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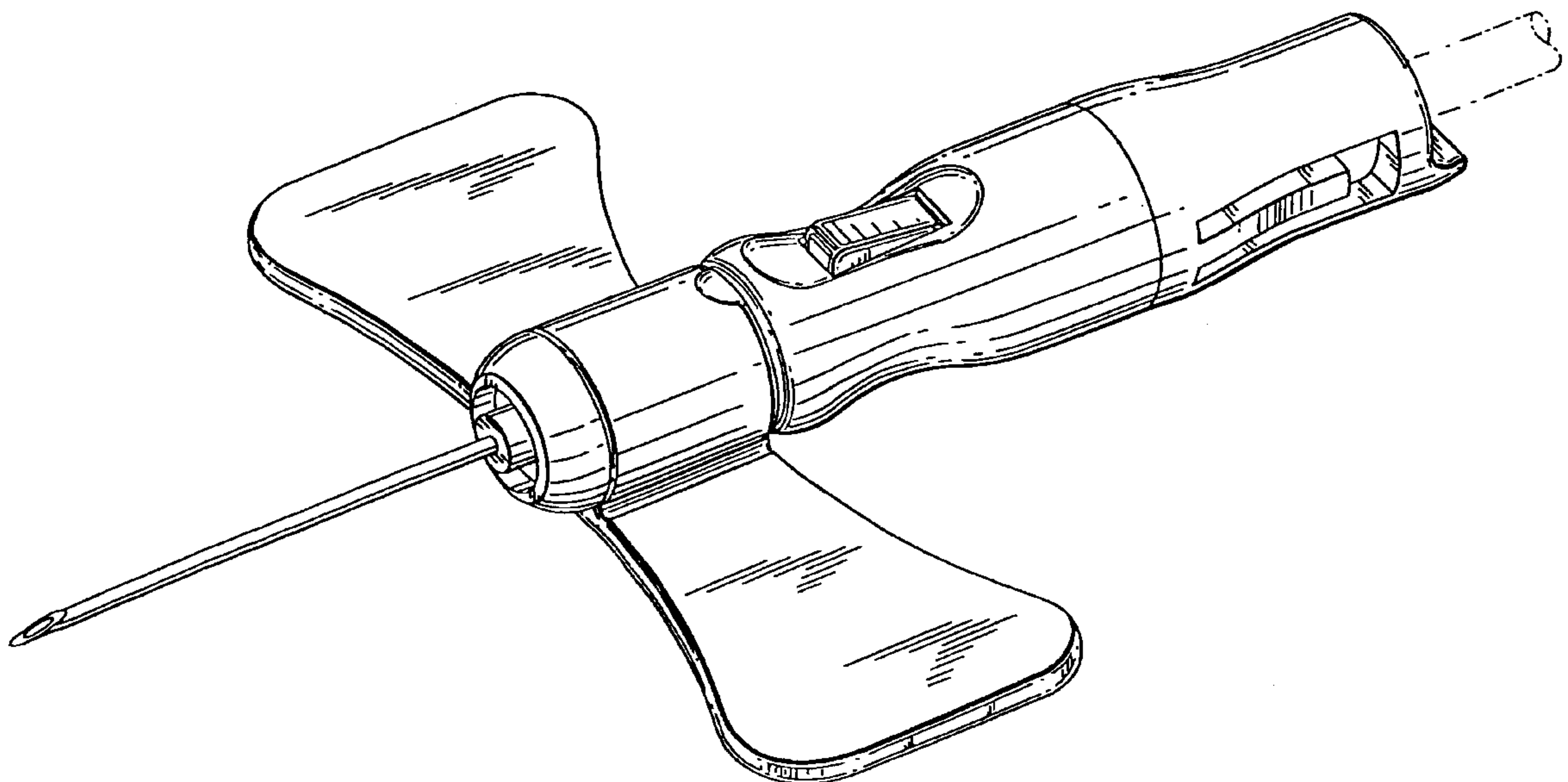
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design of a needle assembly, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a needle assembly showing our new design; the broken line showing is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design; FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof; FIG. 3 is a left side elevational view thereof; FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof; FIG. 5 is a front elevational view thereof; FIG. 6 is a rear elevational view thereof; and, FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof.

