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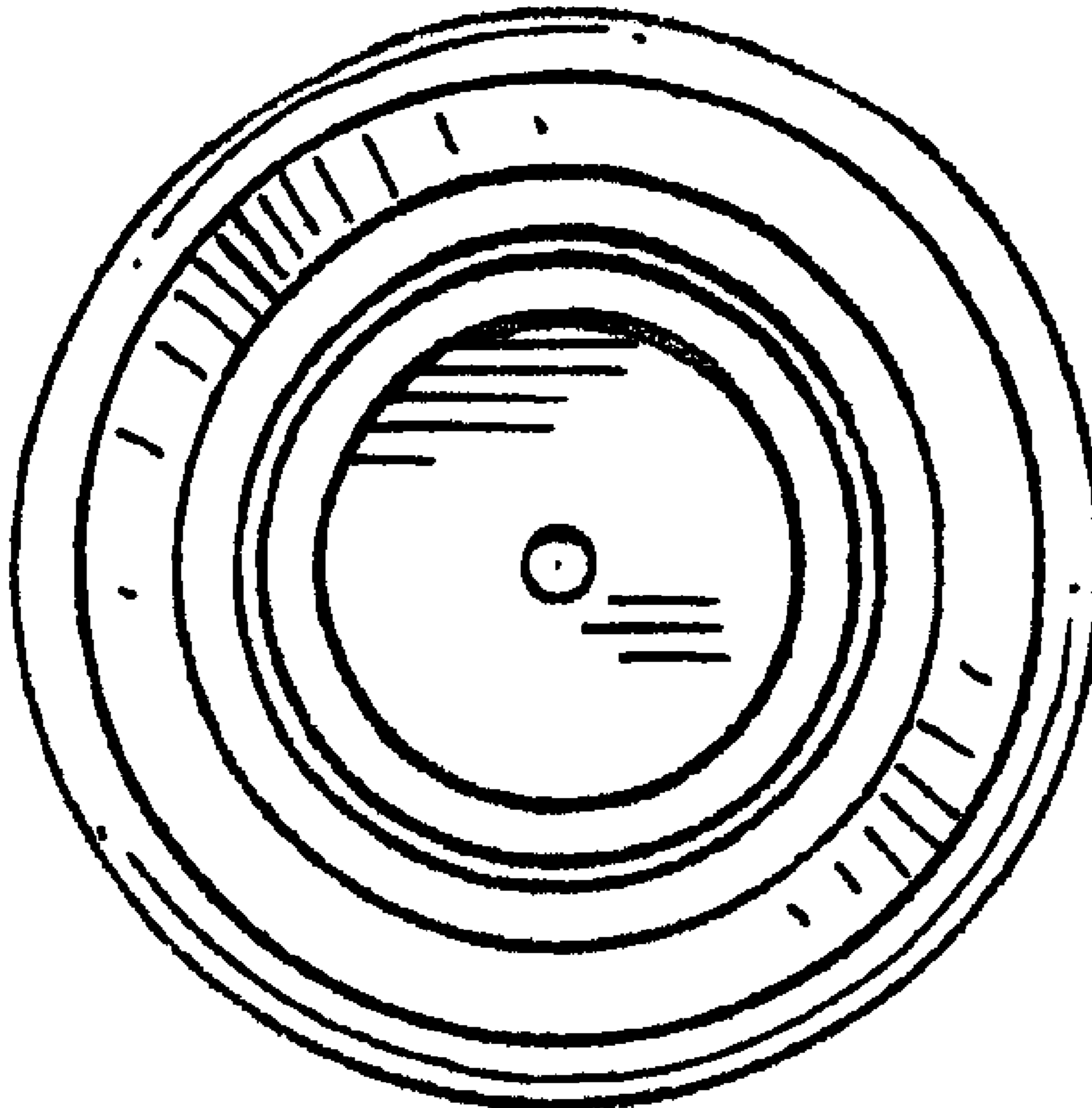
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a needle protecting device, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a bottom view of the device;  
FIG. 2 is a side view;  
FIG. 3 is a top view; and,  
FIG. 4 is a perspective view.

