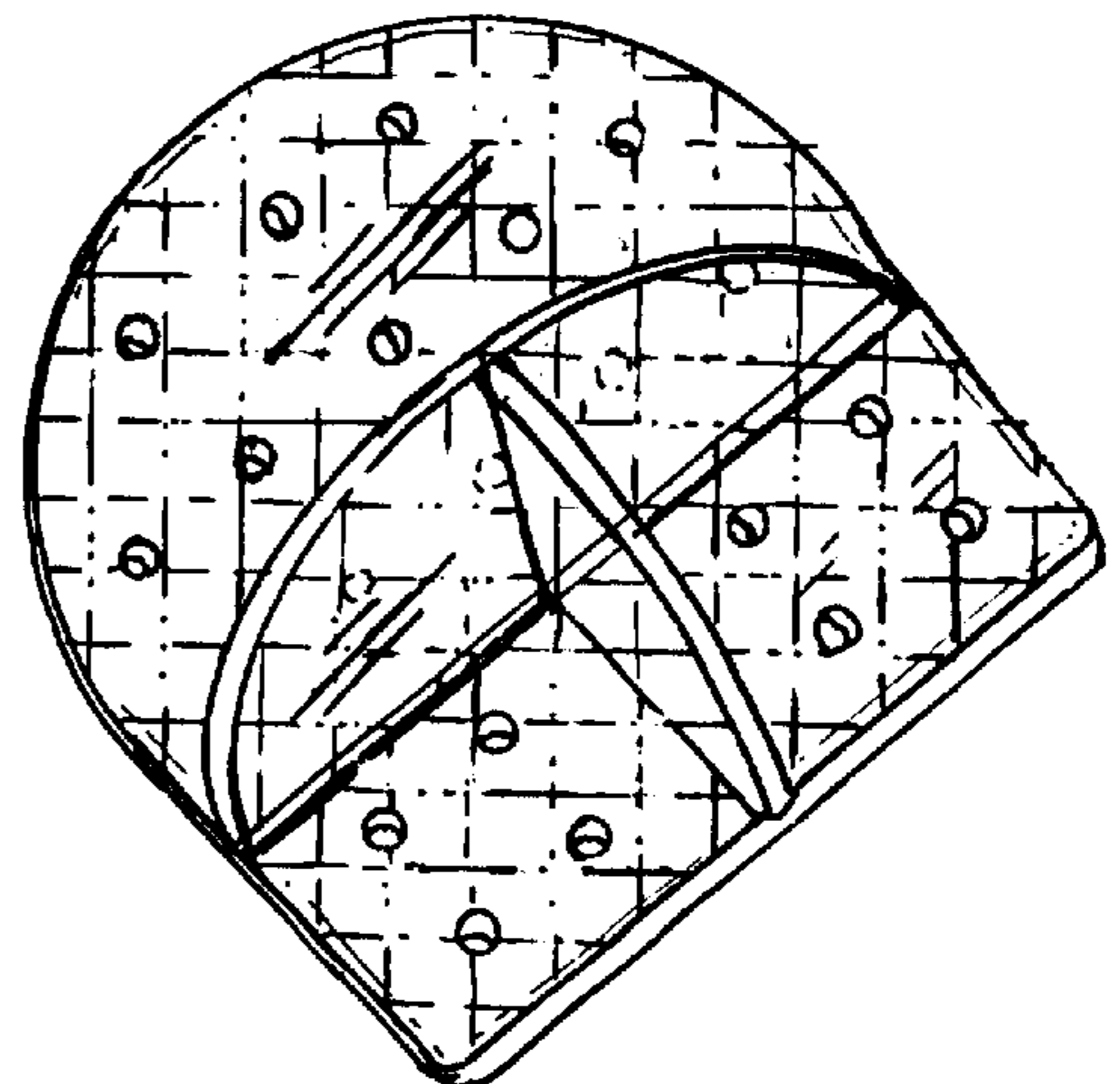


FIG. 6



FIG. 7

