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(54) **NEEDLE HOLDER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is an upper perspective view of a needle holder showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is a lower perspective view thereof;

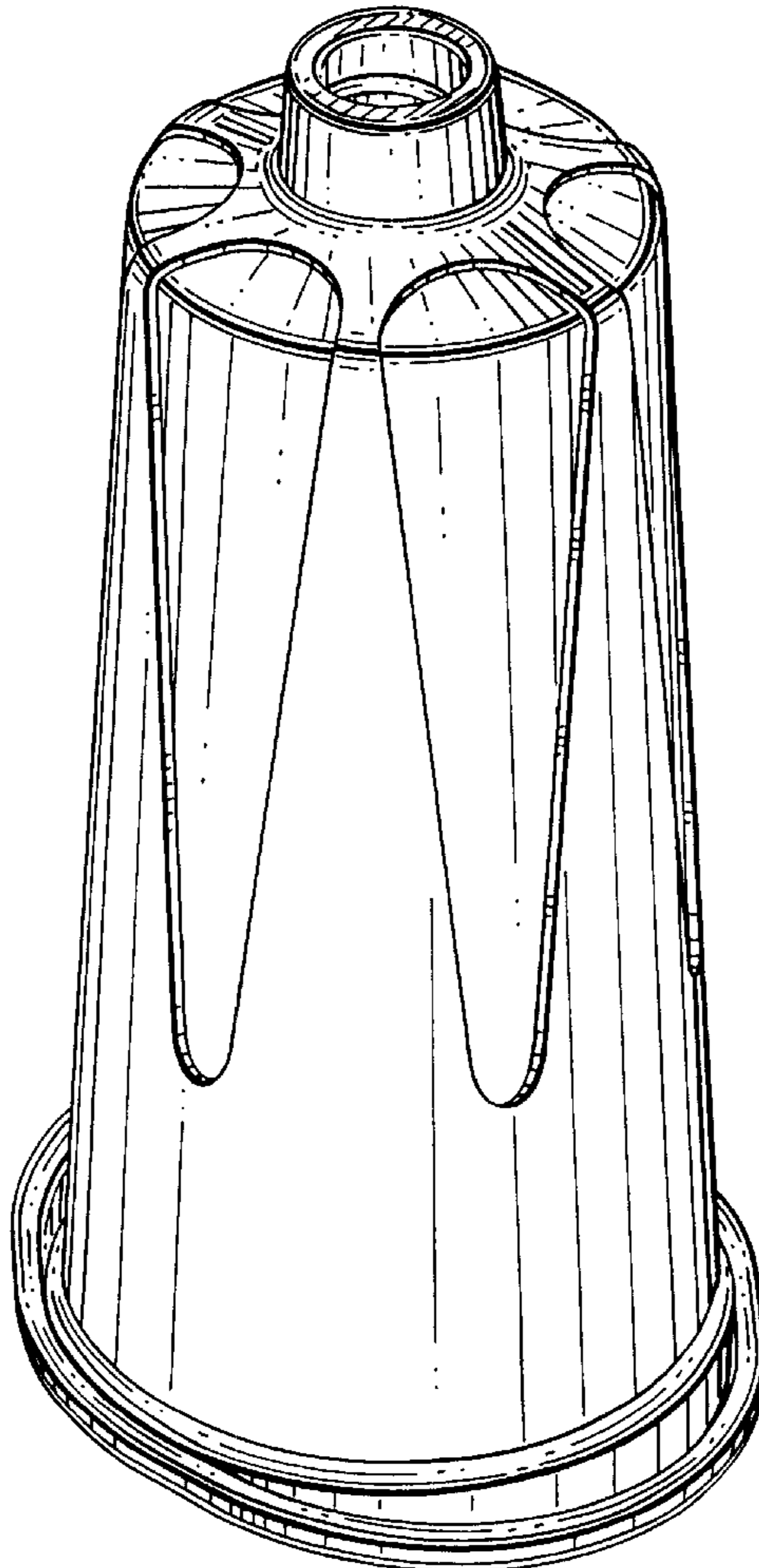
FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the needle holder of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view of the needle holder of FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view of the needle holder of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view of the needle holder of FIG. 1.

