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(54) **ABSORBENT ARTICLE**

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Exhibit A1—3 Photographs showing front, back and perspective views of a disposable absorbent swim pant representative of swim pants sold by Kimberly-Clark Corporation prior to the filing date of the present application under the tradename HUGGIES® LITTLE SWIMMERS® Disposable Swim pants.

Exhibit A—3 Photographs of training pant sold by Kimberly-Clark Corporation under the tradename HUGGIES® PULL-UPS® Training Pants.

Exhibit B—3 Photographs of training pant sold by Kao Corporation in Japan under the tradename Merries Kids Torepant.

Exhibit C—3 Photographs of training pant sold by Paragon under the tradename Wal-Mart Dri-Bottoms Training Pants.

Exhibit D—3 Photographs of training pant sold by The Procter & Gamble Company under the tradename LUVS® Training Pants (unisex).

Exhibit E—3 Photographs of training pant sold by The Procter & Gamble Company in Japan under the tradename Pampers Sucusuku.

Exhibit F—3 Photographs of training pant sold by Uni-Charm Corporation in Japan under the tradename Torepan Man (Boys).

Exhibit G—3 Photographs of training pant sold by Uni-Charm Corporation in Japan under the tradename Torepan Man Step 2.

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(57) **CLAIM**

We claim the ornamental design for an absorbent article, as shown and described herein.

DESCRIPTION

- FIG. 1 is a perspective view.
- FIG. 2 is a front view.
- FIG. 3 is a back view.
- FIG. 4 is a right side view.
- FIG. 5 is a left side view.
- FIG. 6 is a bottom view.
- FIG. 7 is a top view.

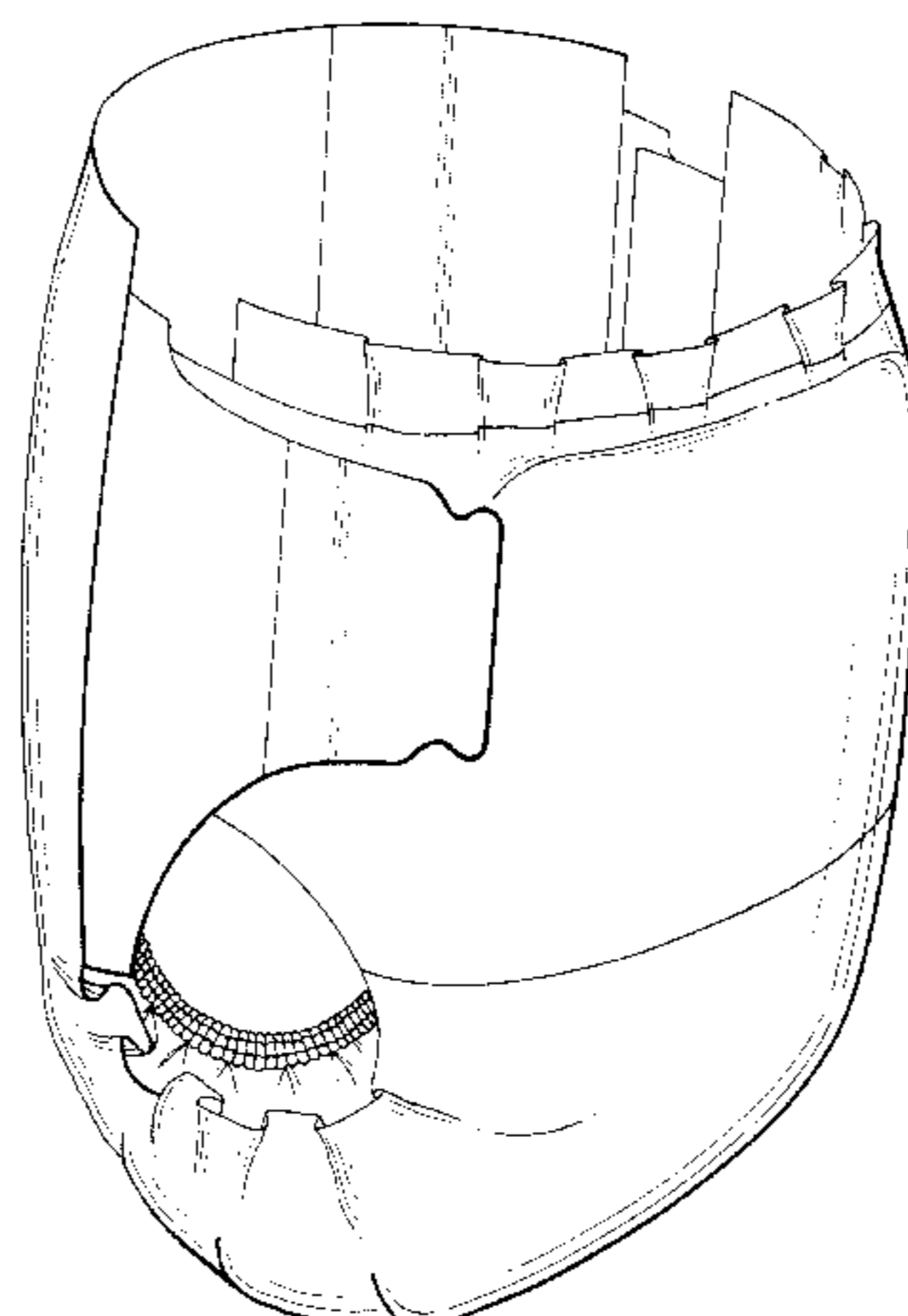


FIG. 8 is a perspective view of the article in an unfastened configuration.

FIG. 9 is a perspective view with side panels lined for the color, blue.

FIG. 10 is a front view of the article of FIG. 9.

FIG. 11 is a back view of the article of FIG. 9.

FIG. 12 is a right side view with side panels lined for the color, blue.

FIG. 13 is a left side view with side panels lined for the color, blue.

FIG. 14 is a bottom view with side panels lined for the color, blue.

FIG. 15 is a top view with side panels lined for the color, blue.

FIG. 16 is a perspective view of the article in an unfastened configuration with side panels lined for the color, blue.

FIG. 17 is a perspective view with side panels lined for the color, pink.

FIG. 18 is a front view of the article of FIG. 17.

FIG. 19 is a back view of the article of FIG. 17.

FIG. 20 is a right side view with side panels lined for the color, pink.

FIG. 21 is a left side view with side panels lined for the color, pink.

FIG. 22 is a bottom view with side panels lined for the color, pink.

FIG. 23 is a top view with side panels lined for the color, pink; and,

FIG. 24 is a perspective view of the article in an unfastened configuration with side panels lined for the color, pink.

1 Claim, 24 Drawing Sheets

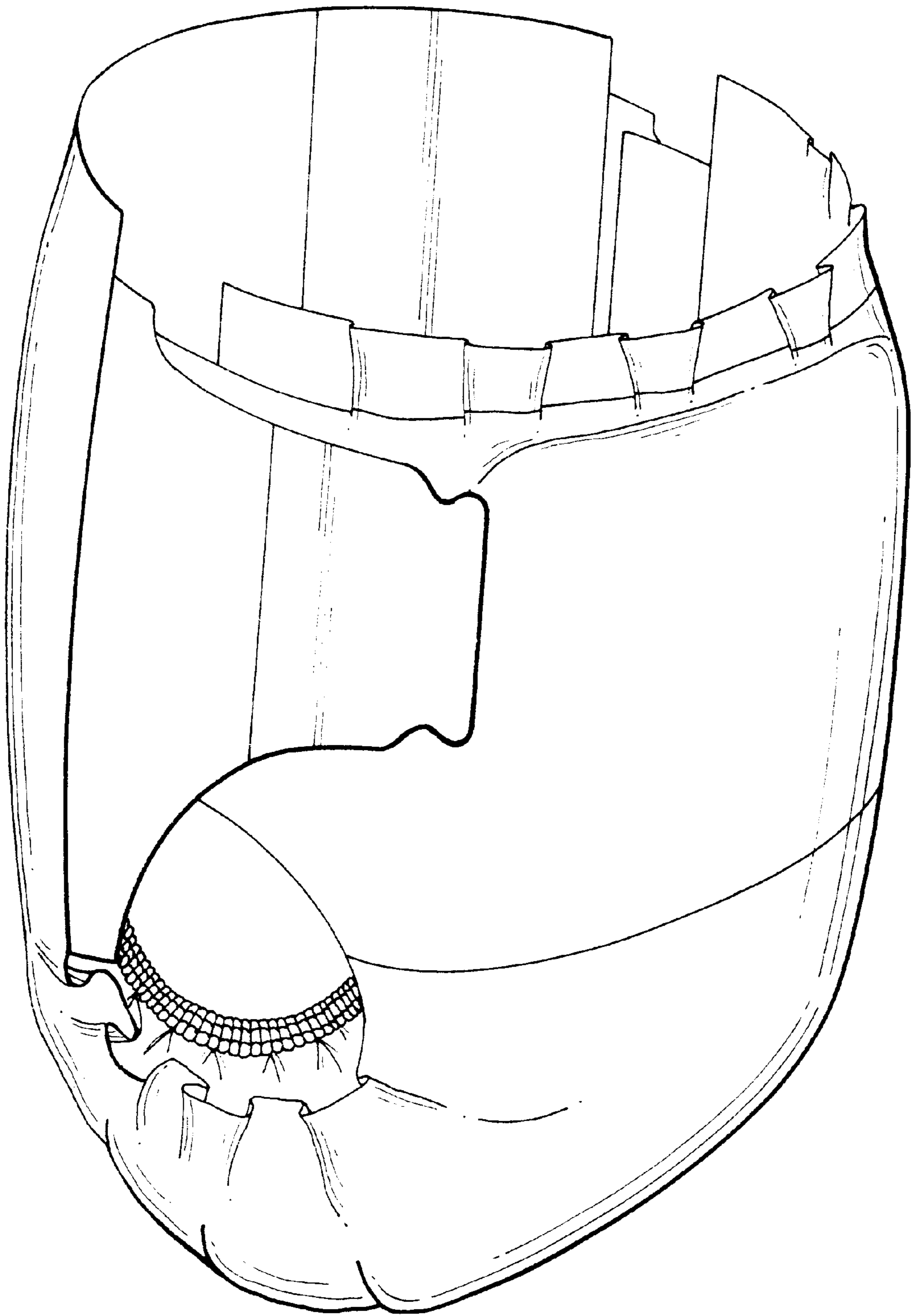


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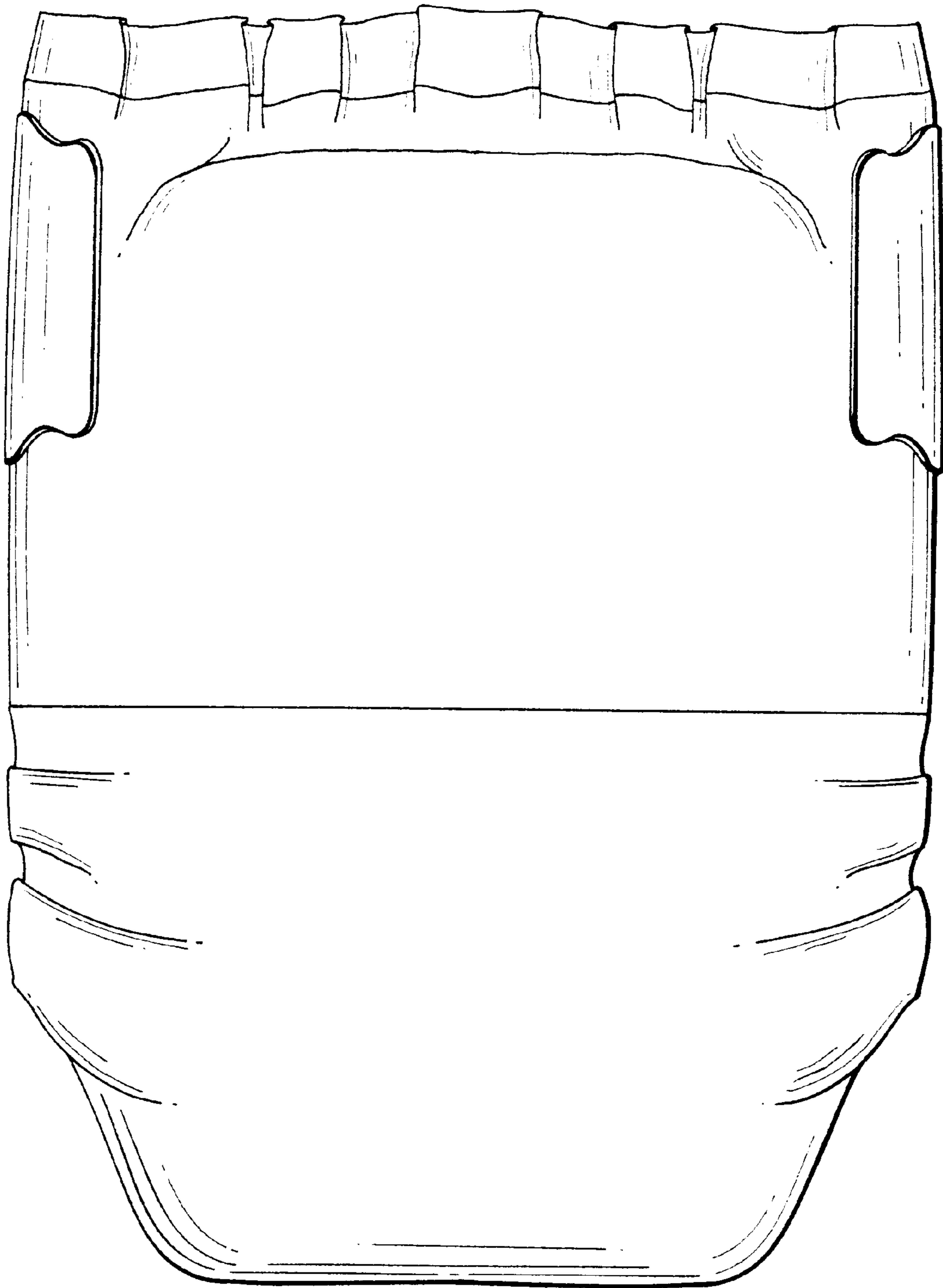