**1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets**



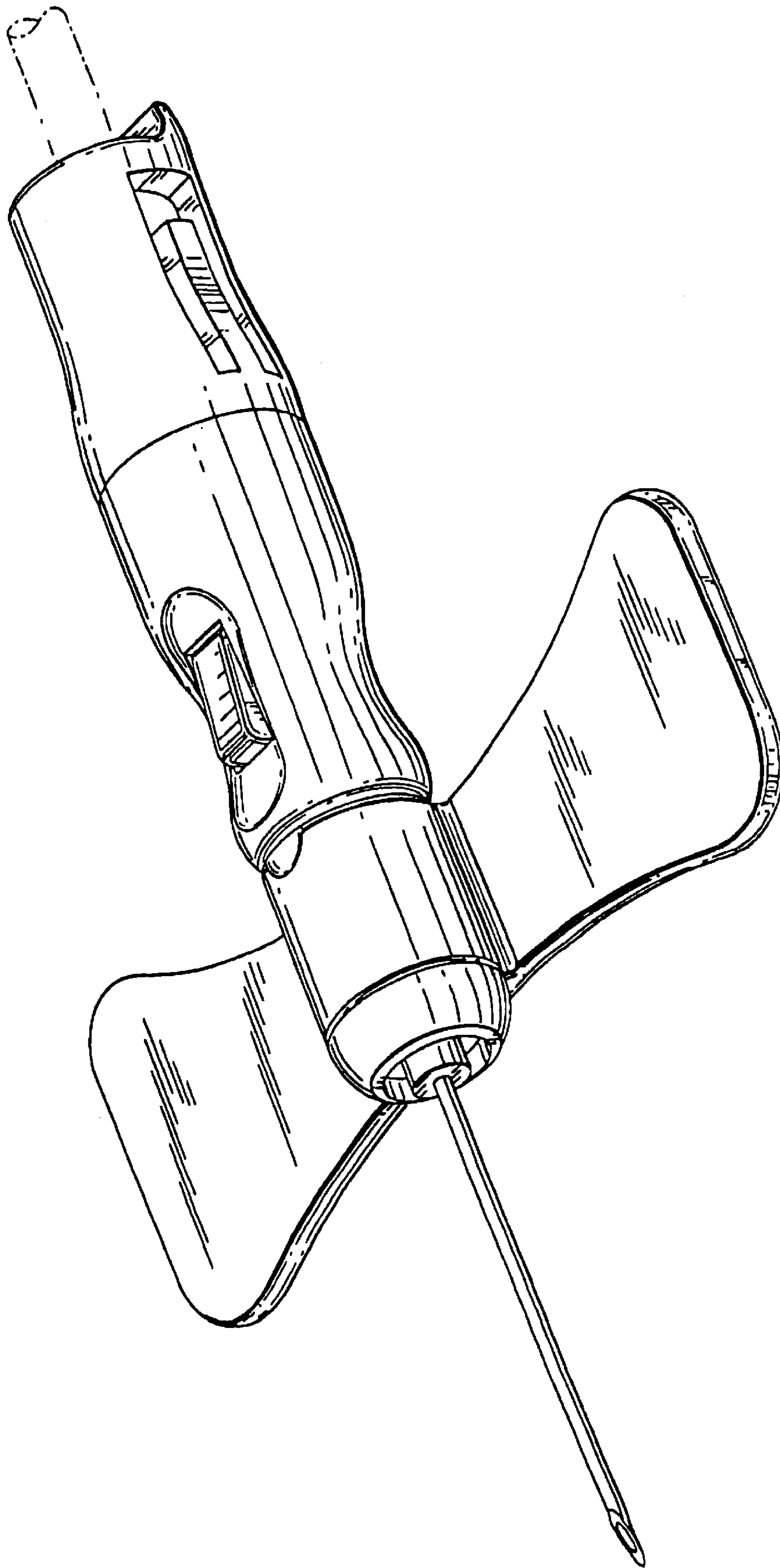


