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(54) **HAND OPERATED CITRUS FRUIT SQUEEZER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hand operated citrus fruit squeezer, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

The present invention relates to an ornamental design for a hand operated citrus fruit squeezer. The hand operated citrus fruit squeezer is constructed of colored plastic materials having visual appeal and ranging from transparent to opaque in optical transmission properties.

FIG. 1—This drawing is a perspective of the invention. The invention is shown with numerous ornamental design features including the overall contoured shape, the plurality of surface ridges on the bowl portion of the upper press member and symmetric channels in the upper and lower handle members. The broken lines are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

FIG. 2—This drawing is a front view of the invention. The transparent design of the invention allows viewing of the upper and lower press members when in the fully closed position.

FIG. 3—This drawing is a rear view of the invention. The transparent design of the invention allows viewing of the upper and lower press members when in the fully closed position and endpoints of the channel designs included in the upper and lower press members.

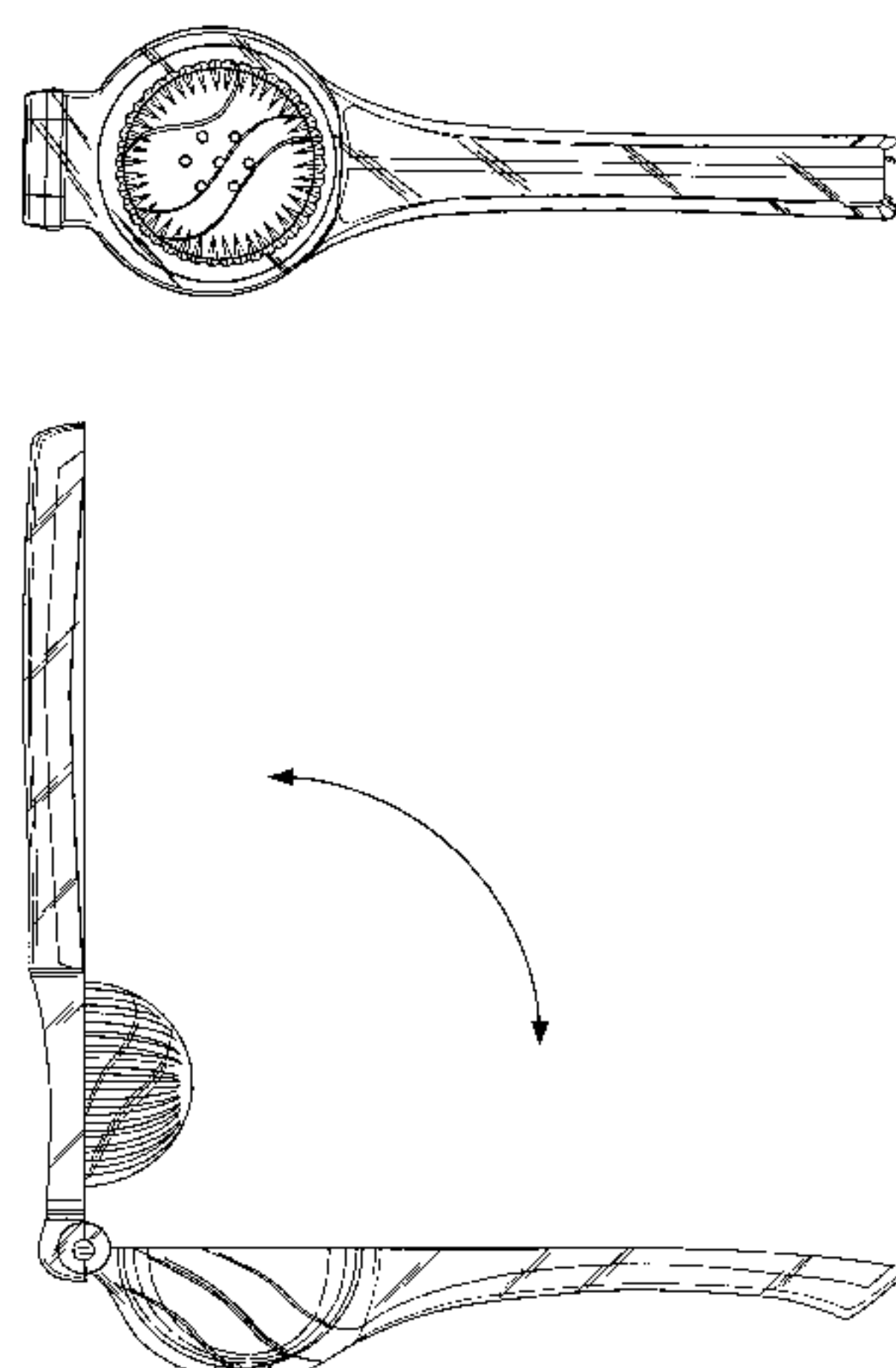
FIG. 4—This drawing is a side view of the preferred embodiment invention. The contoured design features include the tapering of the upper press member around the upper bowl area and gentle contouring of the upper and lower handles. The transparent design of the invention allows viewing of the upper and lower press members when in the fully closed position.

