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(54) **VARIABLE VOLUME TUBULAR BAG**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a variable volume tubular bag, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of an variable volume tubular bag in a substantially uncompressed state and further showing the bag in an uncinched condition, the rear elevational view being a mirror image thereof, the carry strap being shown in phantom lines and providing a flexible framework for supporting the bag and any contents therein; FIG. 2 is a front elevational view of the bag of FIG. 1, now shown in a partially compressed state;

FIG. 3 is a front elevational view of the bag of FIG. 1, now shown in a substantially compressed state;

FIG. 4 is a front elevational view of the bag of FIG. 1 now shown in a cinched condition;

FIG. 5 is a front elevational view of the bag of FIG. 2 now shown in a cinched condition;

FIG. 6 is a front elevational view of the bag of FIG. 3 now shown in a cinched condition;

FIG. 7 is a right side elevational view of the bag of FIG. 1 in its substantially uncompressed state;

FIG. 8 is a right side elevational view of the bag of FIG. 2 in its partially compressed state;

FIG. 9 is a right side elevational view of the bag of FIG. 3 in a substantially compressed state;

FIG. 10 is a right side elevational view of the bag of FIG. 4;

FIG. 11 is a right side elevational view of the bag of FIG. 5;

FIG. 12 is a right side elevational view of the bag of FIG. 6;

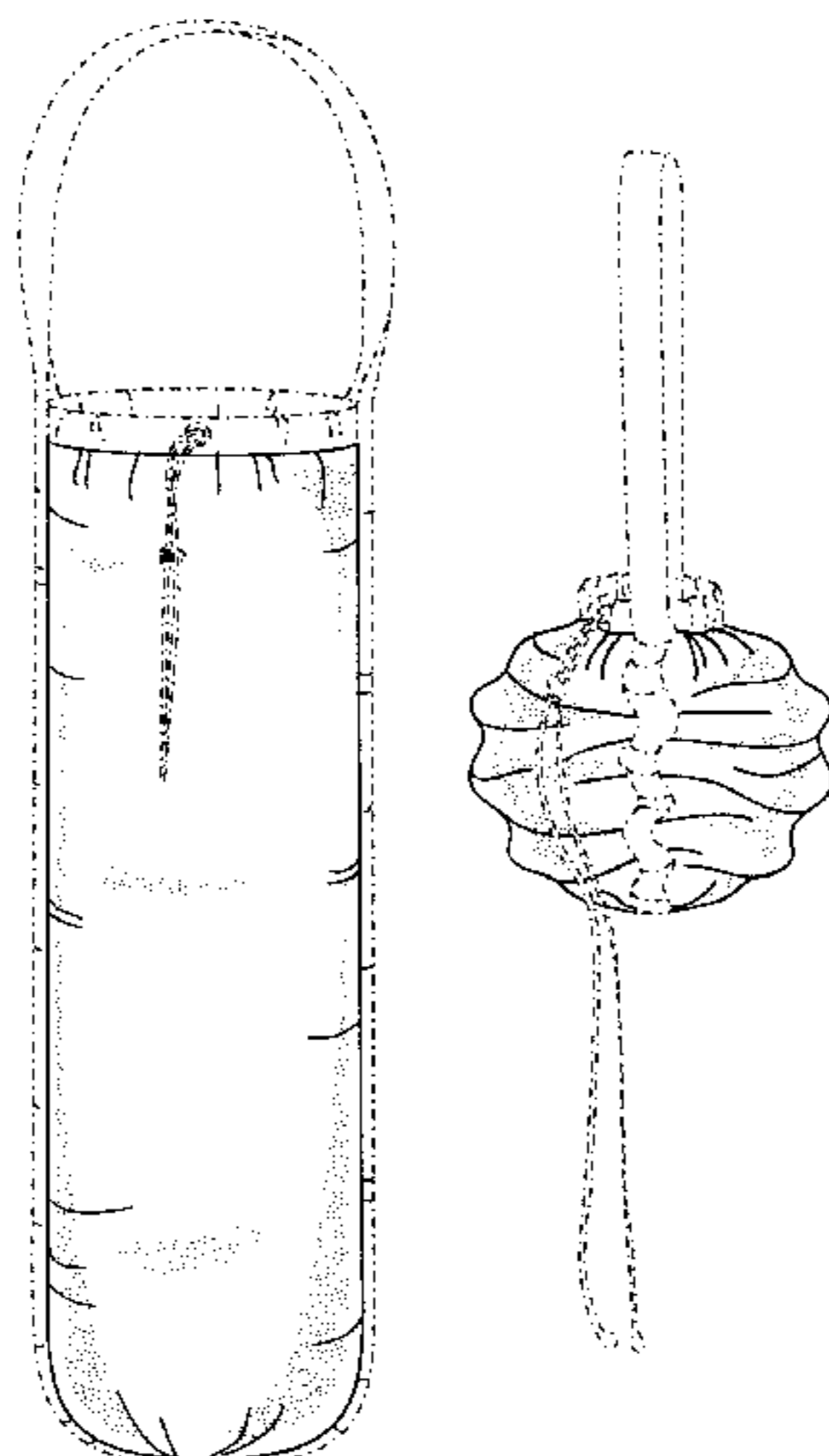
FIG. 13 is a top plan view of the bag of FIG. 1, now shown with the phantom-line carry strap in a slackened condition to better illustrate the bag;

FIG. 14 is a top plan view of the bag of FIG. 4, now shown with the phantom-line carry strap in a slackened condition to better illustrate the bag; and,

FIG. 15 is a bottom plan view of the bag of FIGS. 1-6, shown with the phantom-line carry strap in a slackened condition.