FIG.1

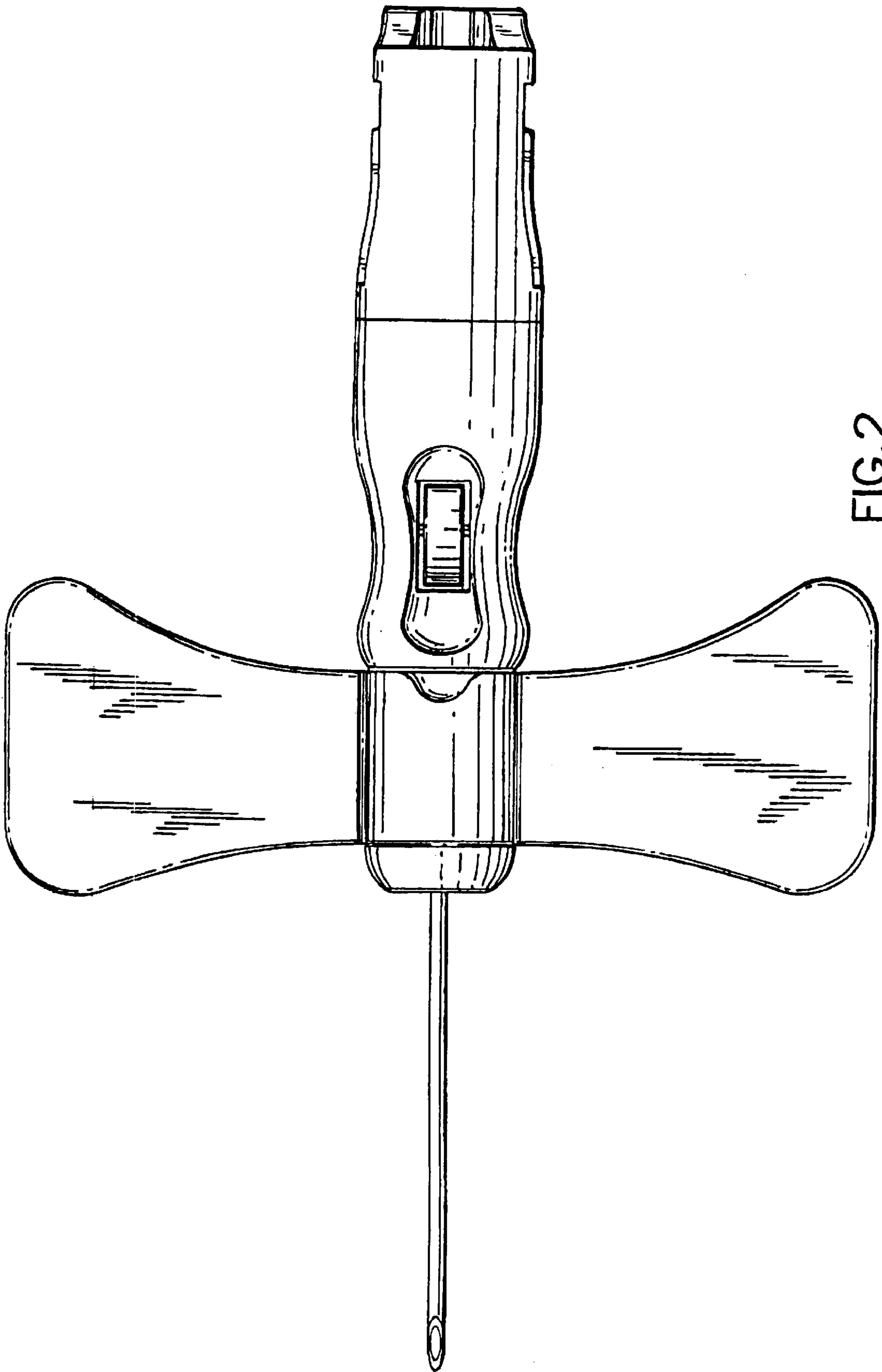


FIG. 2

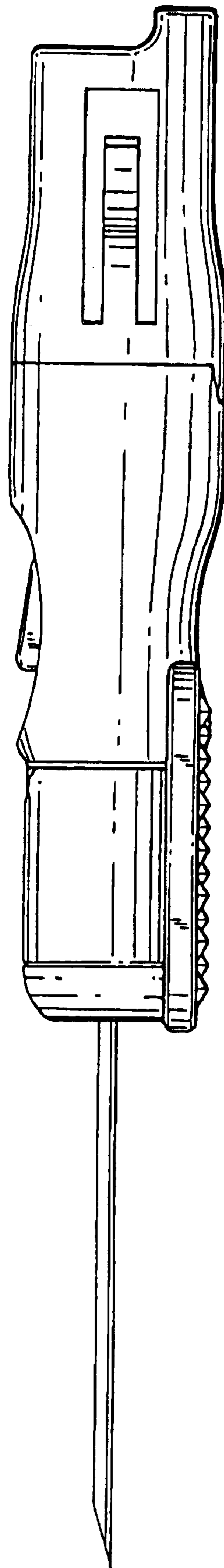


