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(54) **ELASTOMERIC CHOPSTICK RETAINING DEVICE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an elastomeric chopstick retaining device, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a frontal isometric projection of the elastomeric chopstick retaining device.

FIG. 2 is a bottom plan projection thereof.

FIG. 3 is a rear elevation projection thereof.

FIG. 4 is a top plan projection thereof.

FIG. 5 is a left side projection thereof.

FIG. 6 is a right side projection thereof.

FIG. 7 is a frontal elevation projection thereof.

FIG. 8 is a frontal isometric projection thereof presenting its application prior to insertion of the chopsticks.

FIG. 9 is a frontal isometric projection thereof presenting its application with chopsticks inserted.

FIG. 10 is a frontal isometric projection thereof wherein the elastomeric quality of the retainer permits it to be readily deformed so as to allow the tips of the chopsticks to be spread apart and thereby encompass a morsel of food.

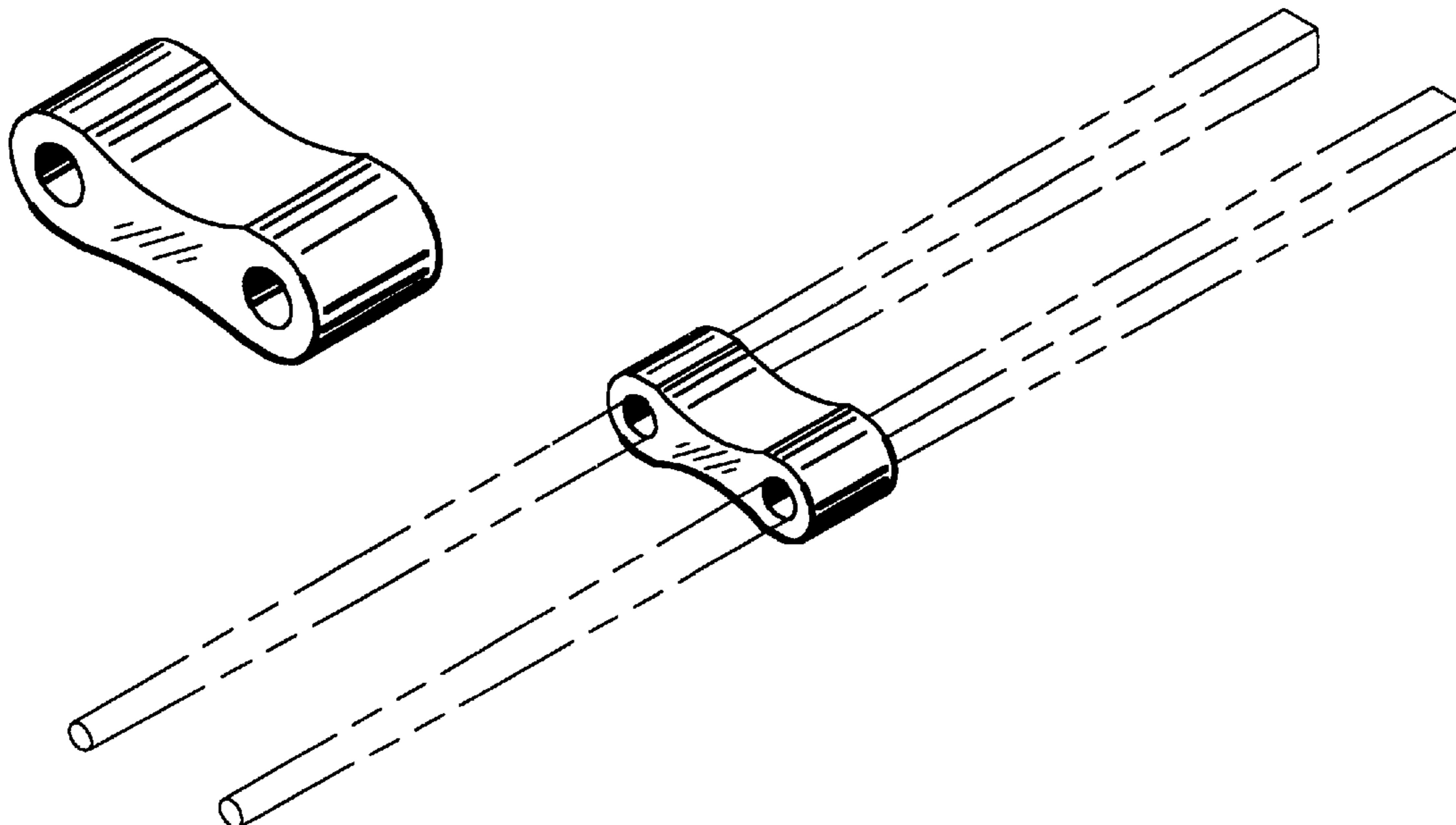
FIG. 11 is a frontal isometric projection thereof wherein the elastomeric quality of the retainer permits it to be deformed laterally so as to allow the tips of the chopsticks to conform to the shape of a morsel of food.

