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(54) **SNACK FOOD CONTAINER**

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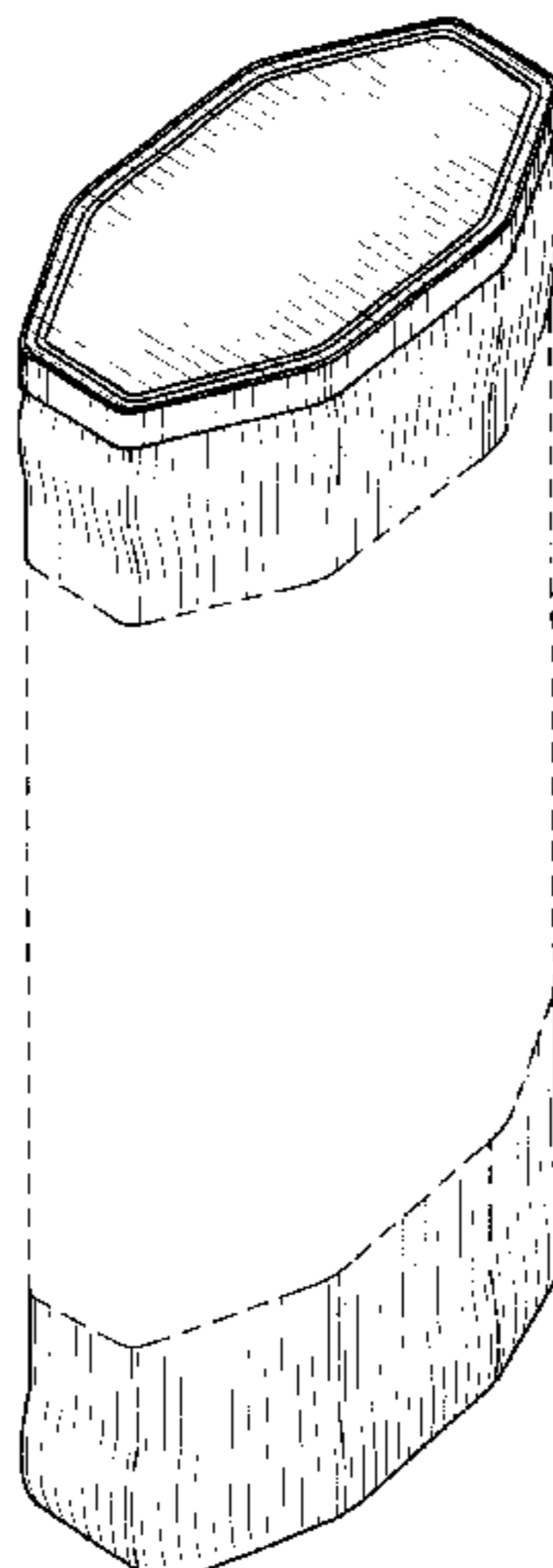
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a snack food container, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the snack food container of the present invention;
FIG. 2 is a front elevation view of the snack food container of the present invention, with the rear elevation view a mirror image of the front elevation view;
FIG. 3 is a right elevation view of the snack food container of the present invention, with the left elevation view a mirror image of the right elevation view;
FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the snack food container of the present invention; and,
FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view of the snack food container of the present invention.
The broken lines defining a center portion of the snack food container, as shown in FIGS. 1, 2, and 3, are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

