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(54) **DIMMER SWITCH**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a dimmer switch, as shown and
described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a dimmer switch showing our
new design,

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the second embodiment of
the design of FIG. 1, the only difference being the pushbut-
ton actuator is shown in solid black to indicate that the color
of the pushbutton actuator contrasts with the color of
remaining portions of the design of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a front elevational view of the design shown in
FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a rear elevational view thereof,

FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a right side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof;

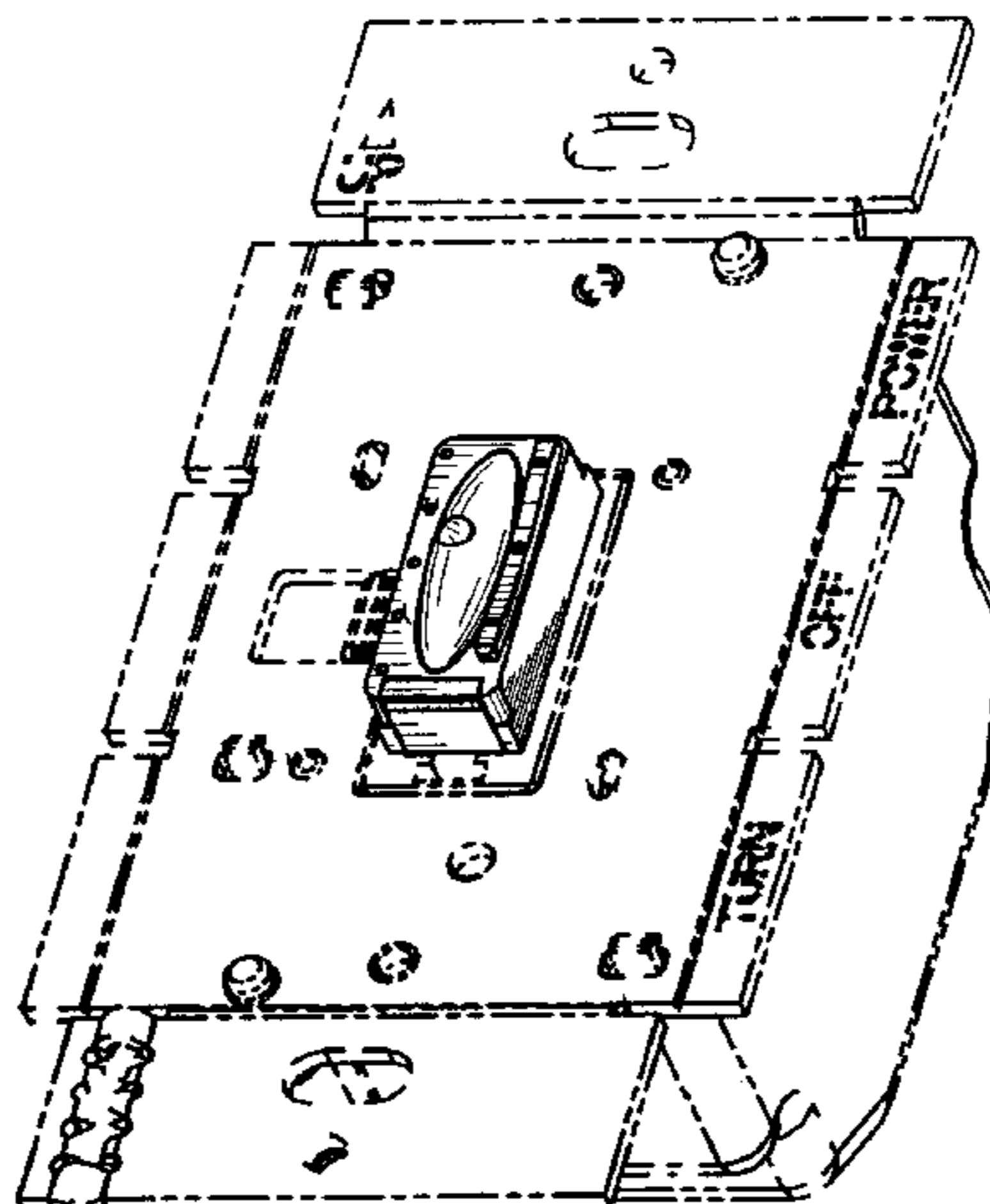
FIG. 9 is a perspective view of the third embodiment of the
design of FIG. 1, the only difference being the elimination
of the airgap switch actuator at the bottom of the actuator
mounting frame;

FIG. 10 is a front elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 11 is a bottom plan view thereof, the remaining views
of the third embodiment being identical to those of the first
embodiment.

The broken line showing of the environment is for illustra-
tive purpose only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 8 Drawing Sheets