FIG. 12 is a frontal isometric projection thereof wherein the elastomeric quality of the retainer permits it to be readily deformed so as to allow the tips of the chopsticks to converge and thereby grip a morsel of food.

FIG. 13 is a frontal isometric projection thereof wherein the chopsticks and retainer are properly situated within the grip of the user with the retainer secured between the inside of the thumb and the outside of the forefinger.

The broken lines showing chopsticks and a hand in FIGS. 8–13 are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



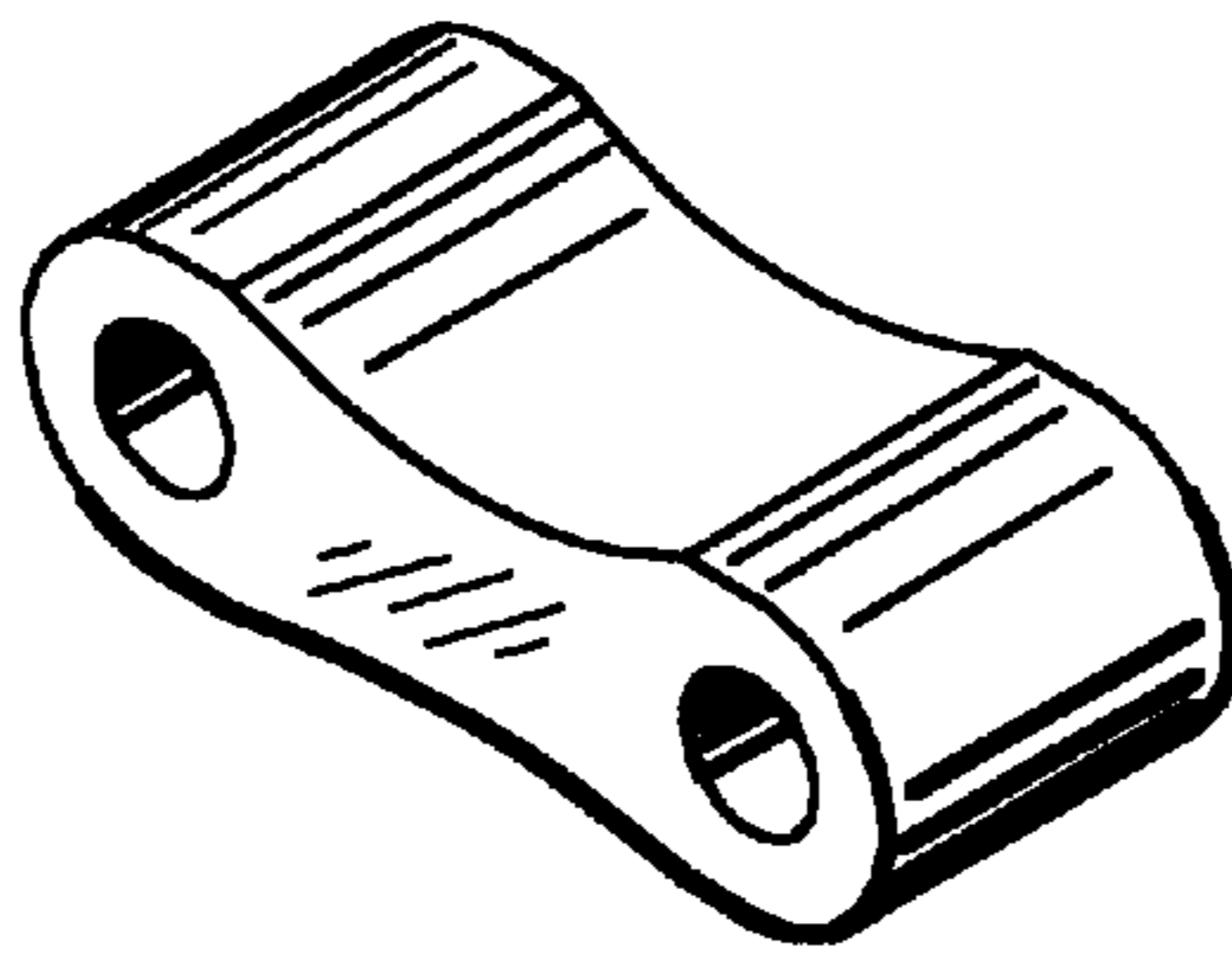


Fig 1

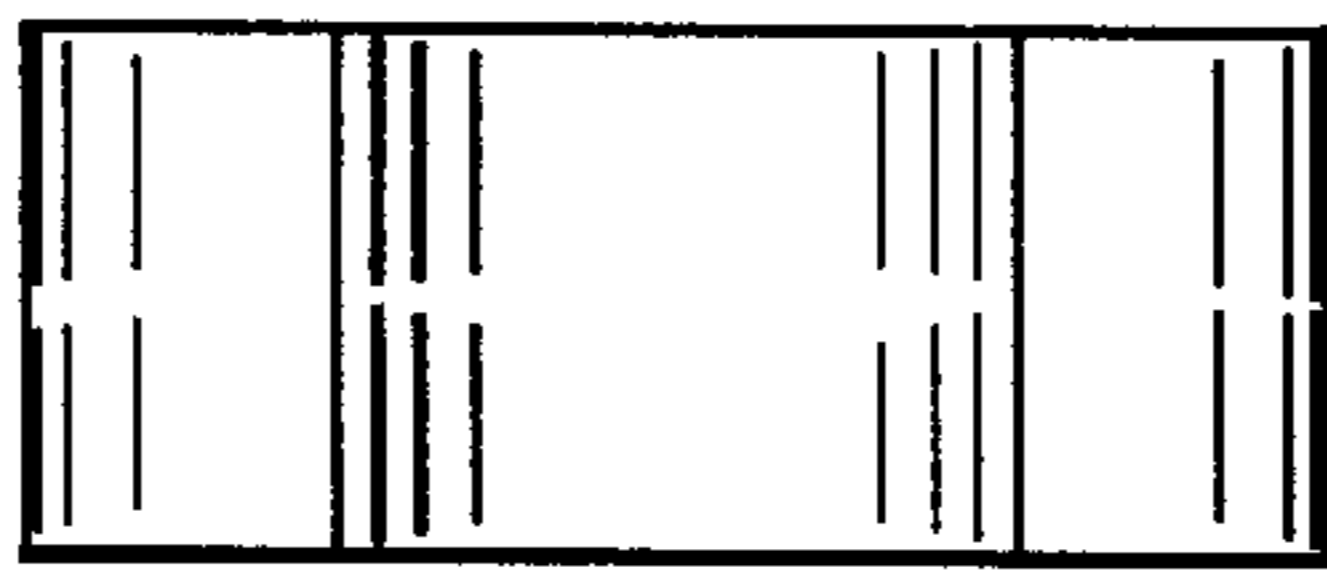


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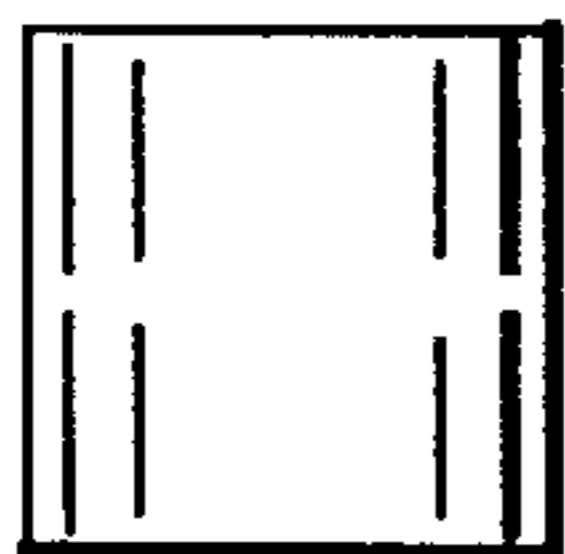


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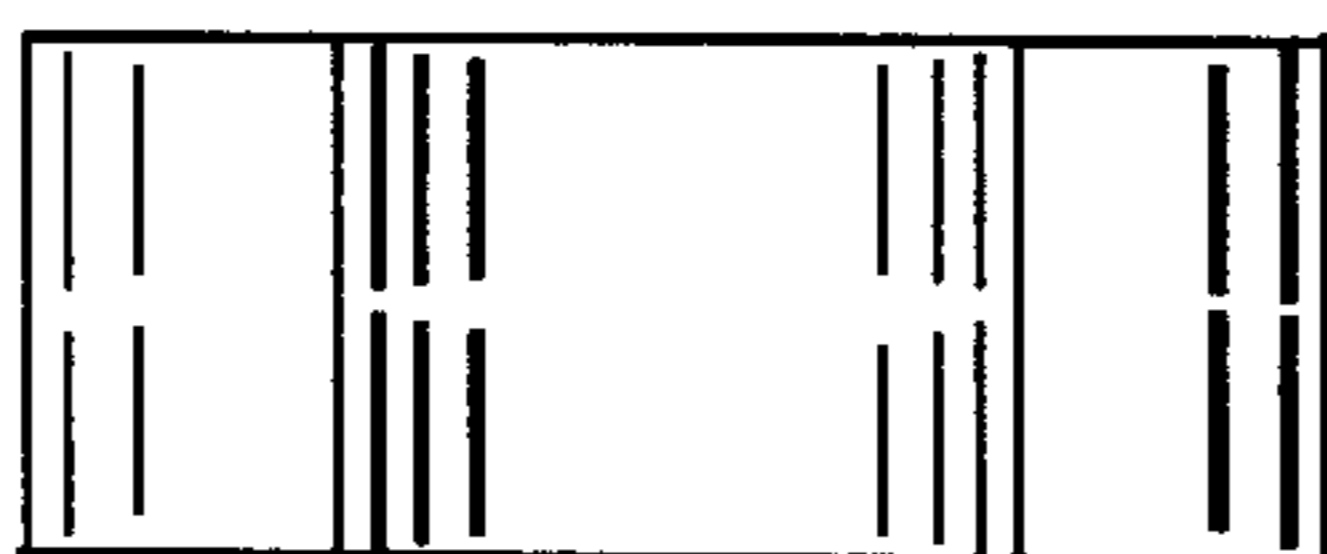


