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(54) **VACUUM CLEANER UPPER PORTION**

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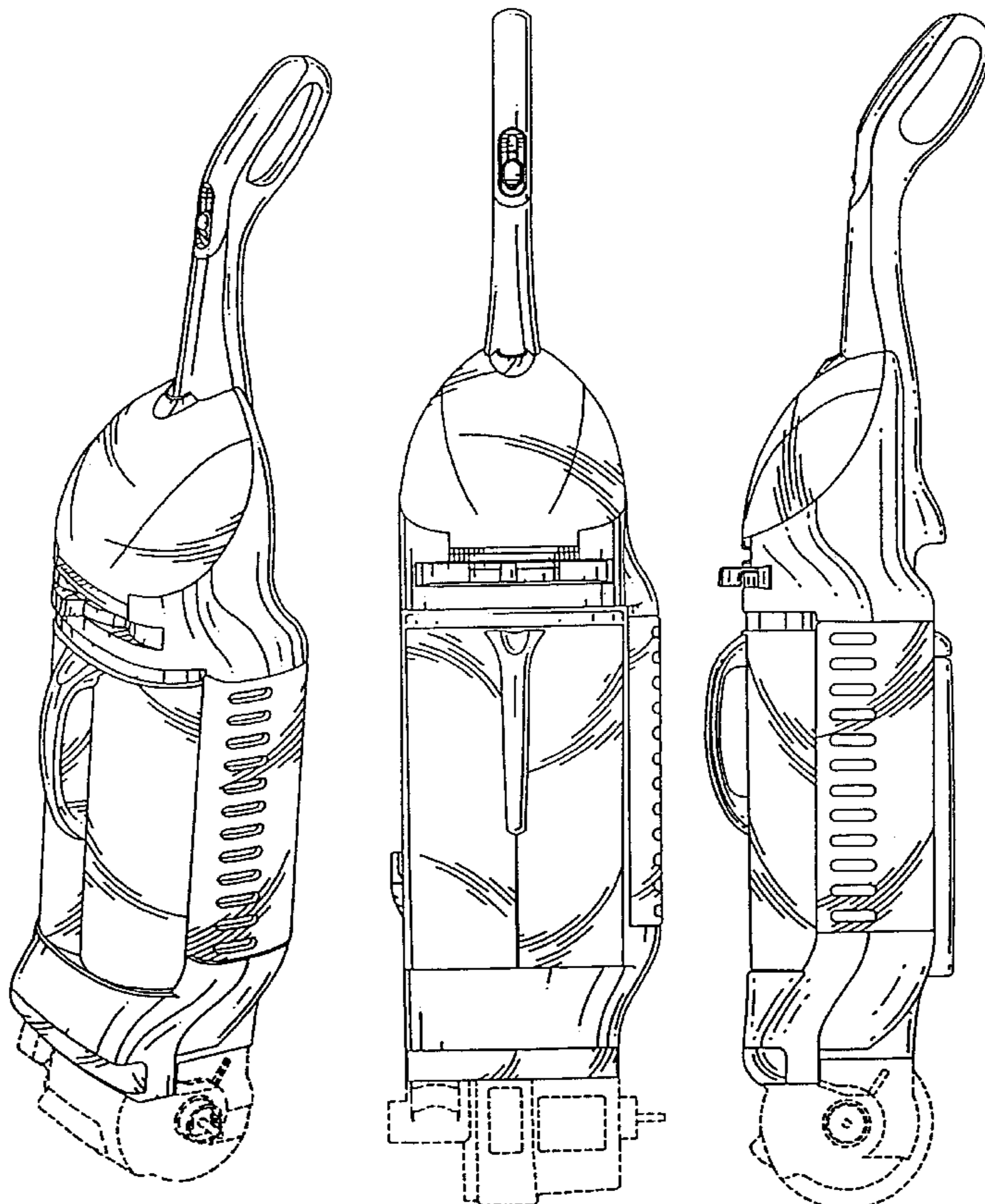
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a vacuum cleaner upper portion, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a vacuum cleaner upper portion showing my new design;  
FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a back elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof; and,  
FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof.  
The portions shown in broken lines in FIGS. 1 through 5 are shown for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets**