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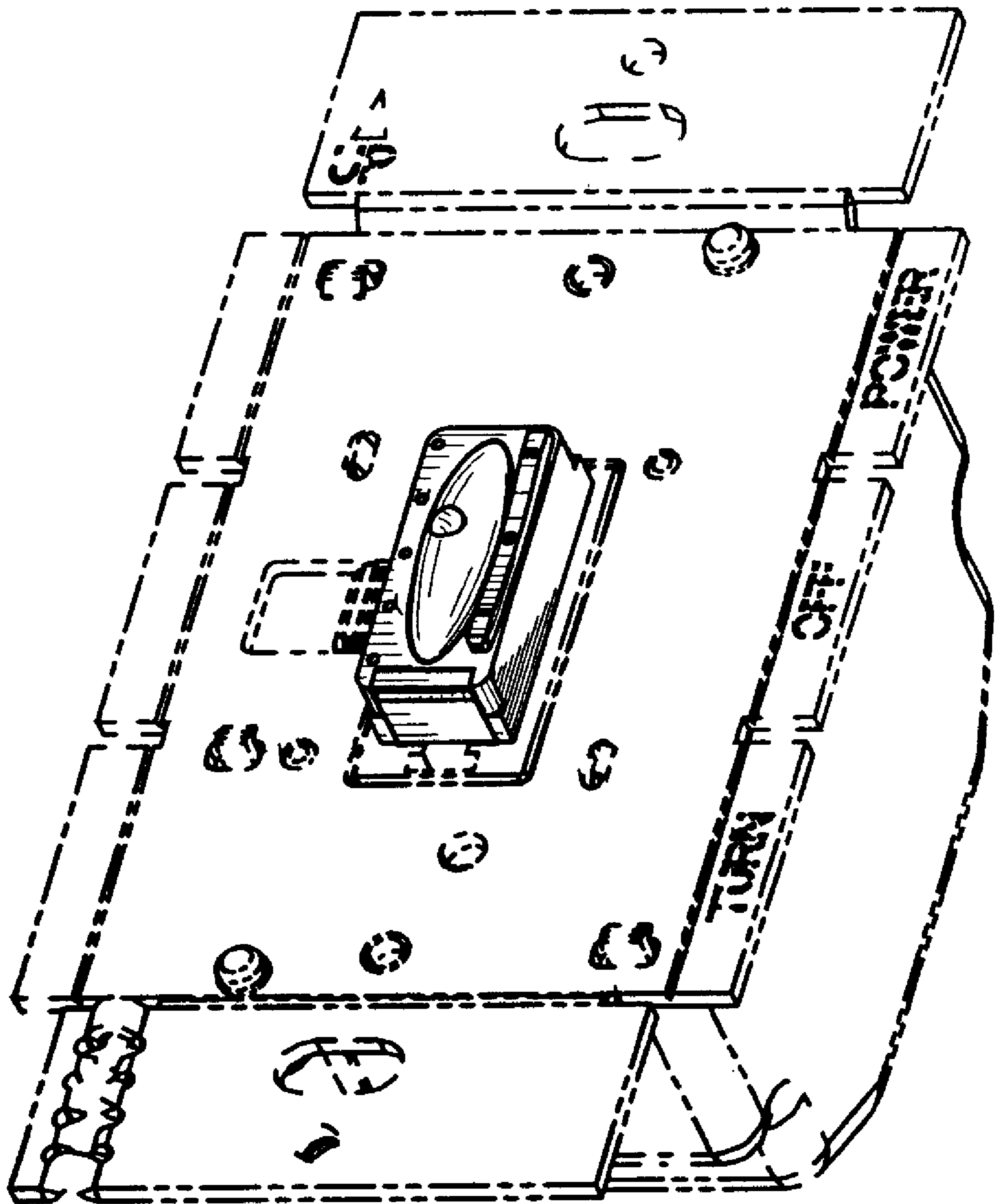


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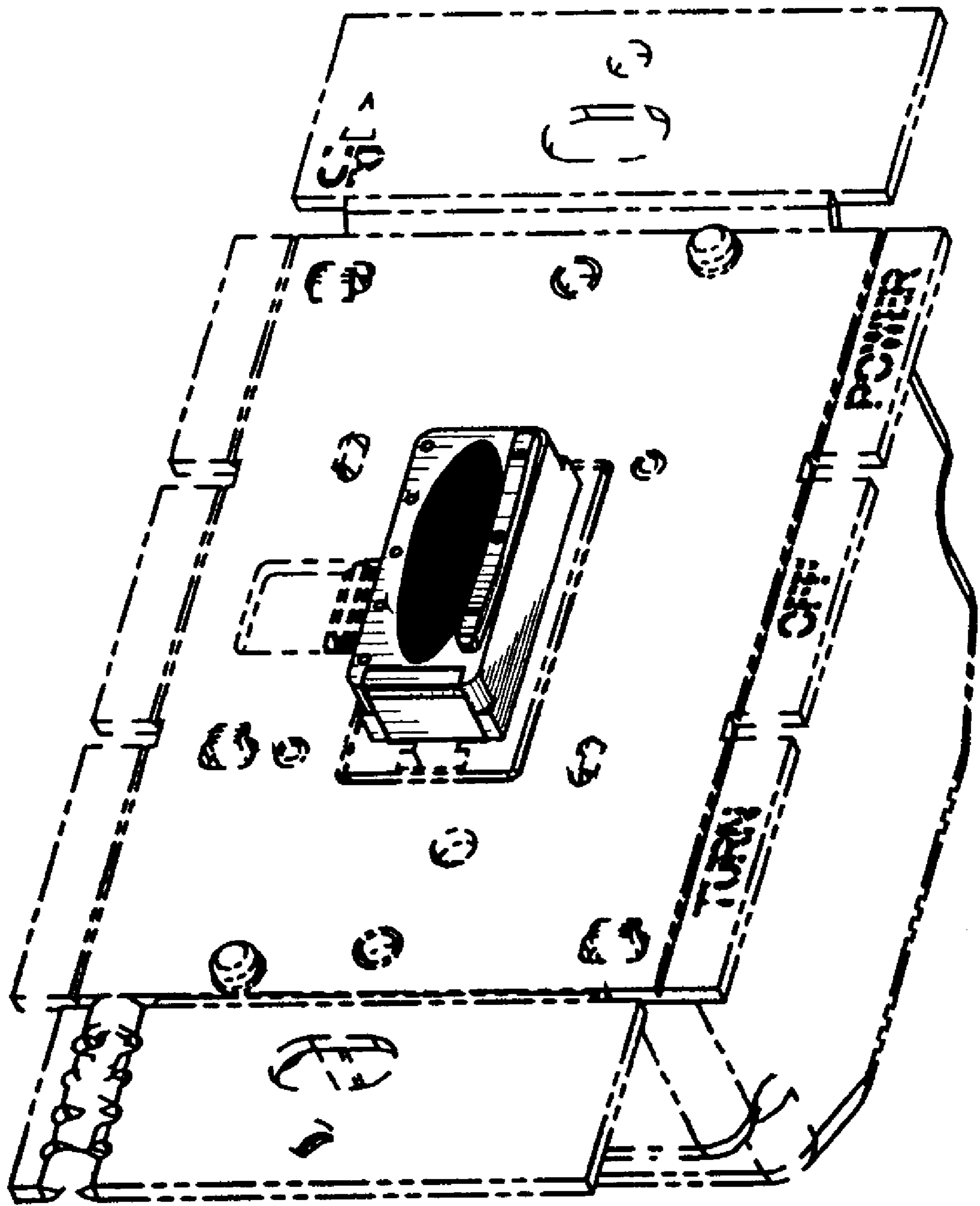