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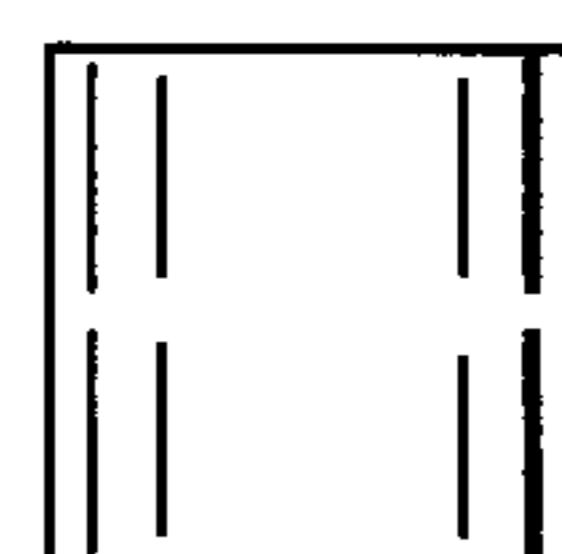


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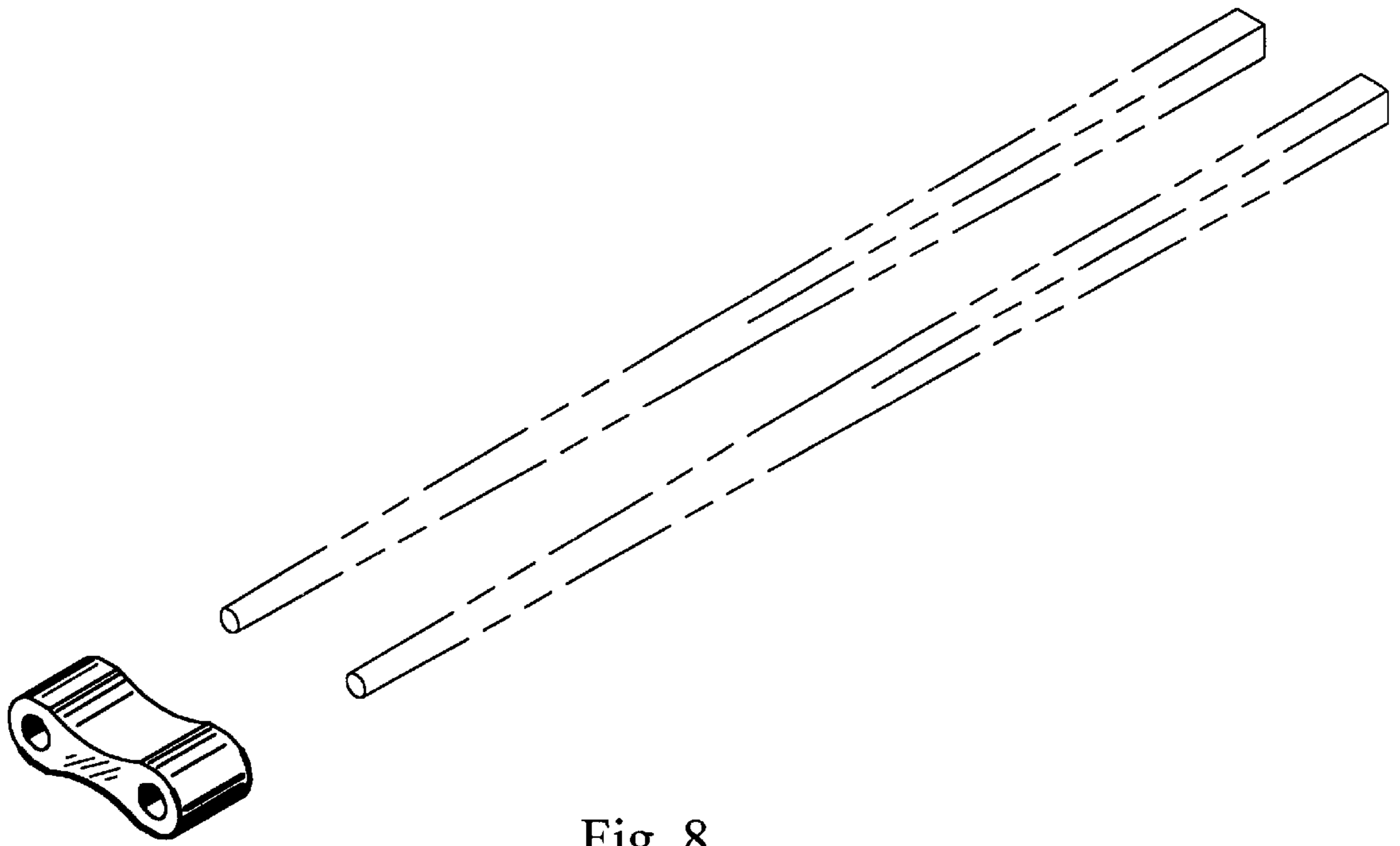