The broken lines shown in the Figures, including the carry straps, the cinch cords and cord-lock hardware, as well as the position of the attachments of such elements to the variable volume tubular bag, illustrate the environment only and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets**



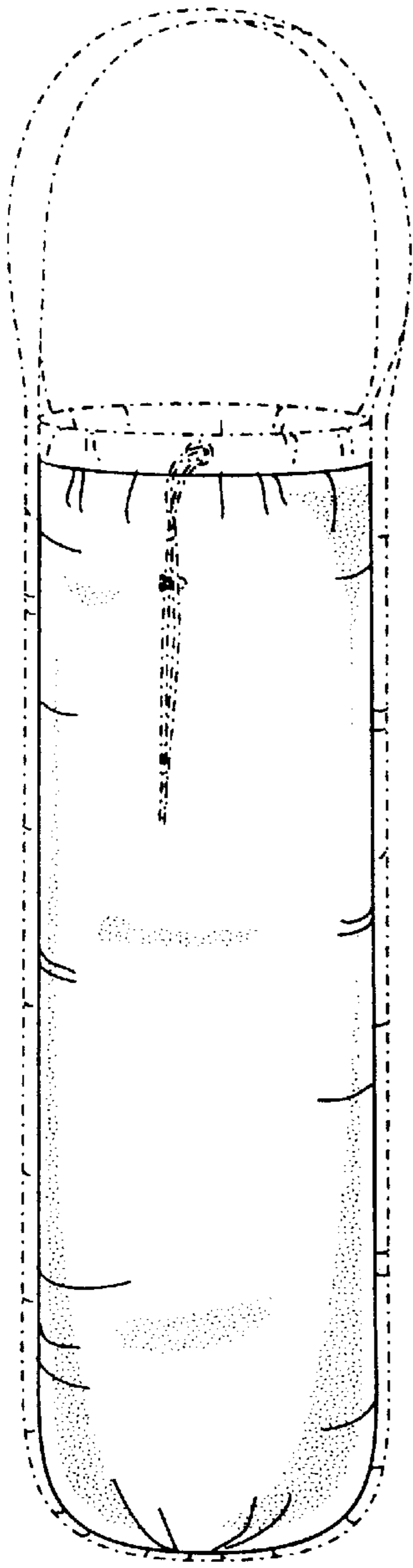


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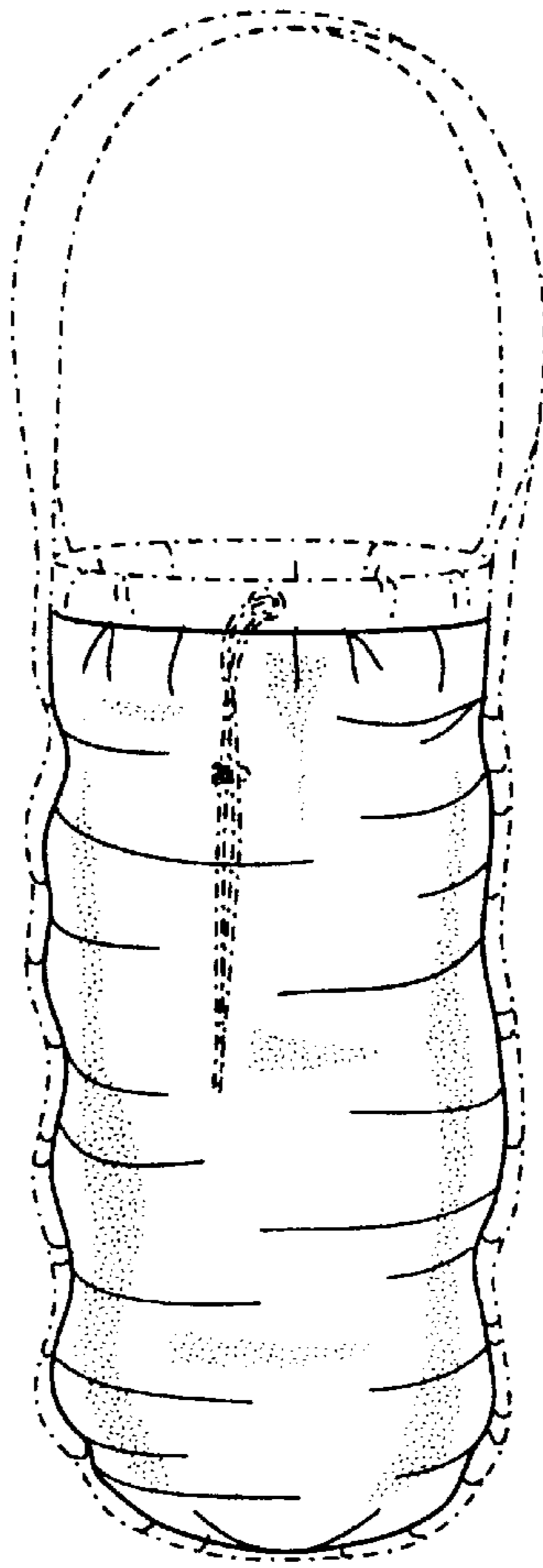