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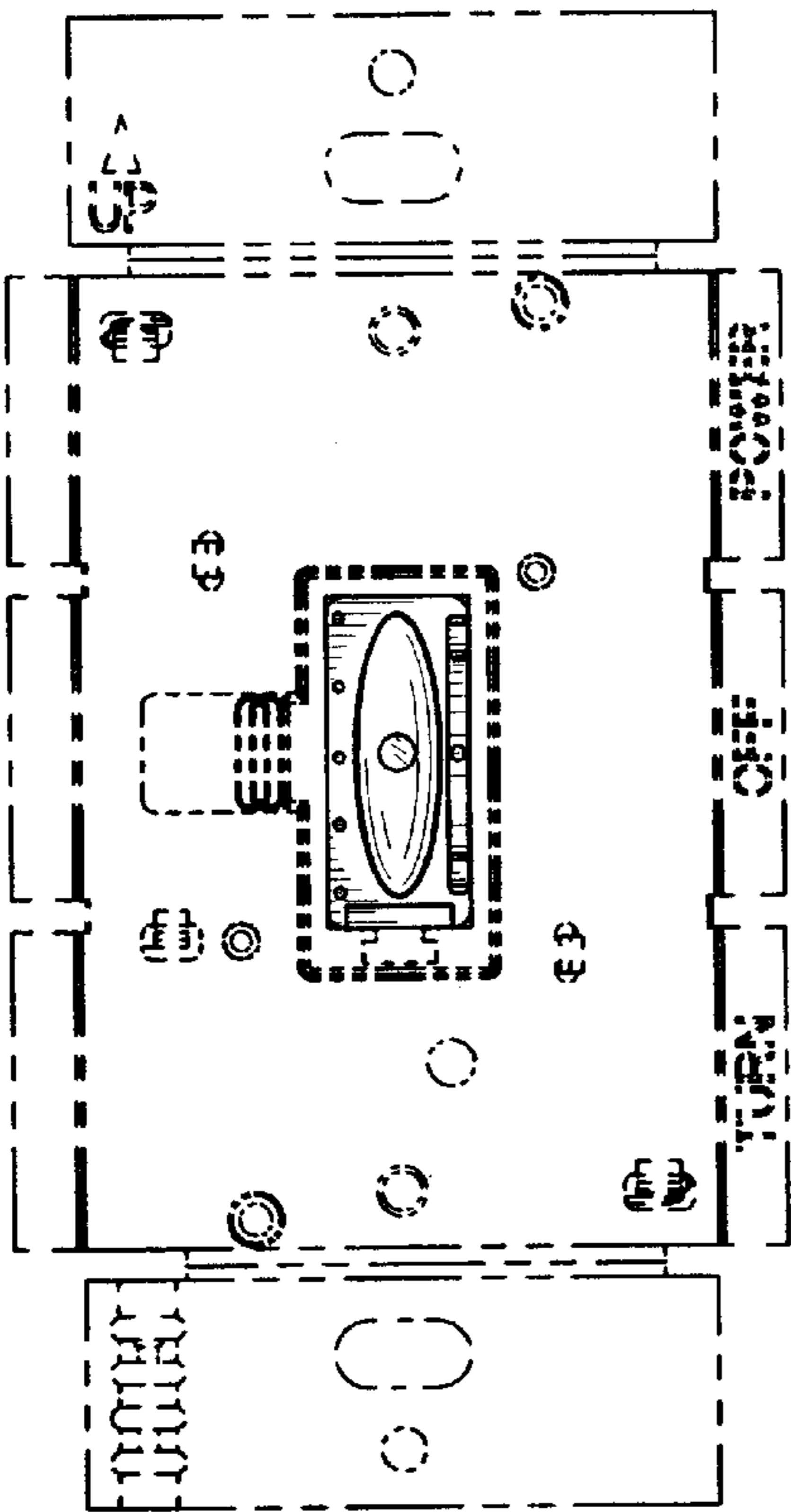


