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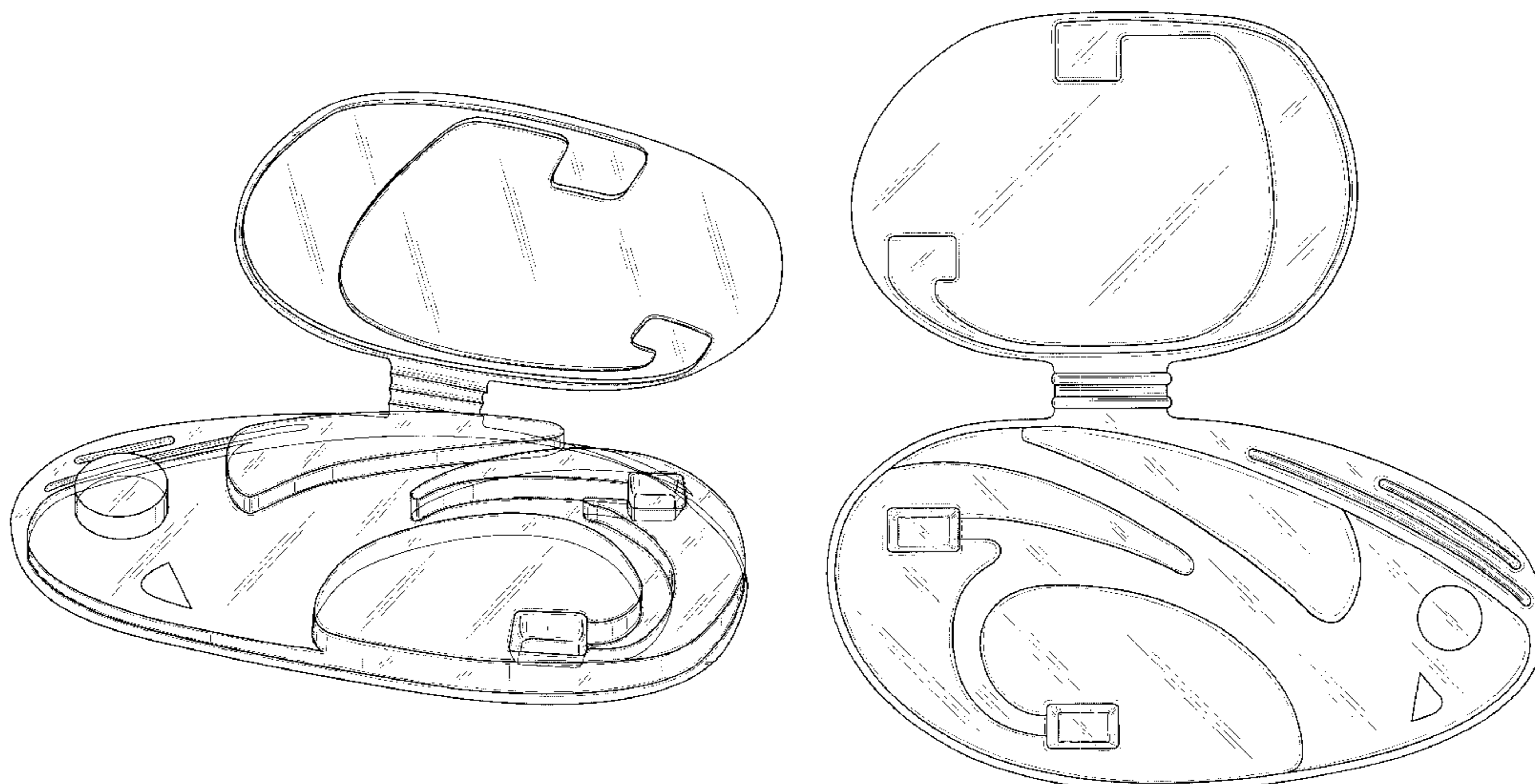
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for the medical instrument container, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the medical instrument container of my new design in a partially closed position;
 FIG. 2 is the top view of the design of FIG. 1 in a completely open position;
 FIG. 3 is the bottom view of the design of FIG. 1 in a completely open position;
 FIG. 4 is the right side view of the design of FIG. 1 in a completely open position;
 FIG. 5 is the front view of the design of FIG. 1 in a completely open position;
 FIG. 6 is the left side view of the design of FIG. 1 in a completely open position; and,
 FIG. 7 is the rear view of the design of FIG. 1 in a completely open position.