FIG. 5—This drawing is a top view of the invention. The overall contoured shape of the upper and lower handles including the visible symmetric channels designed into the upper and lower handles again adding visual appeal.

FIG. 6—This drawing is a side view of the invention with the upper and lower press members separated.

FIG. 7—This drawing is a view of the upper press member without the lower press member being present. This drawing more clearly illustrates the overall contoured shape of the upper handle including the visible symmetric channel designs; and,

FIG. 8—This drawing is a view of the lower press member without the upper press member being present. This drawing more clearly illustrates the overall contoured shape of the lower handle including the visible symmetric channel designs.



An understanding of the ornamental design of this invention is facilitated by review of the drawings included herein. Broken lines included in the drawings and articles not shown are not part of the design sought to be patented. The preferred embodiment related to design features is the use of transparent colored plastic, which allows the user to view the fruit as it is being squeezed. The color of the plastic is preferably selected to match the citrus fruit it is intended to squeeze. For example, a transparent yellow color is provided for lemons, a transparent green color for limes and a transparent orange color for oranges. The use of color and optical transparency adds user visual appeal to the invention.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets

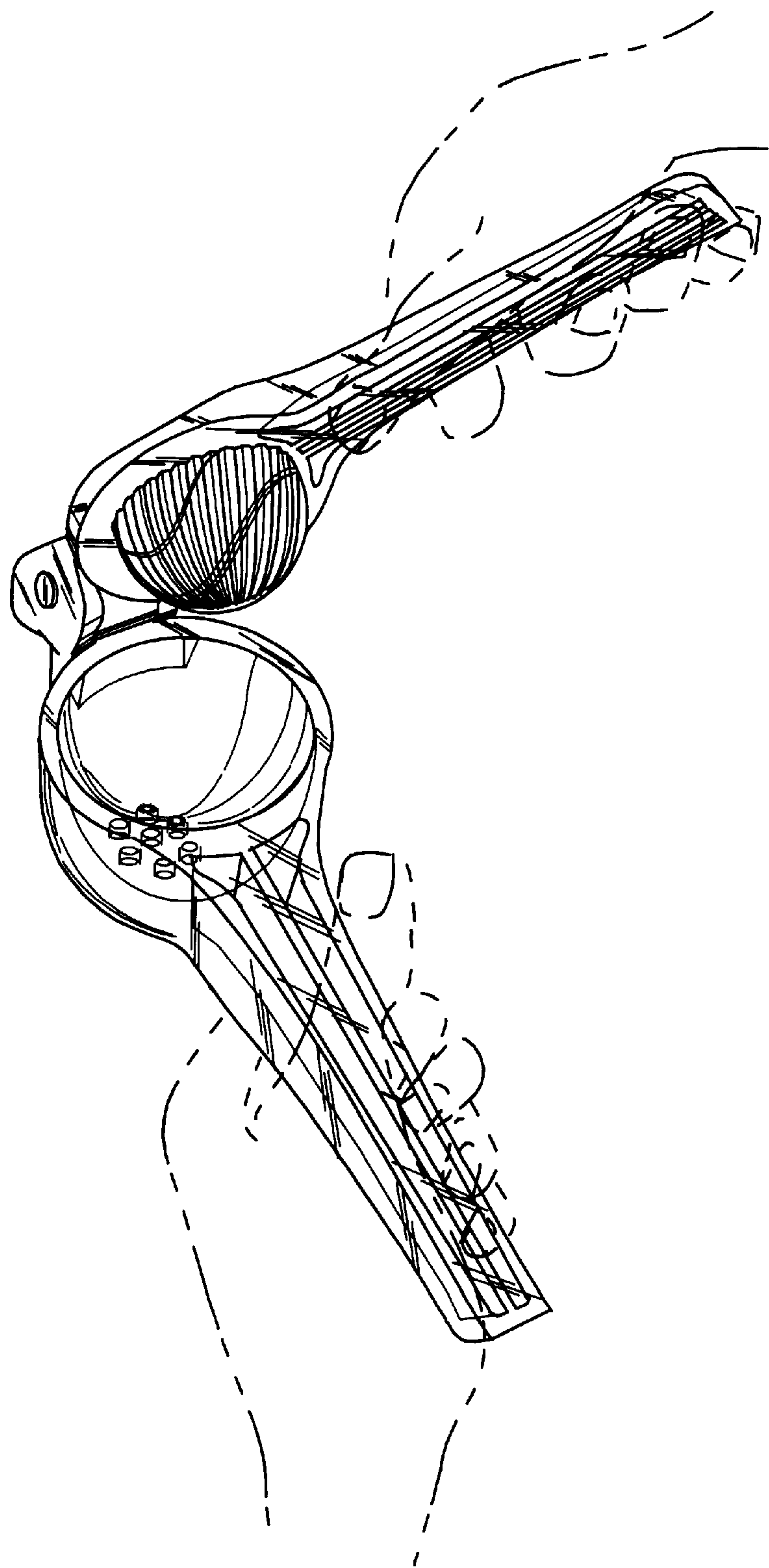


Fig. 1

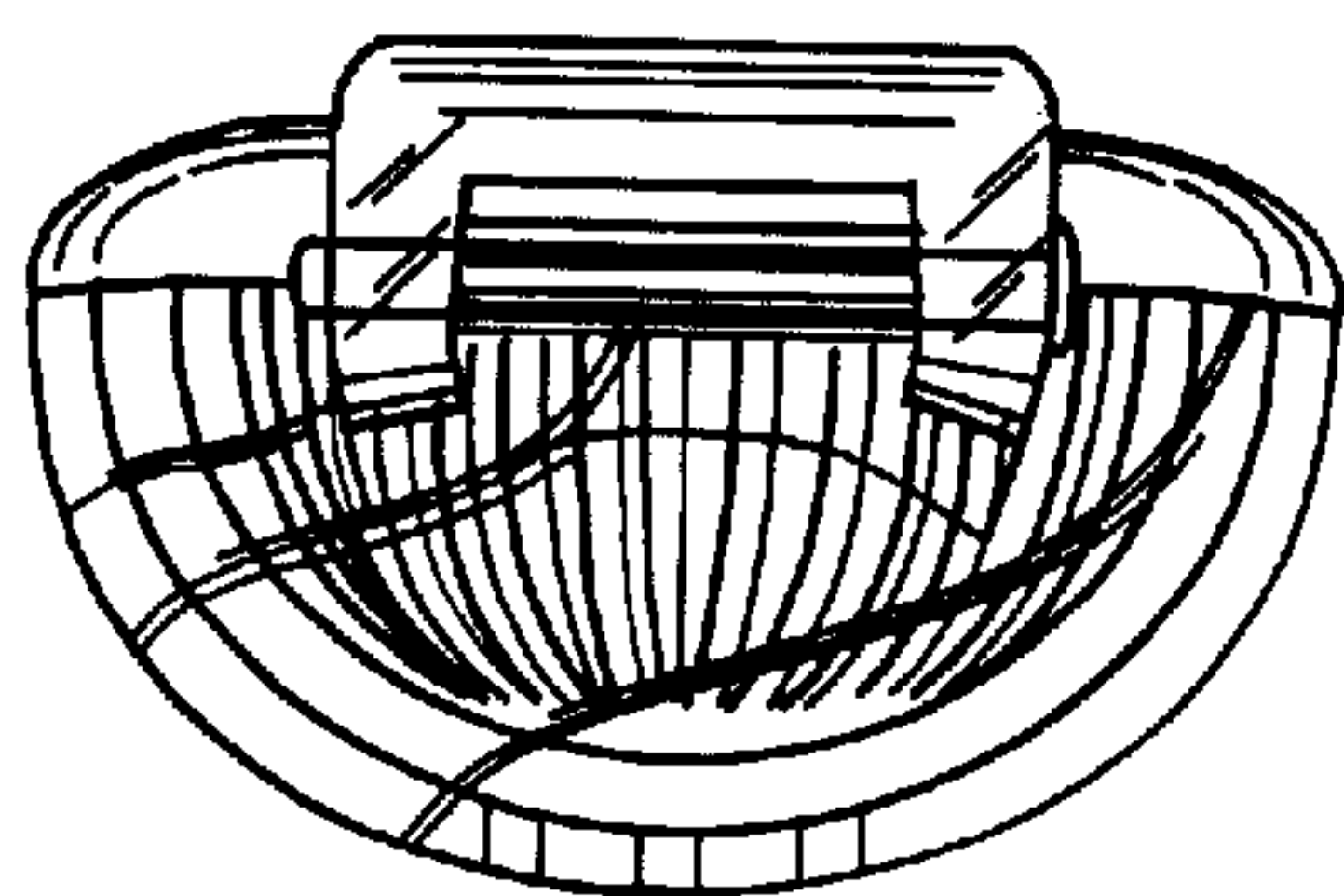


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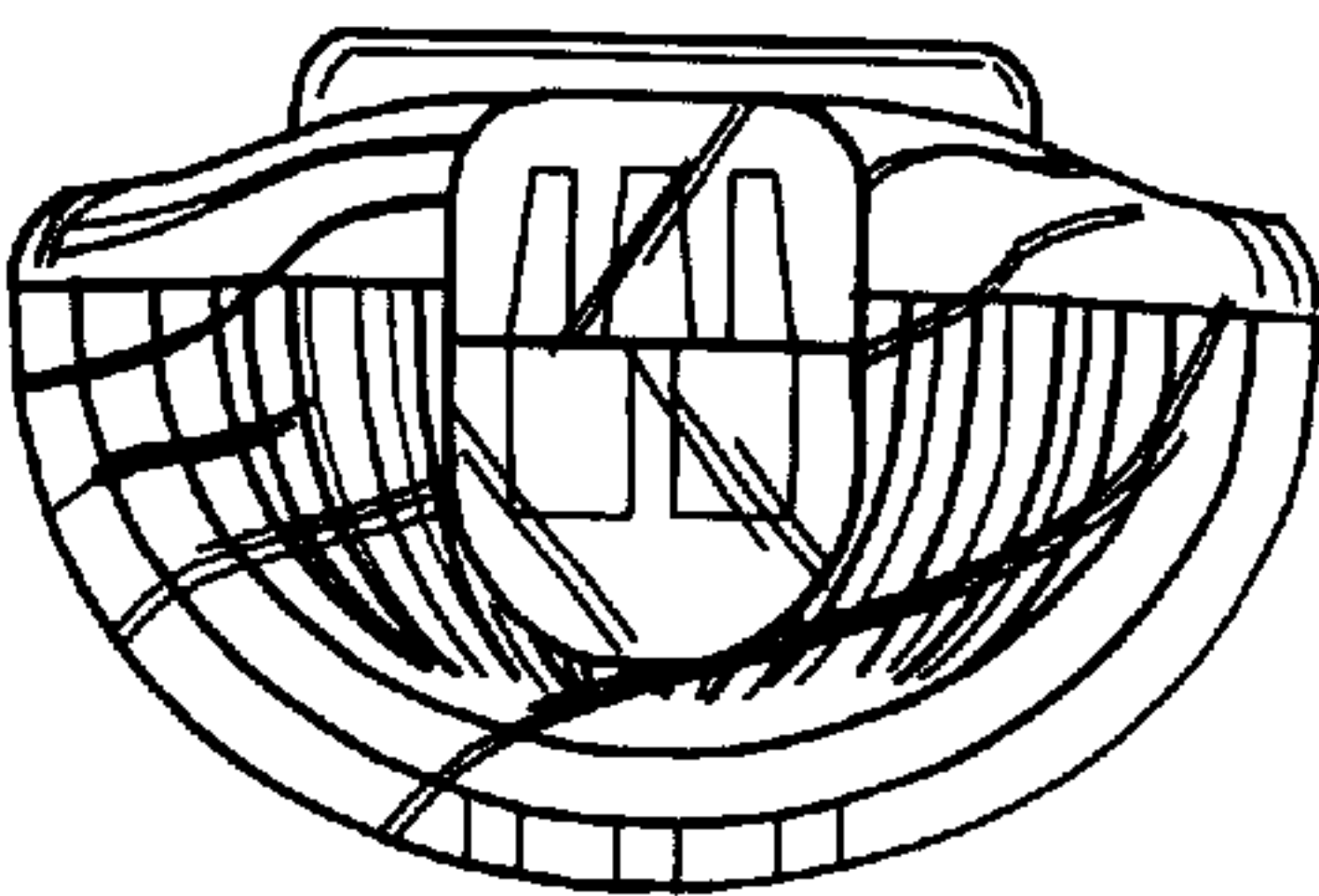


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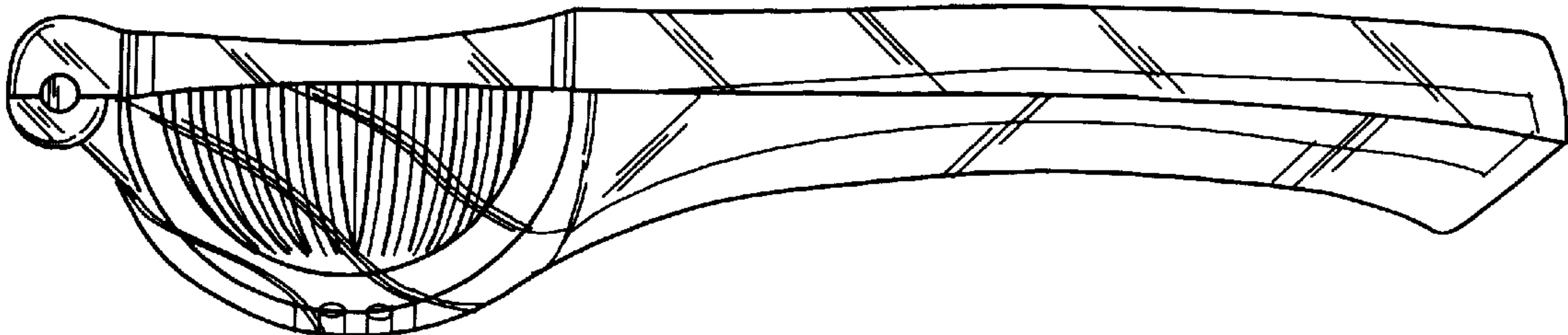


