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(54) **SPLASH TUBE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a splash tube, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a right front elevated perspective view of a splash tube, showing our new design, the broken line showing of the fluid reservoir being for illustrative purposes only, and forms no part of the claimed design.

FIG. 2 is a plan view of the splash tube design of FIG. 1.

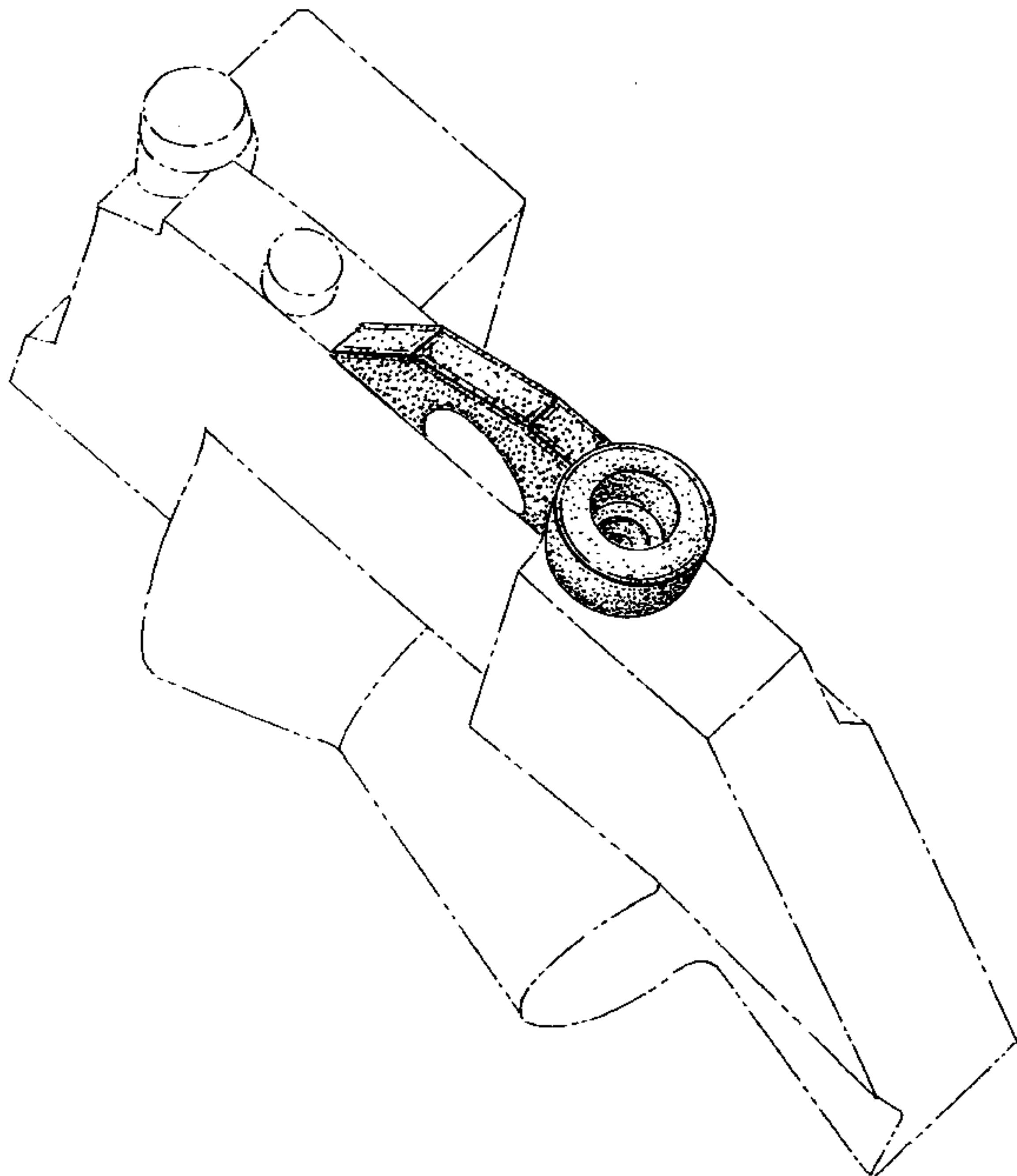
FIG. 3 is a rear view of the splash tube design of FIG. 1.