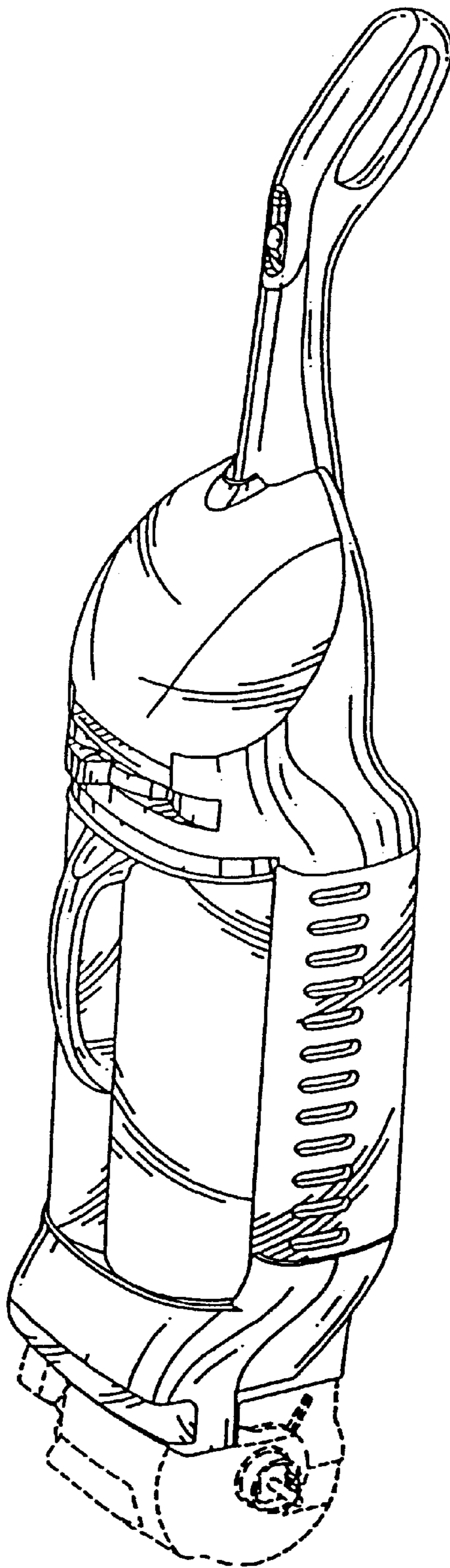


FIG. 1

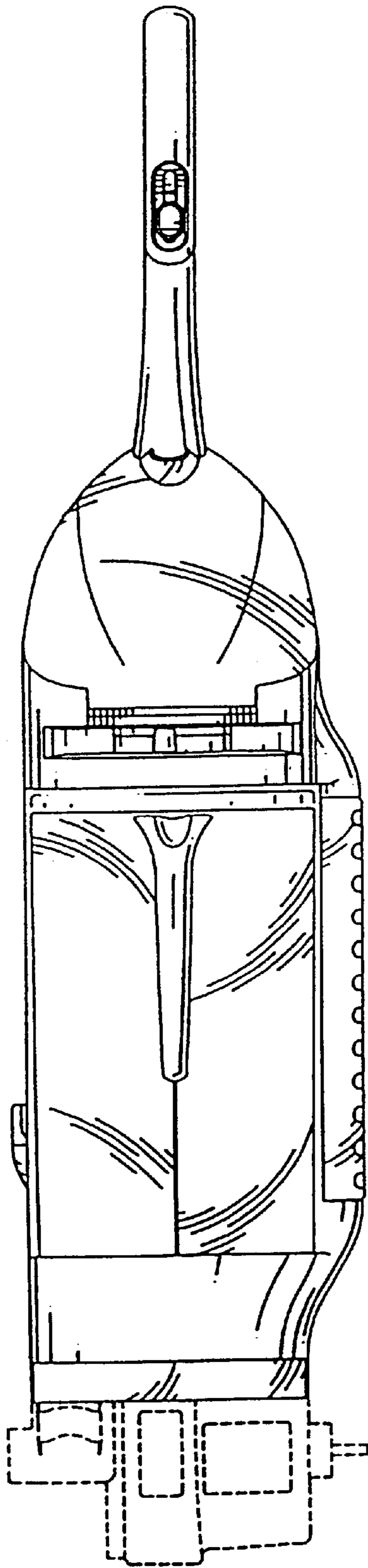


FIG. 2