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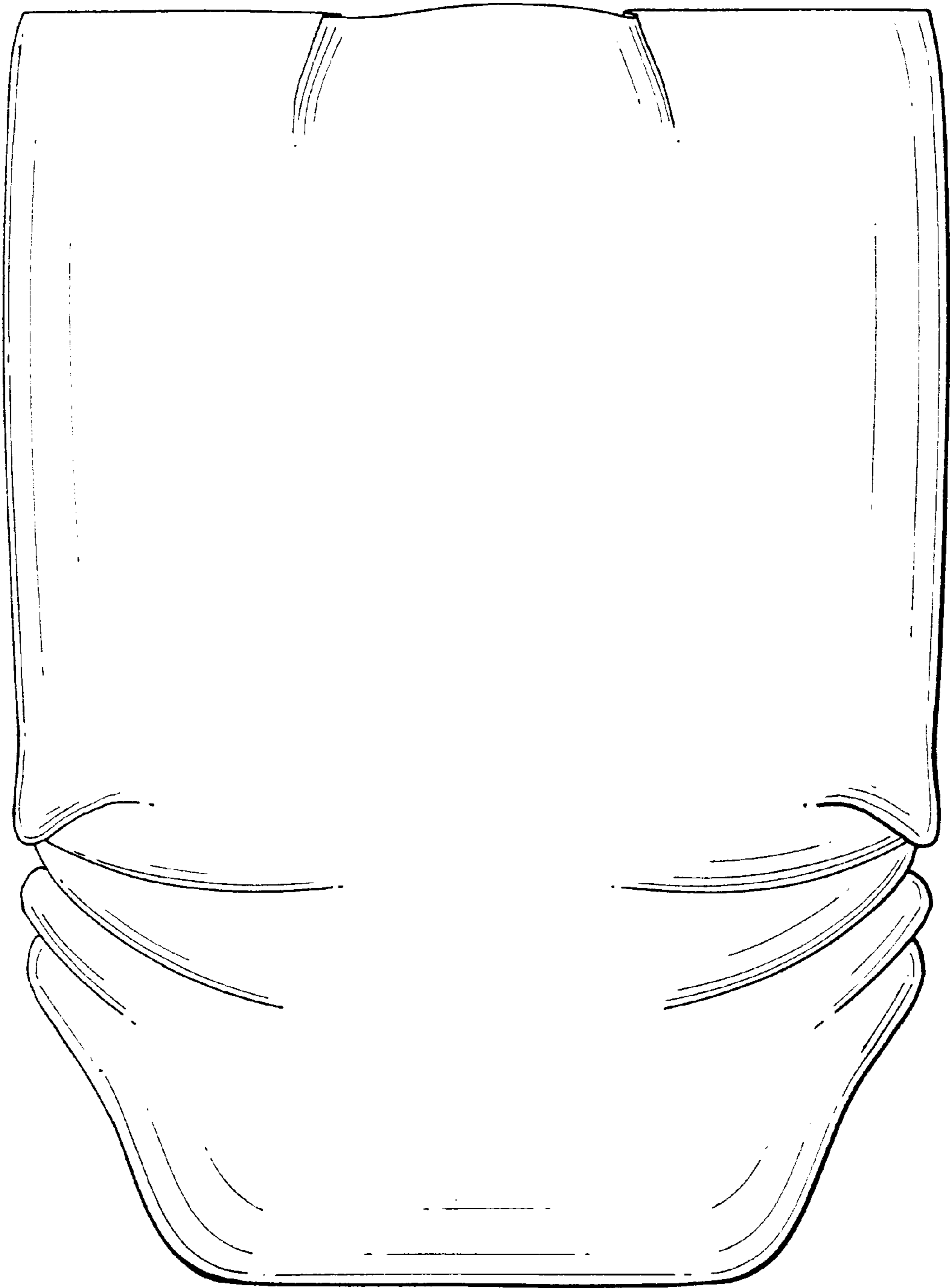


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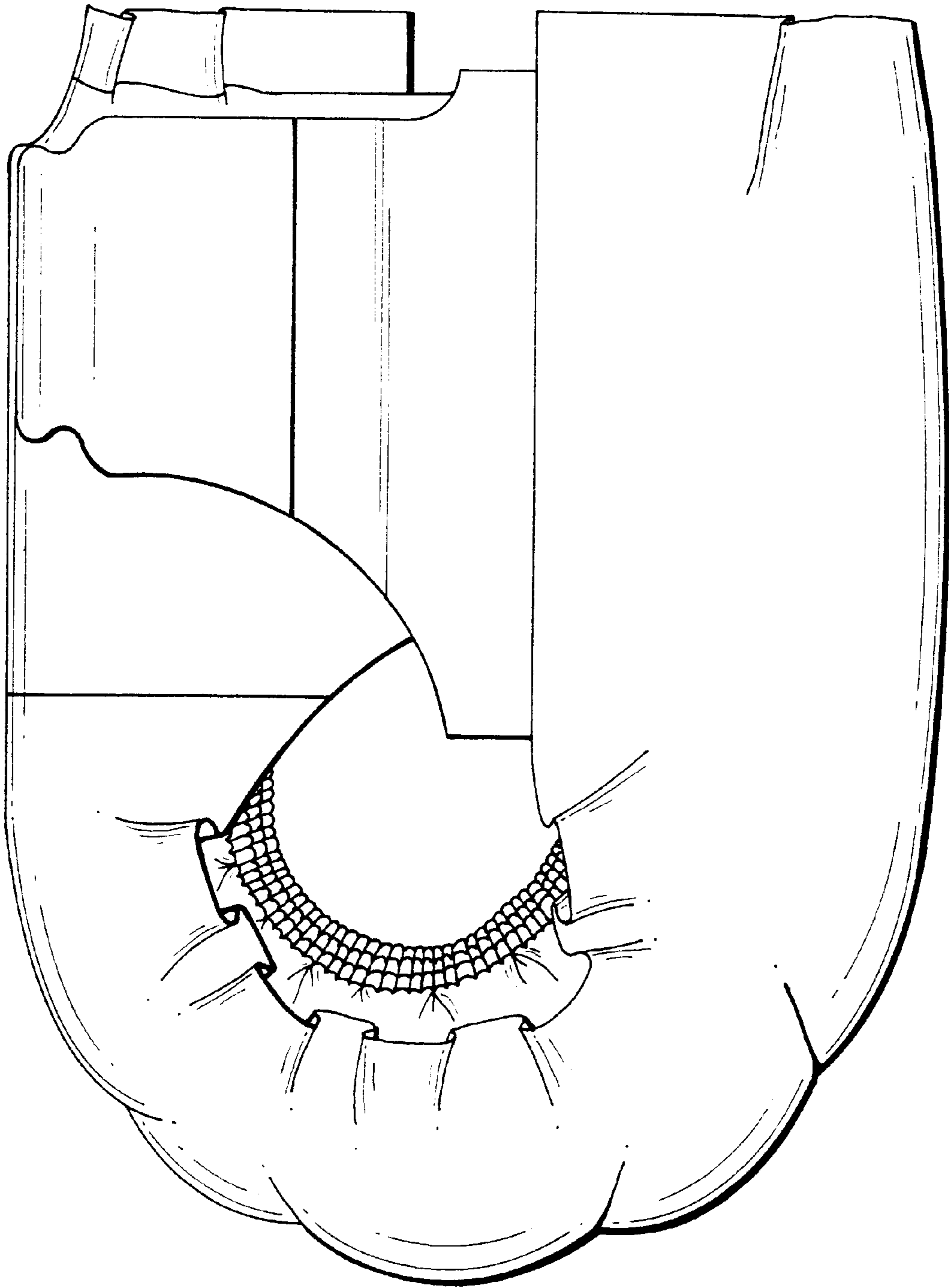


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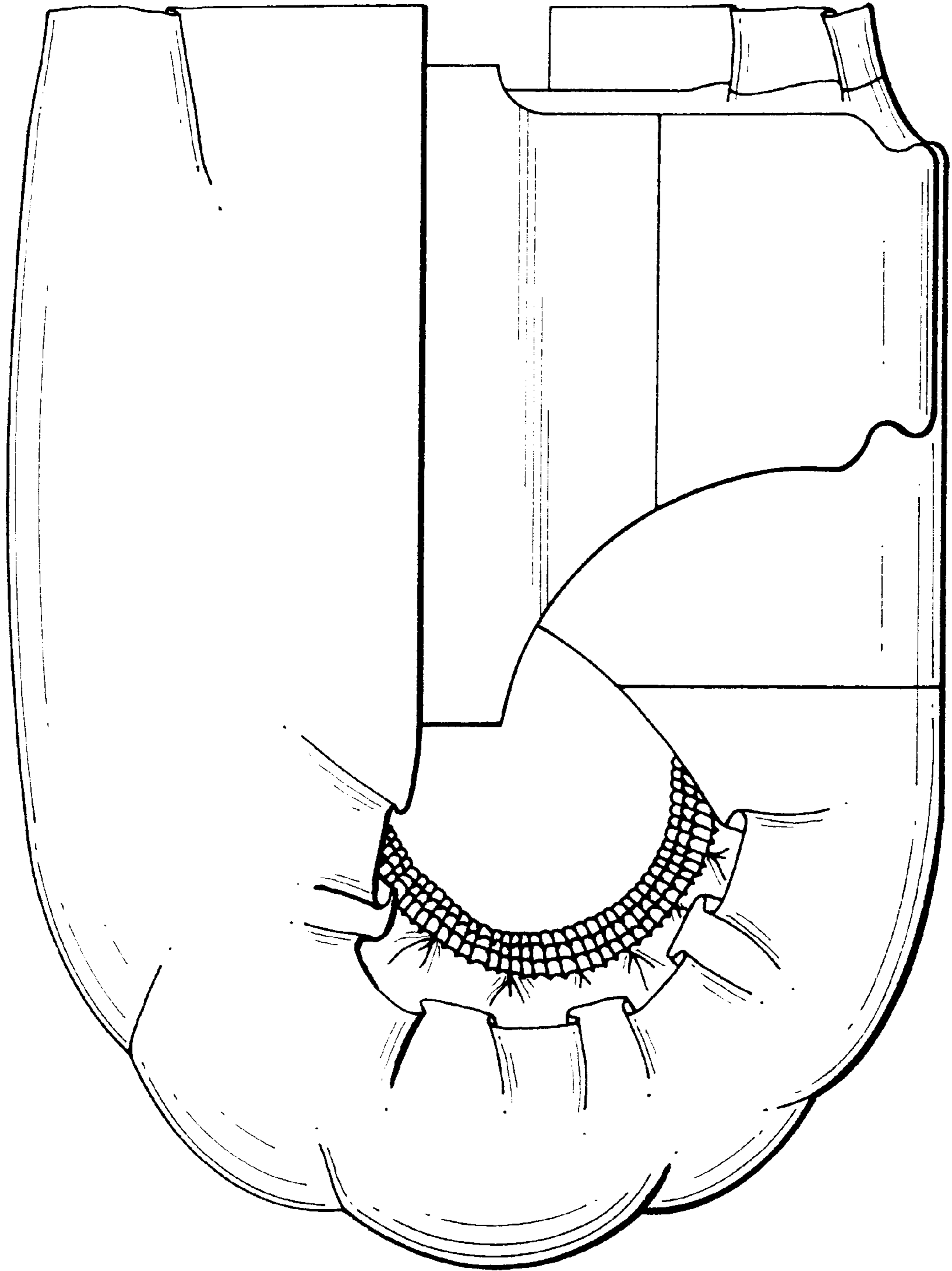