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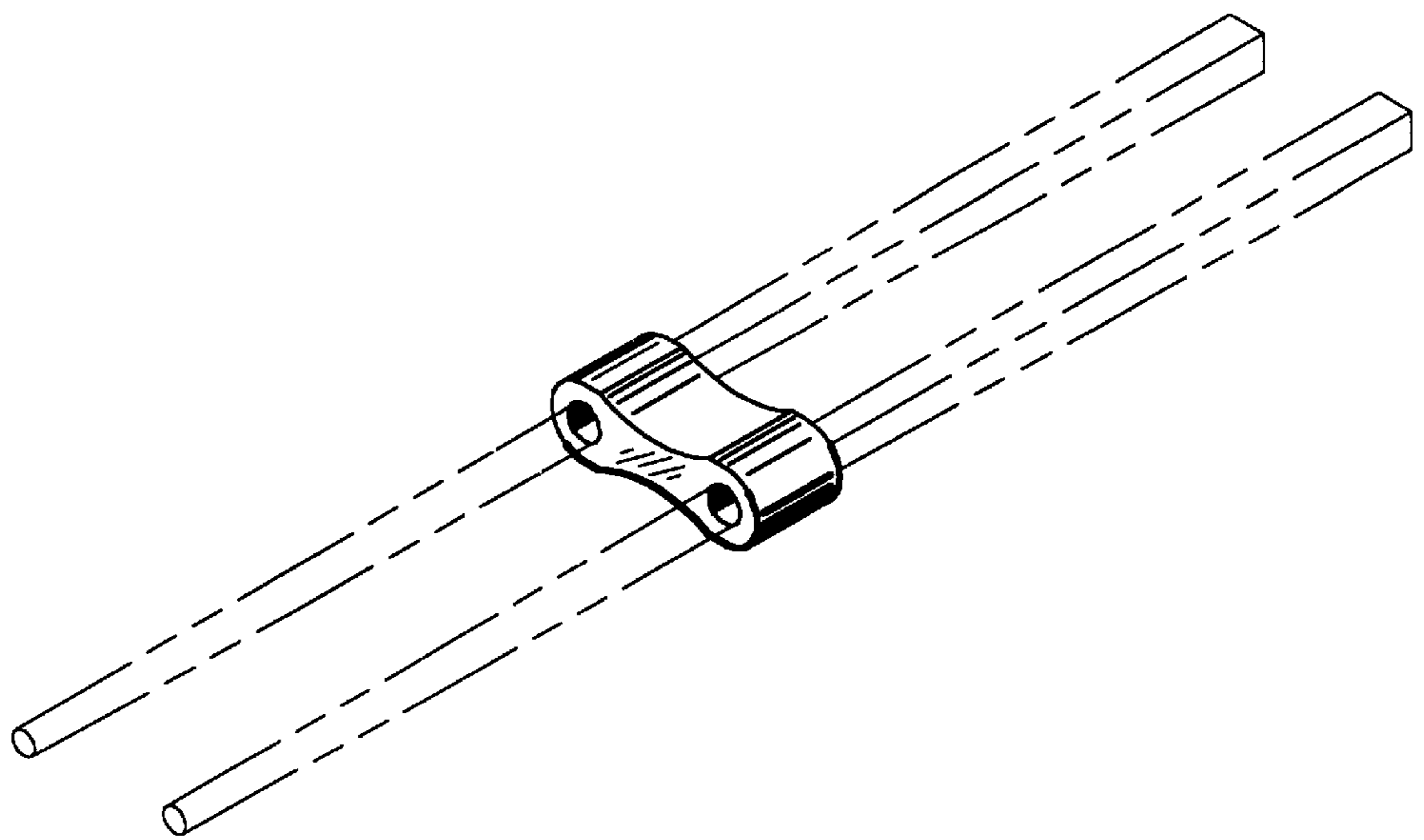