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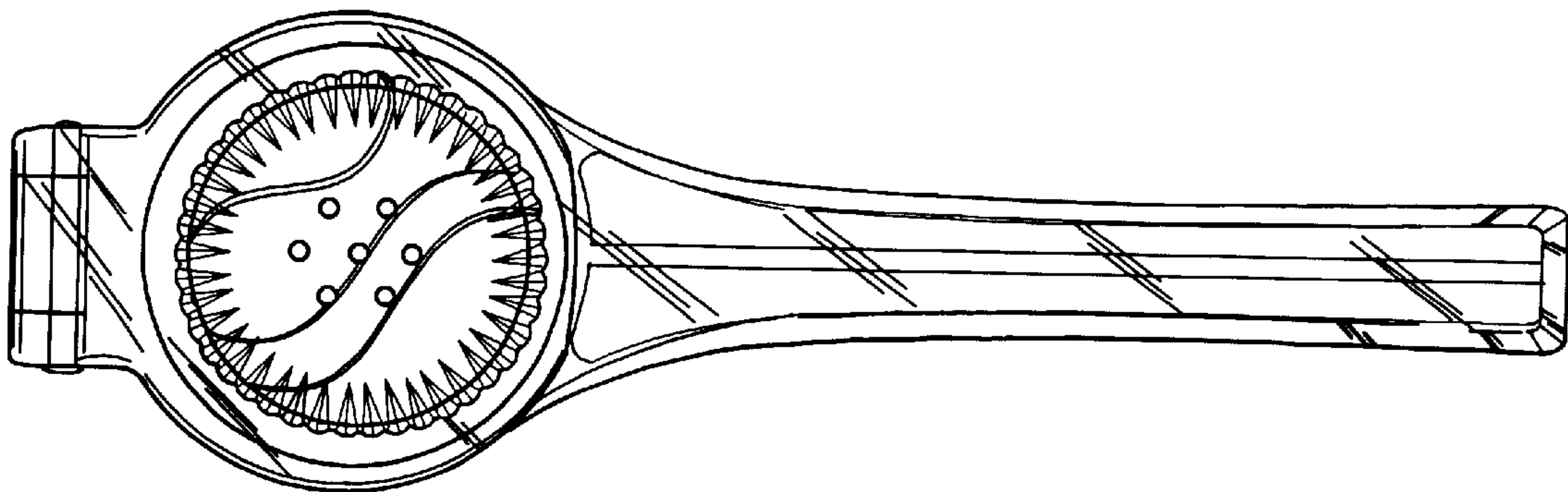