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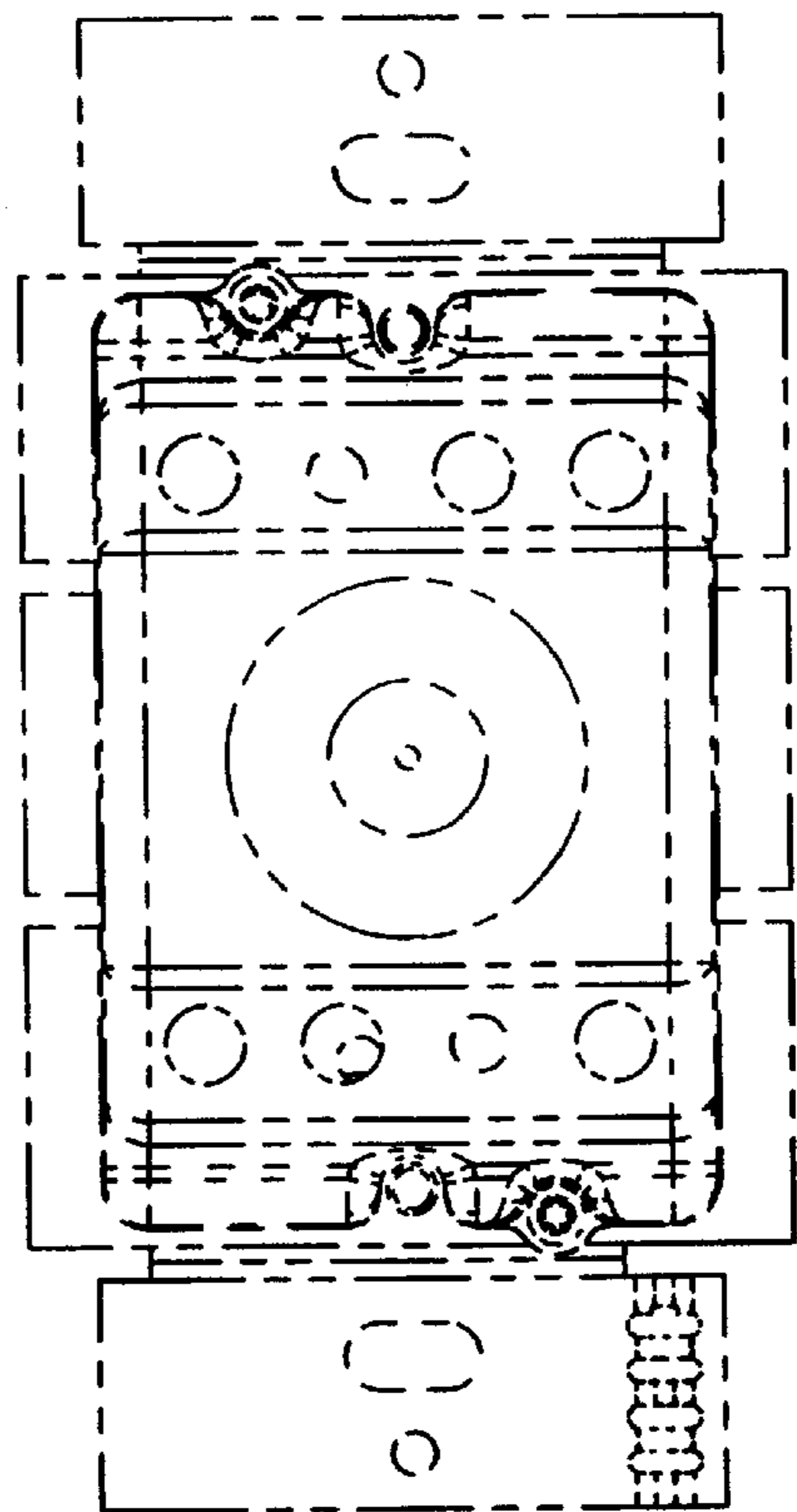