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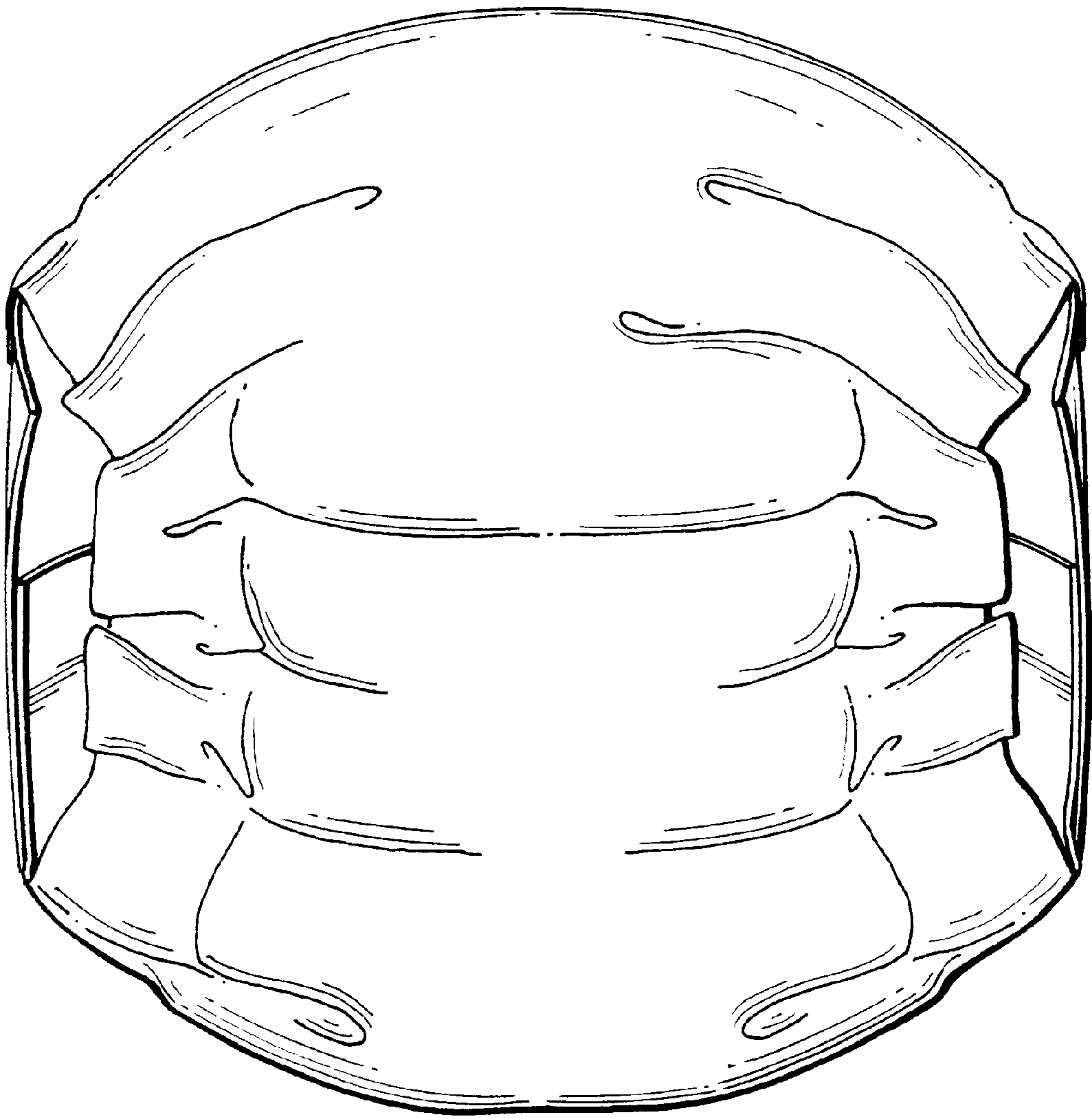


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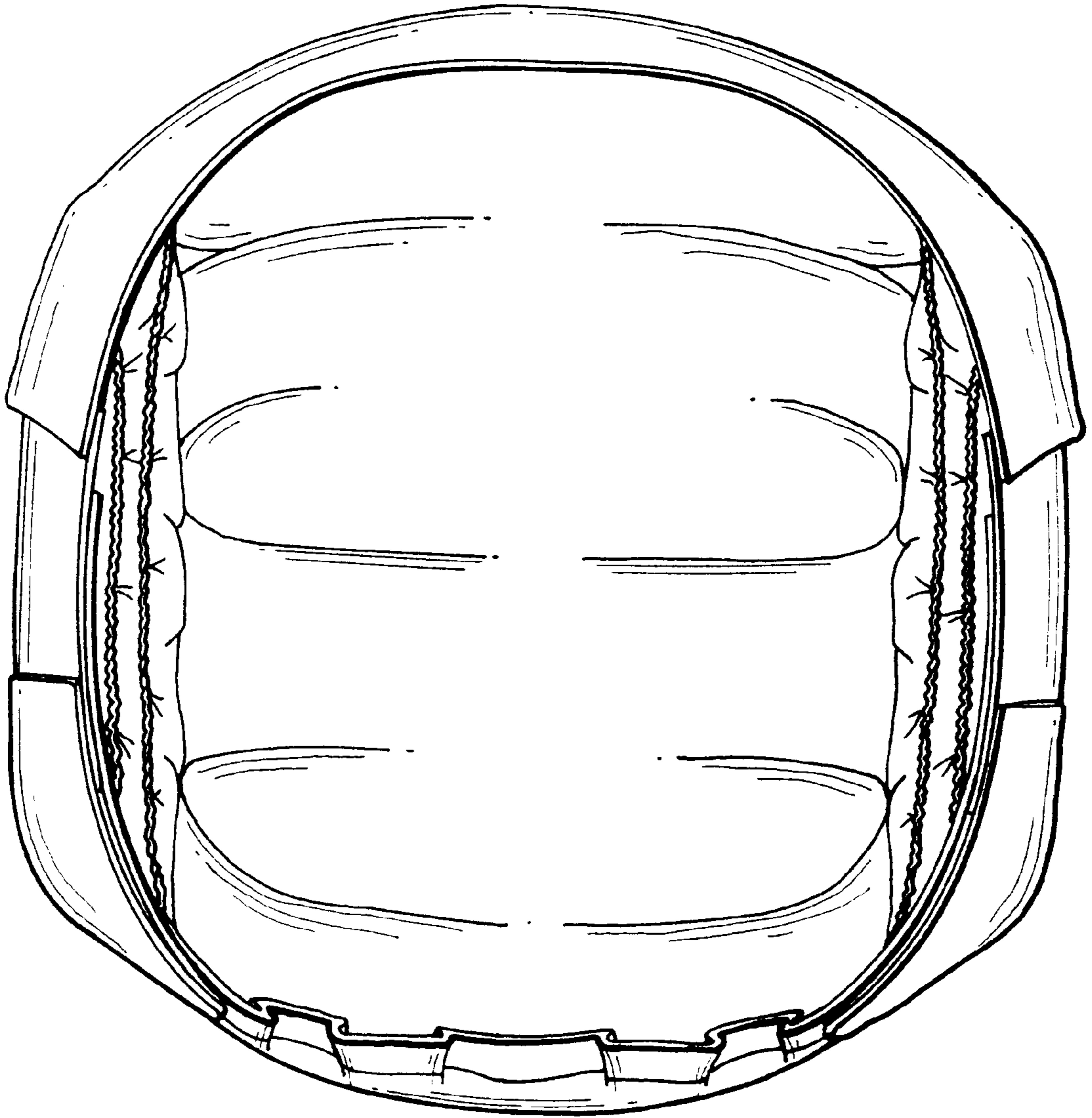


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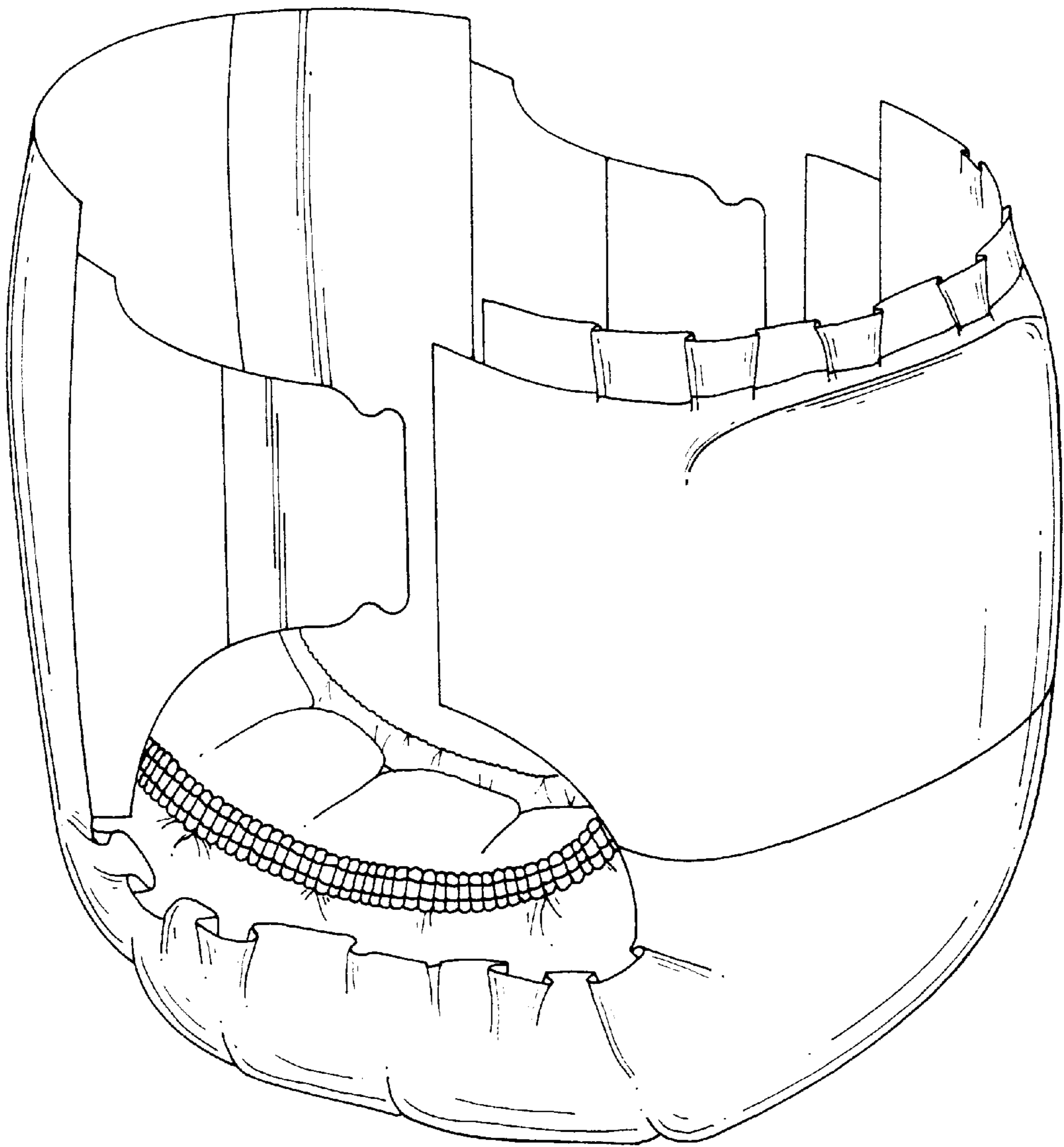