**1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets**



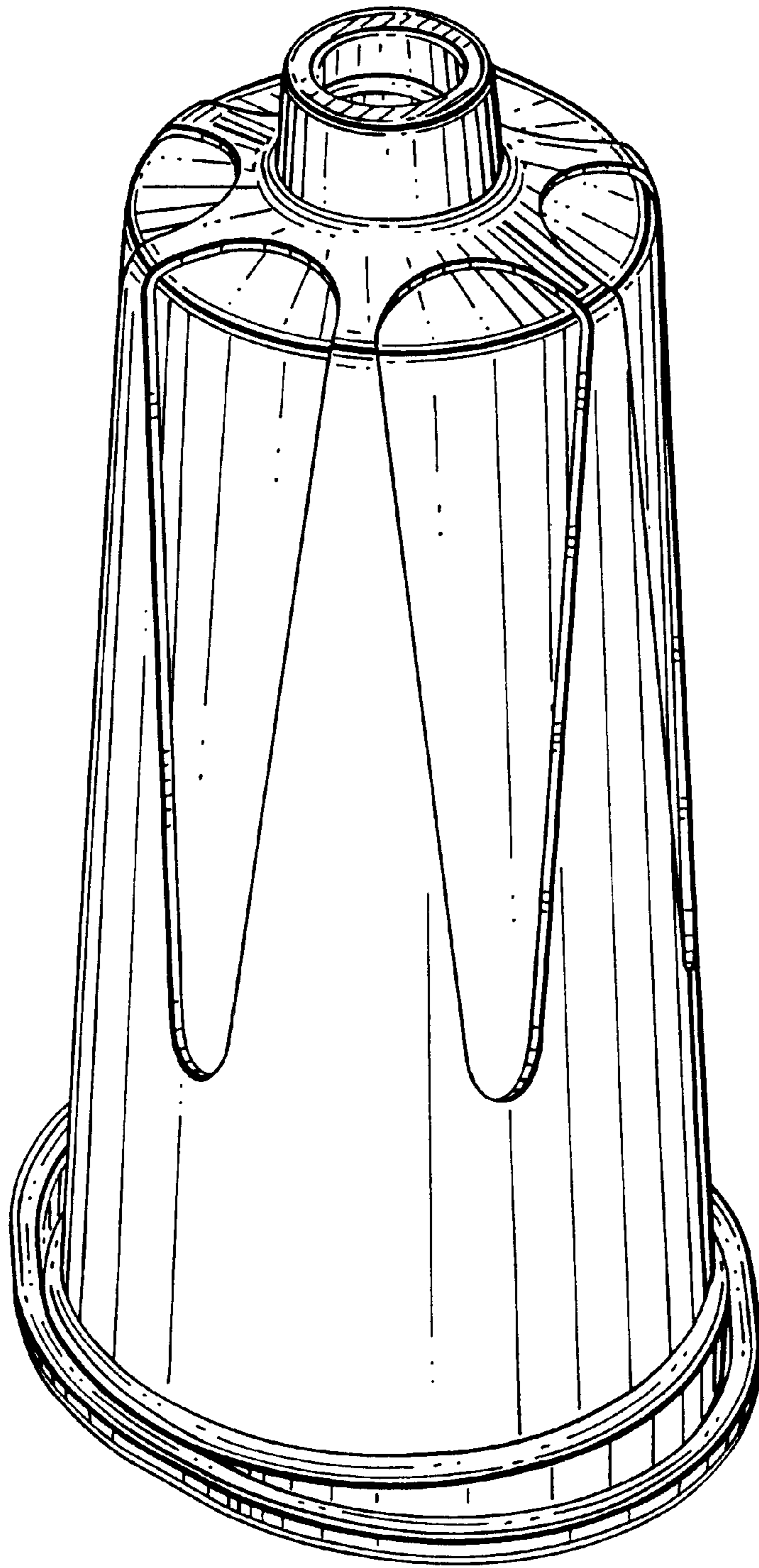


FIG. 1