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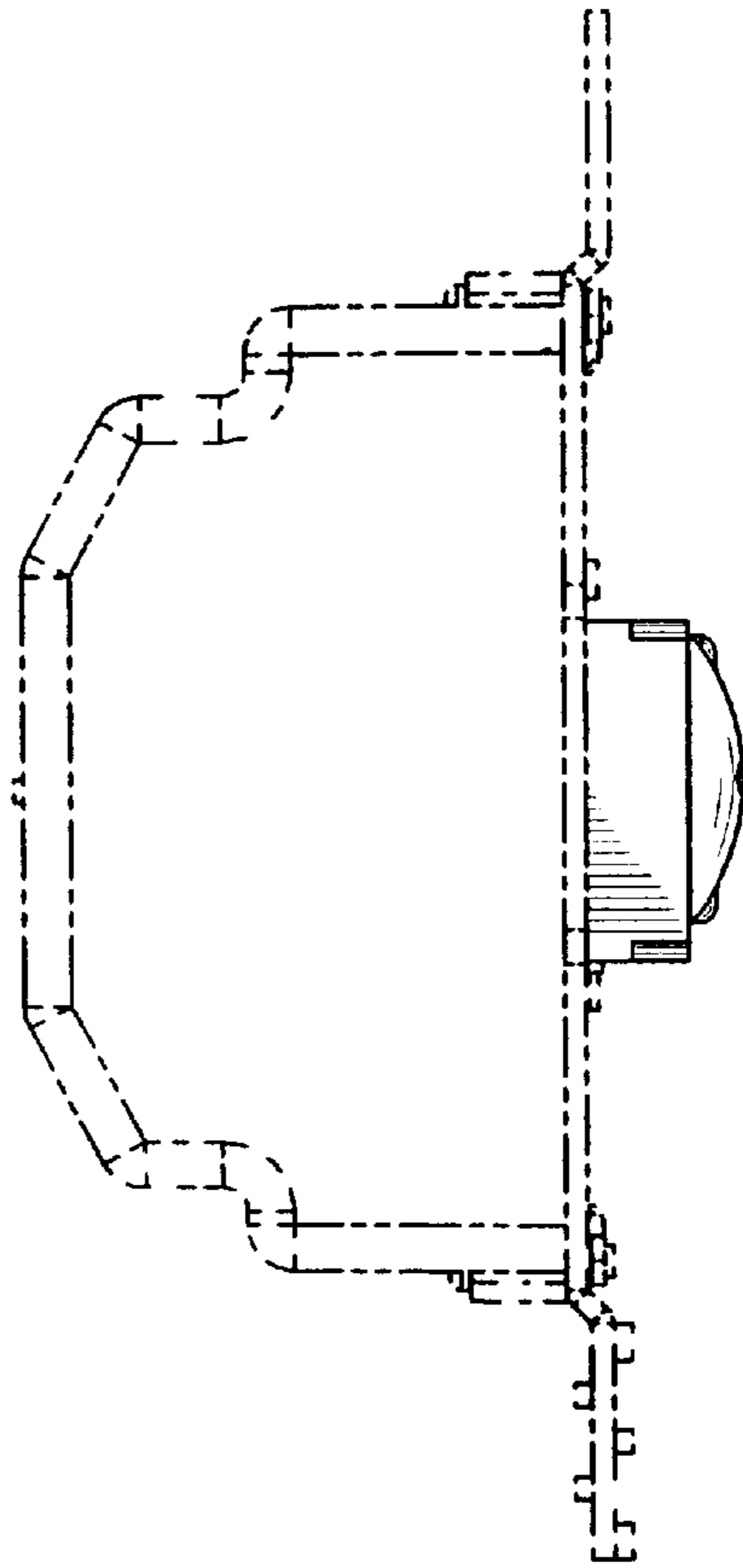
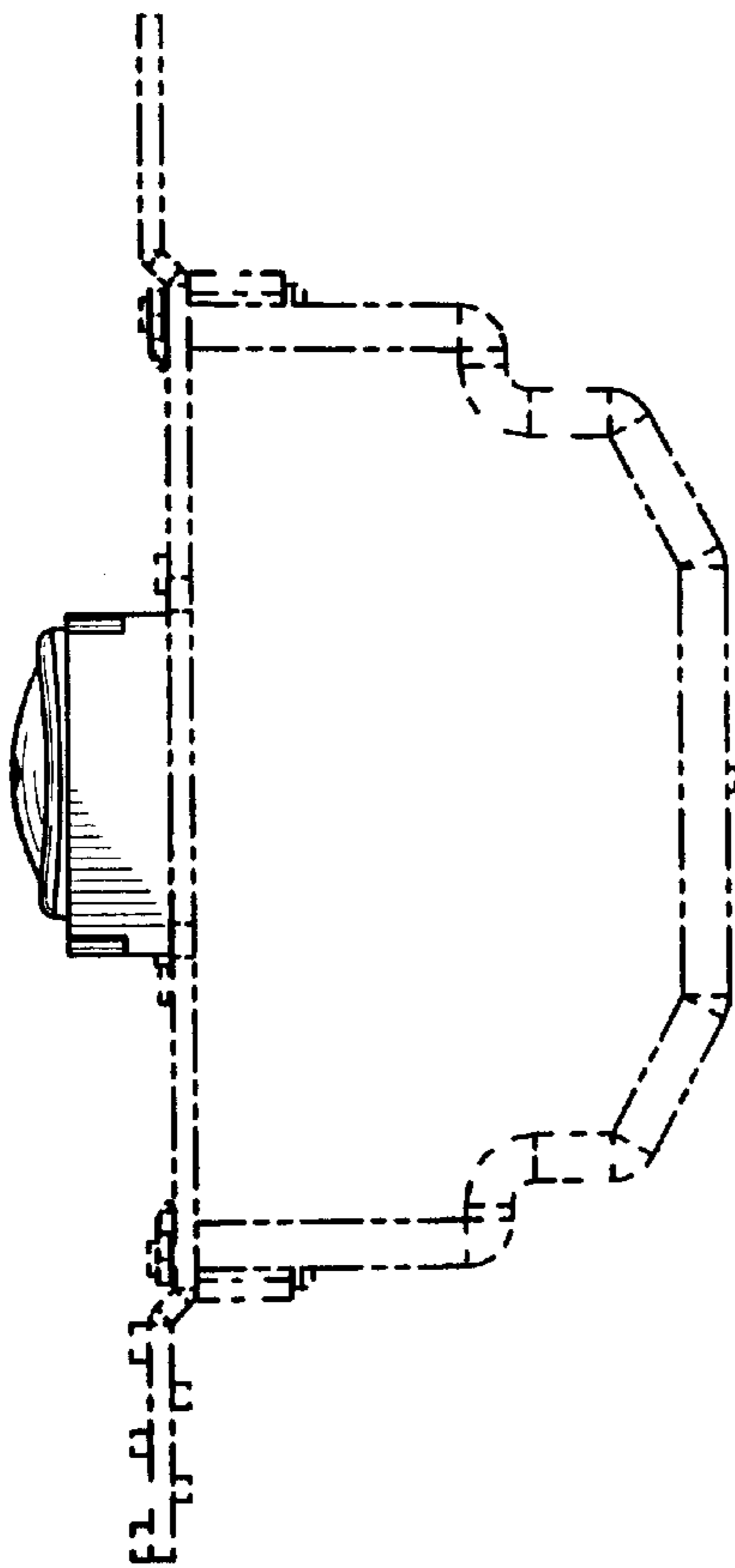