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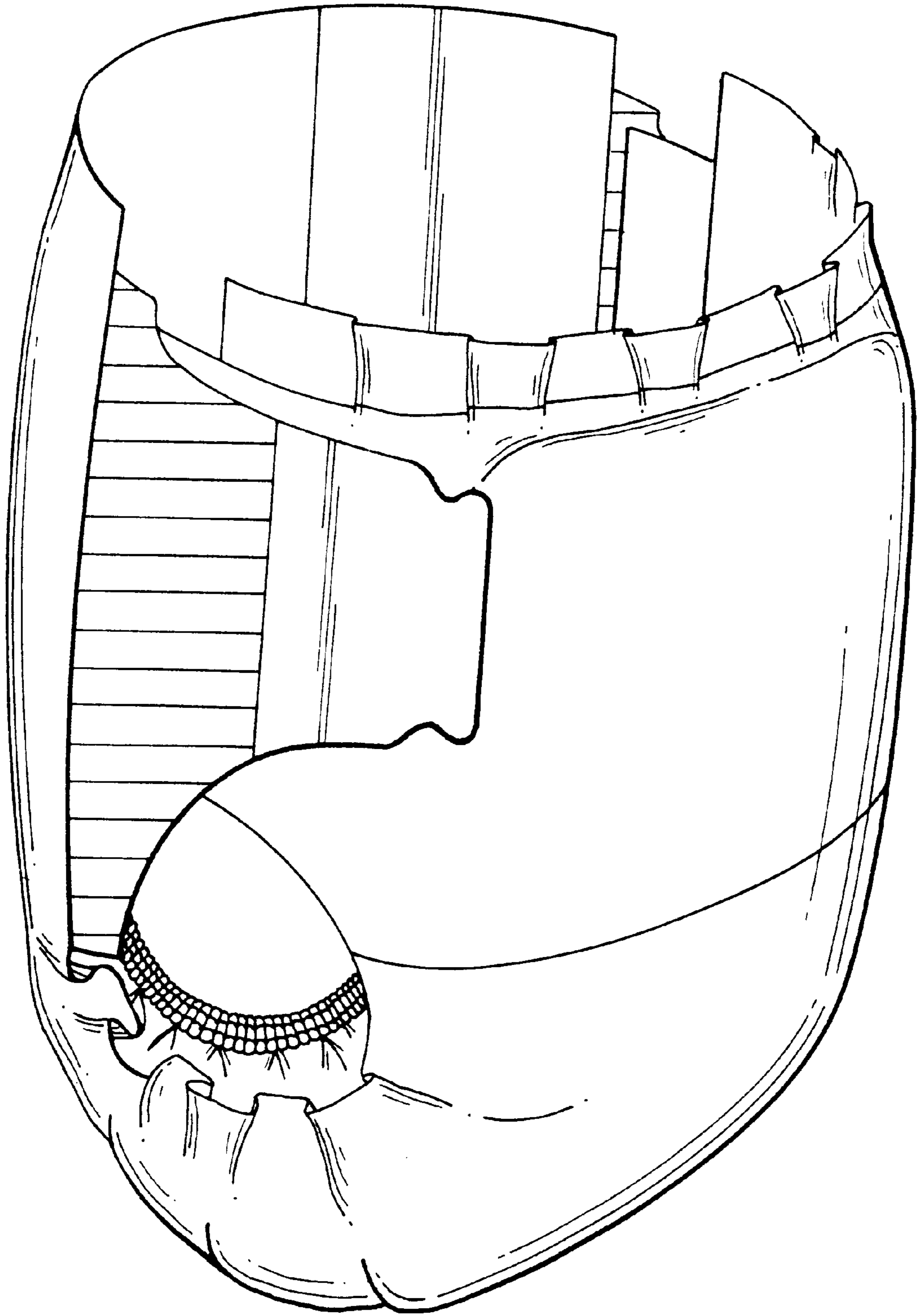


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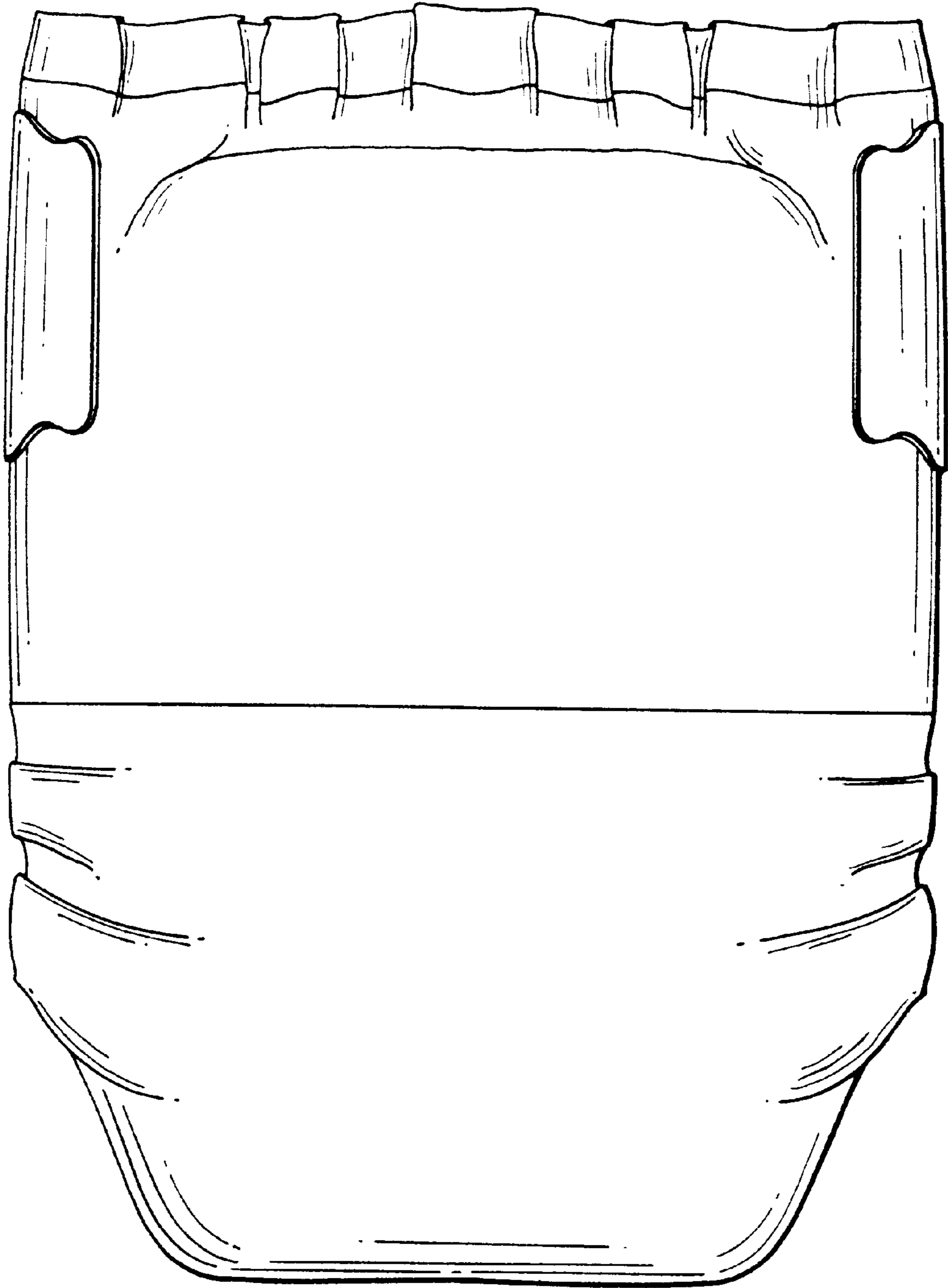


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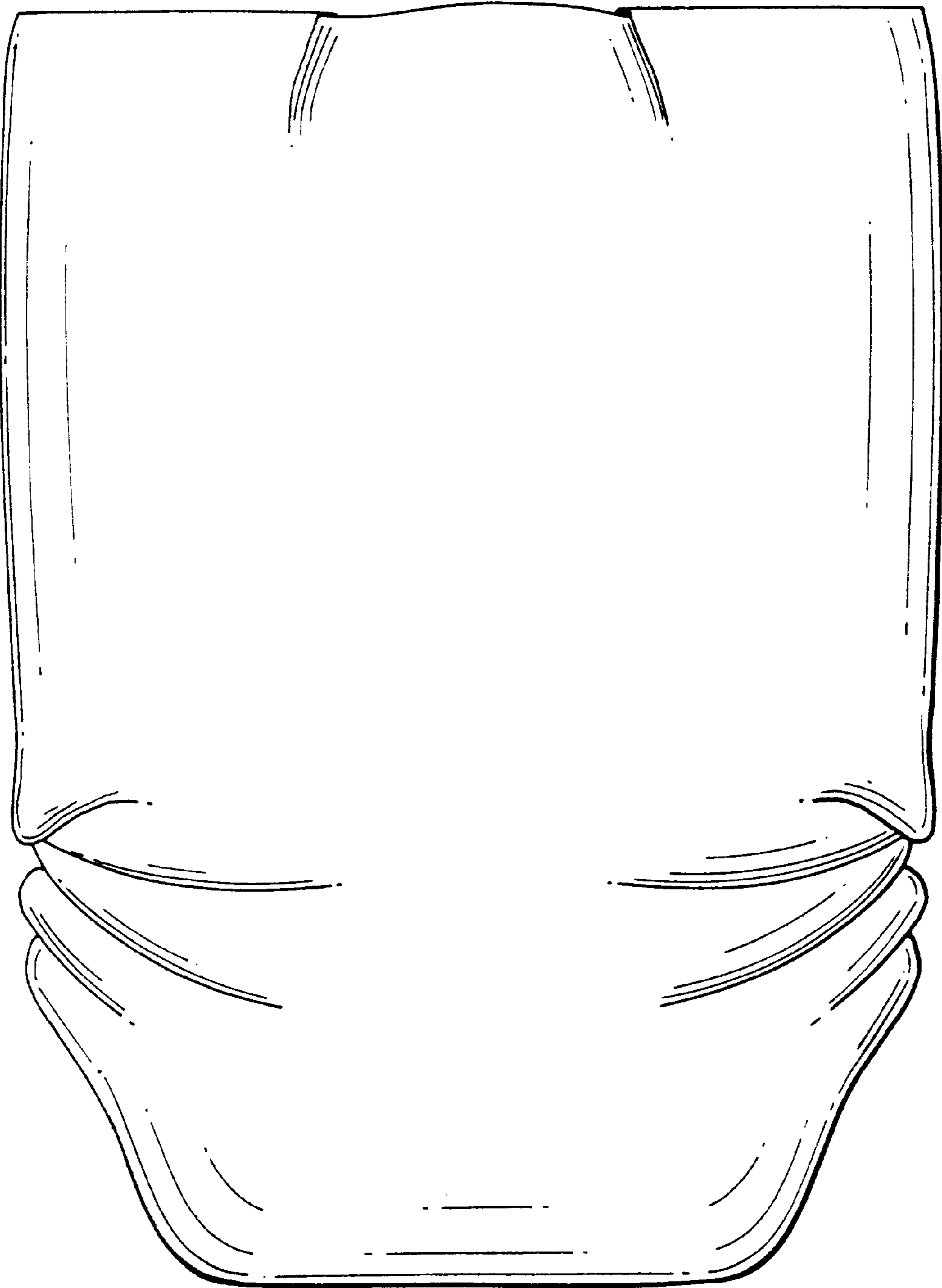