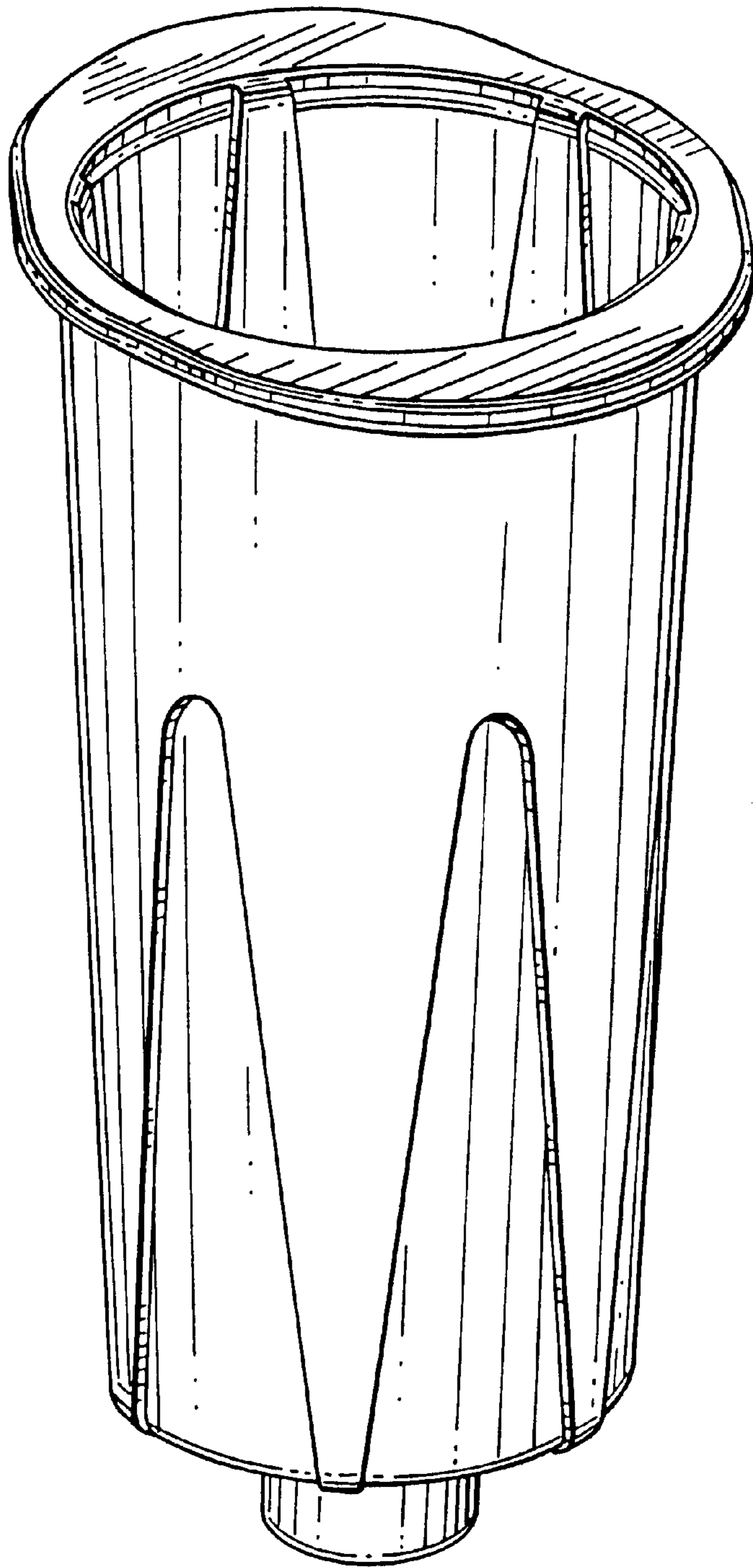


FIG. 2