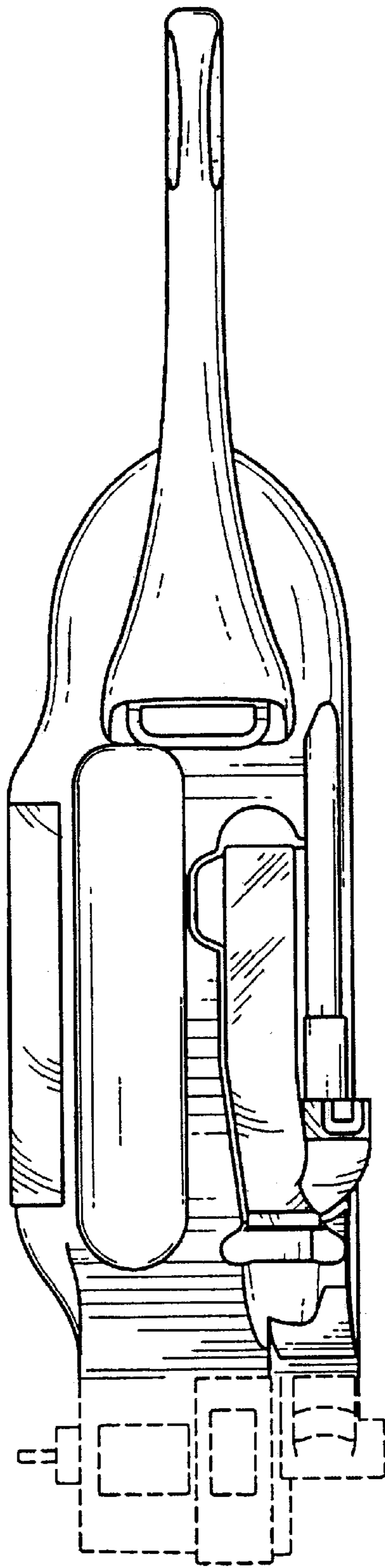


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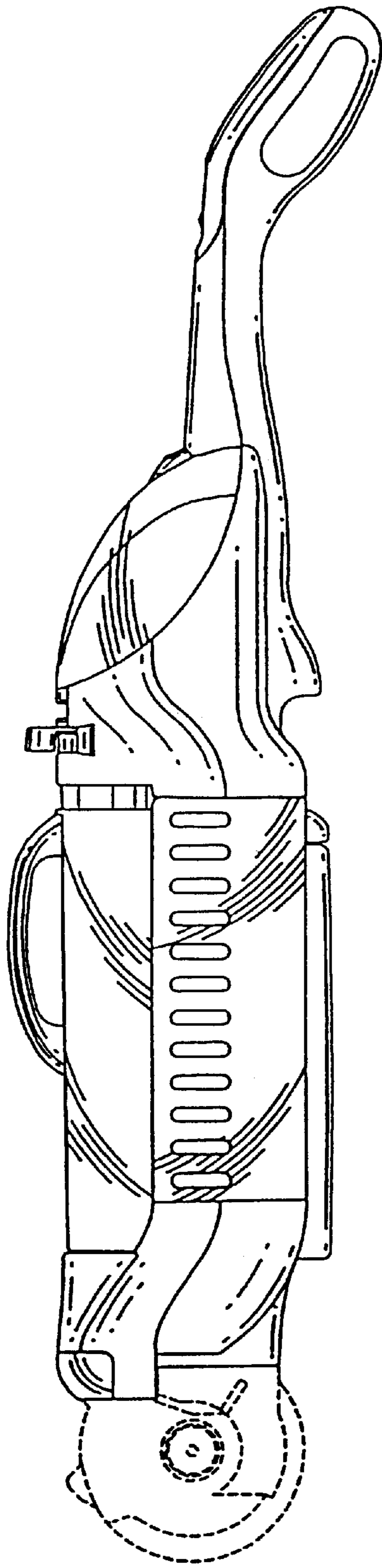