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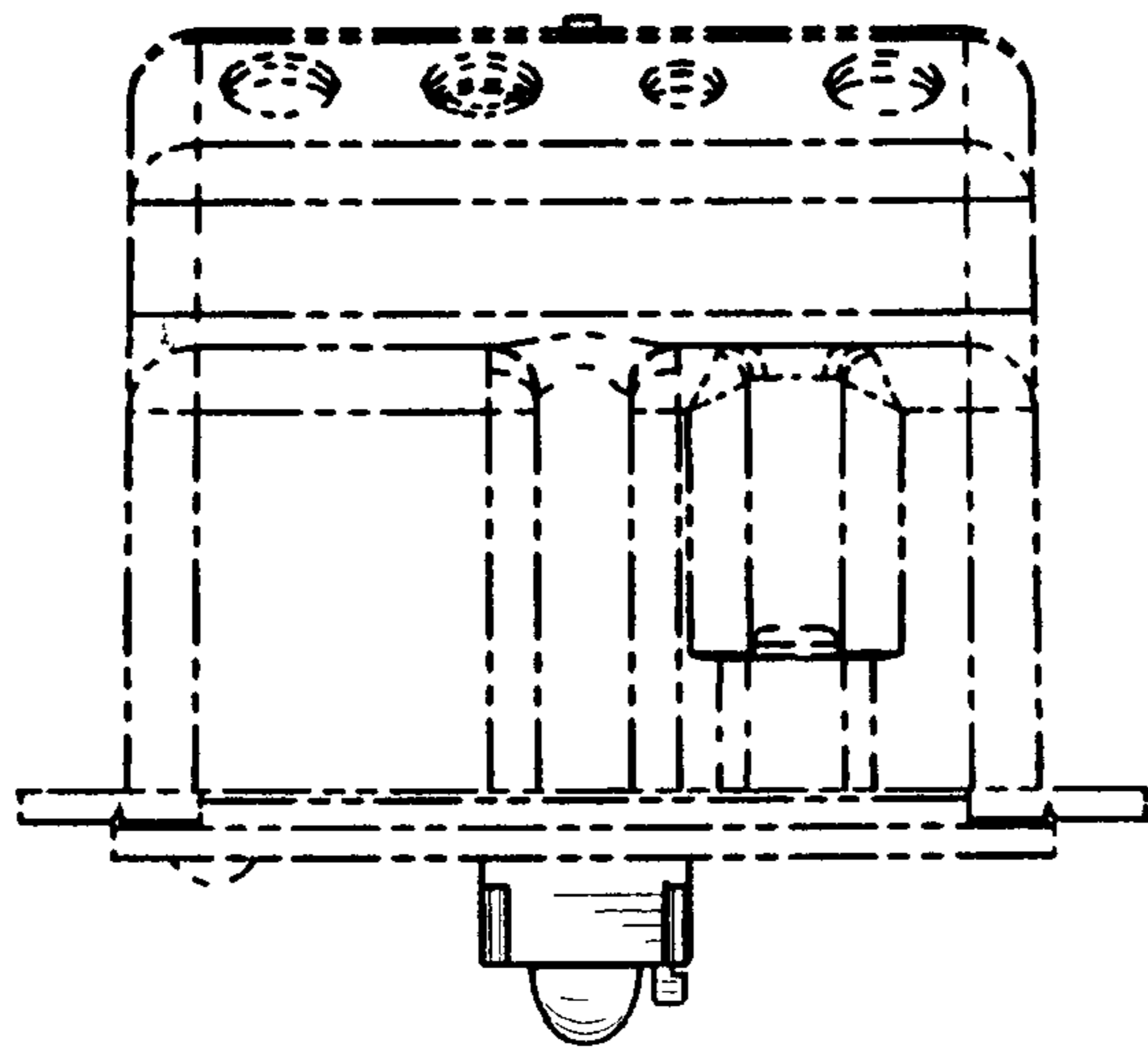


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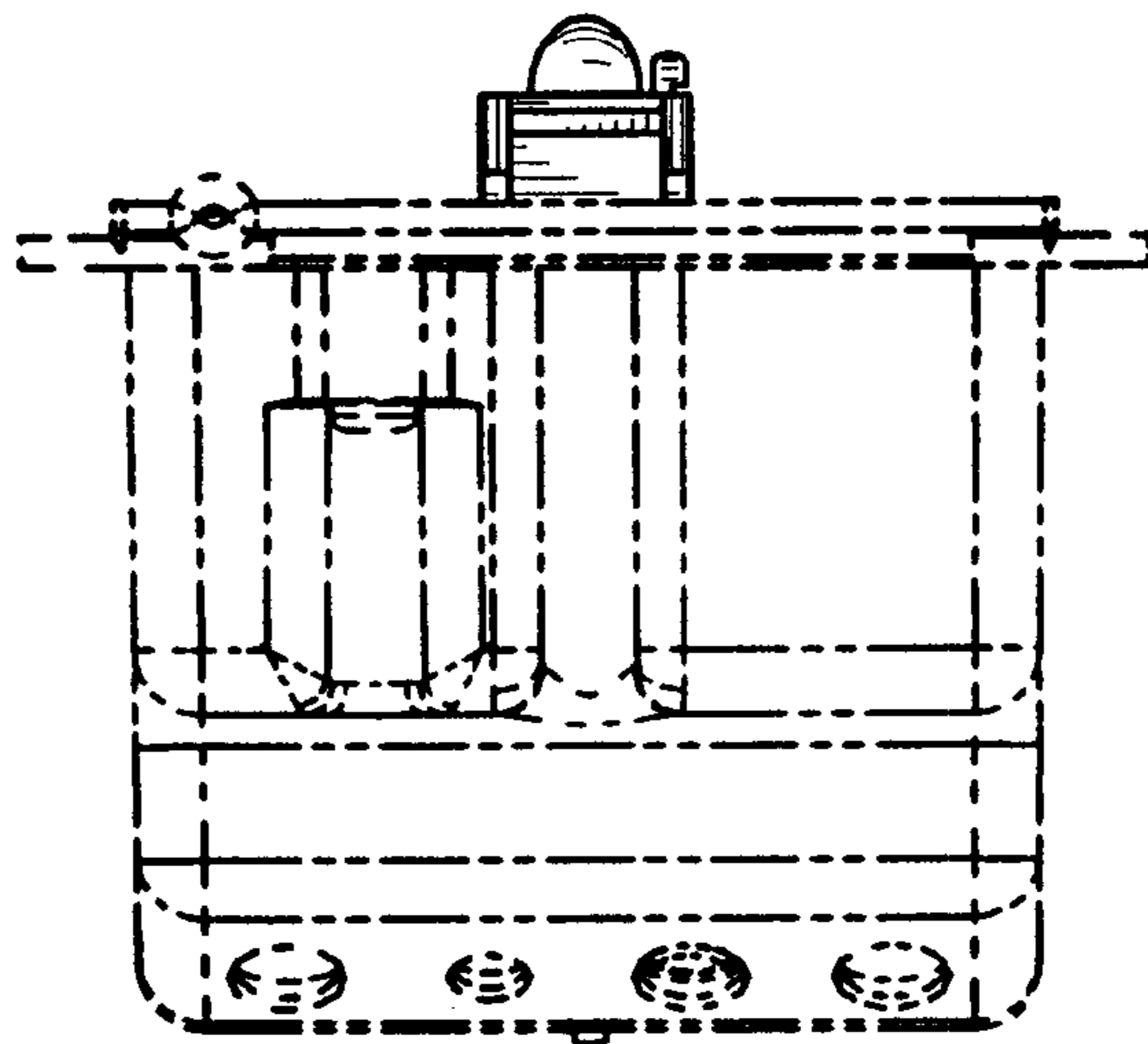


