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(54) **FLEXIBLE AGITATOR FINS**
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(57) **CLAIM**

We claim the ornamental design for flexible agitator fins, substantially as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

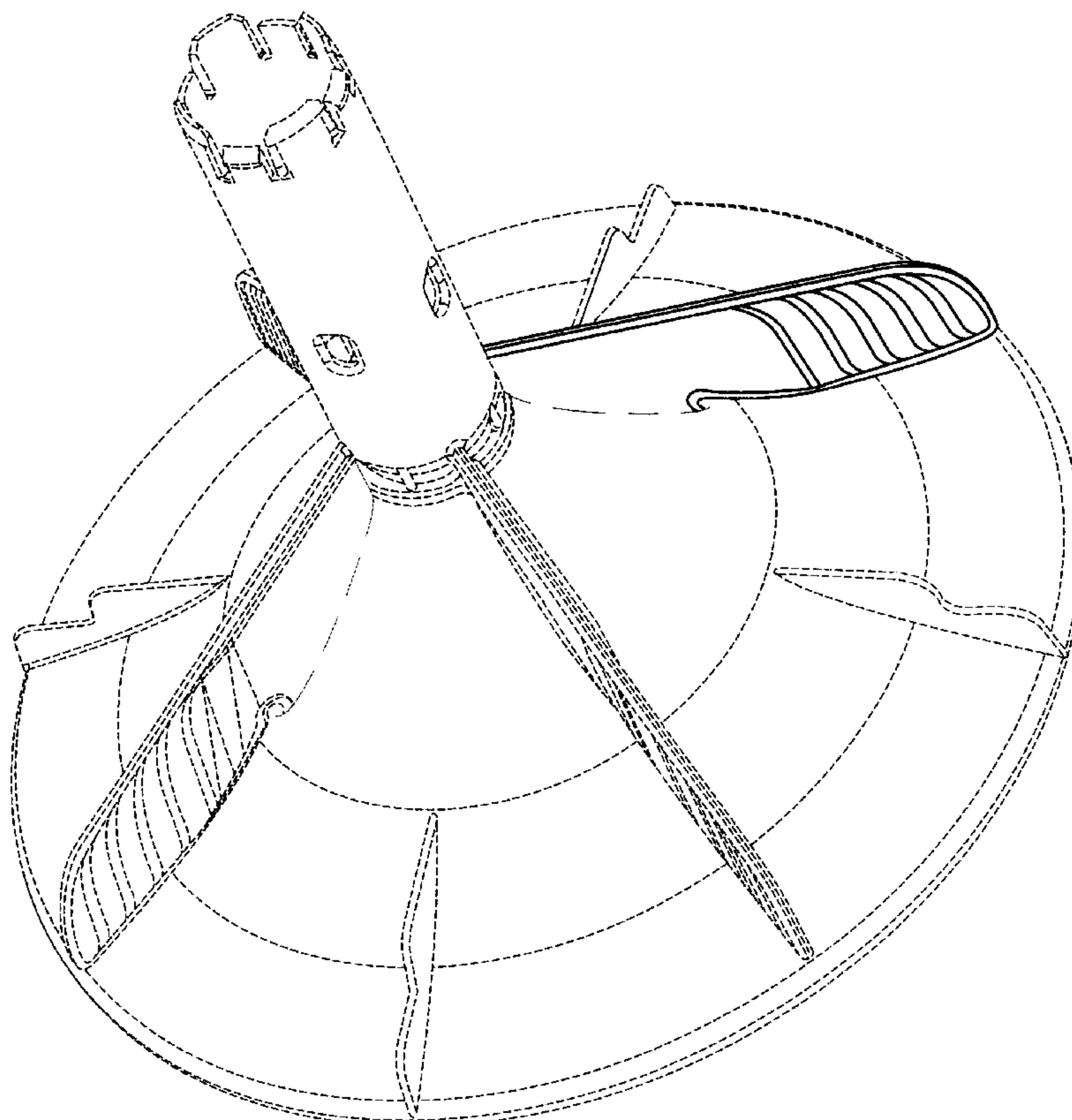
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a flexible agitator fin, shown in condition of use with an agitator that is shown in broken lines and forms no part of the claimed design. FIG. 2 is an enlarged elevation view thereof shown separately for clarity of illustration. FIG. 3 is a greatly enlarged right side elevation view thereof. FIG. 4 is a greatly enlarged left side elevation view thereof. FIG. 5 is a greatly enlarged top plan view thereof; and, FIG. 6 is a greatly enlarged bottom plan view thereof.