**1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet**



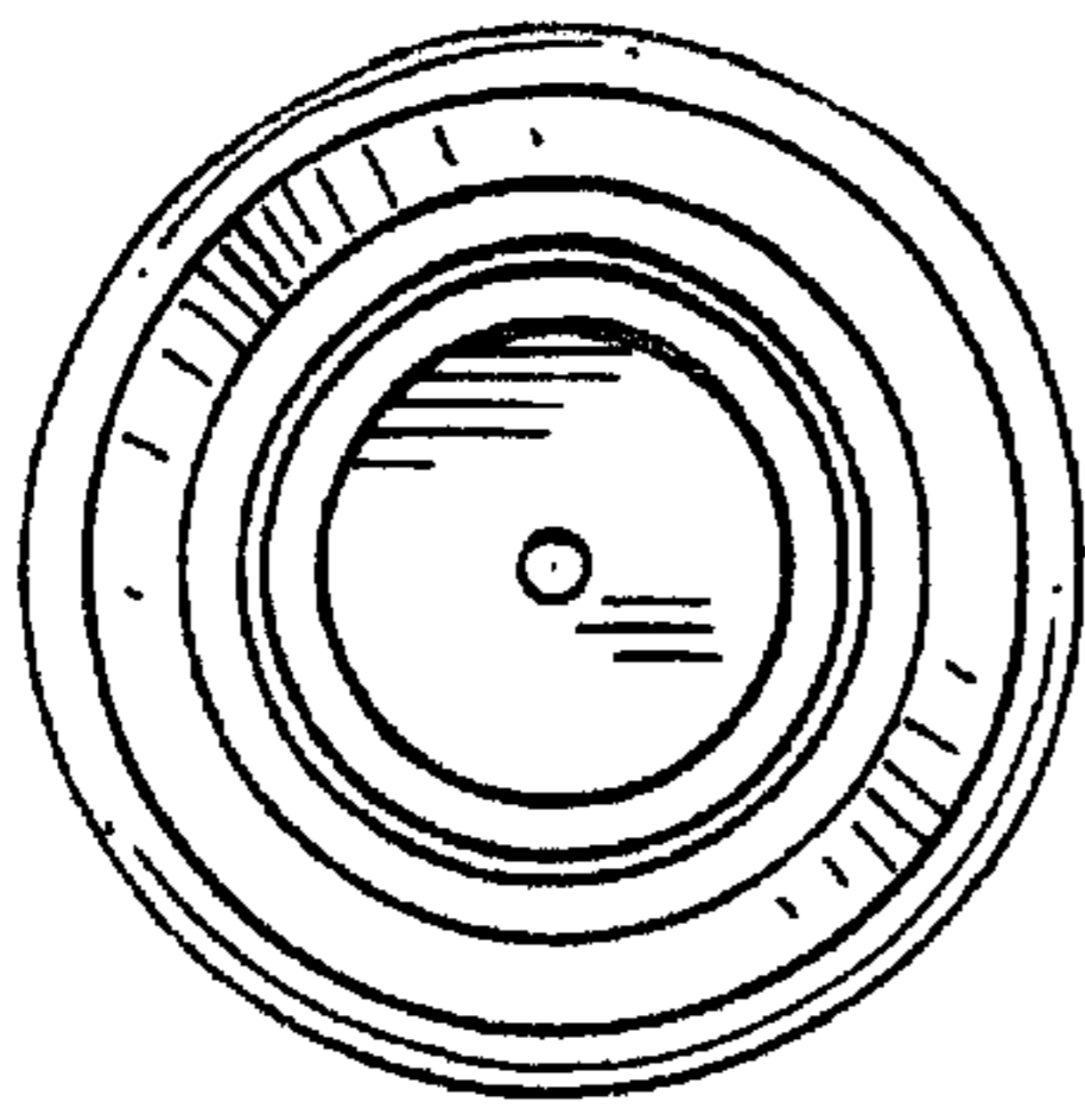