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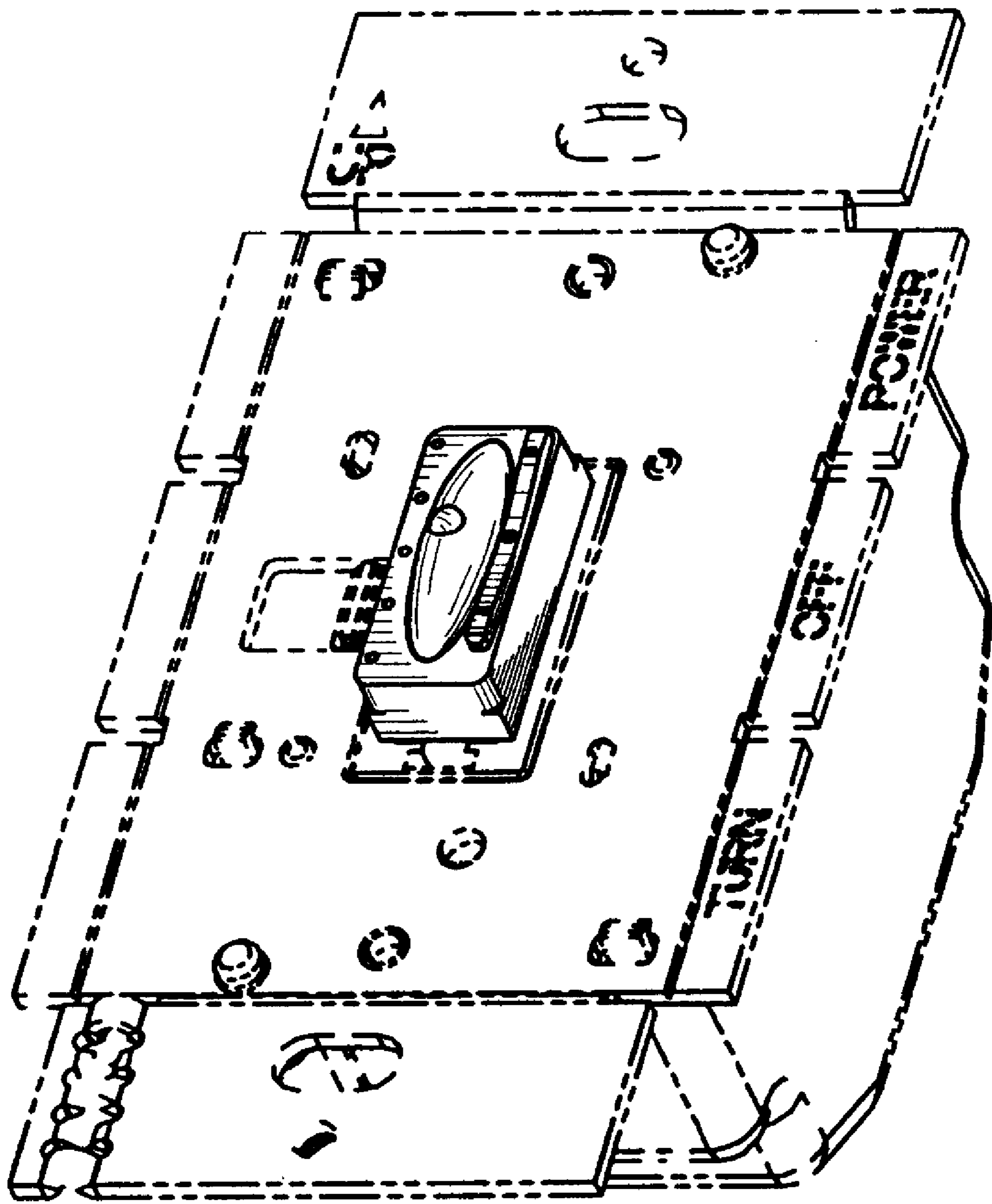