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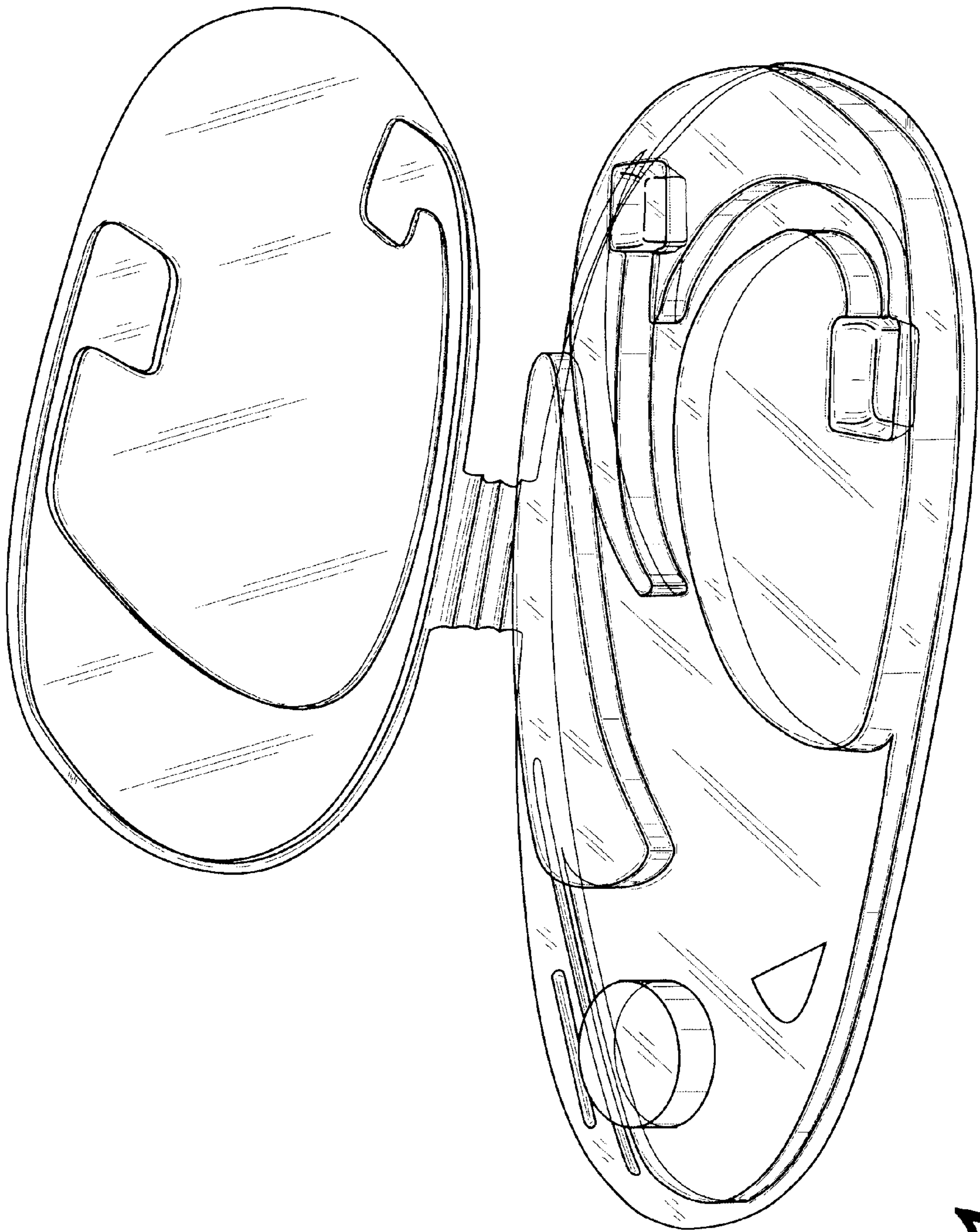