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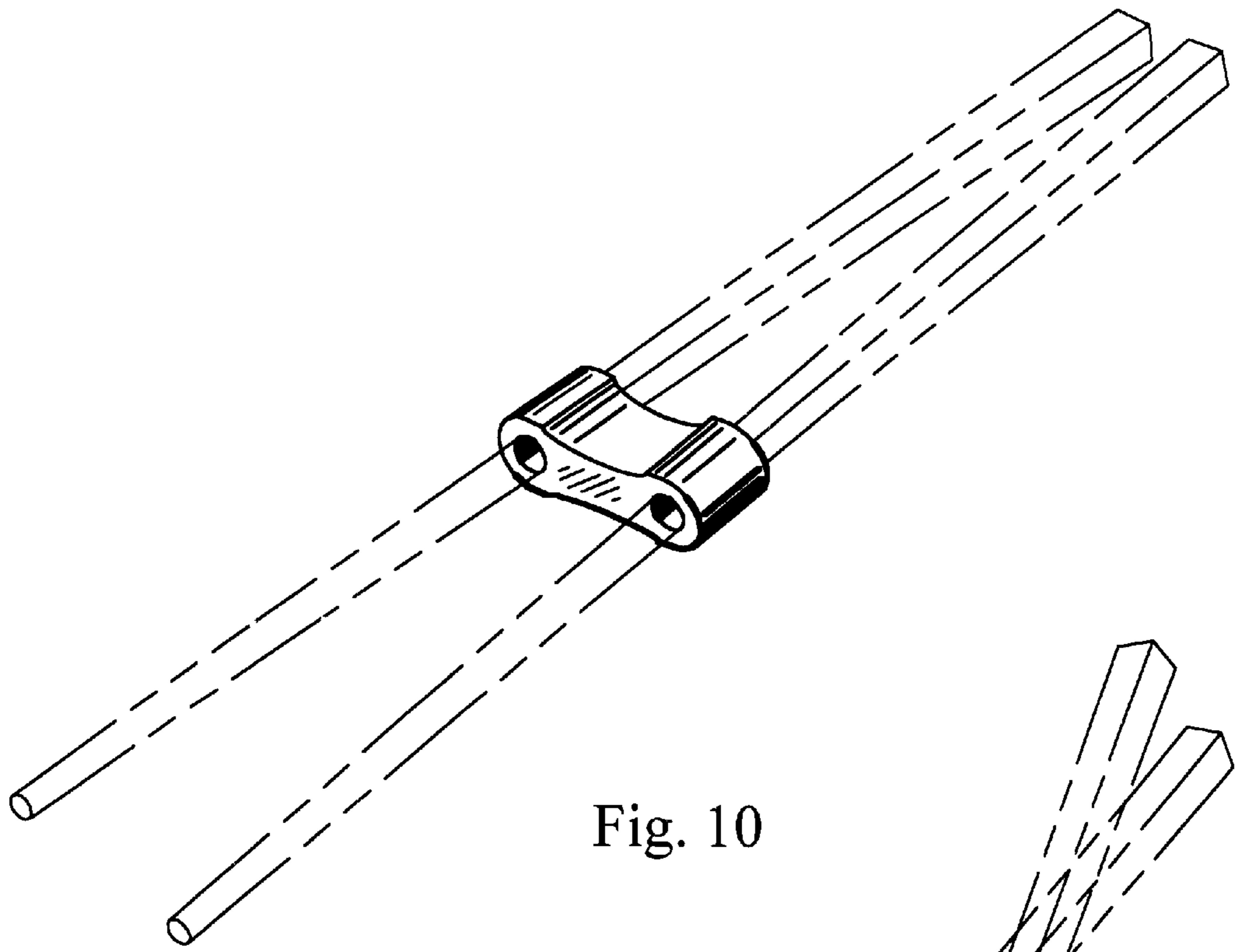