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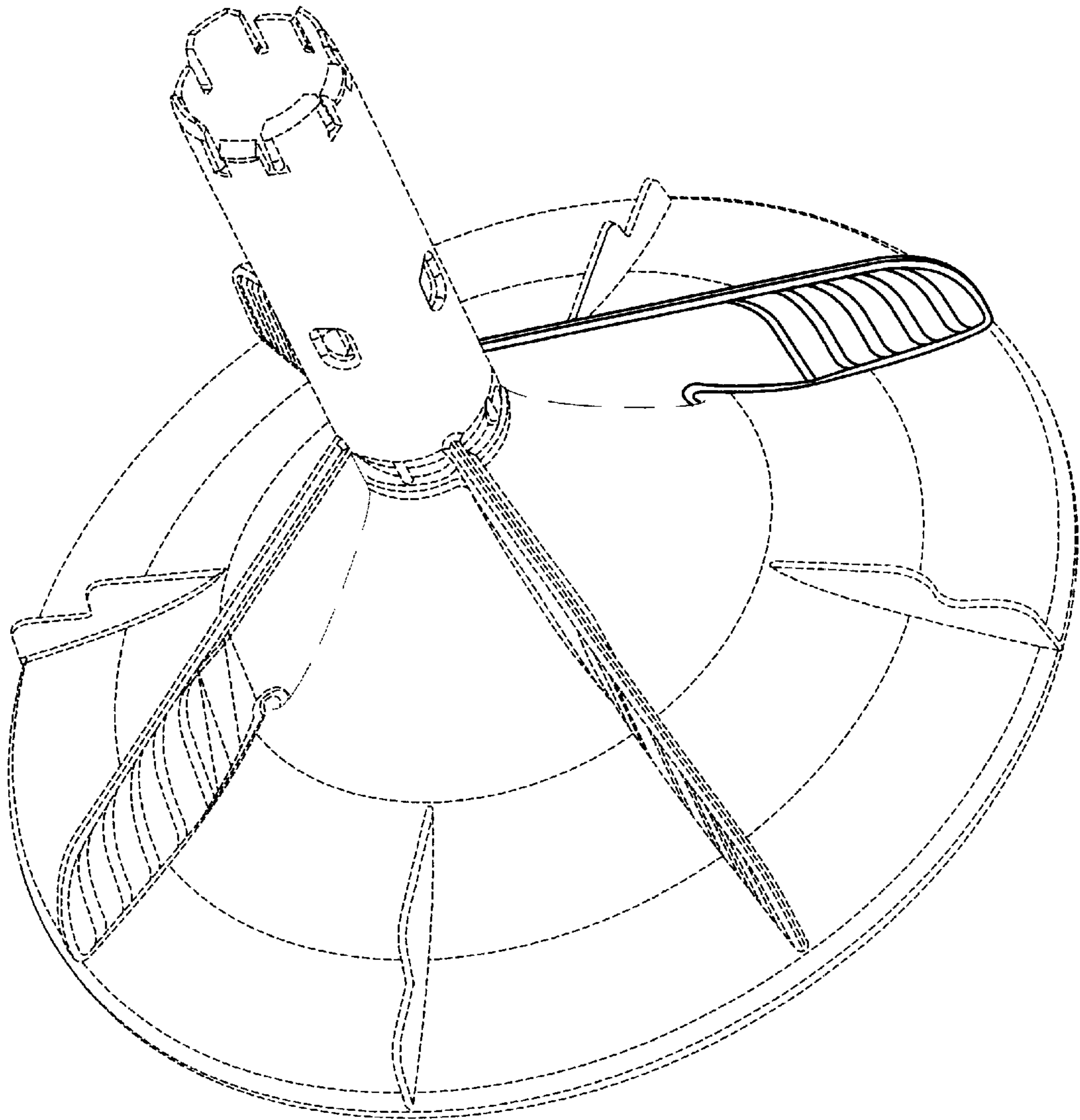


FIG. 1

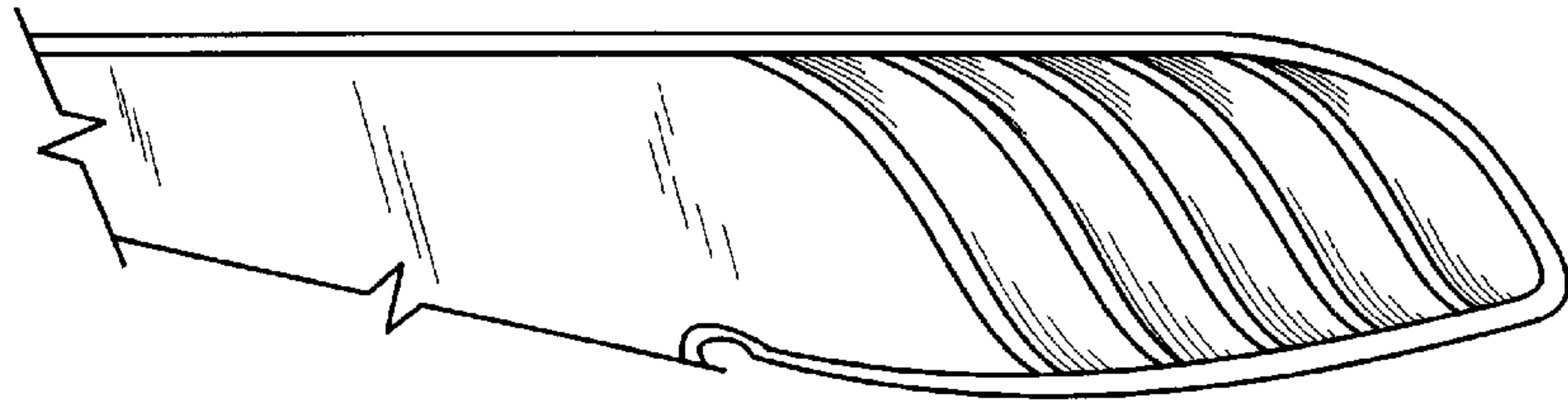


FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4

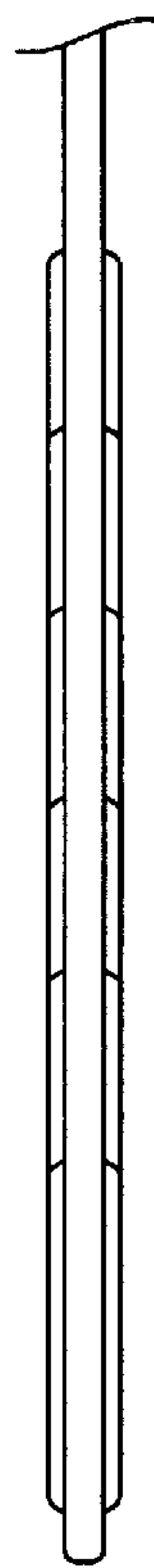


FIG. 5



FIG. 6