FIG. 4

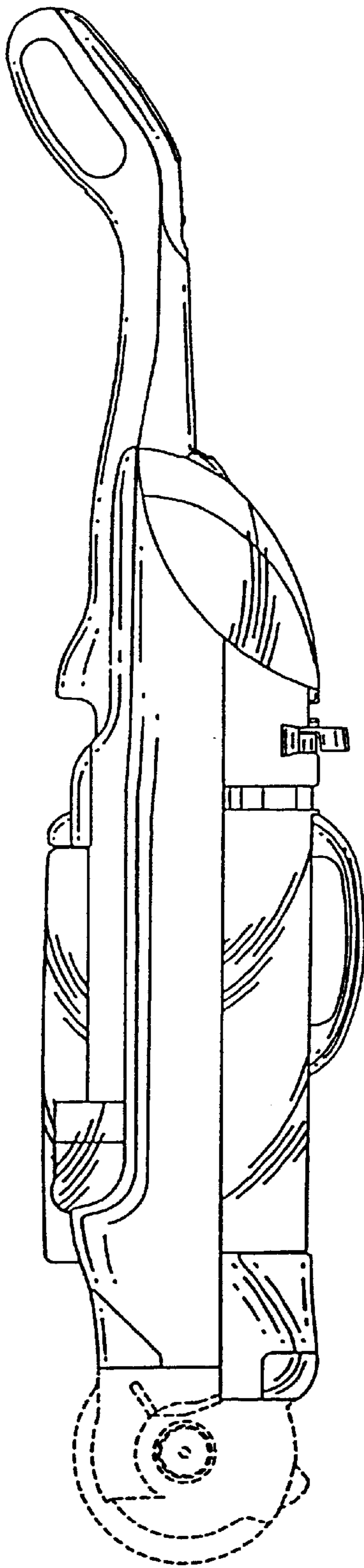


FIG. 5

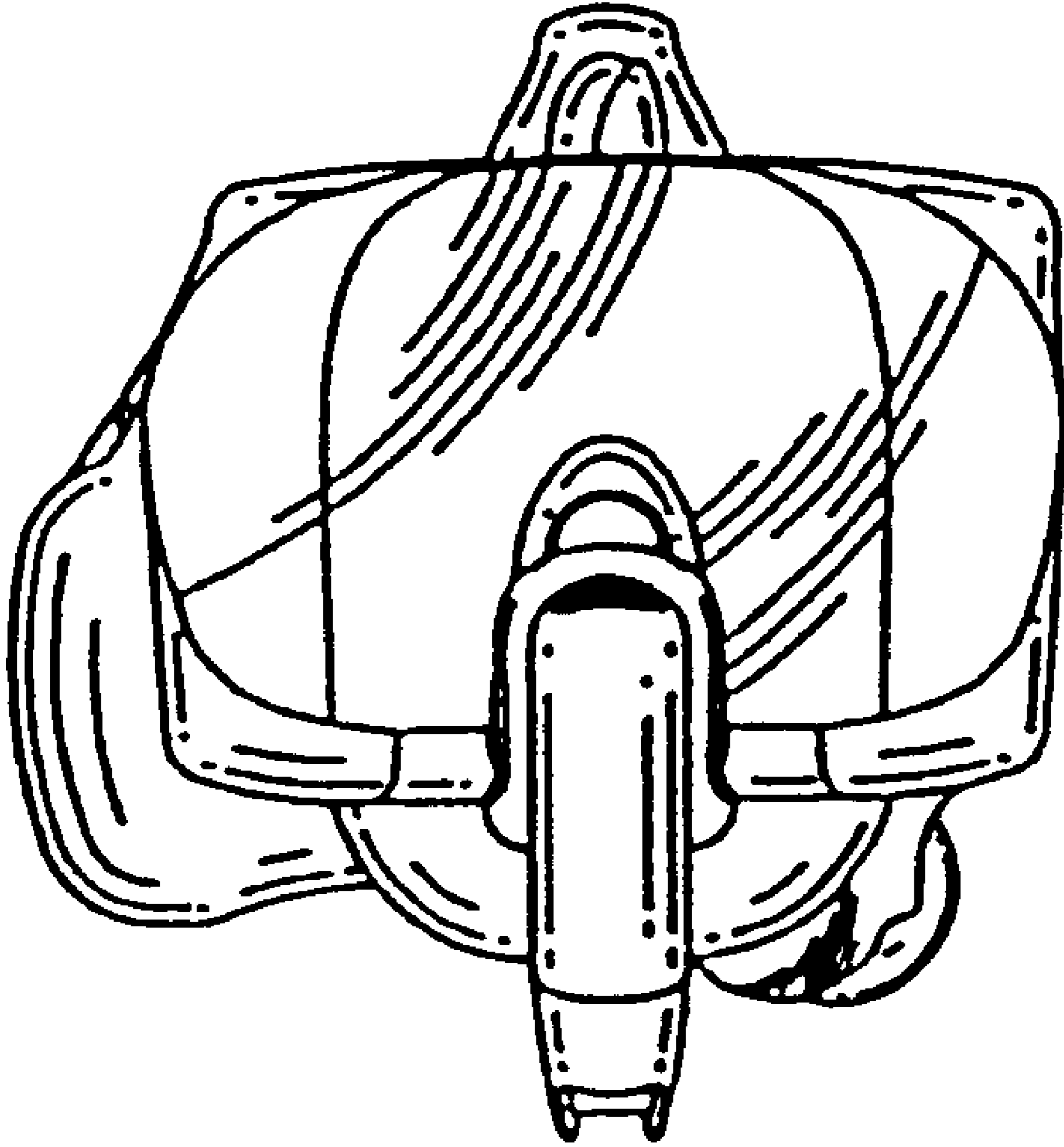


FIG. 6