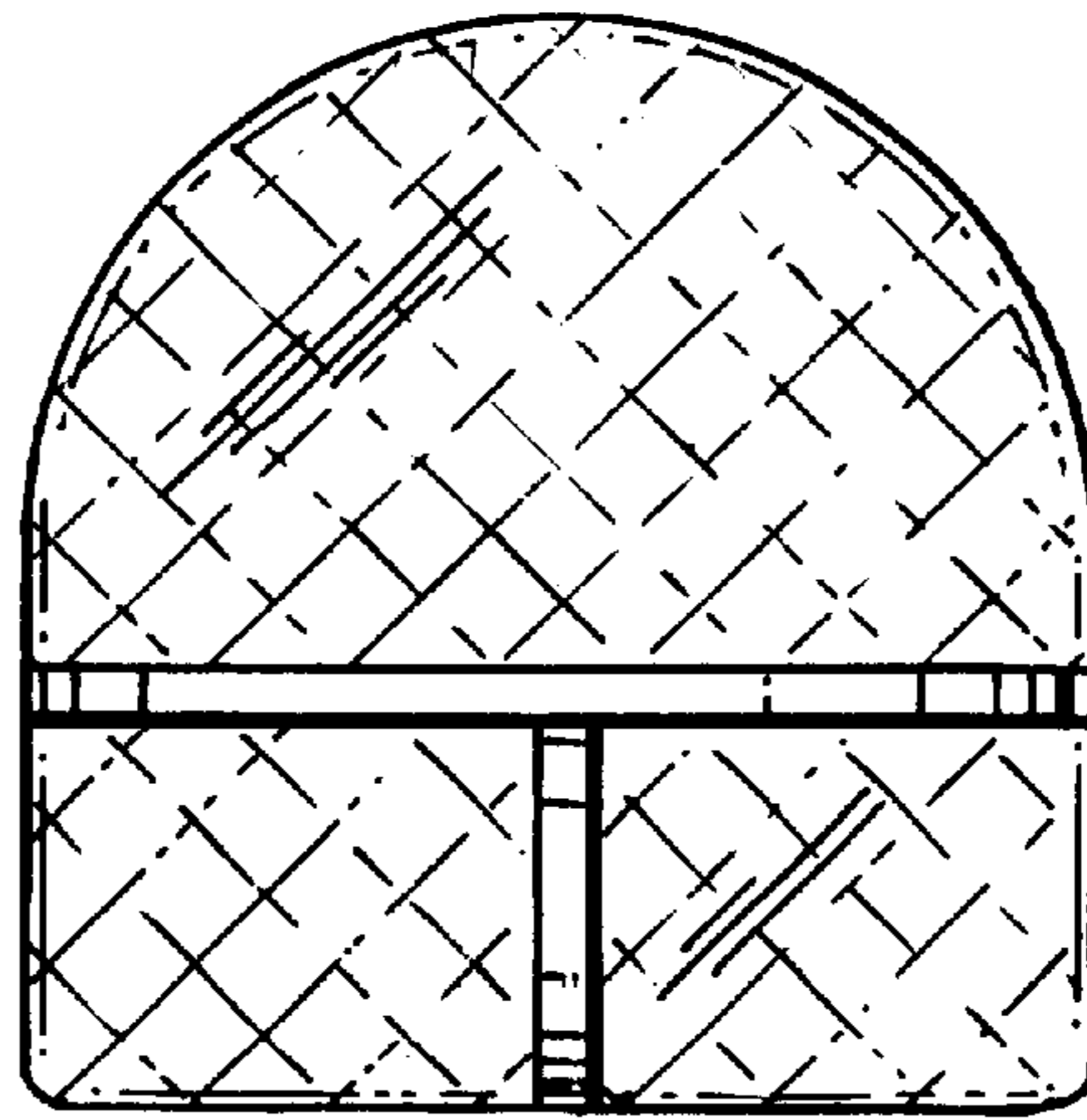


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