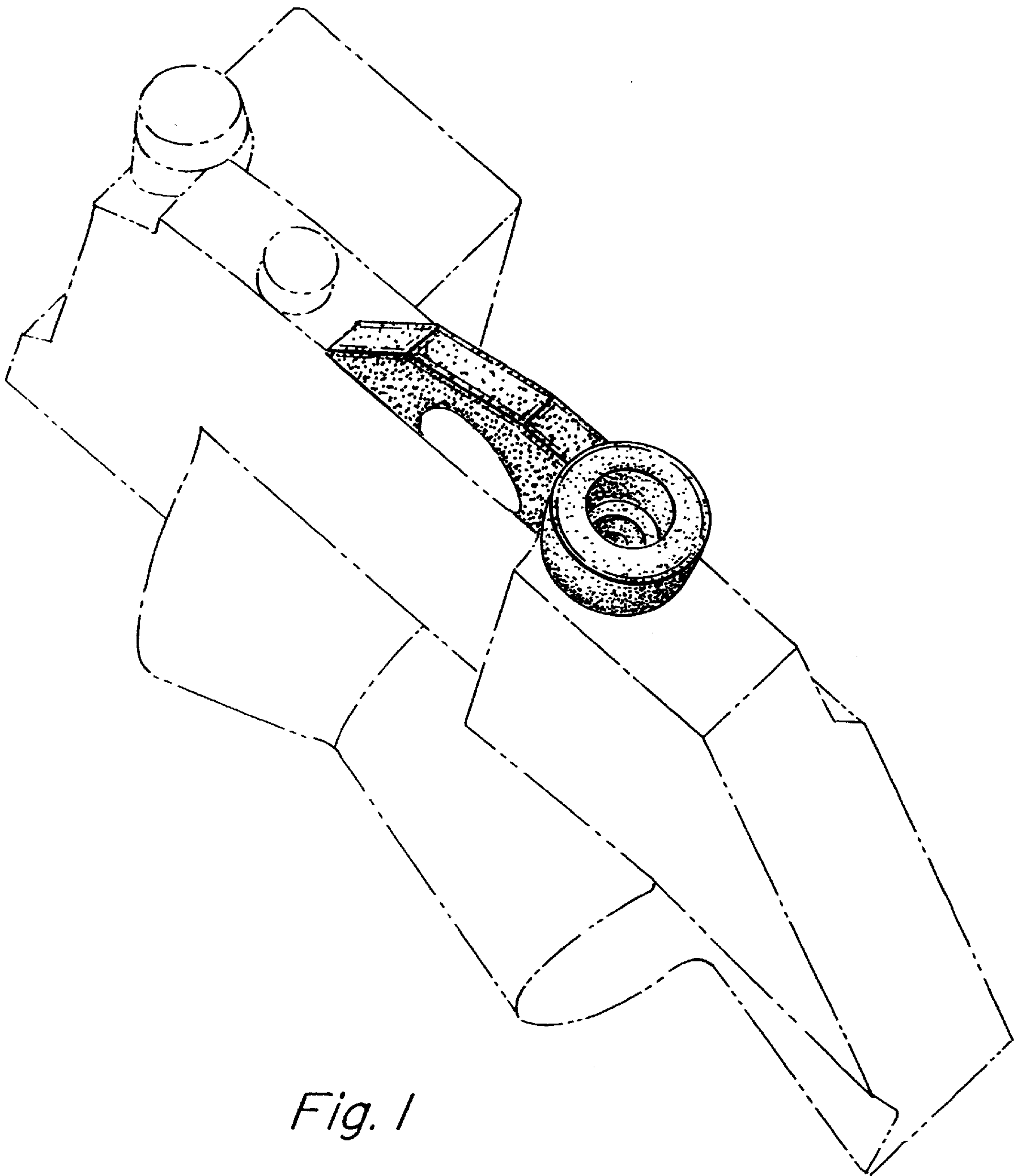
FIG. 4 is a right side view of the splash tube design of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a front view of the splash tube design of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 6 is a left side view of the splash tube design of FIG. 1.