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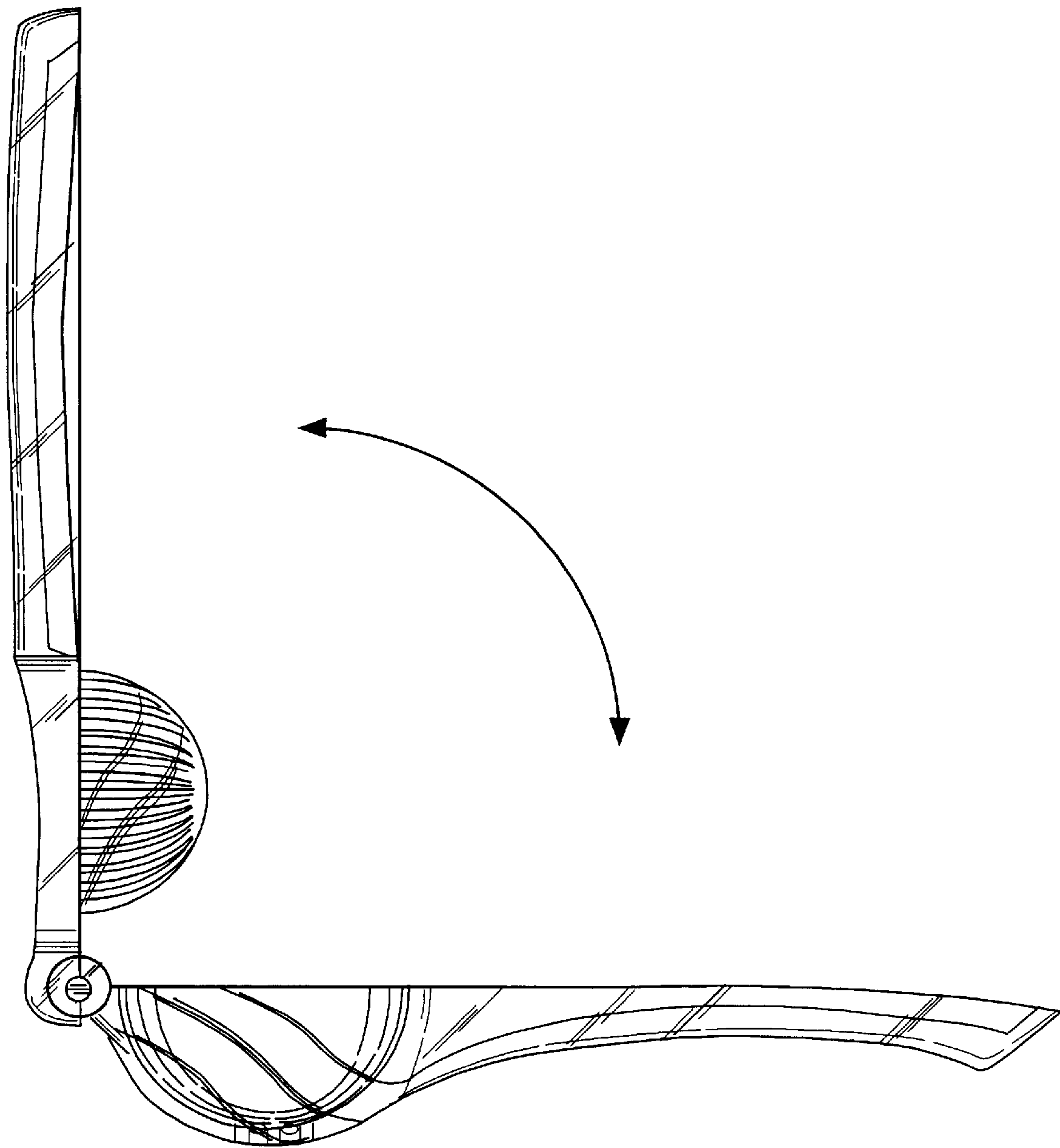