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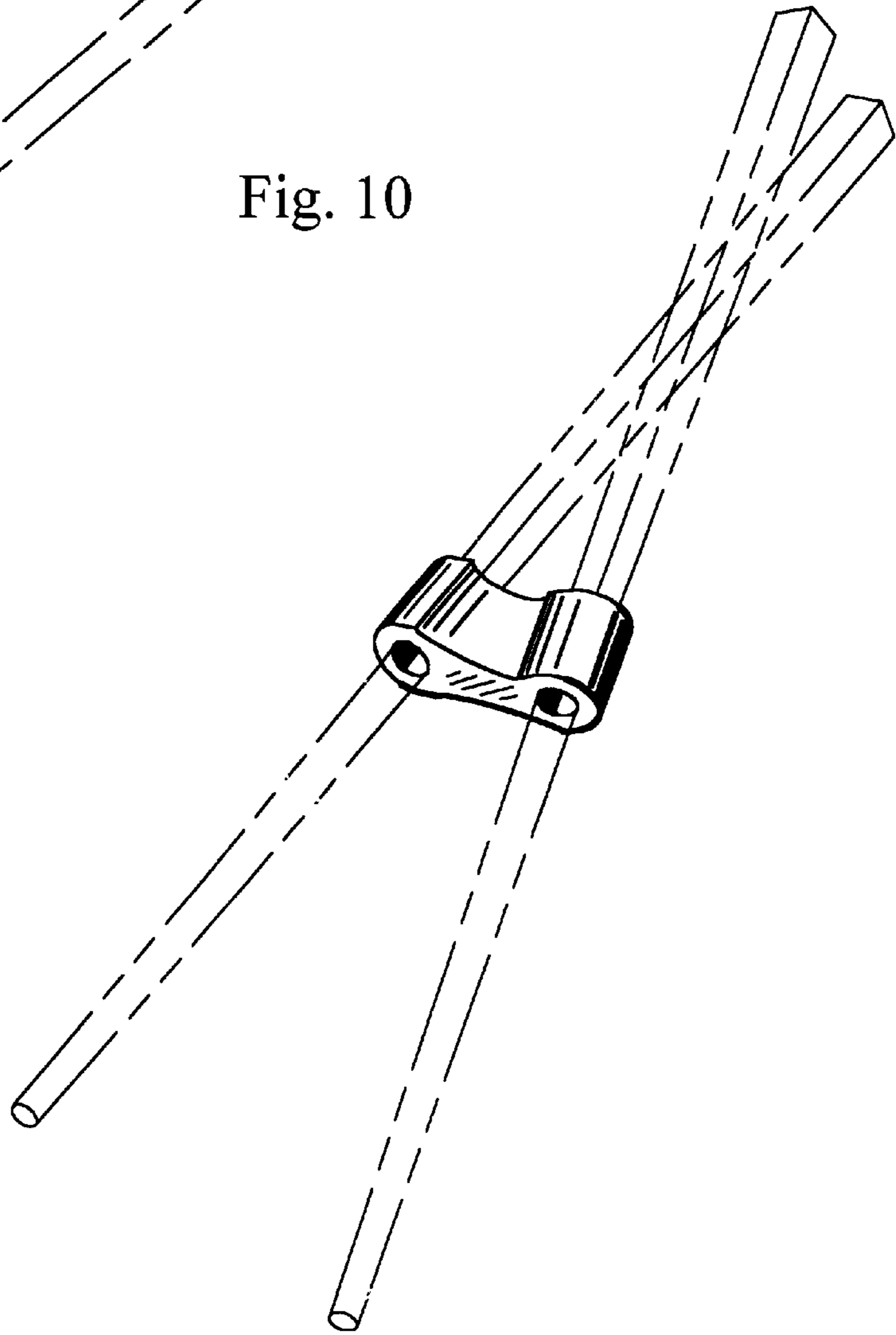


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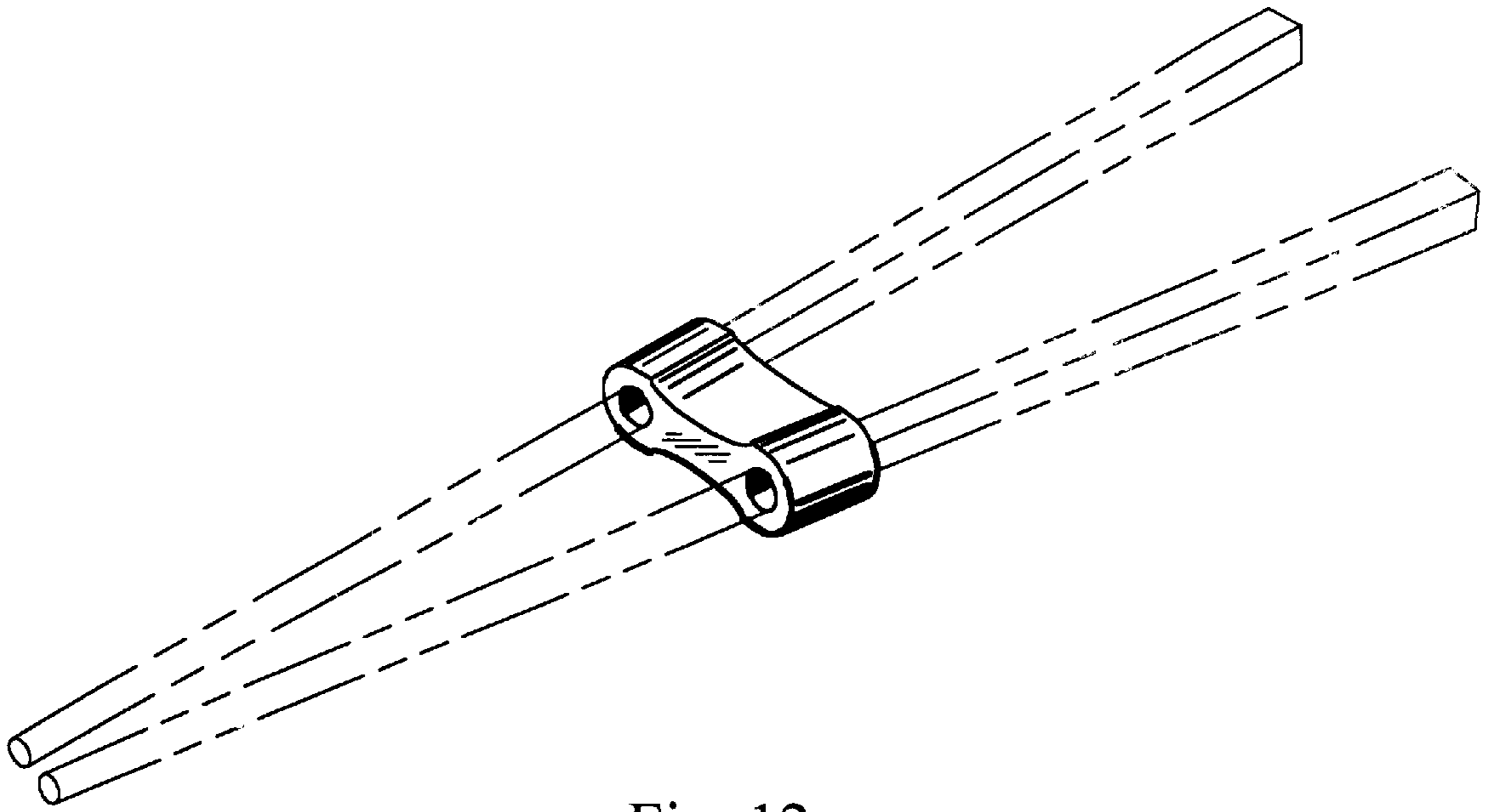