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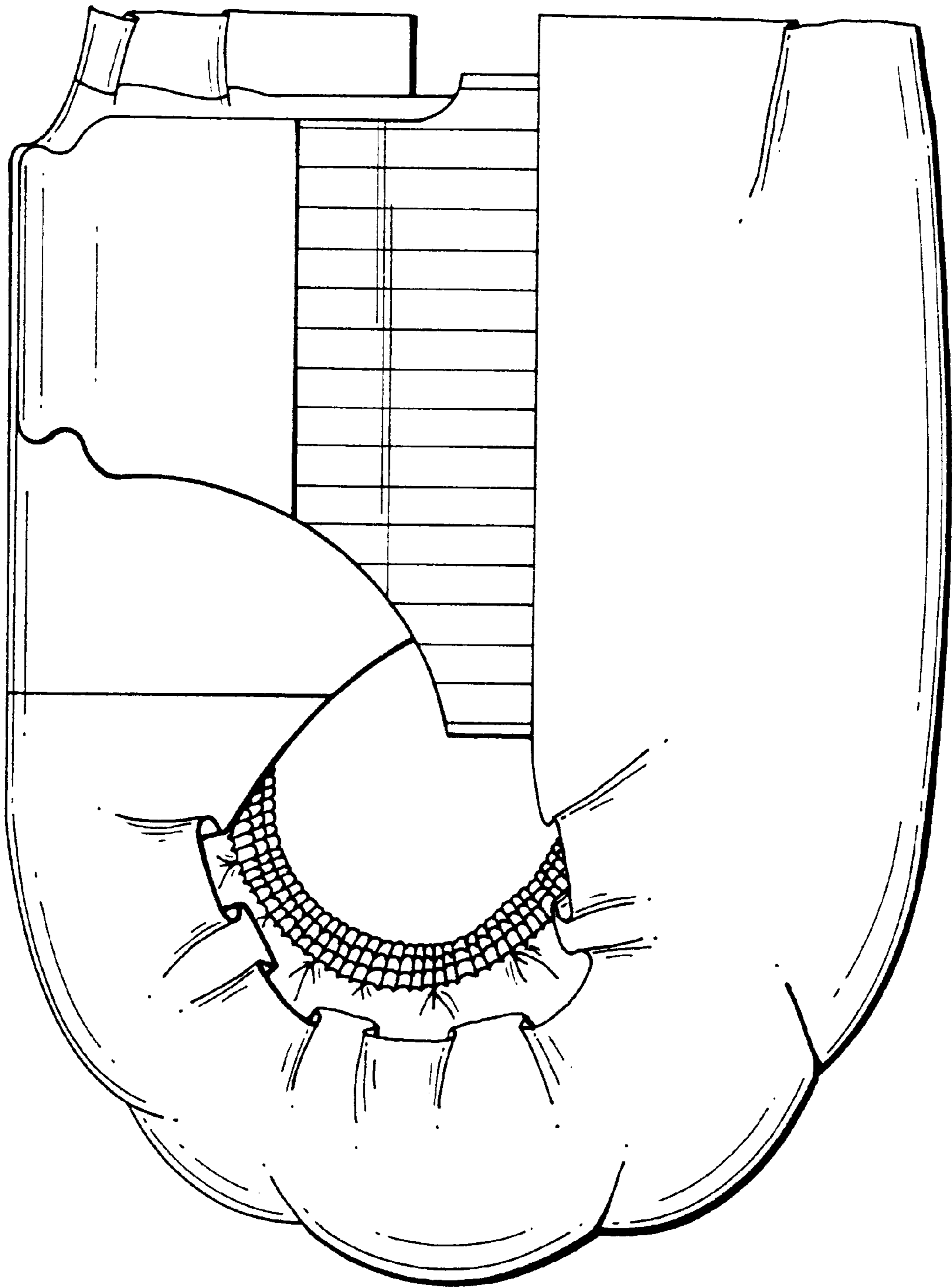


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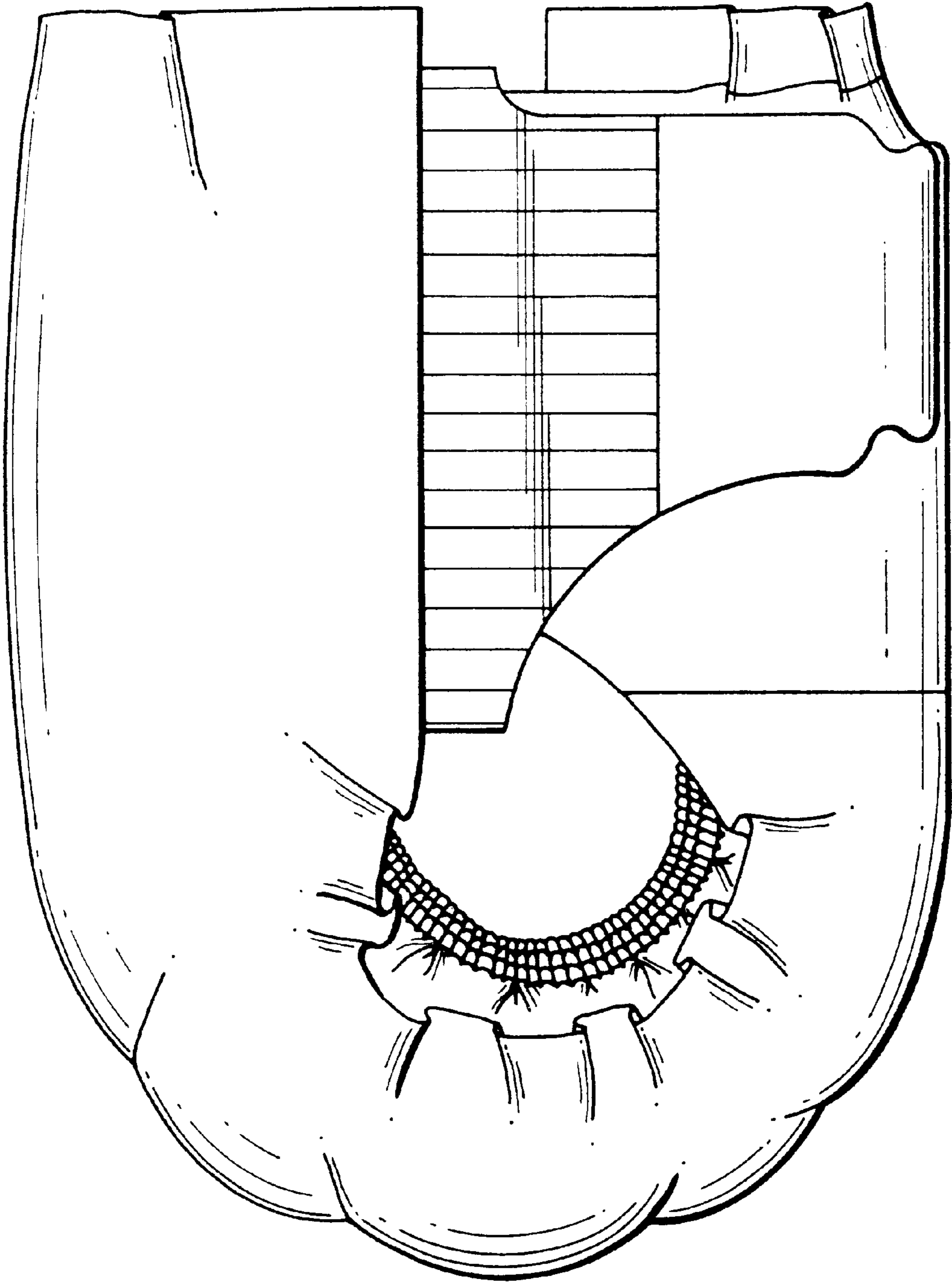


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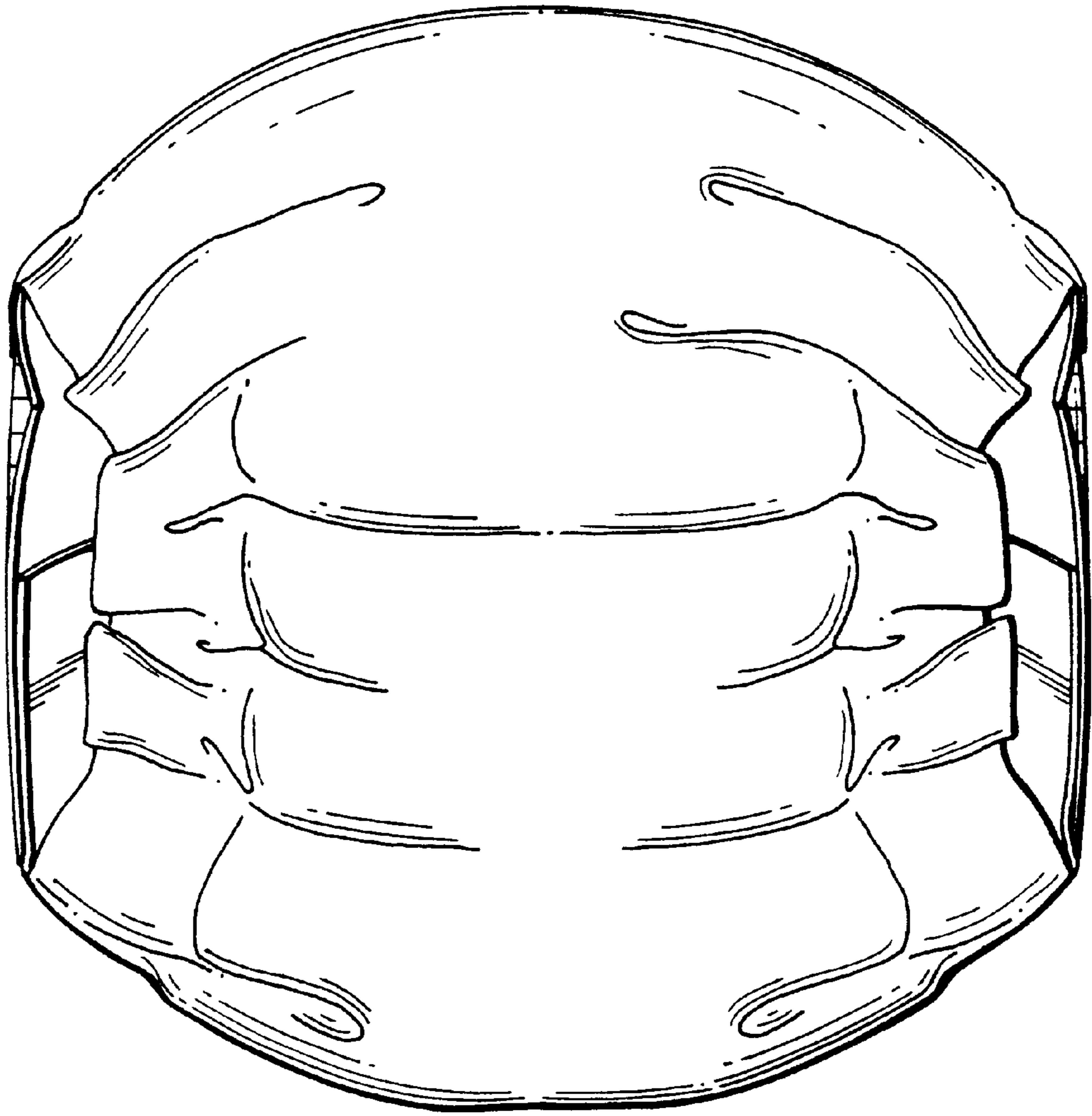