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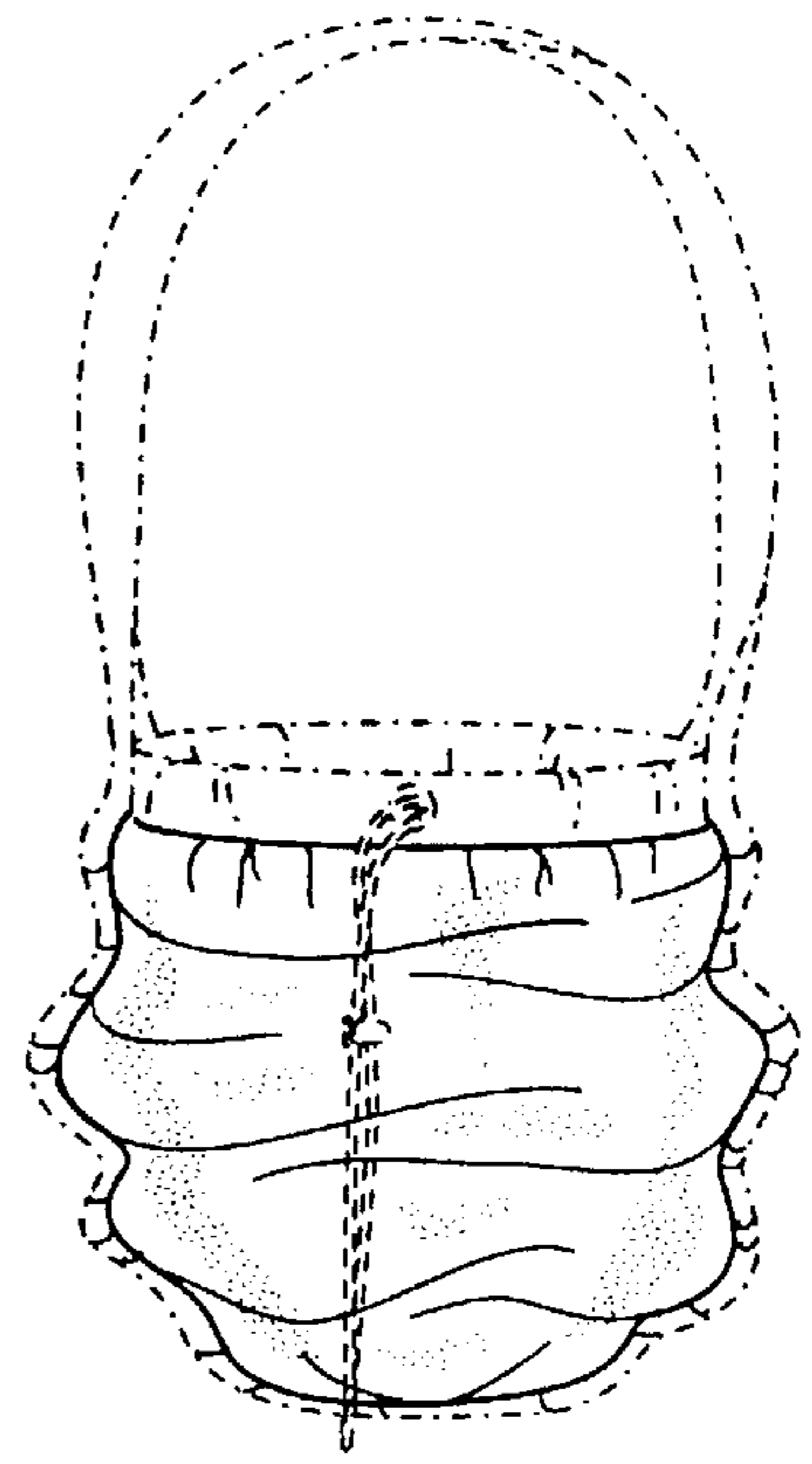