FIG. 1

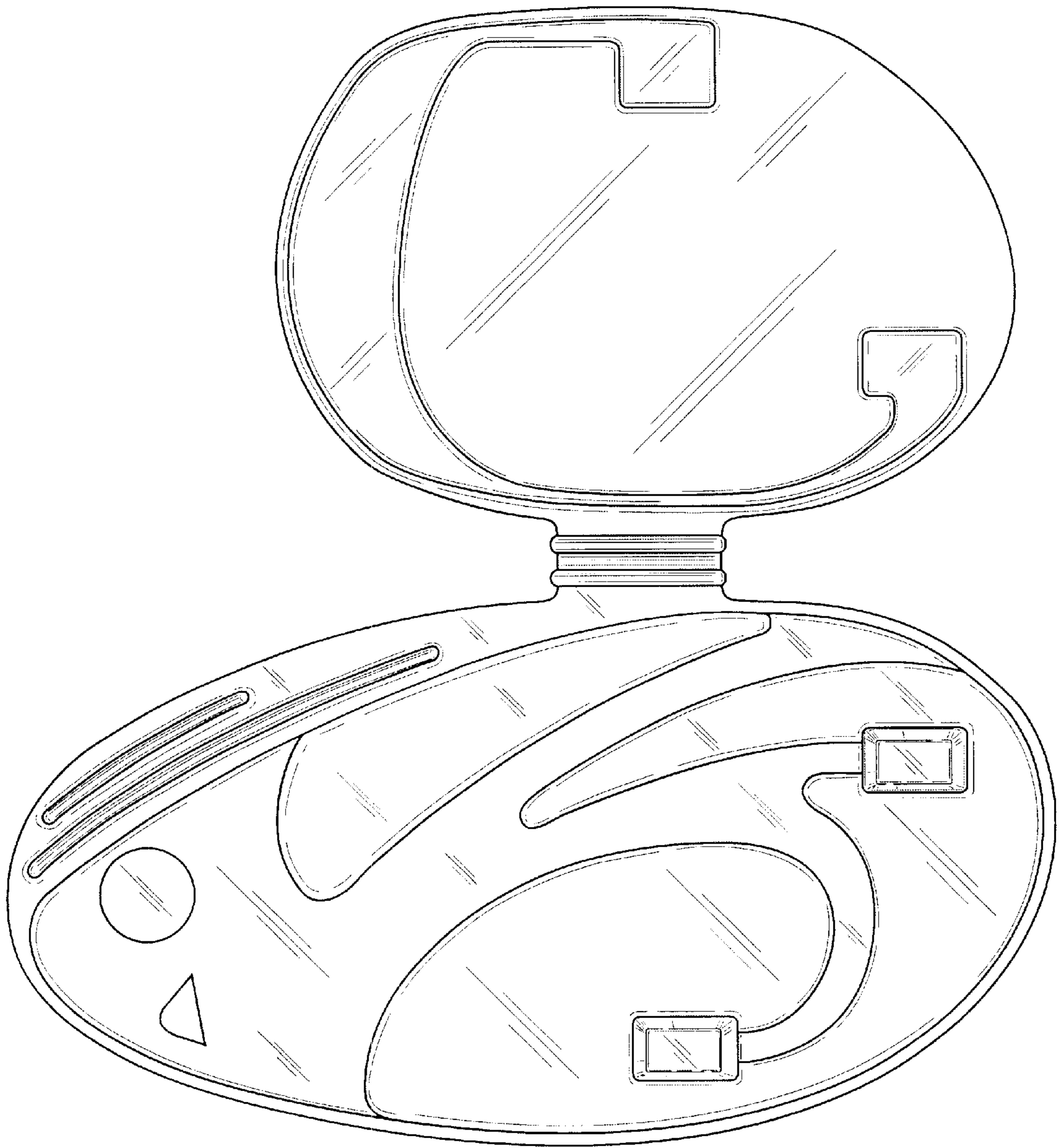


FIG. 2

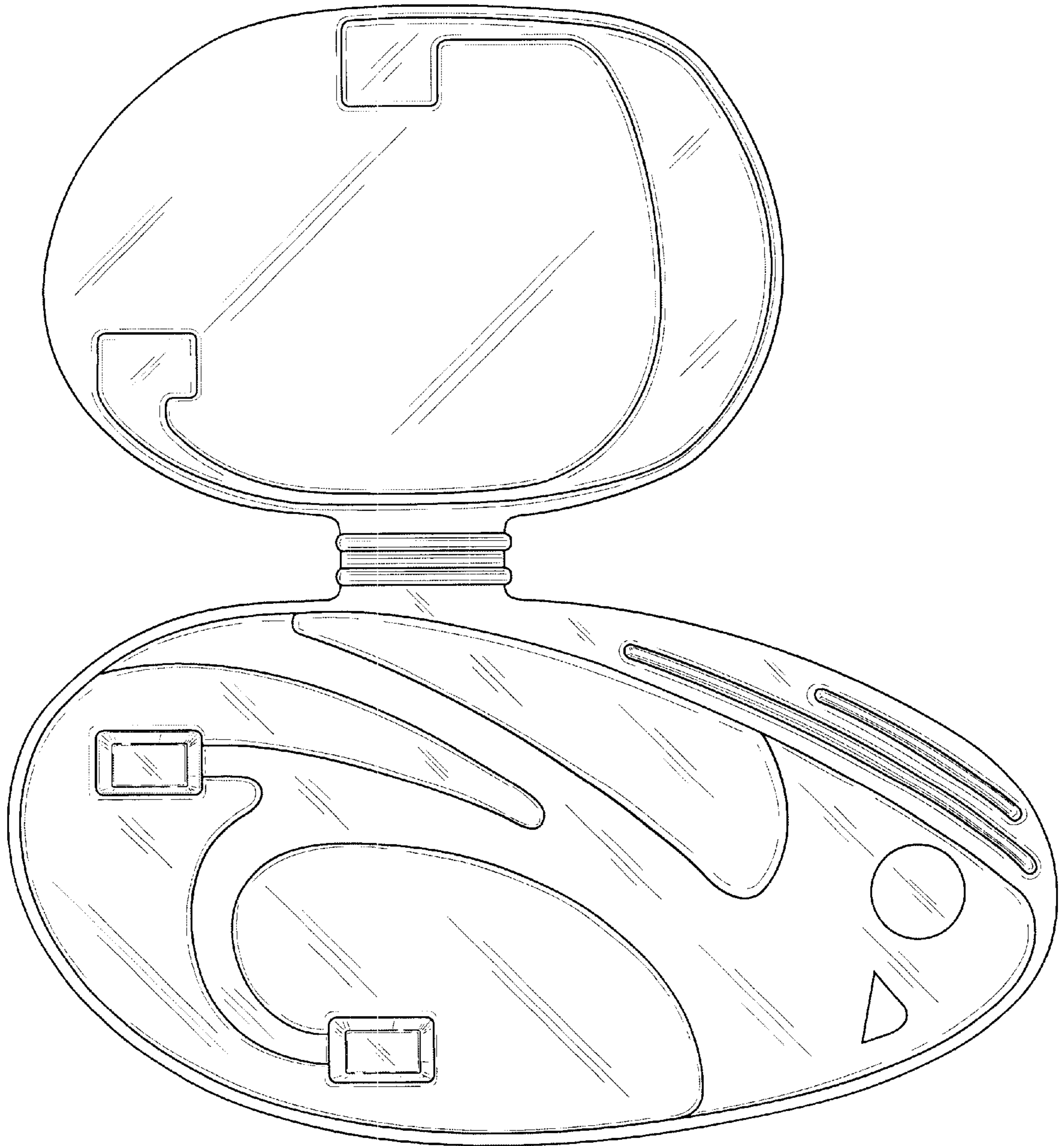


FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5



FIG. 6

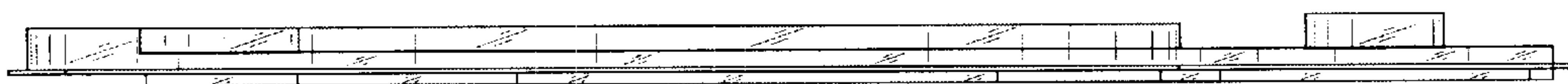


FIG. 7