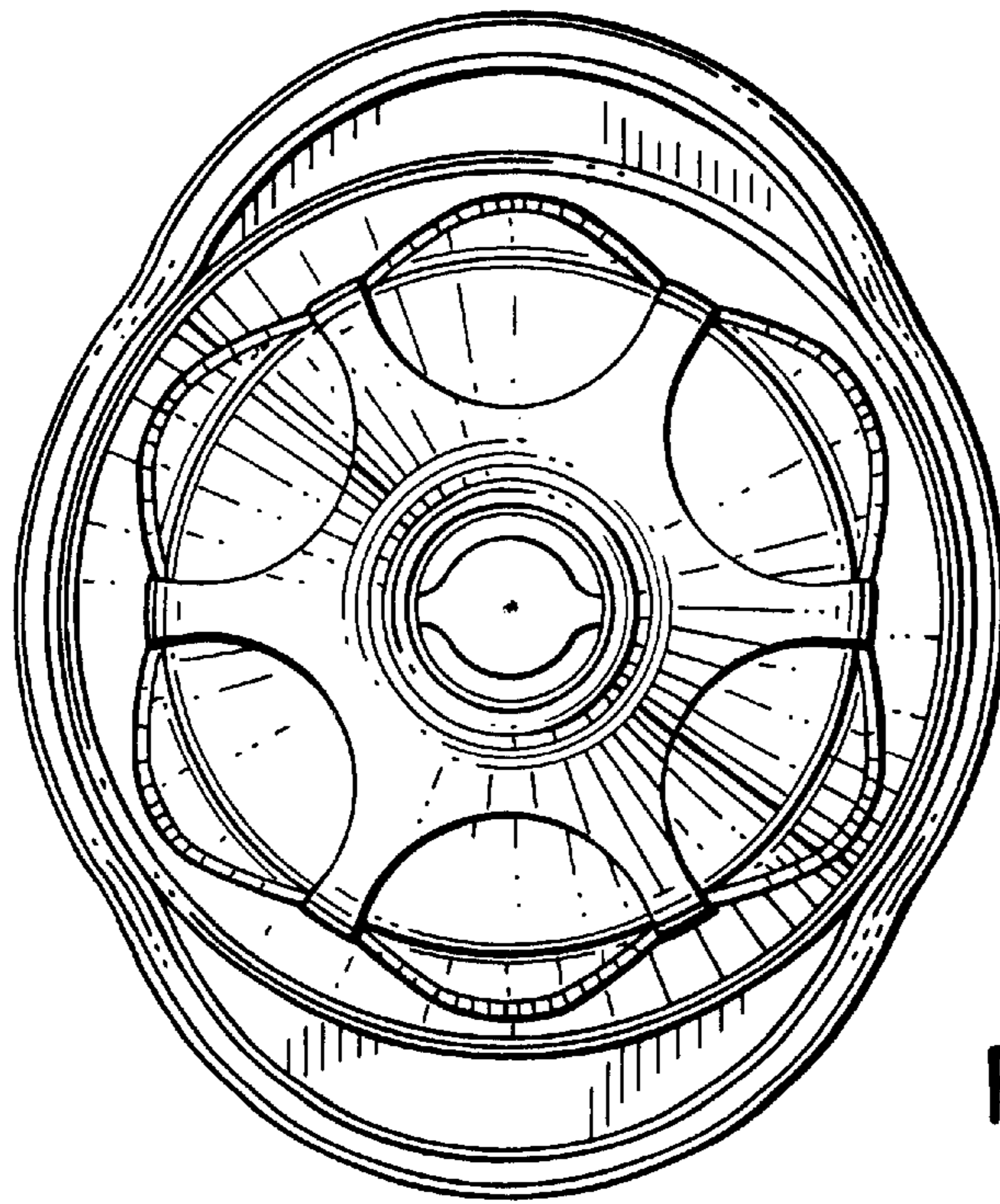


FIG. 3

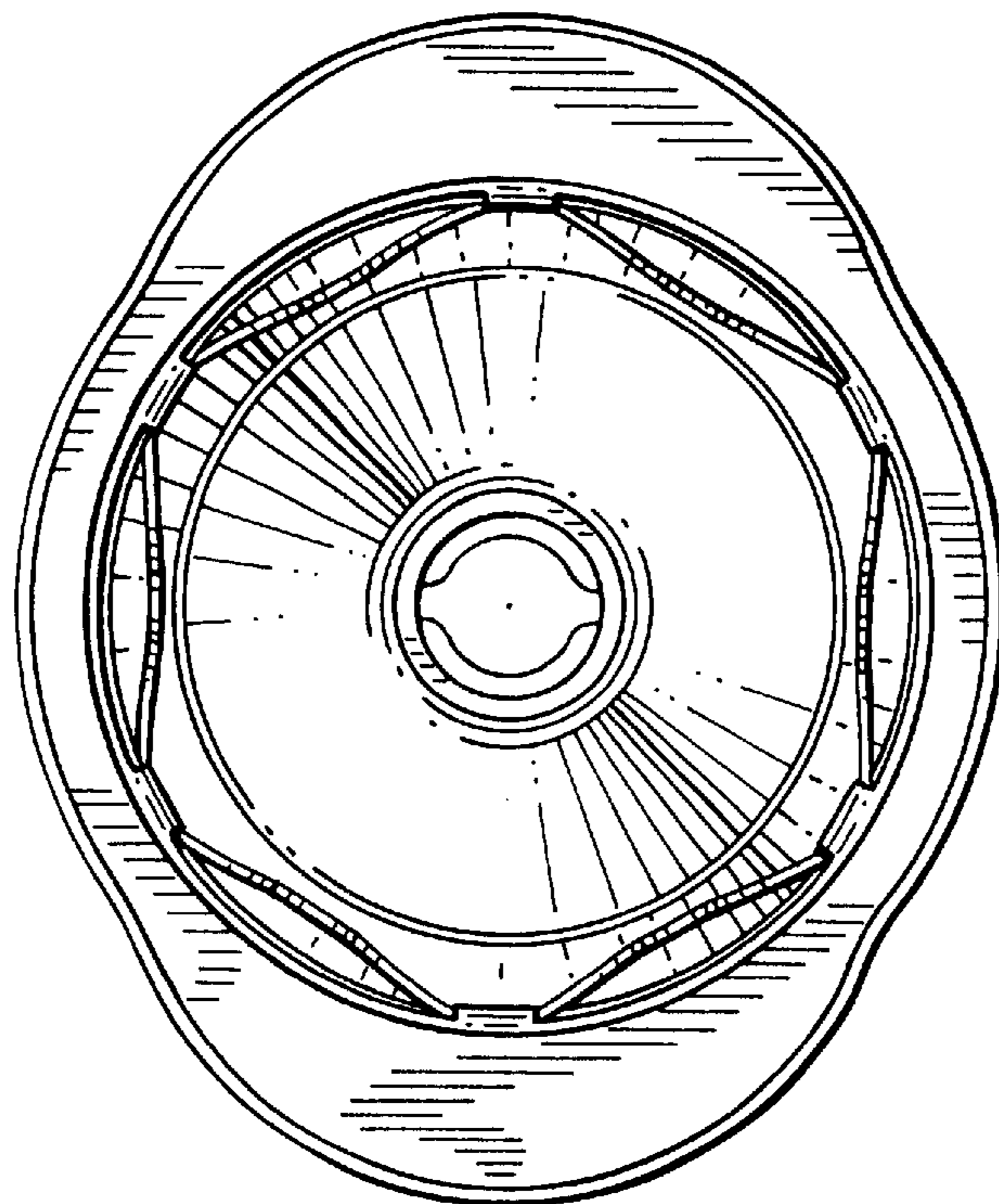