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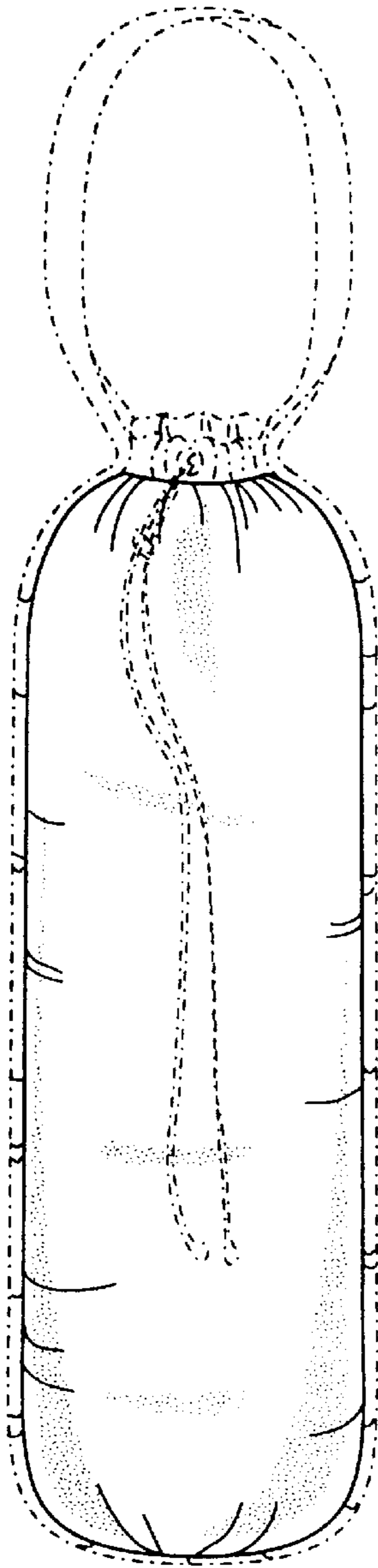


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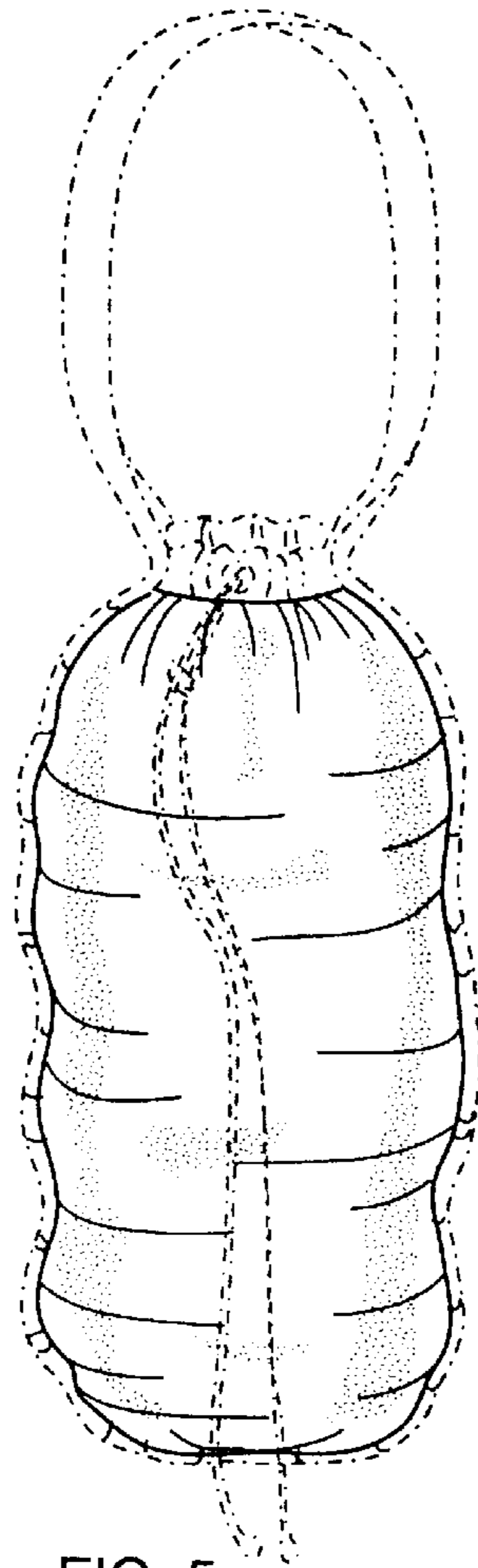