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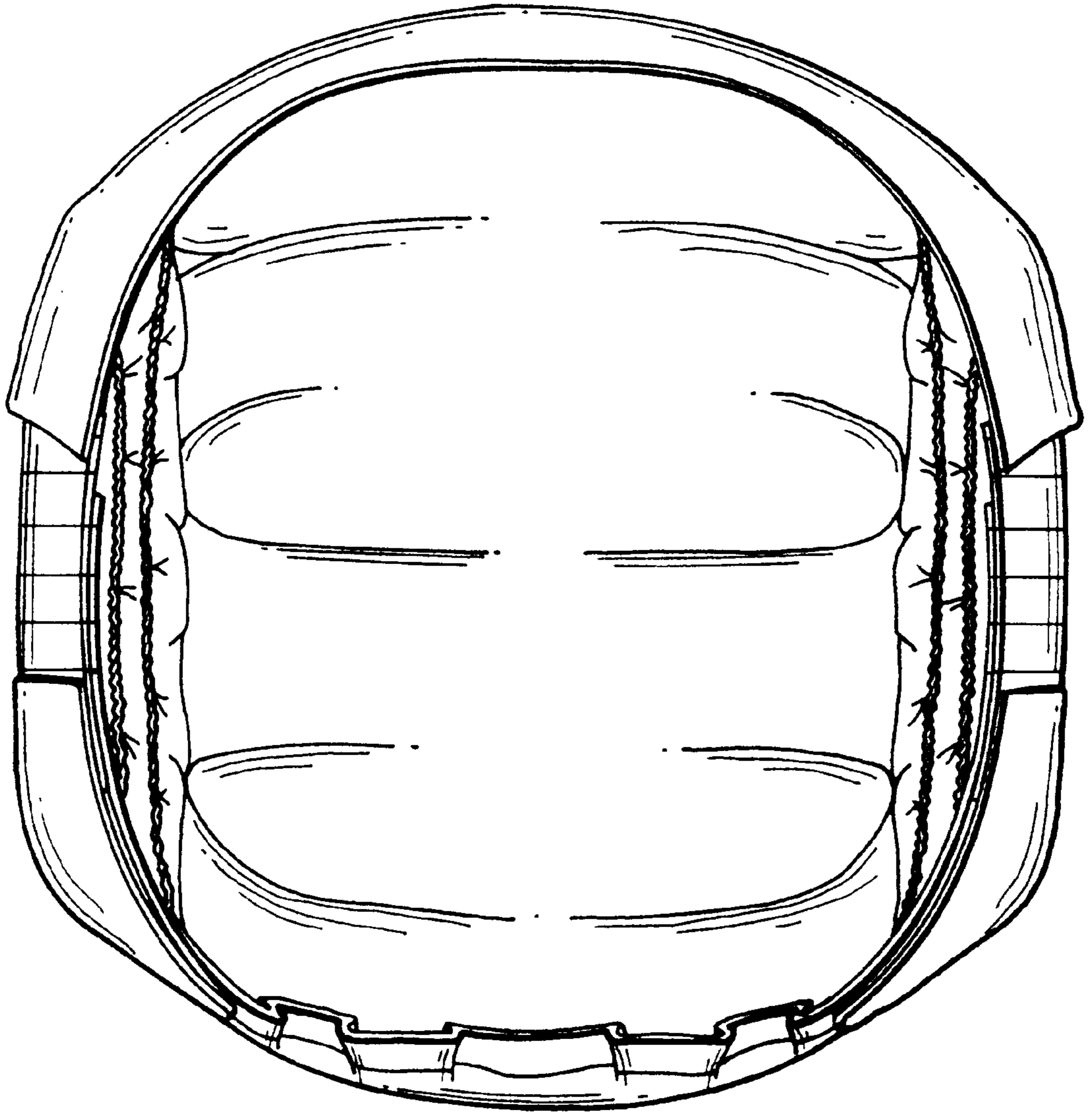


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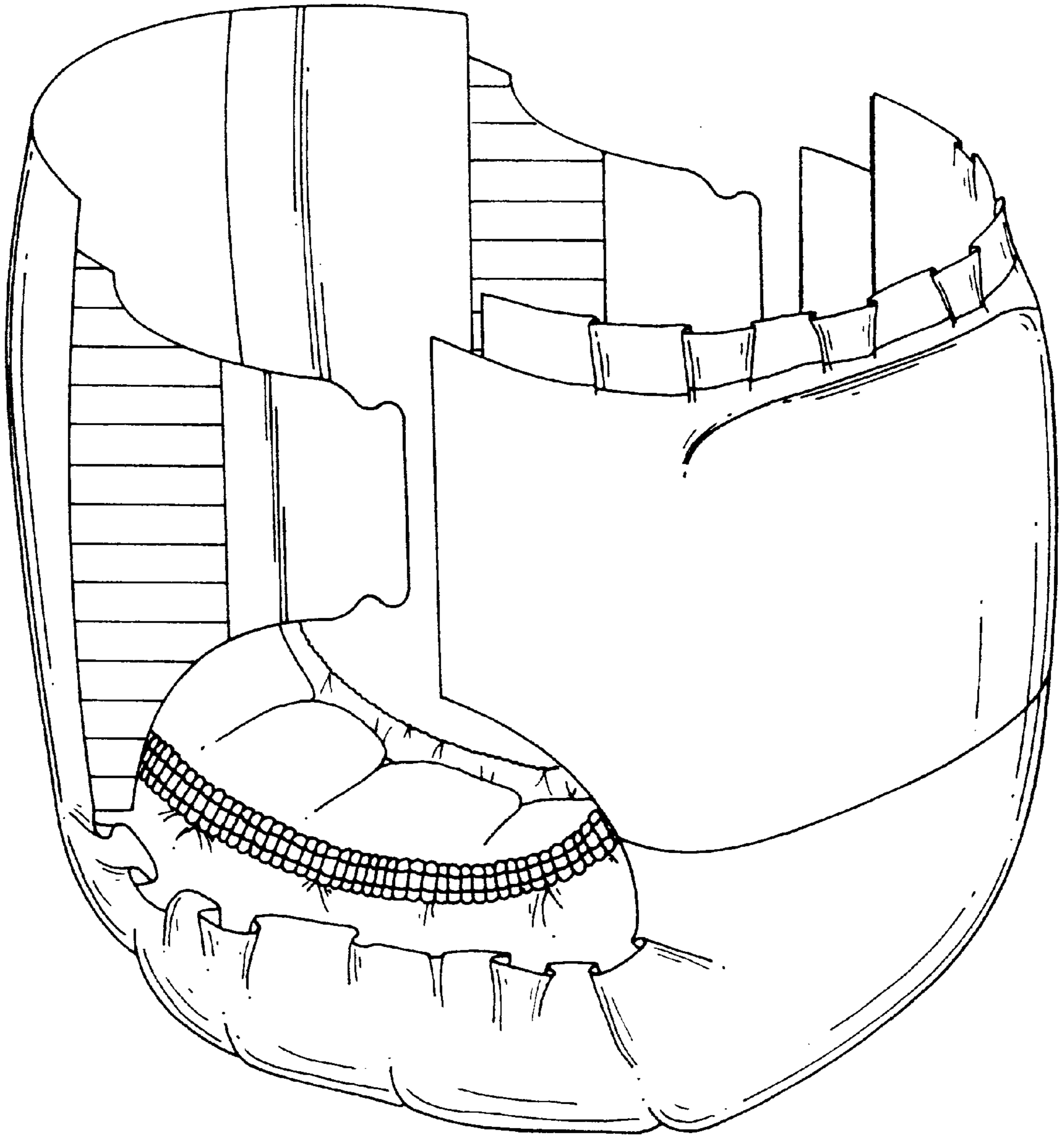


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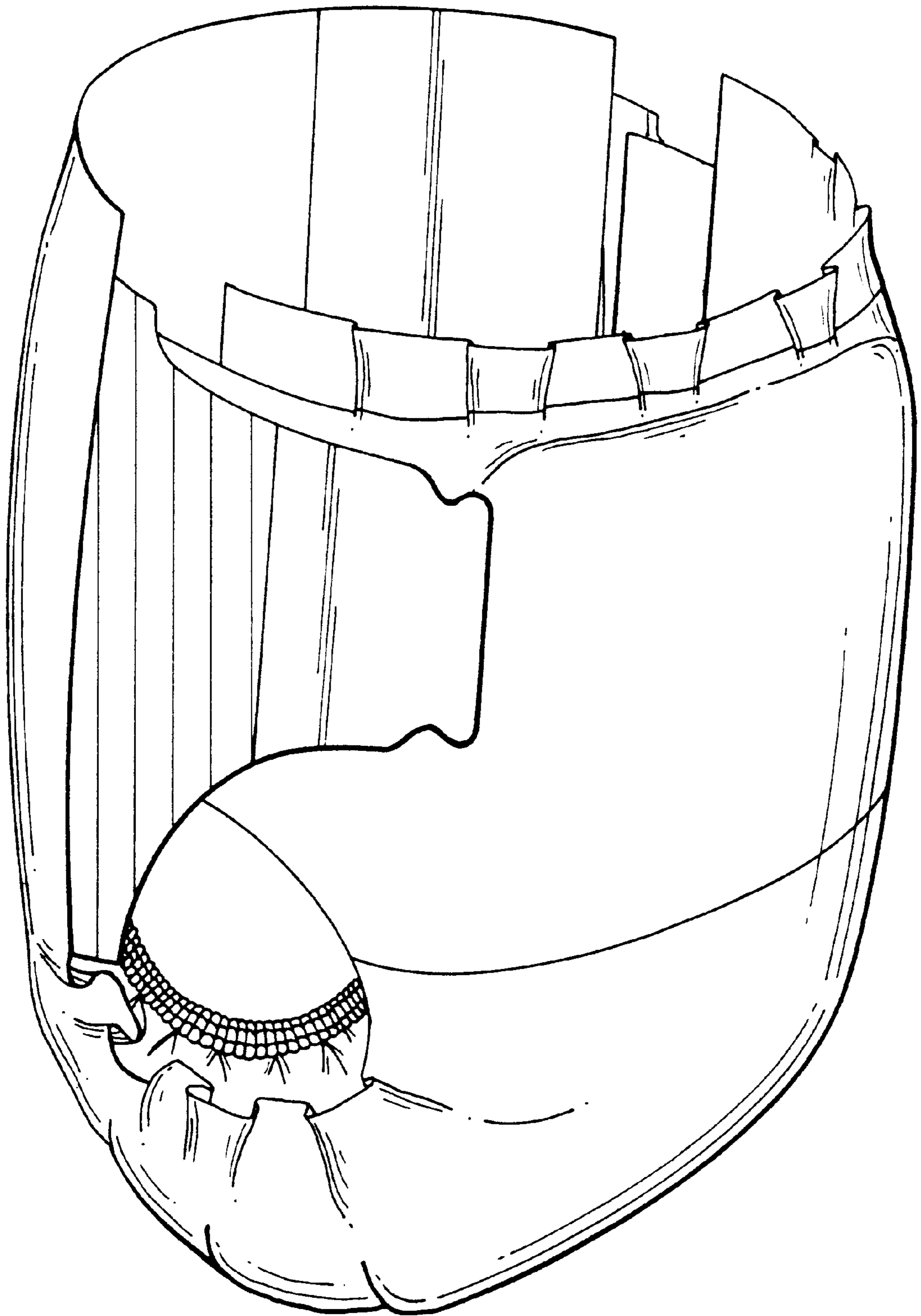


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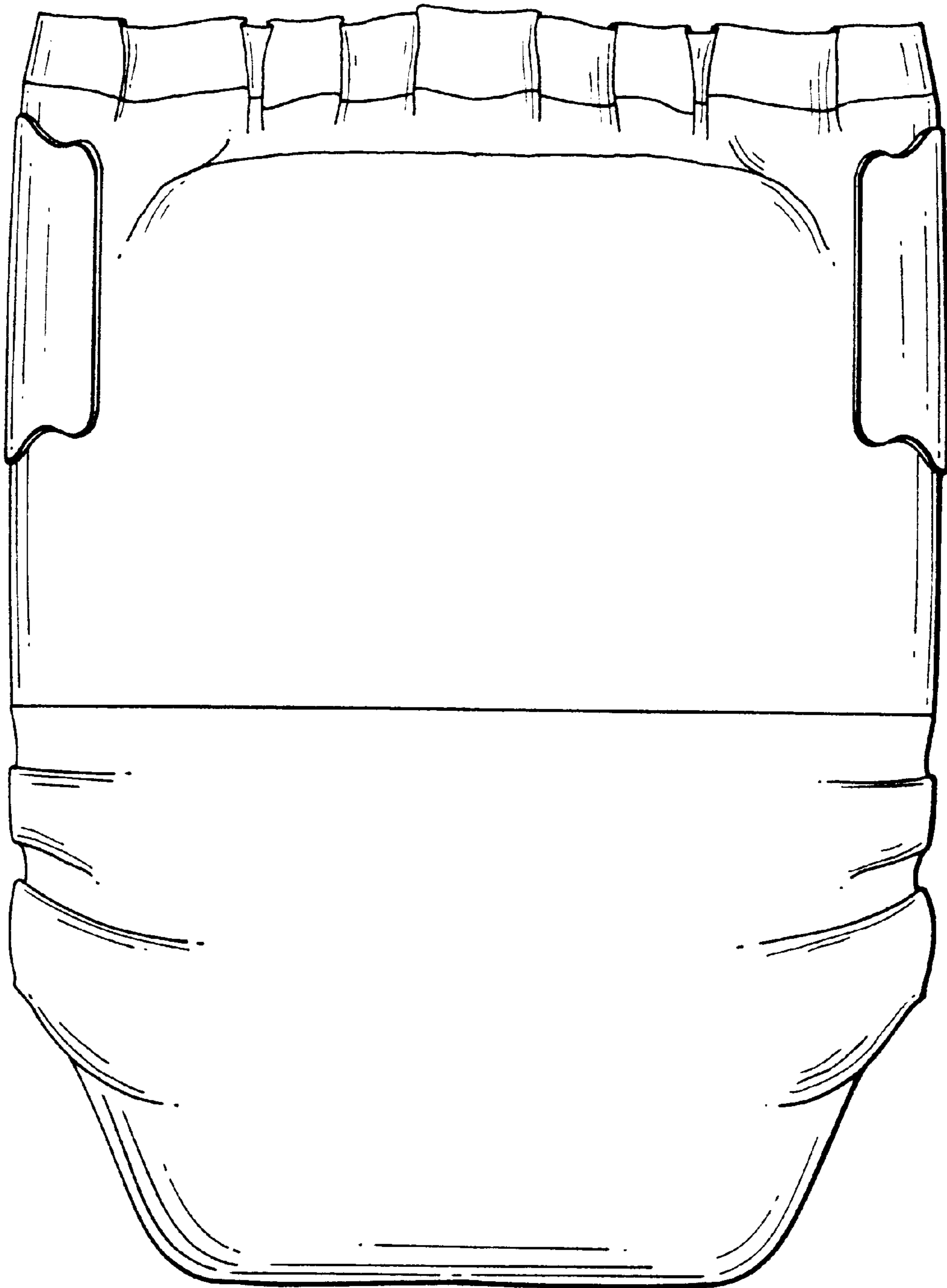