FIG. 6

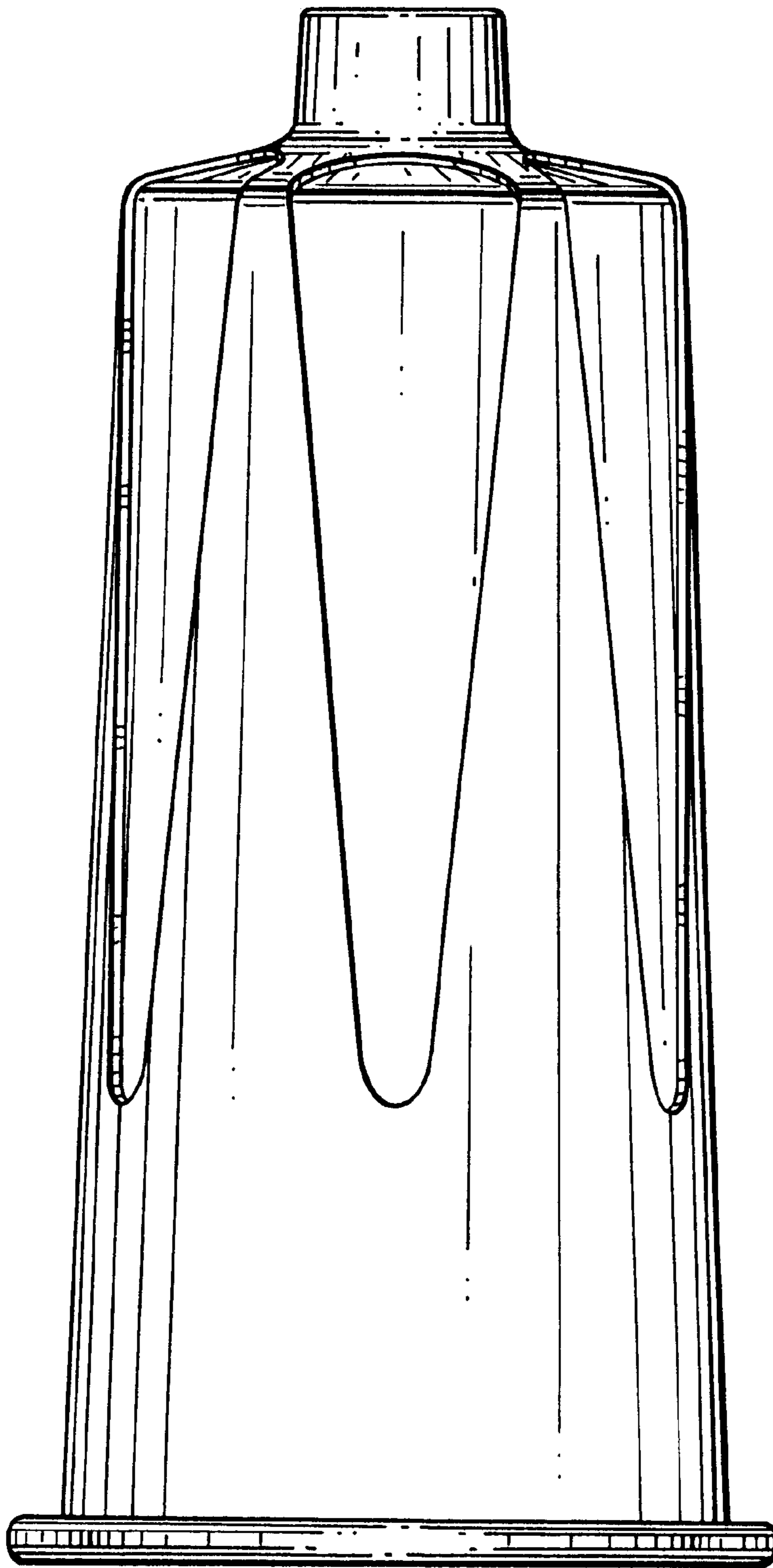