FIG. 1

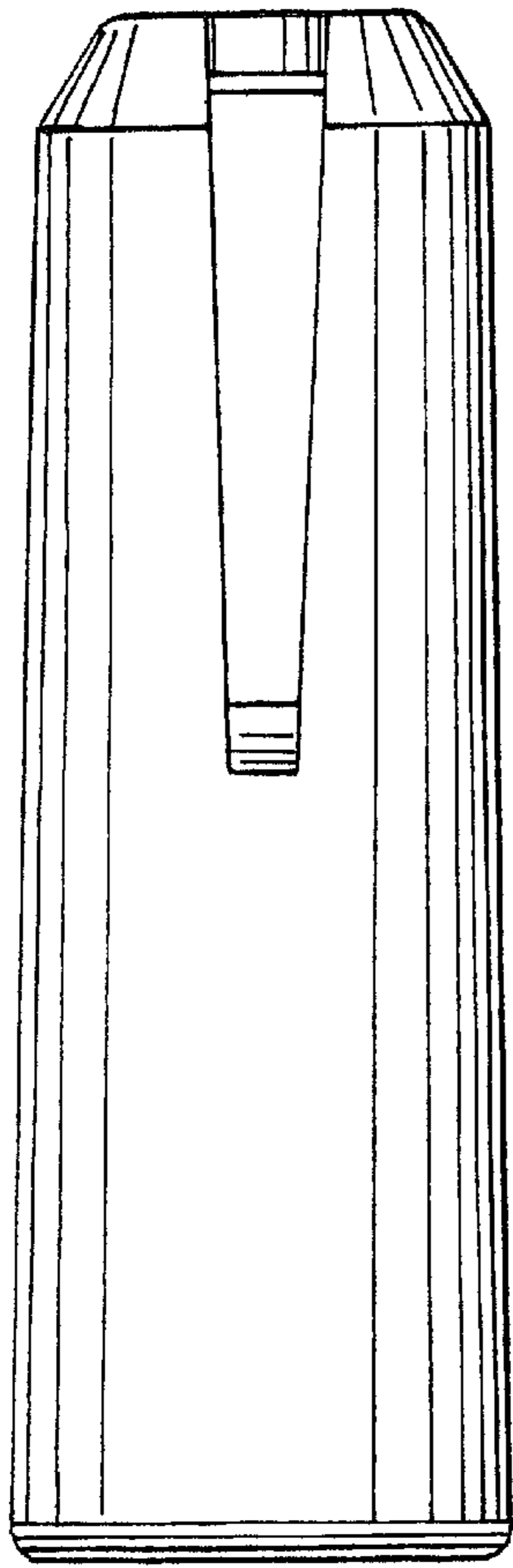


FIG. 2