FIG.3

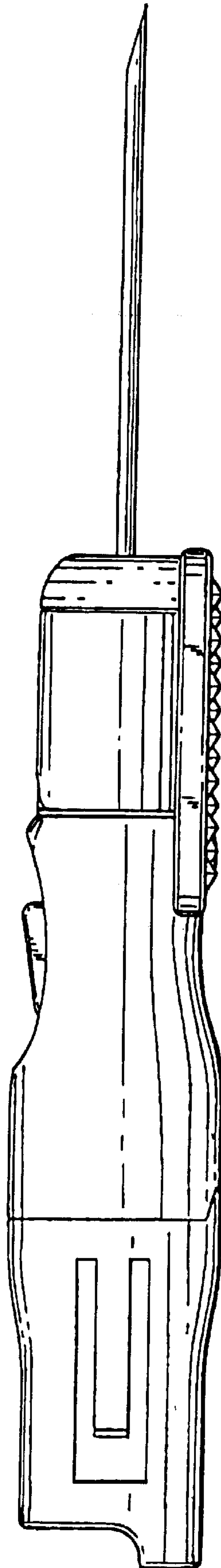


FIG.4

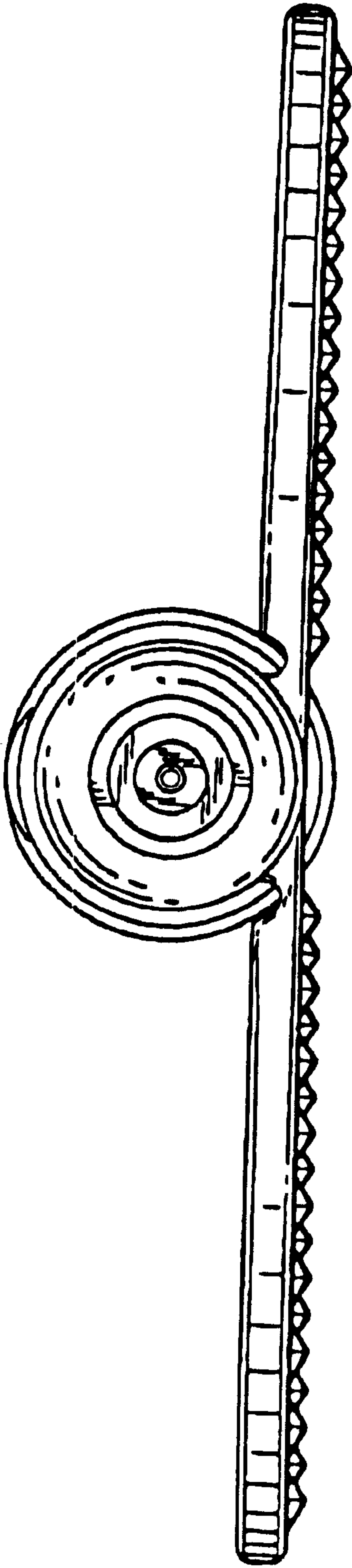


FIG. 5