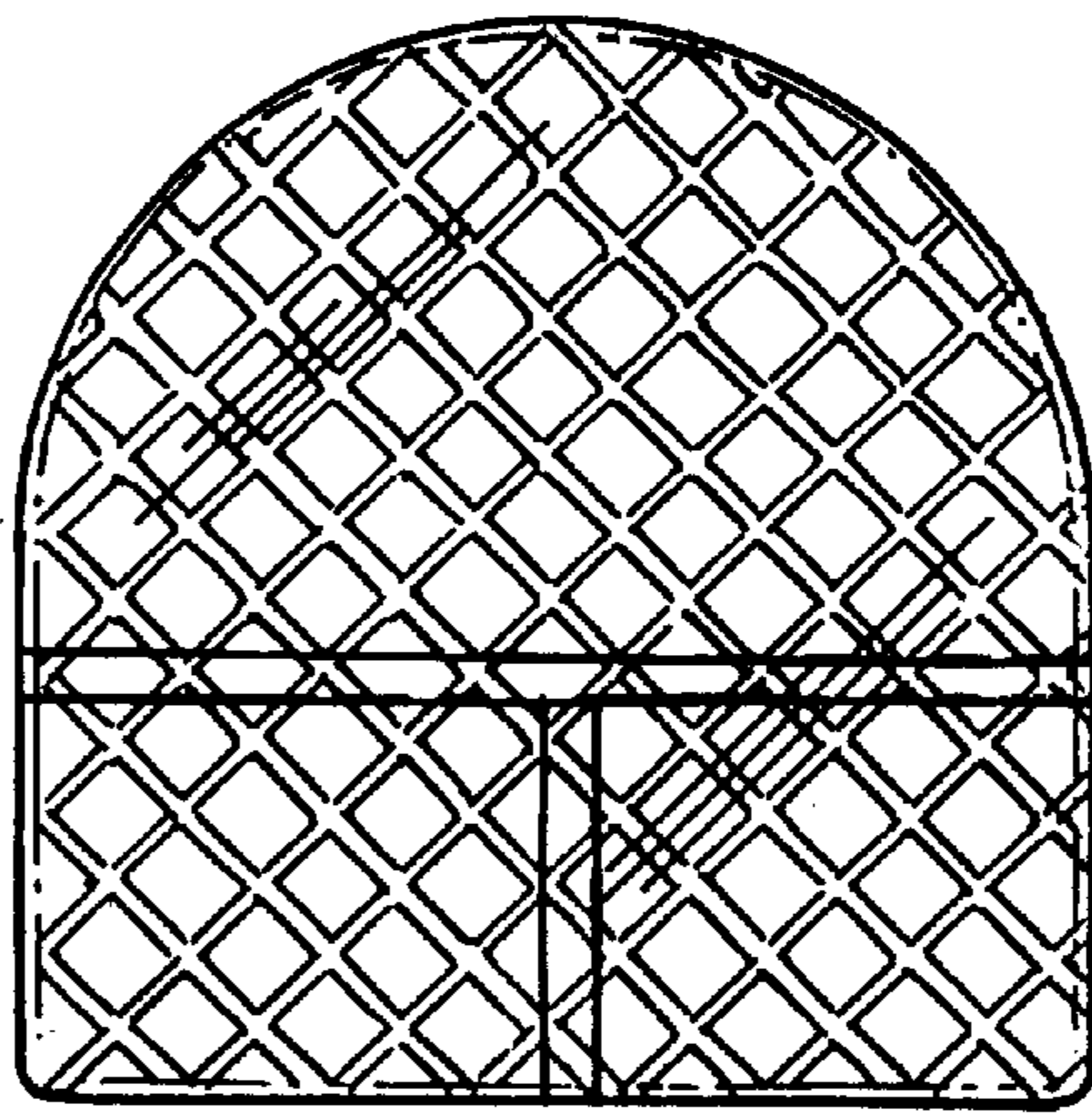