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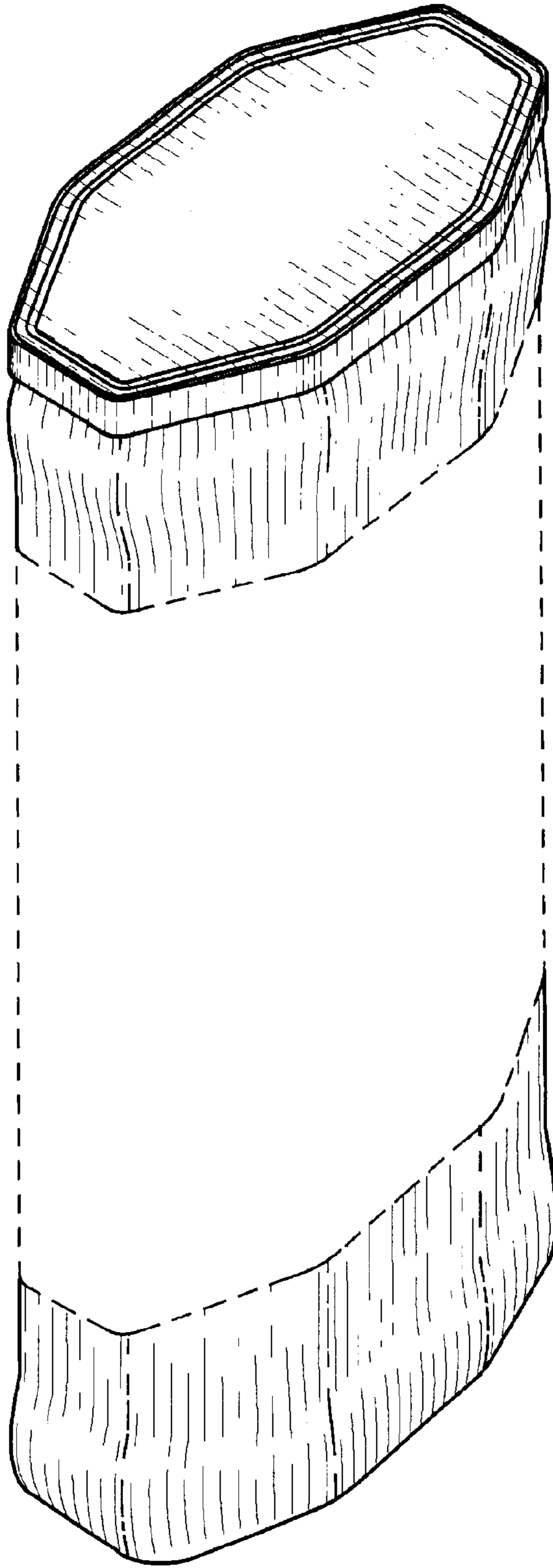