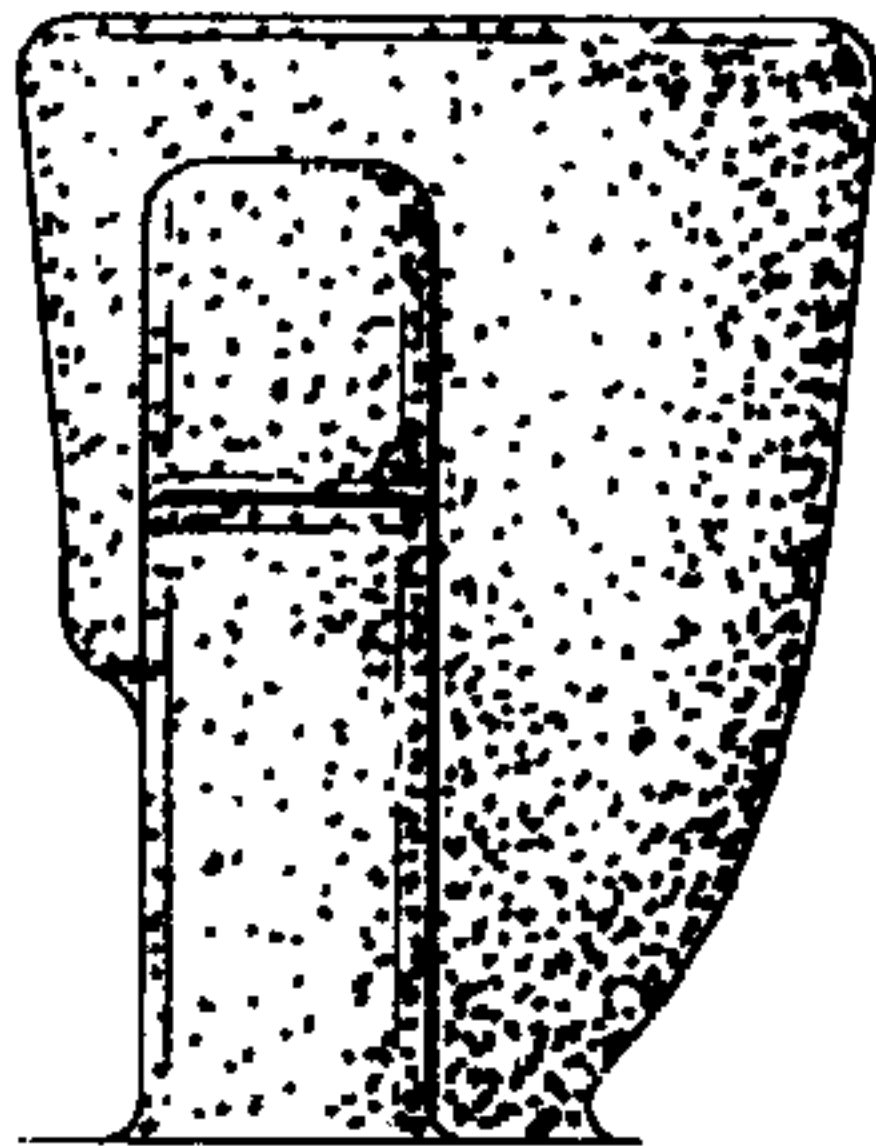
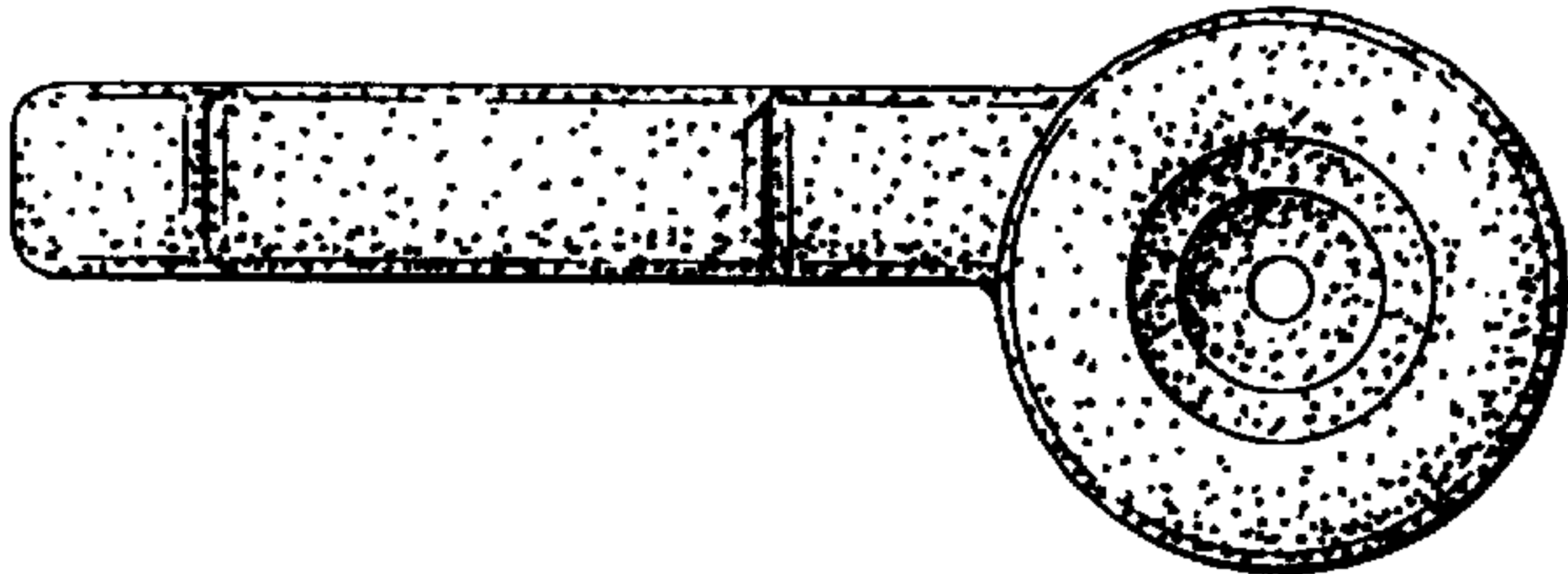