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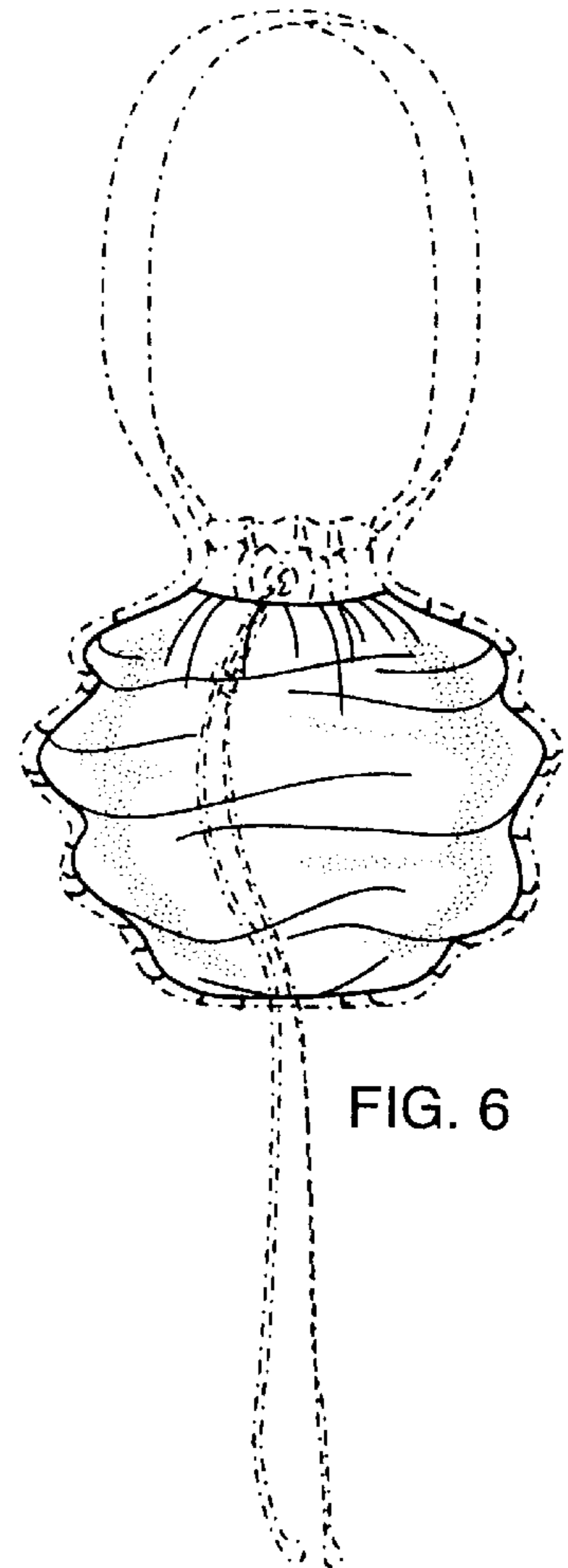


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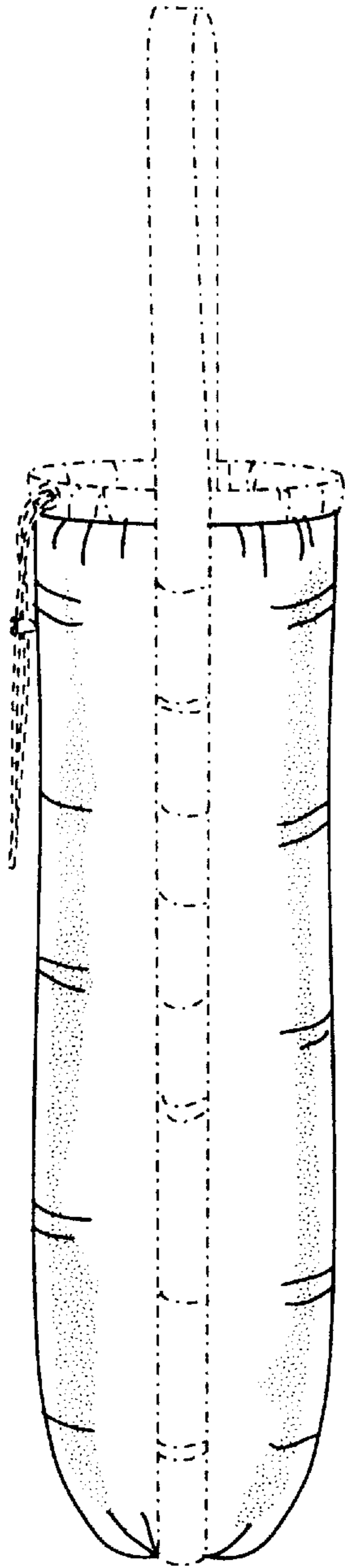


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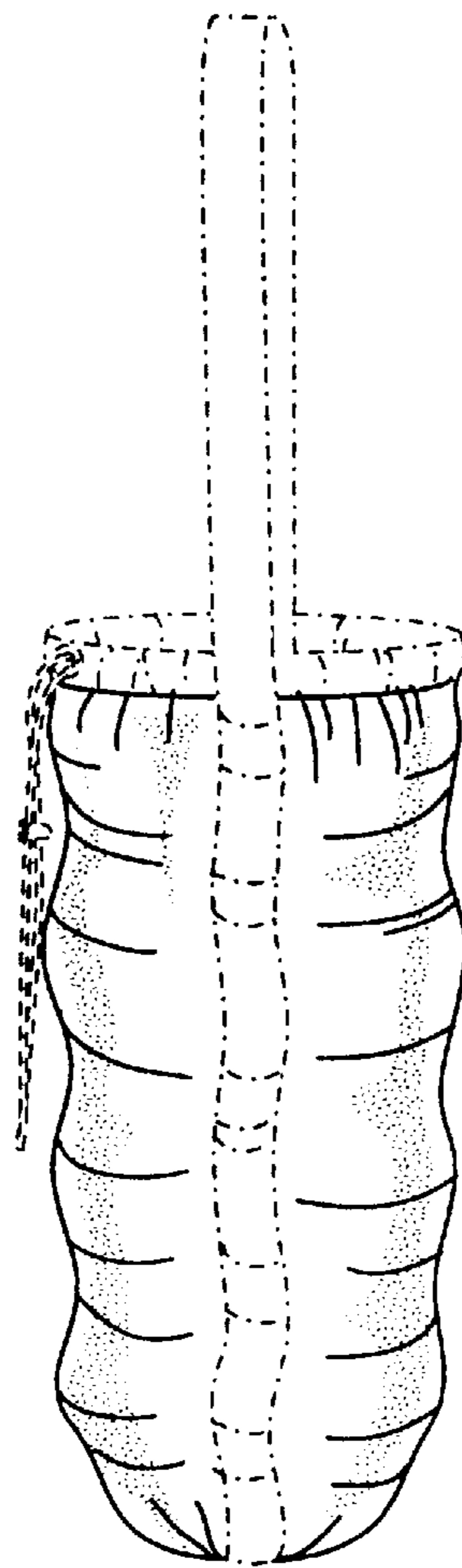