FIG. 1

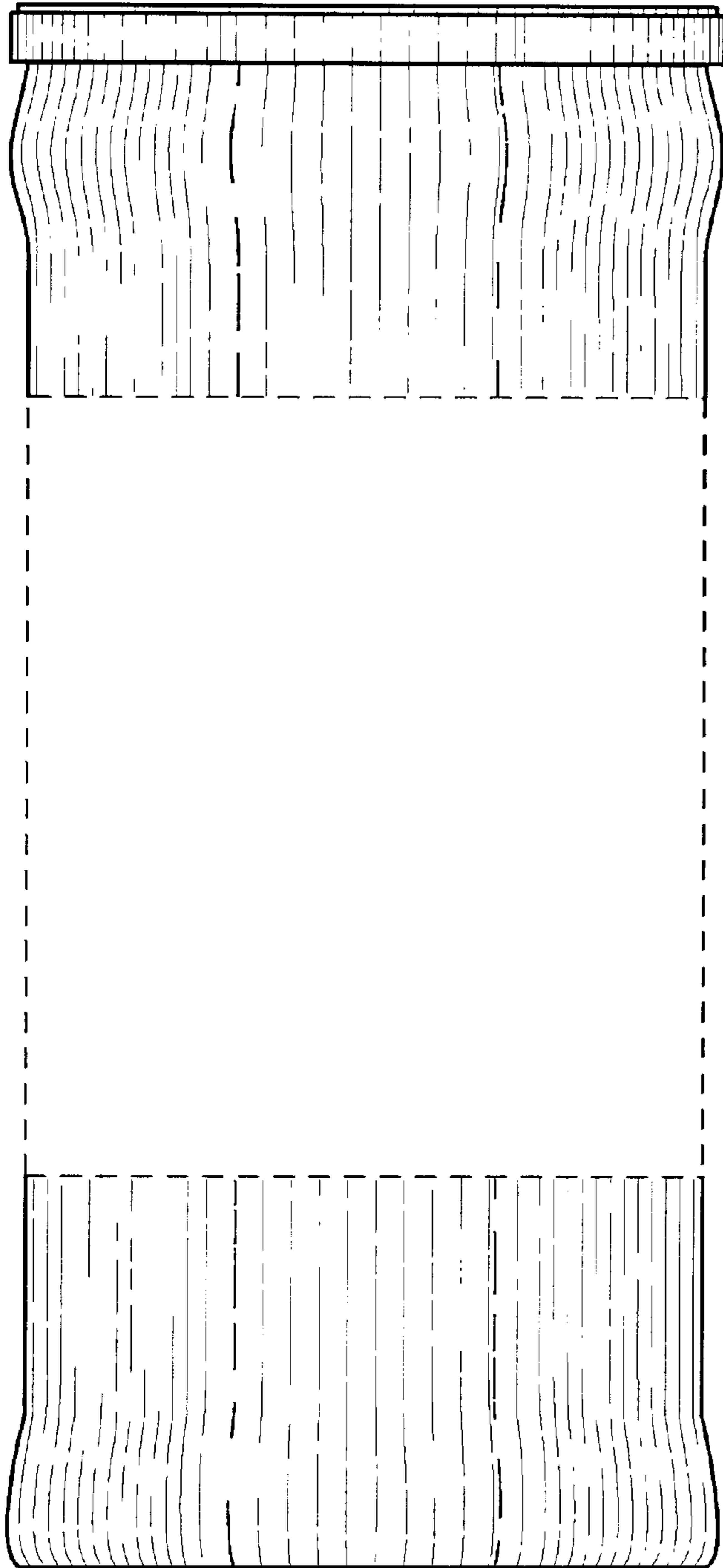


FIG. 2