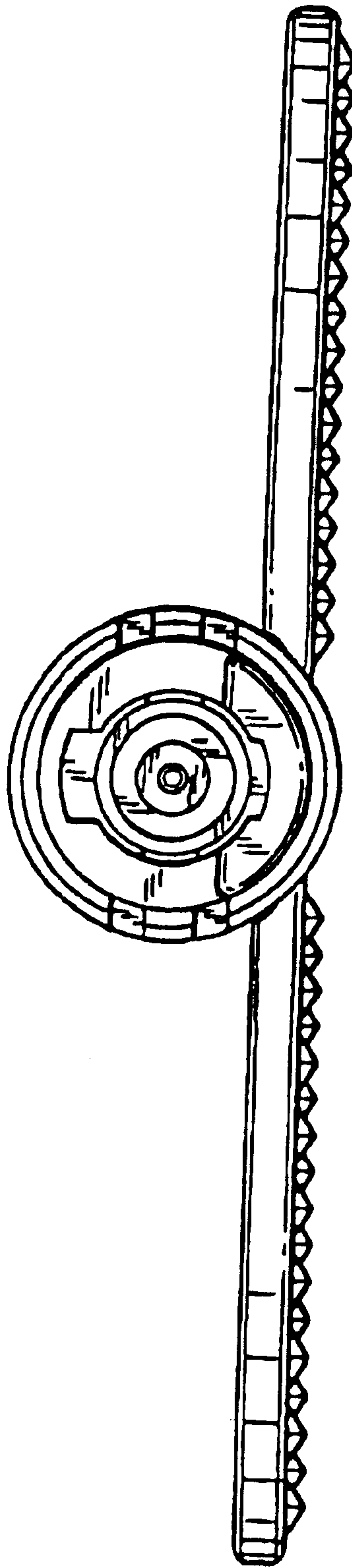


FIG. 6



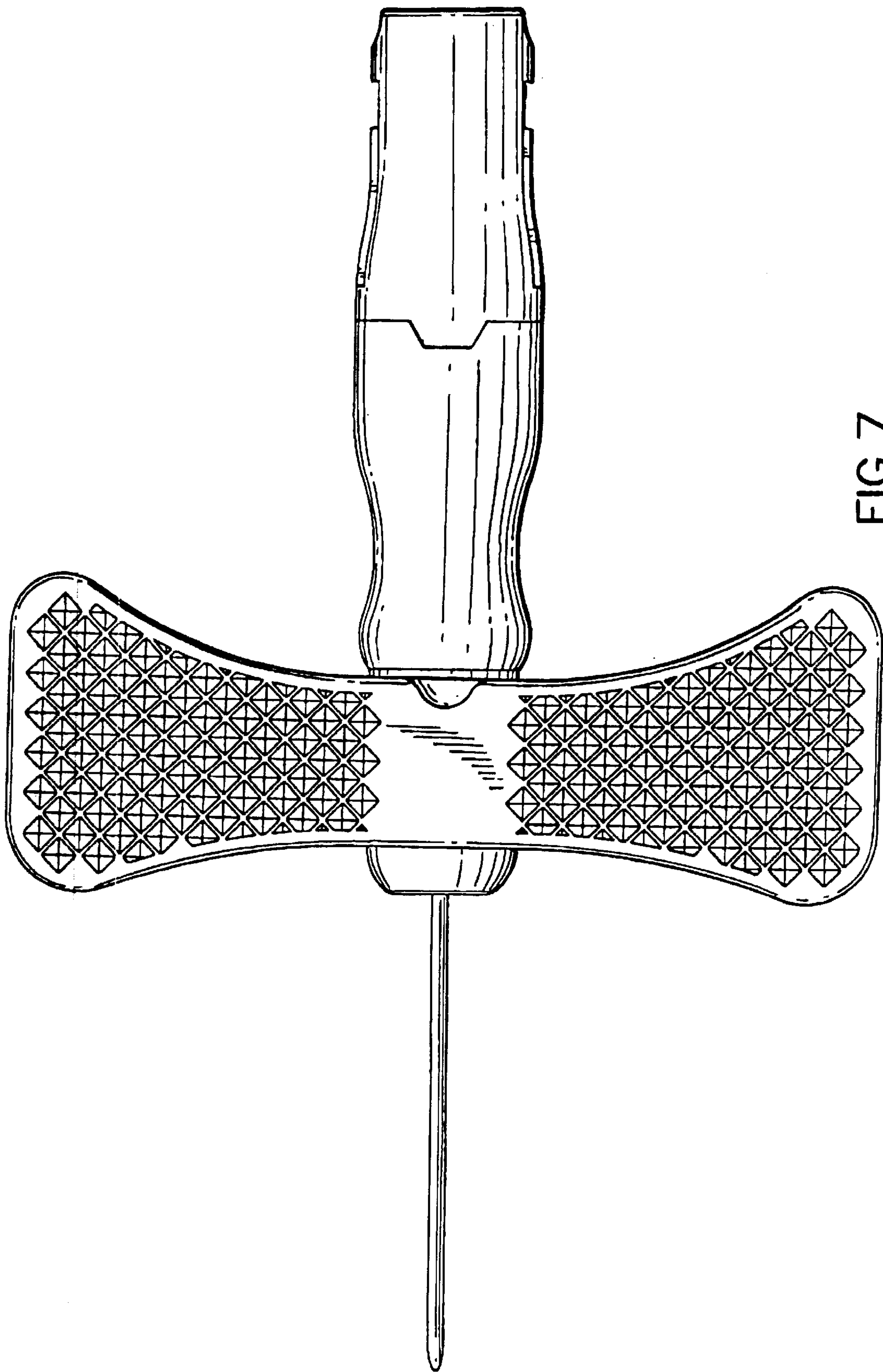


FIG. 7