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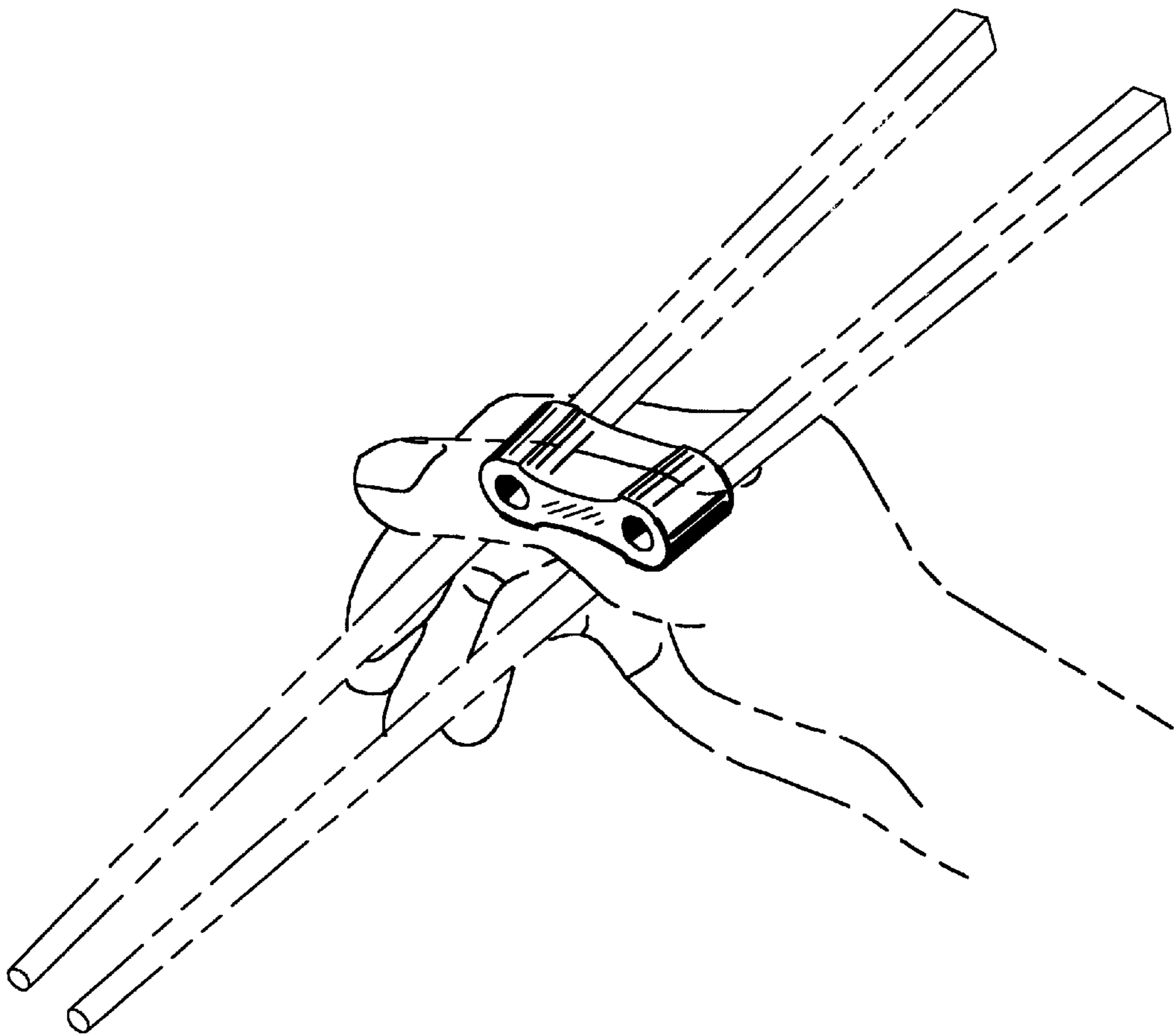


Fig. 13