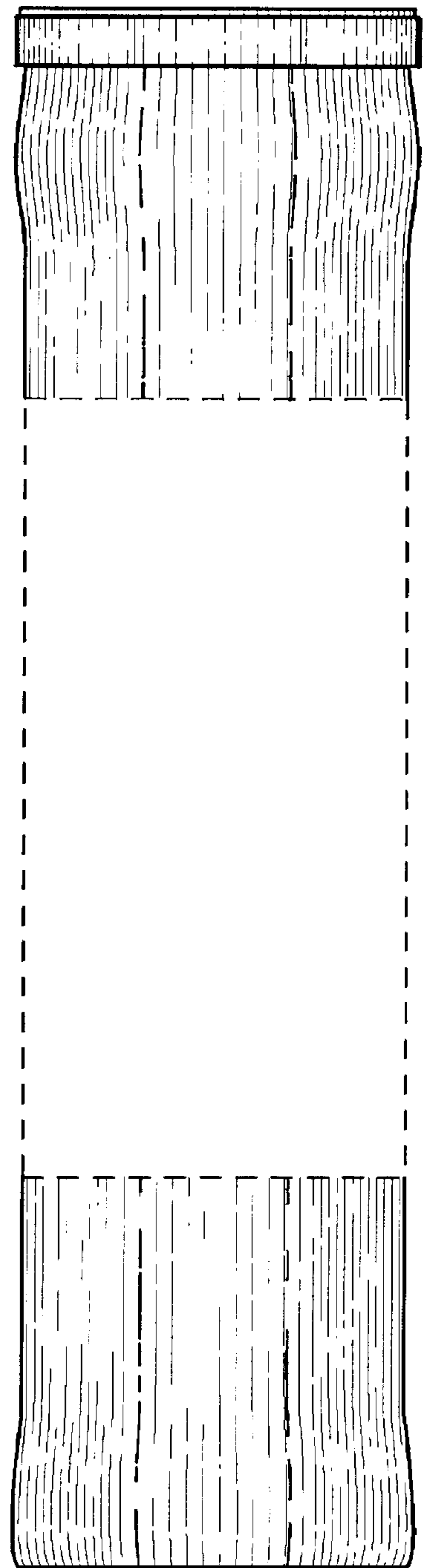


FIG. 3

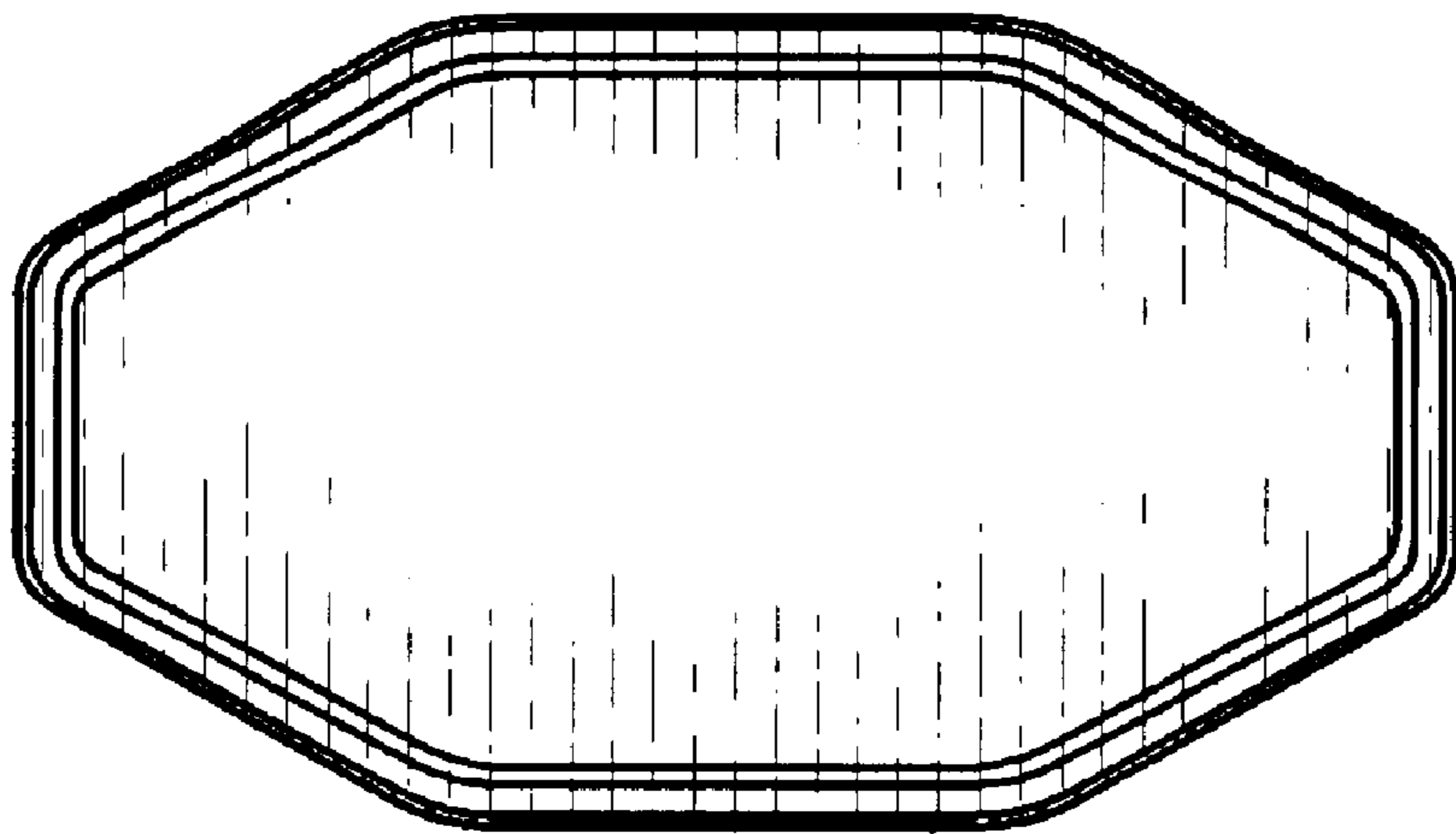