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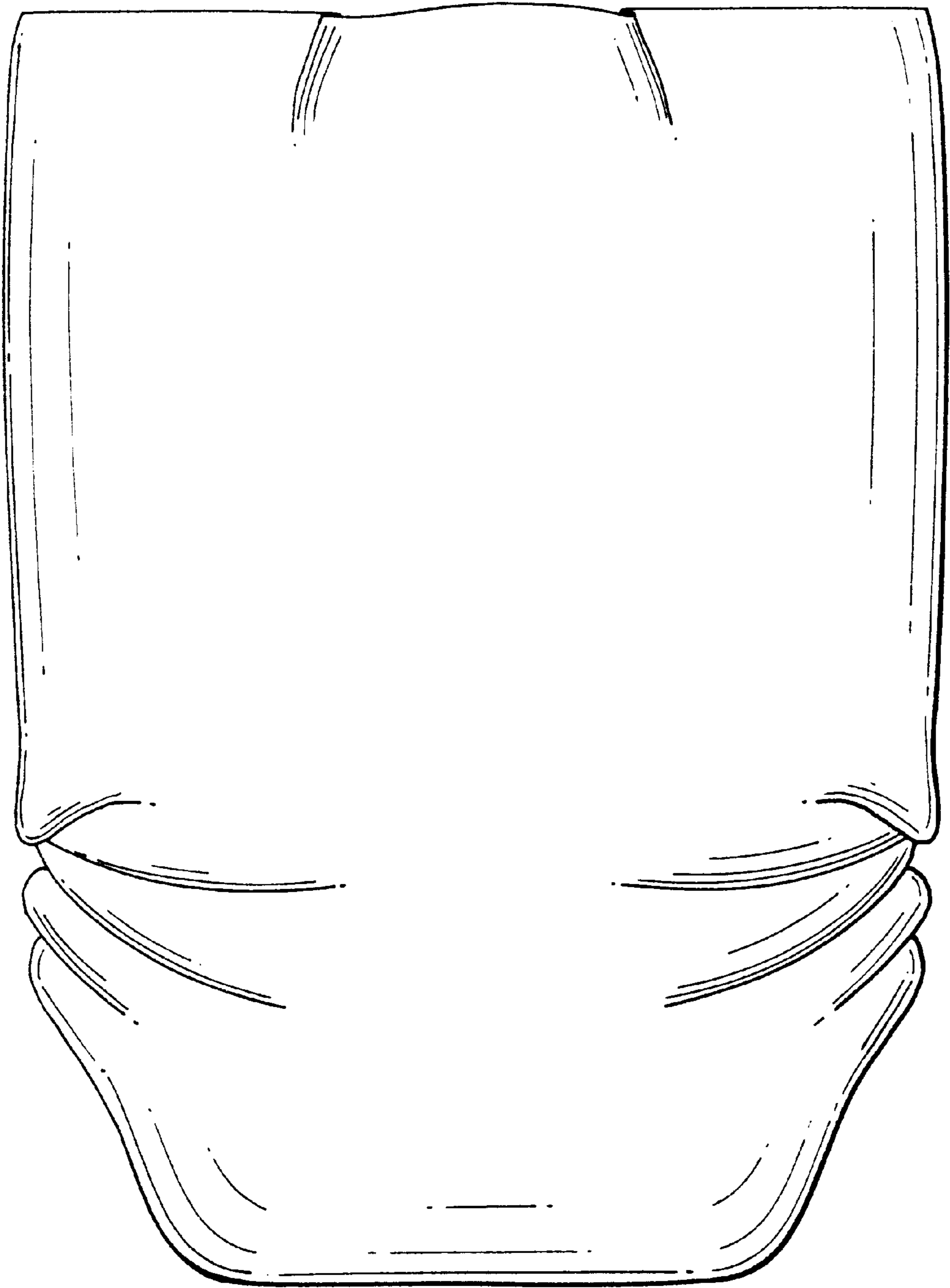


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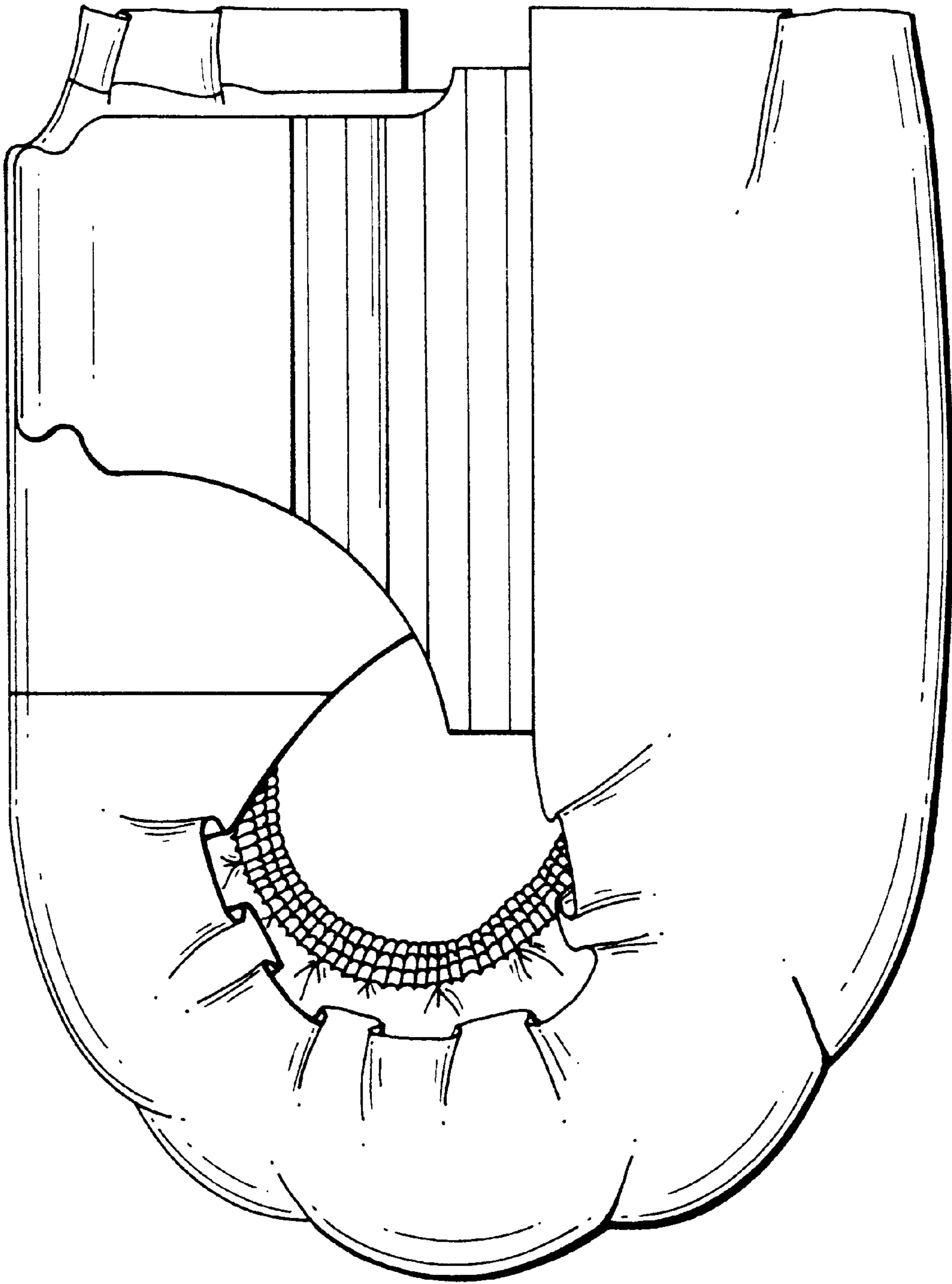


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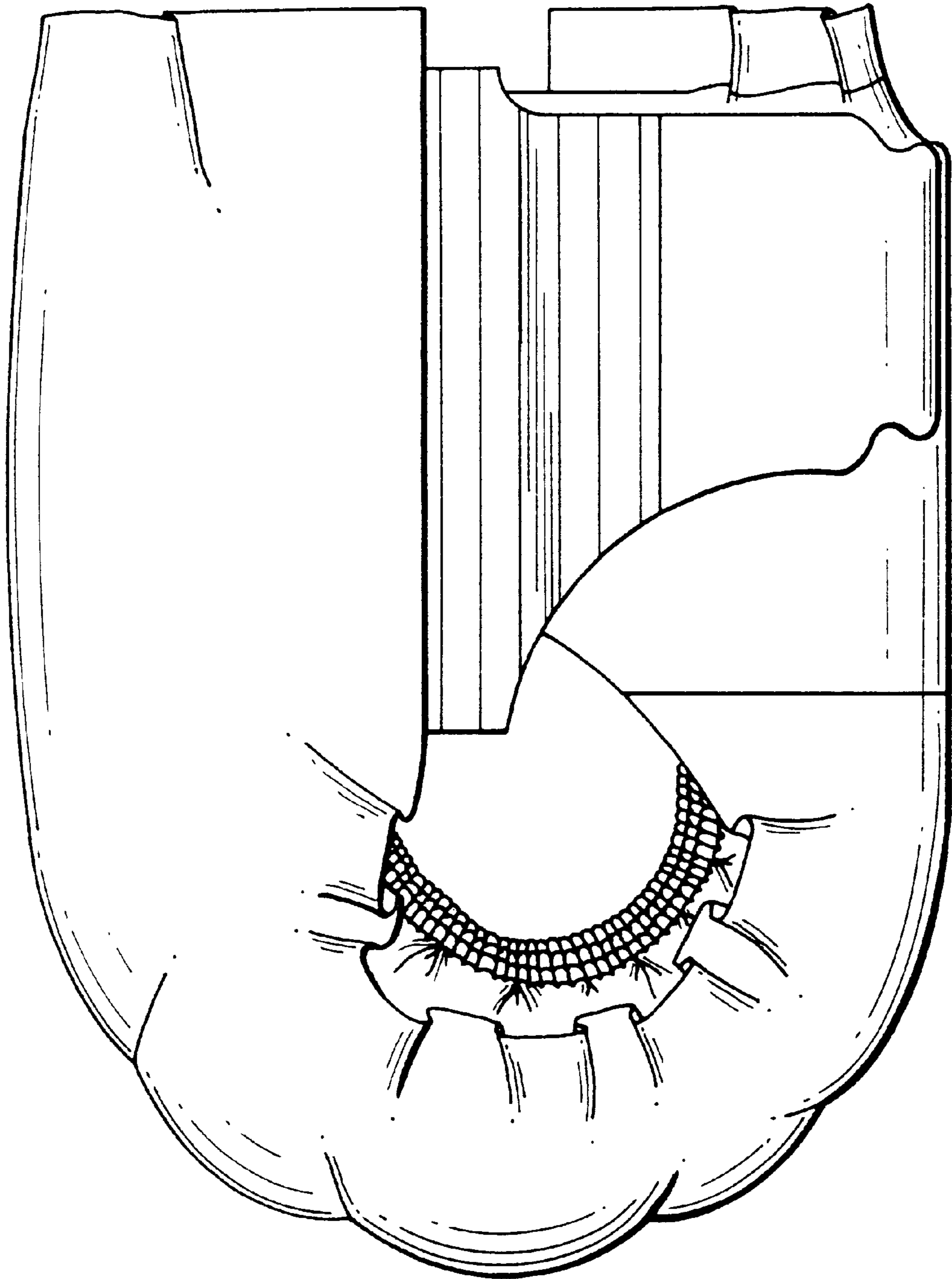