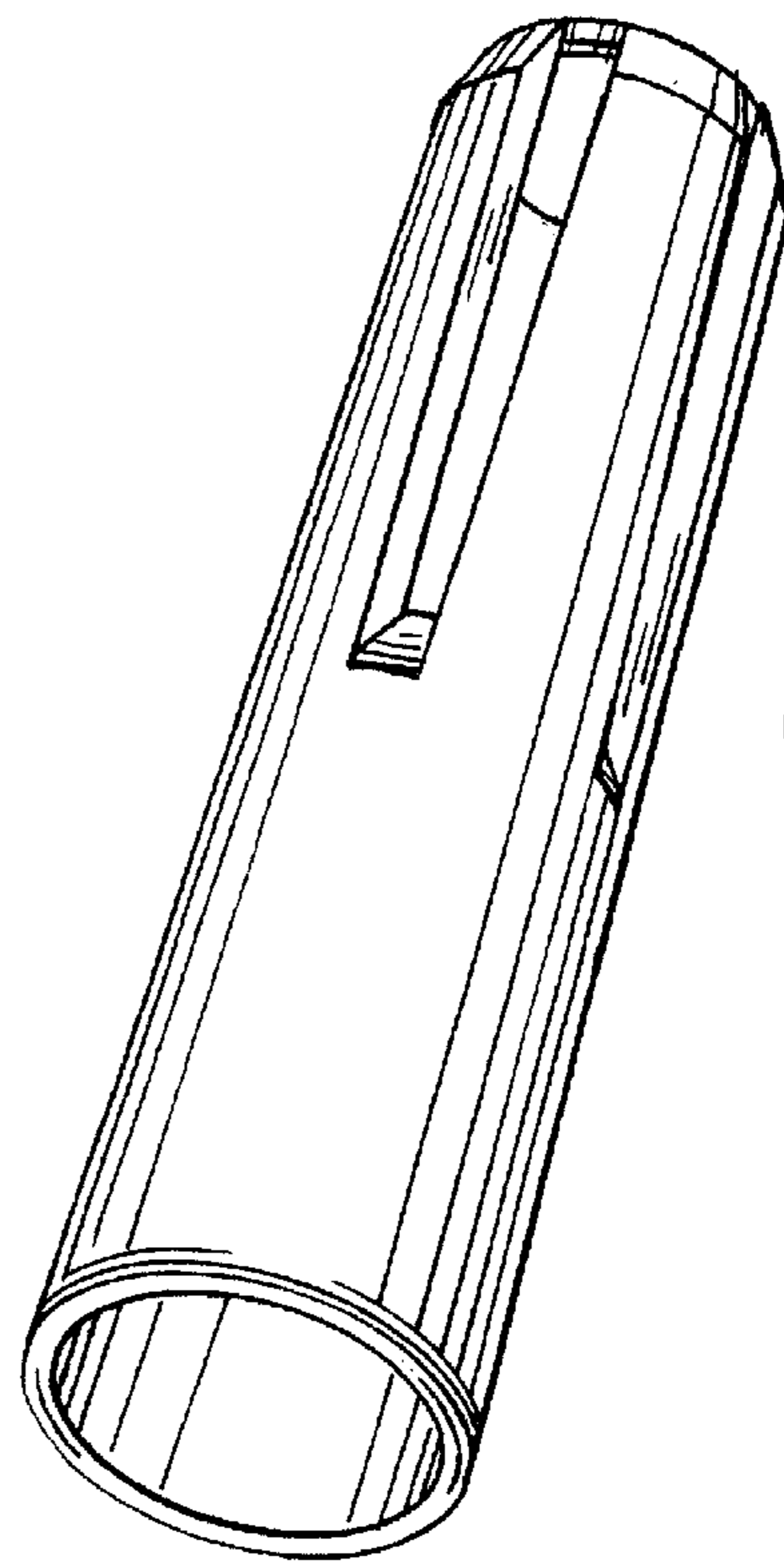


FIG. 4

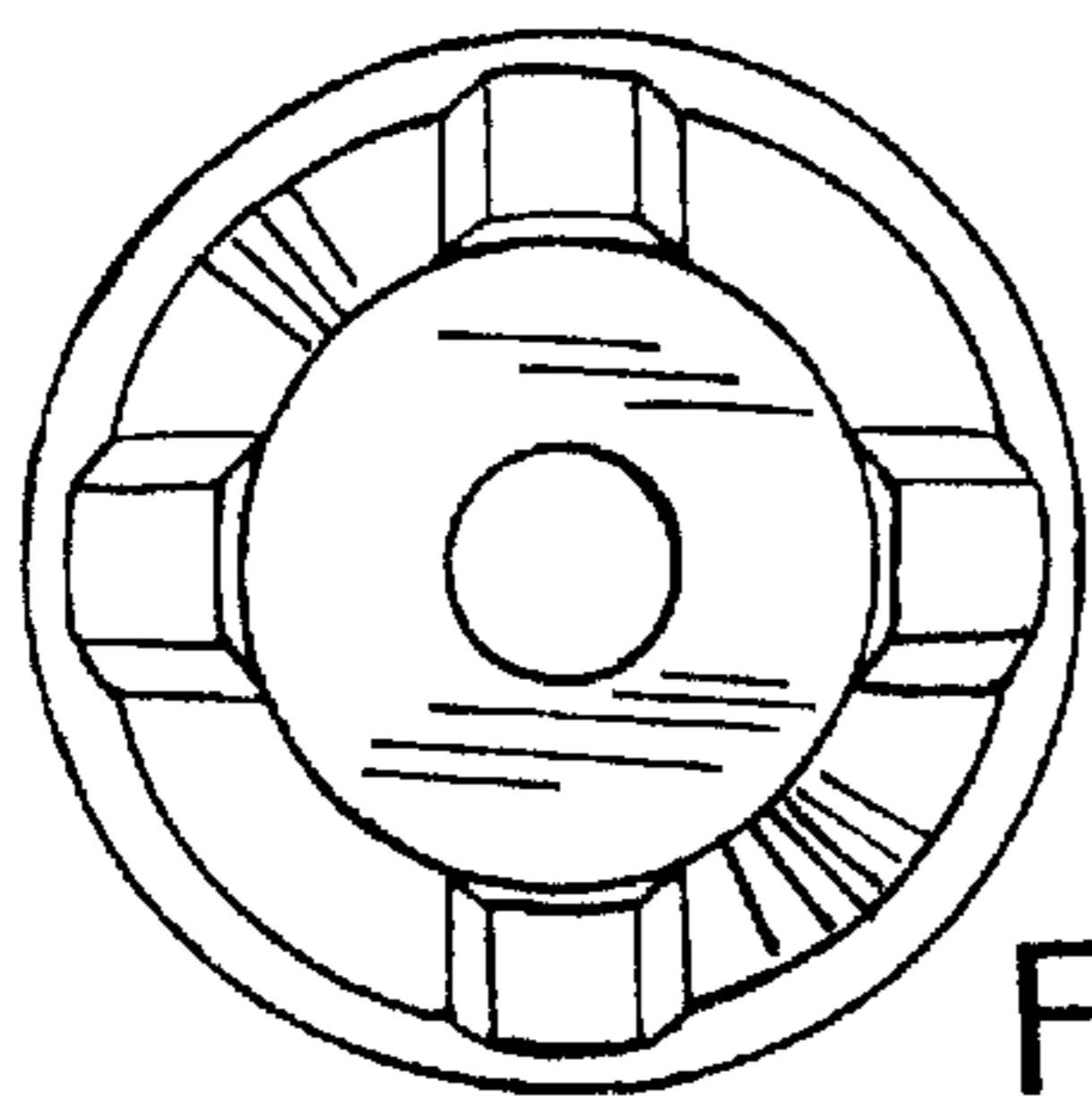


FIG. 3