FIG. 4

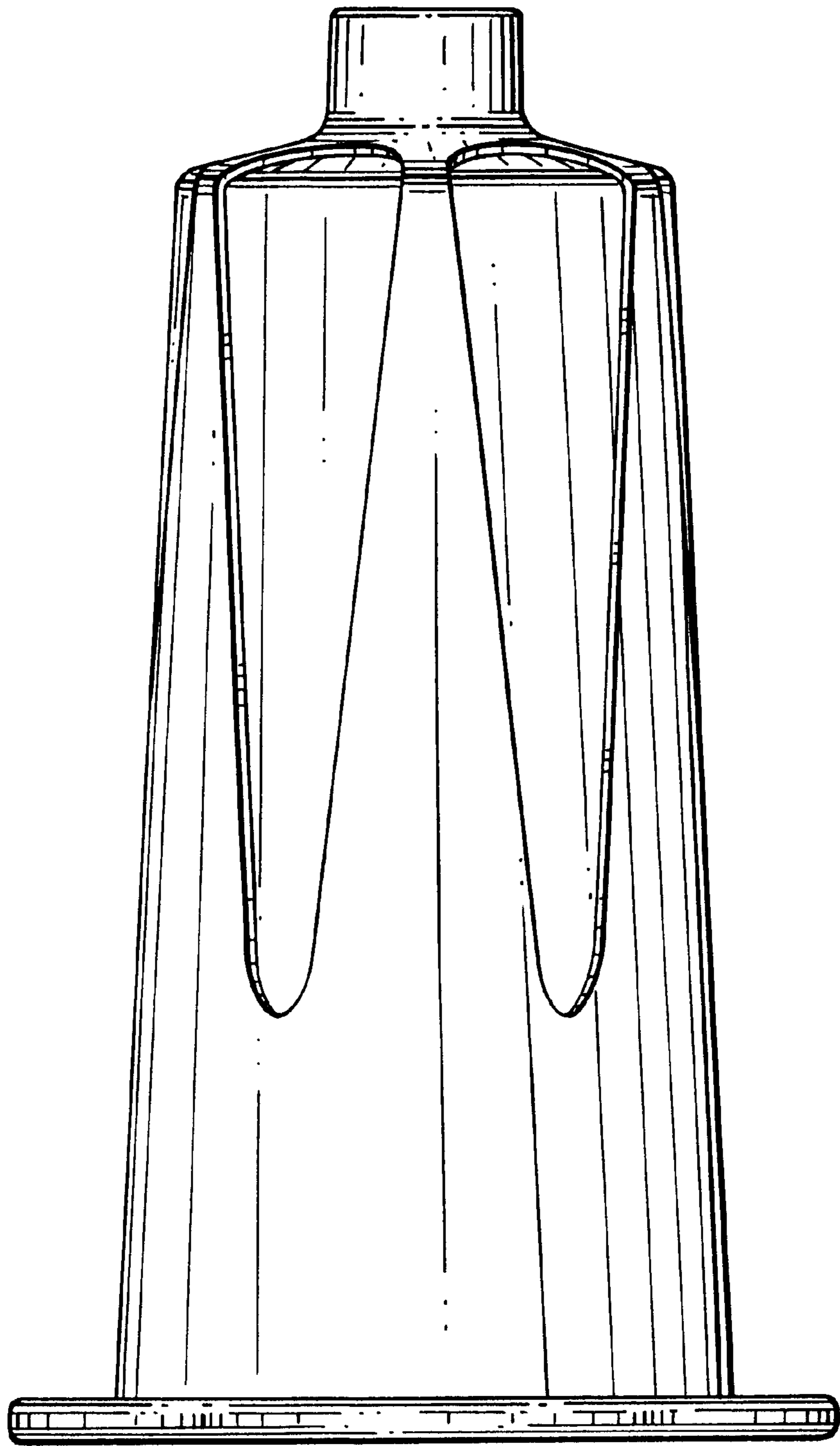


FIG. 5