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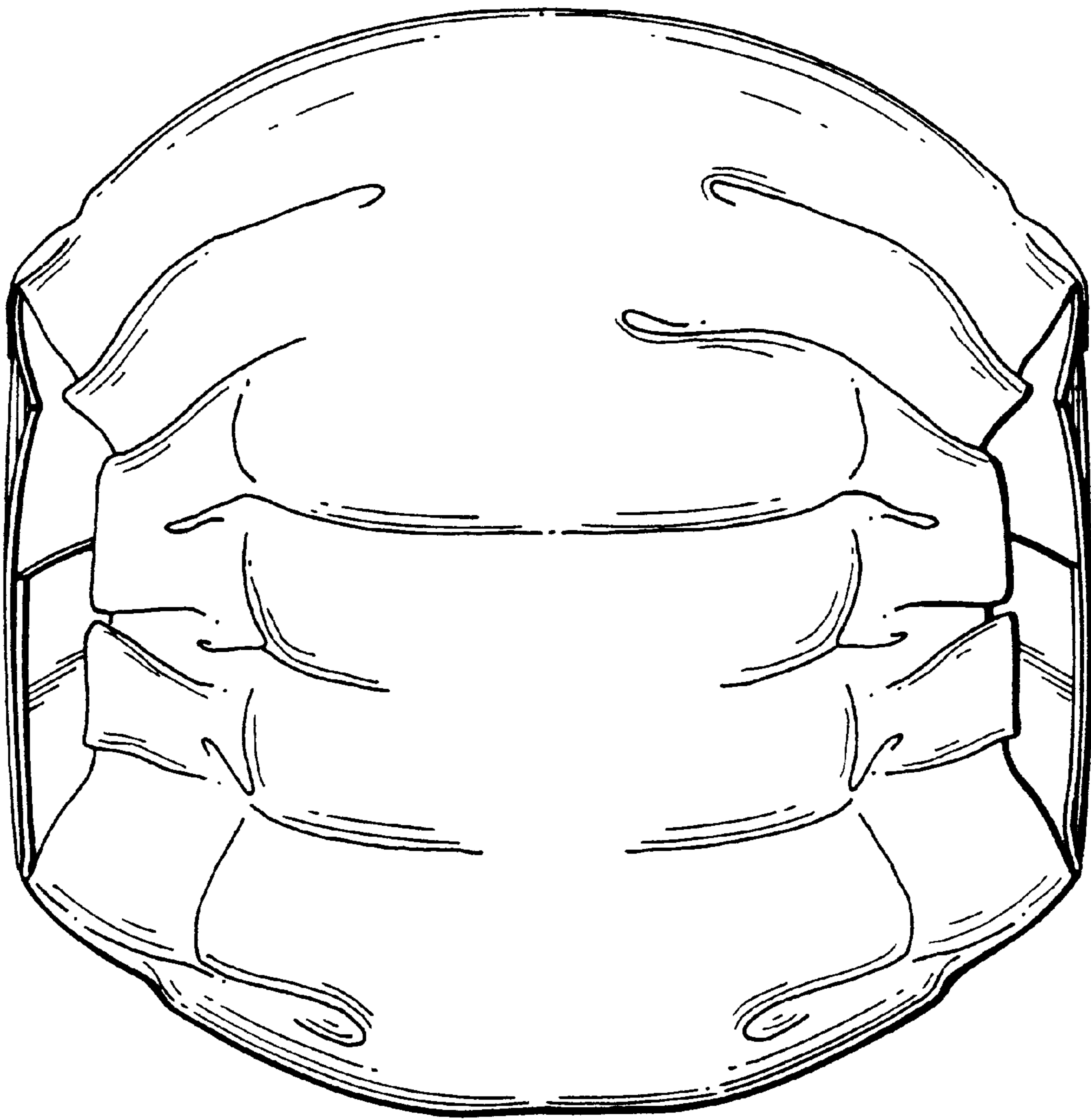


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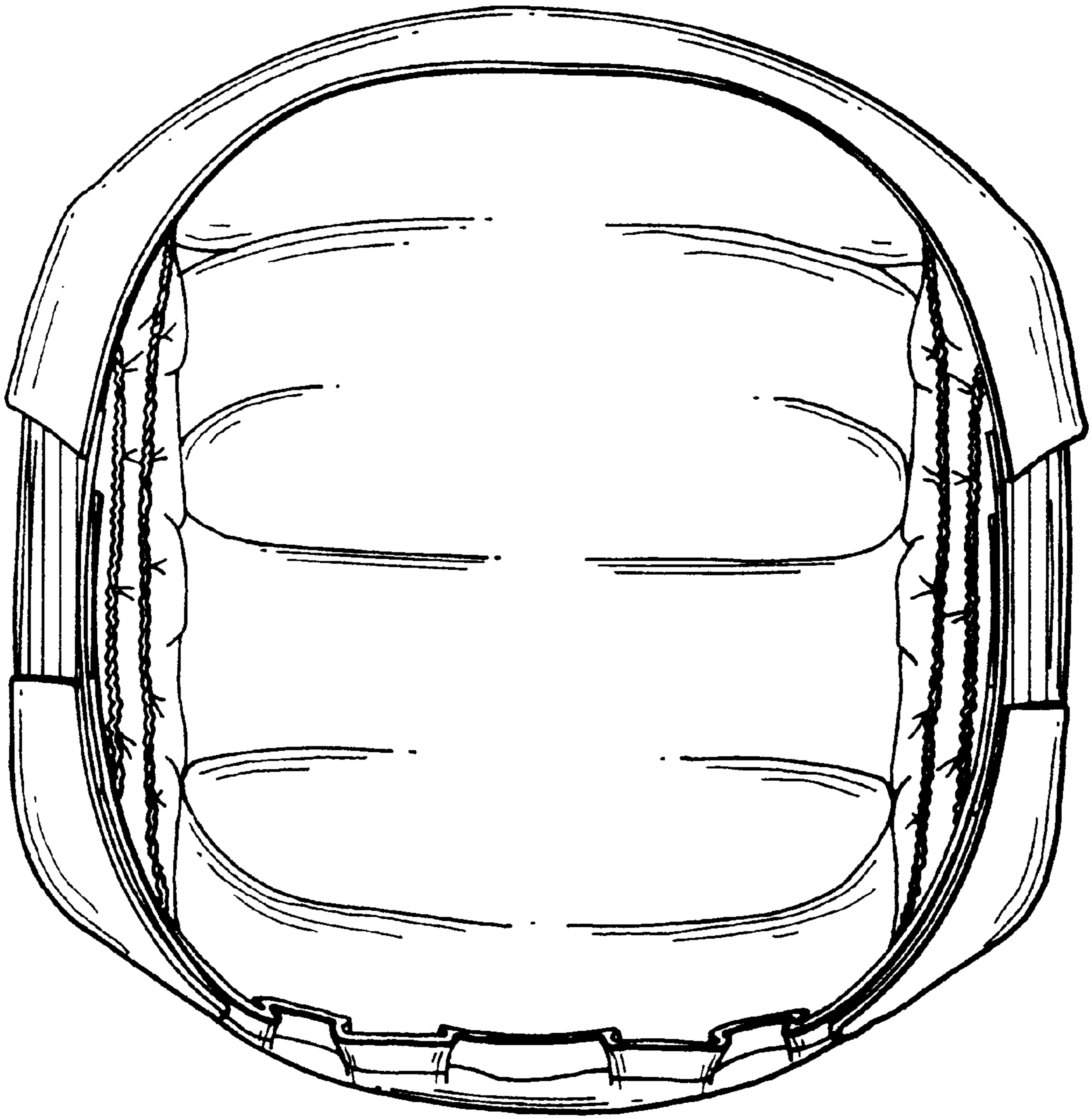


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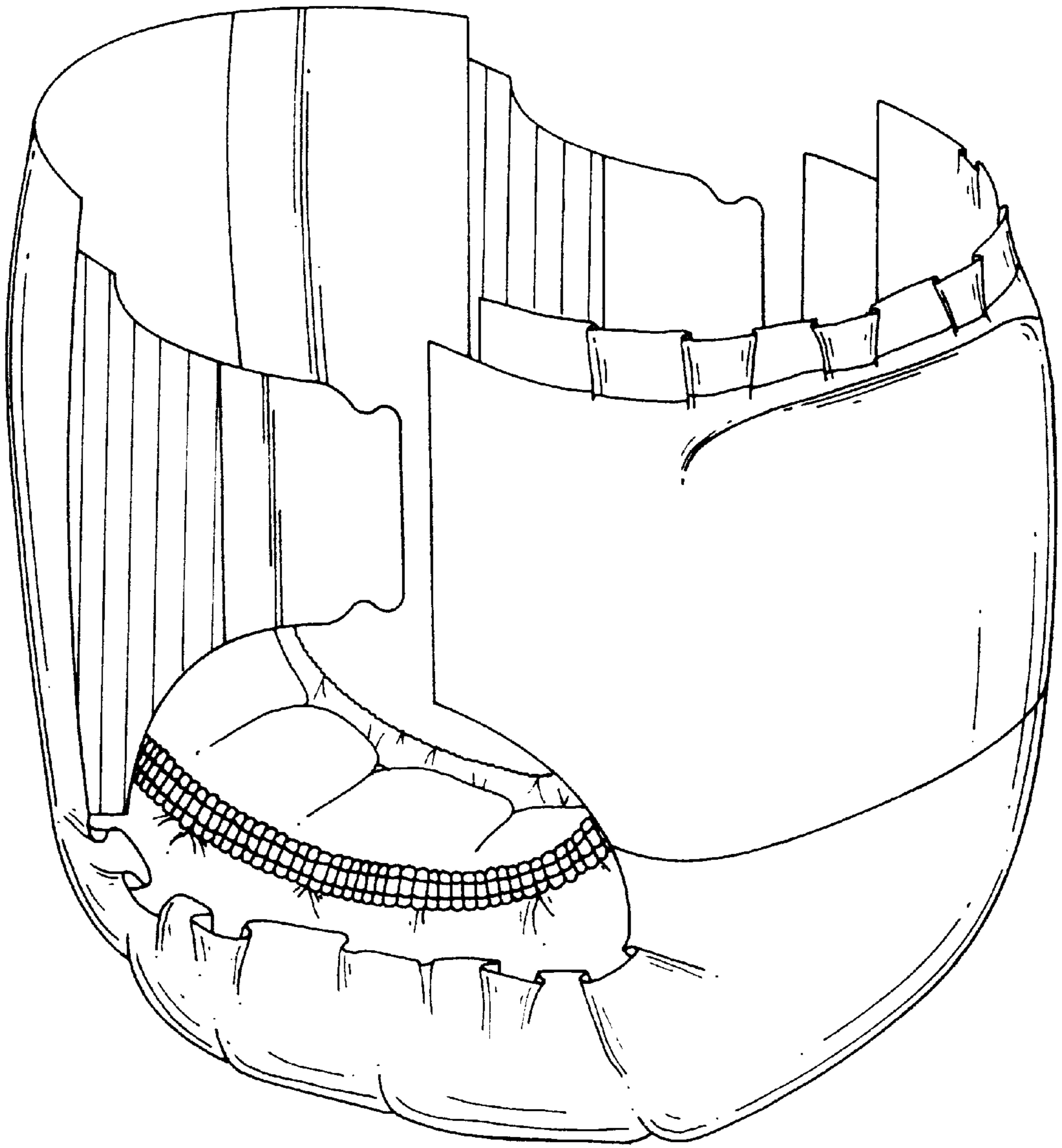


FIG. 24