FIG. 4

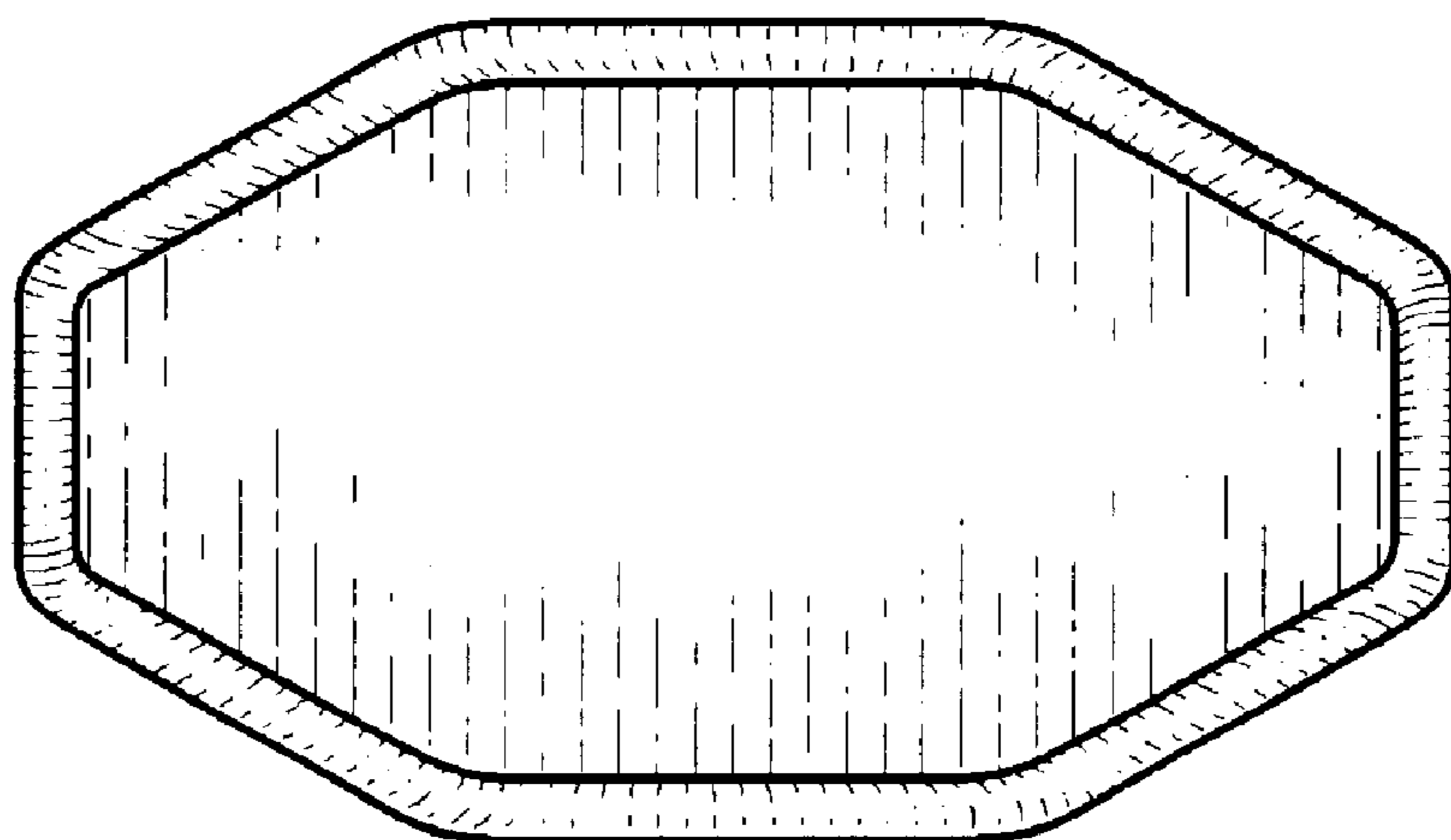


FIG. 5