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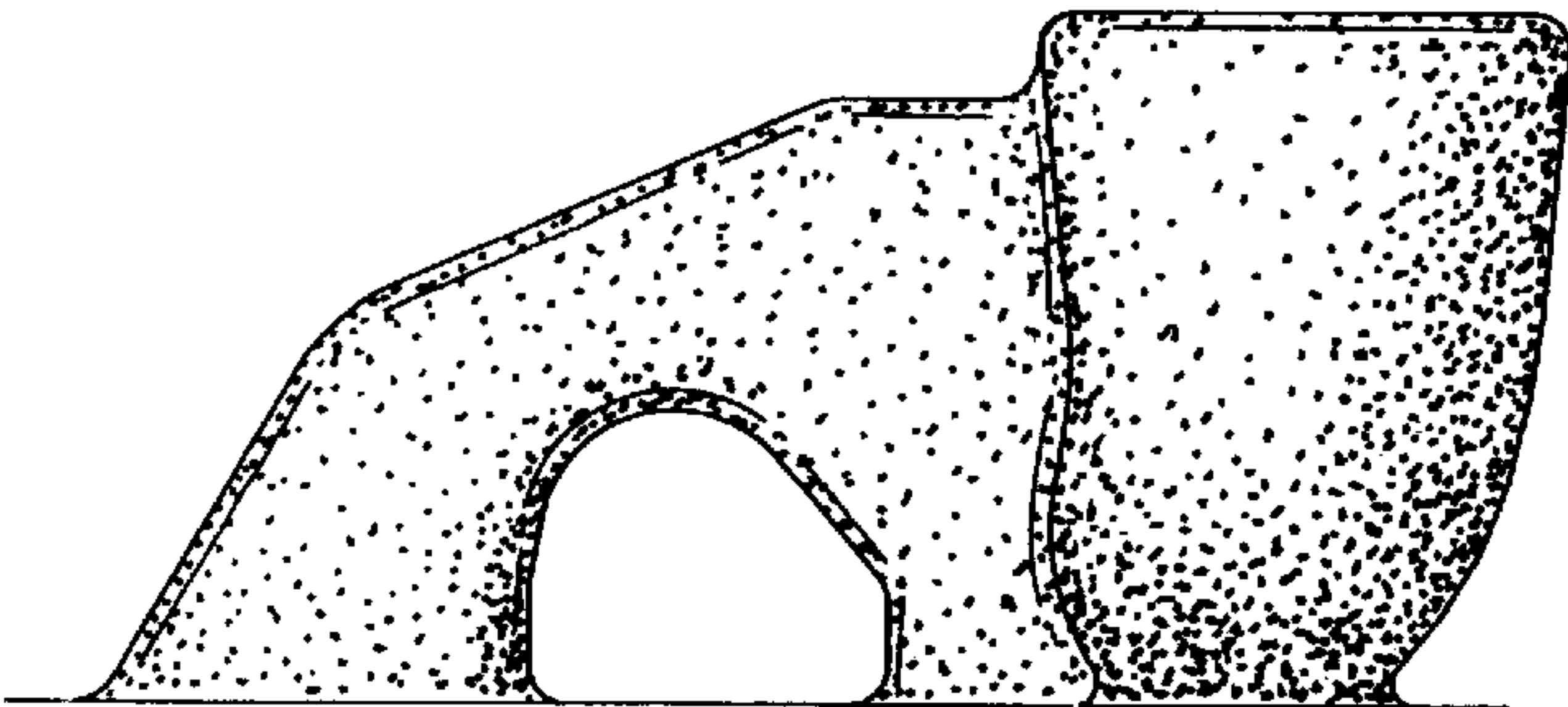