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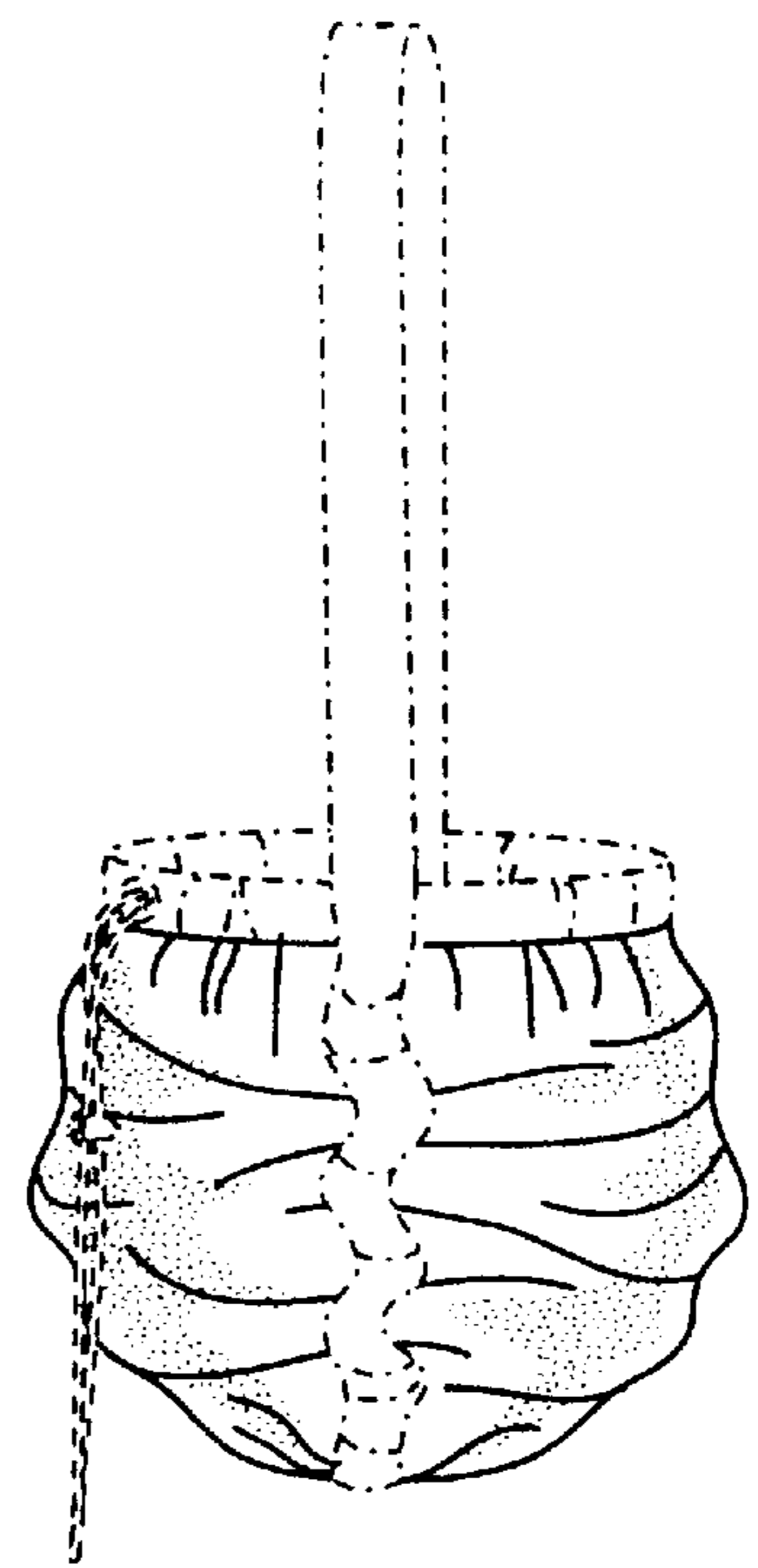