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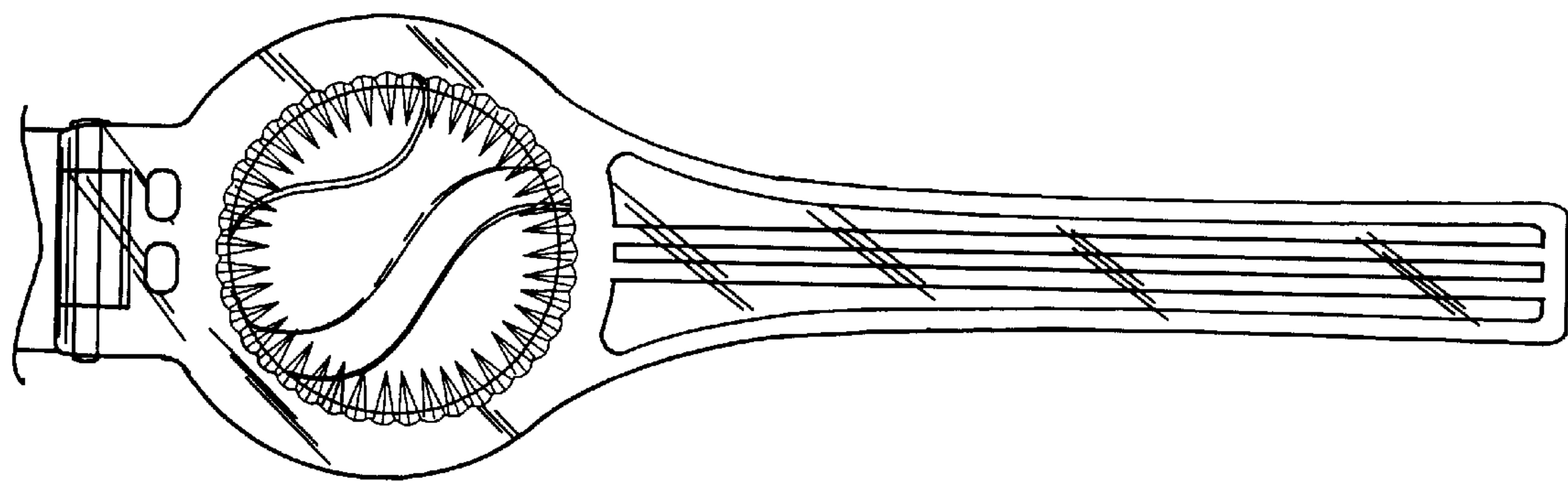


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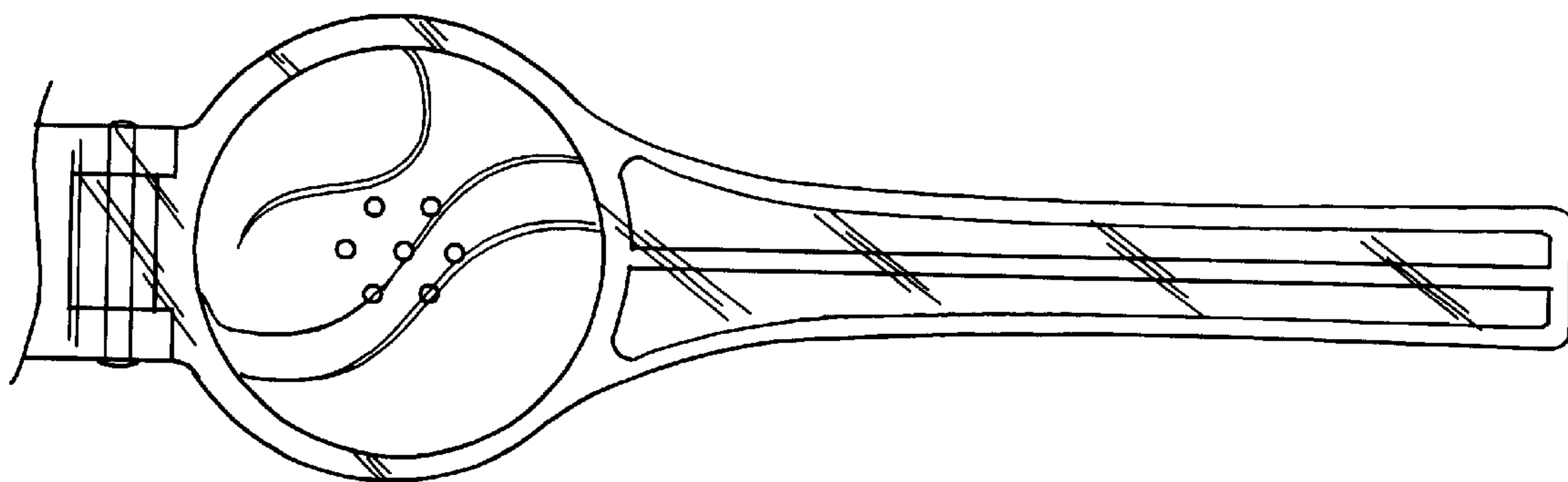


Fig. 8