*Fig. 1*

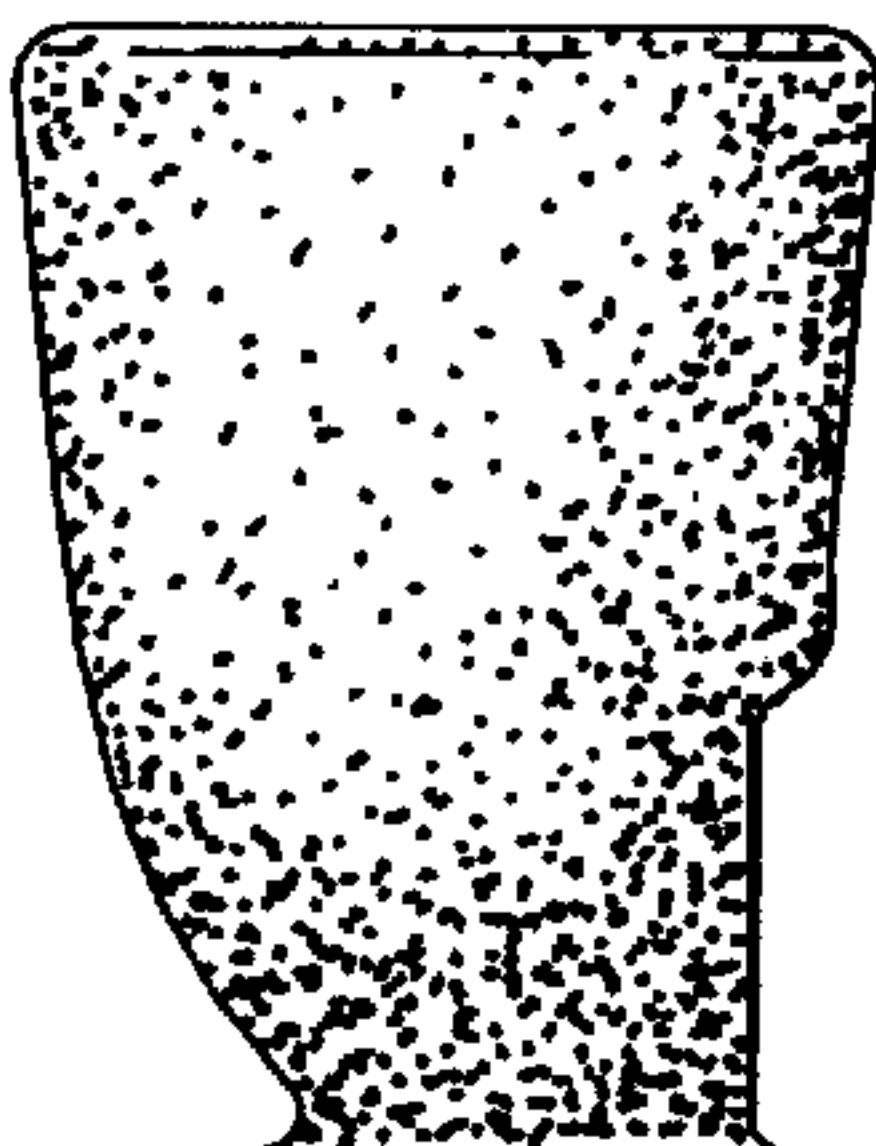
*Fig. 2*



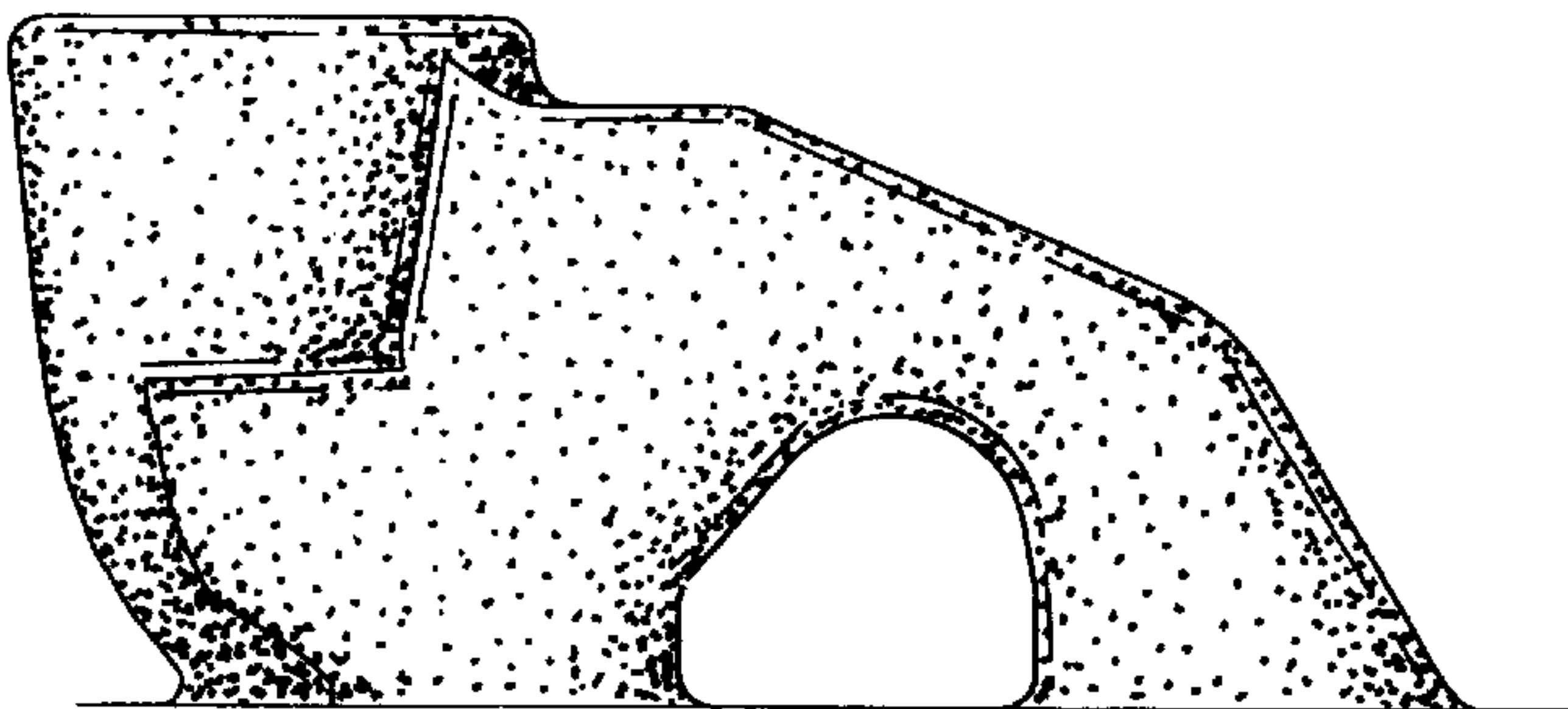
*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 4*



*Fig. 5*



*Fig. 6*