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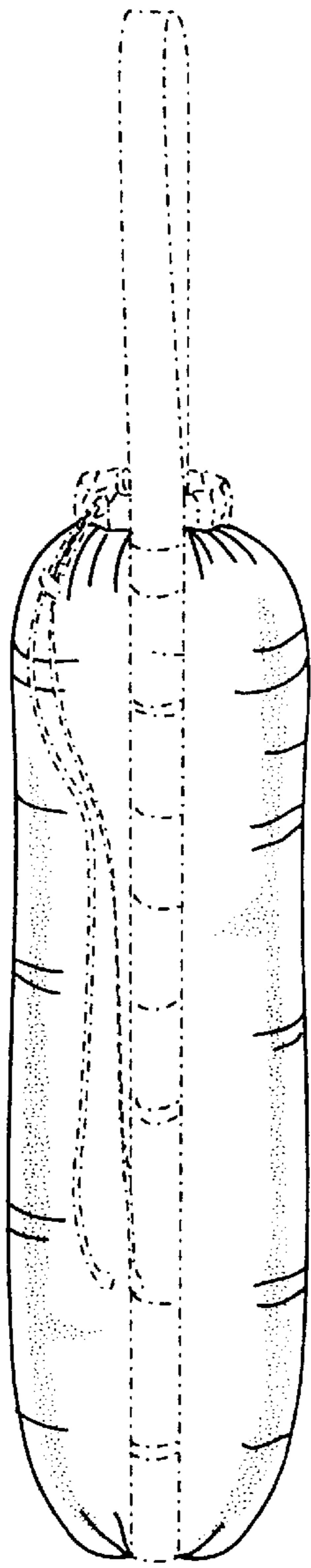


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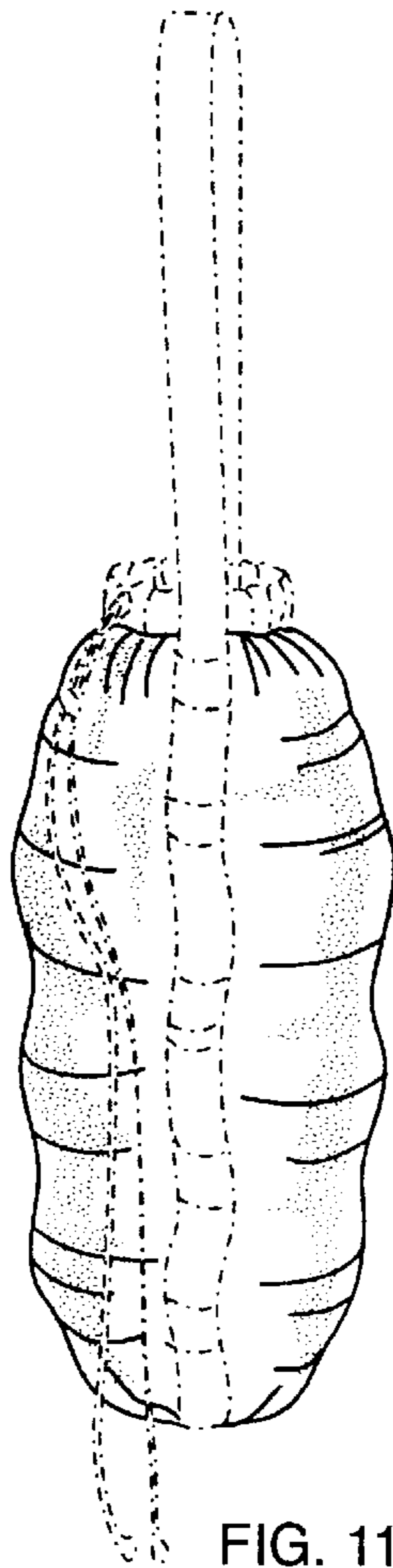


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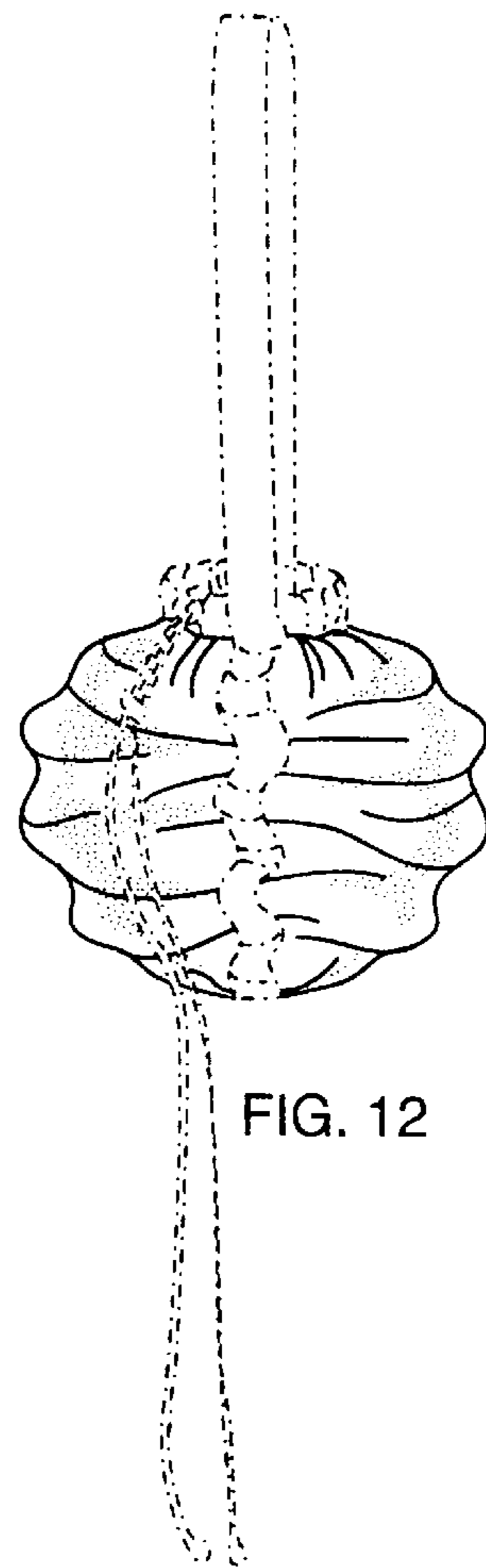