FIG. 9

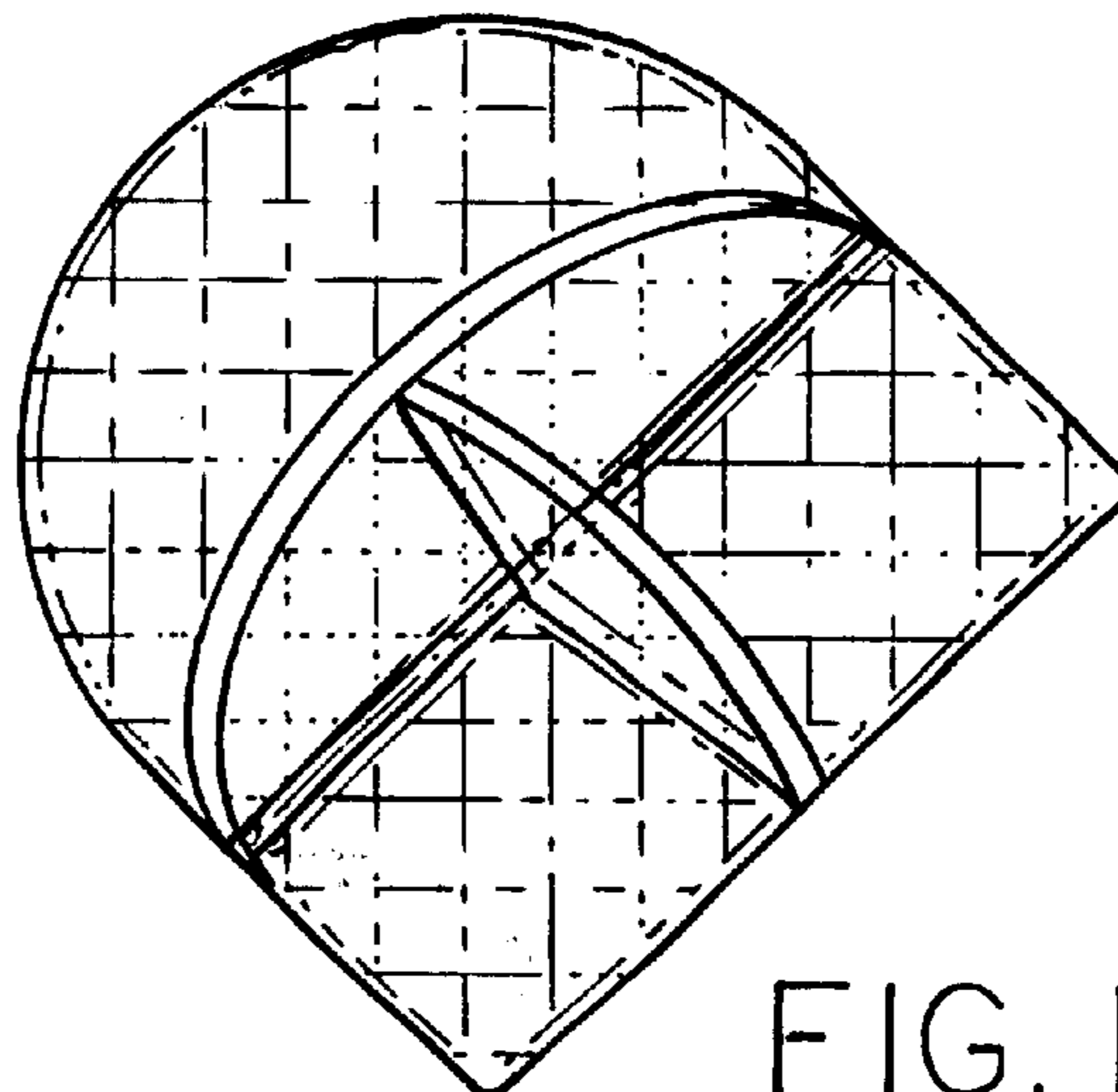


FIG. 10