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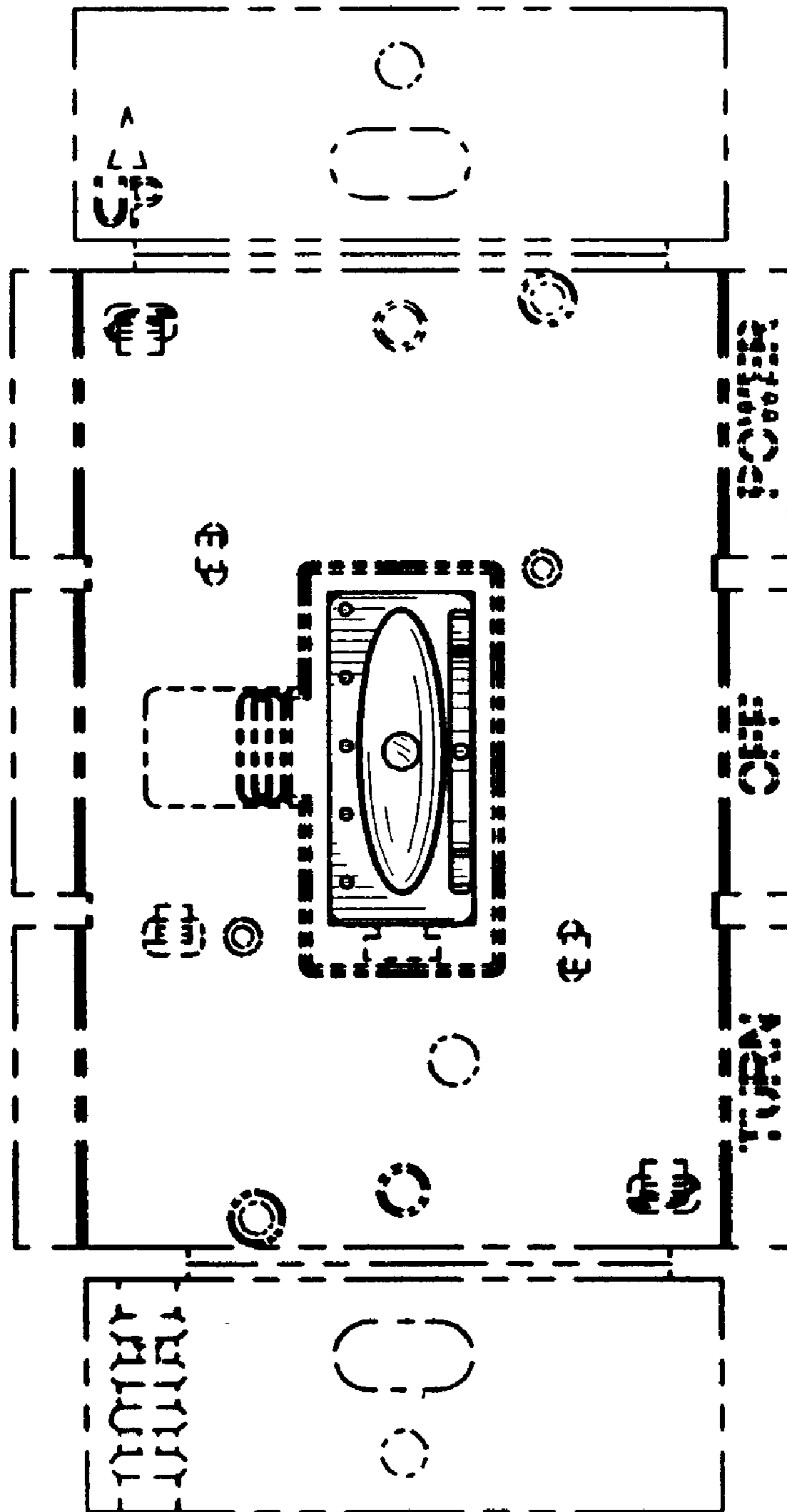


FIG. 10

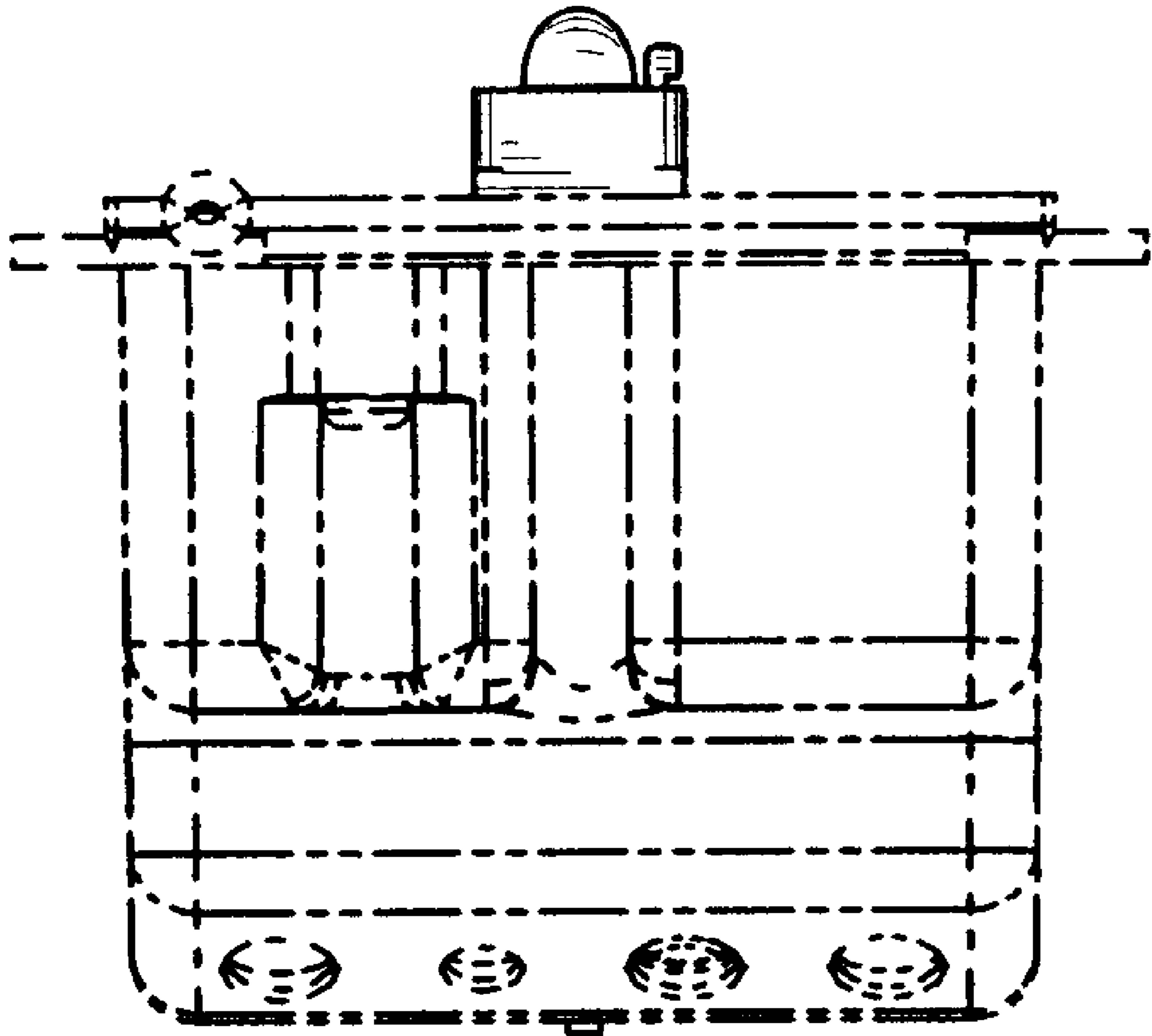


FIG. 11