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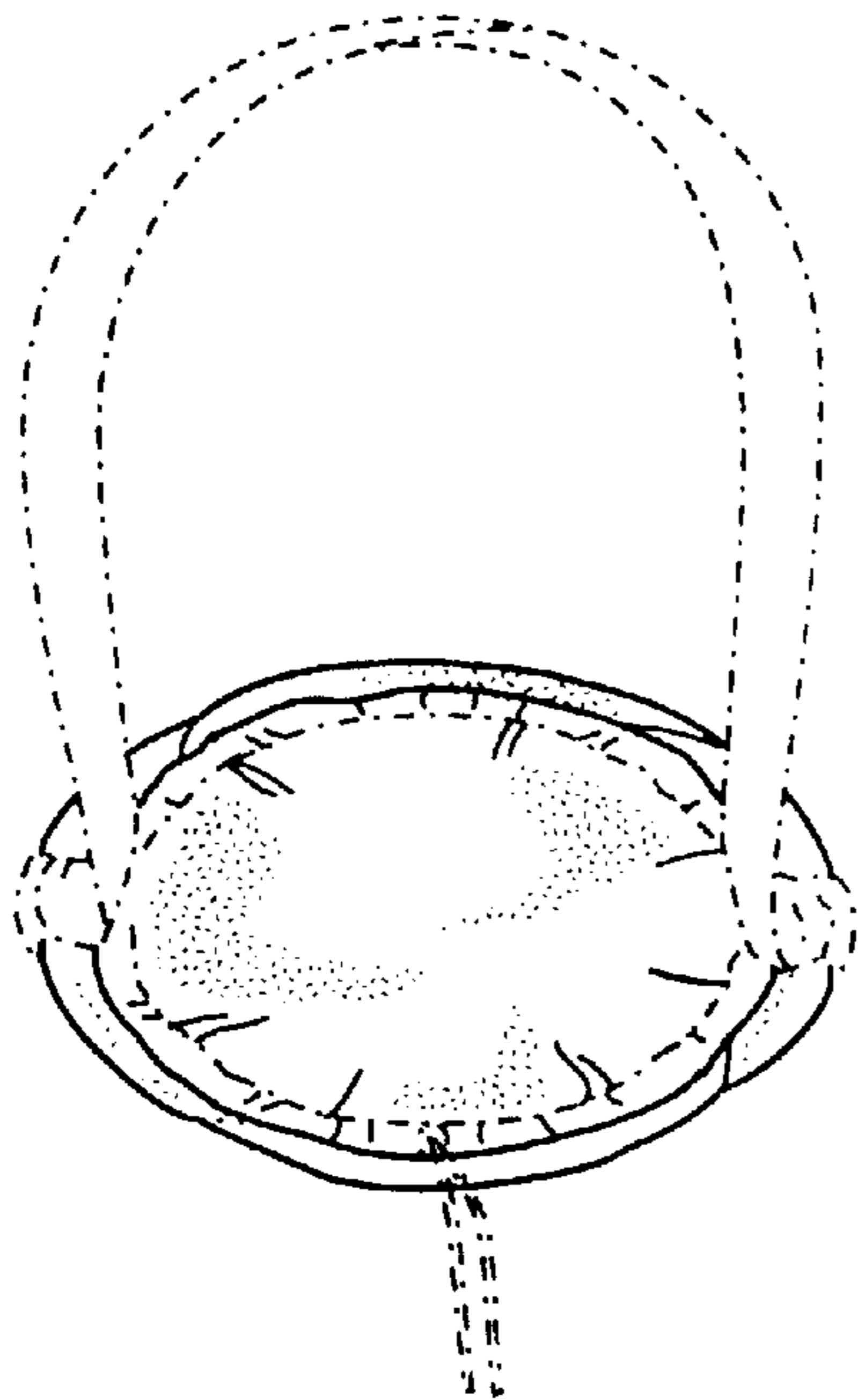


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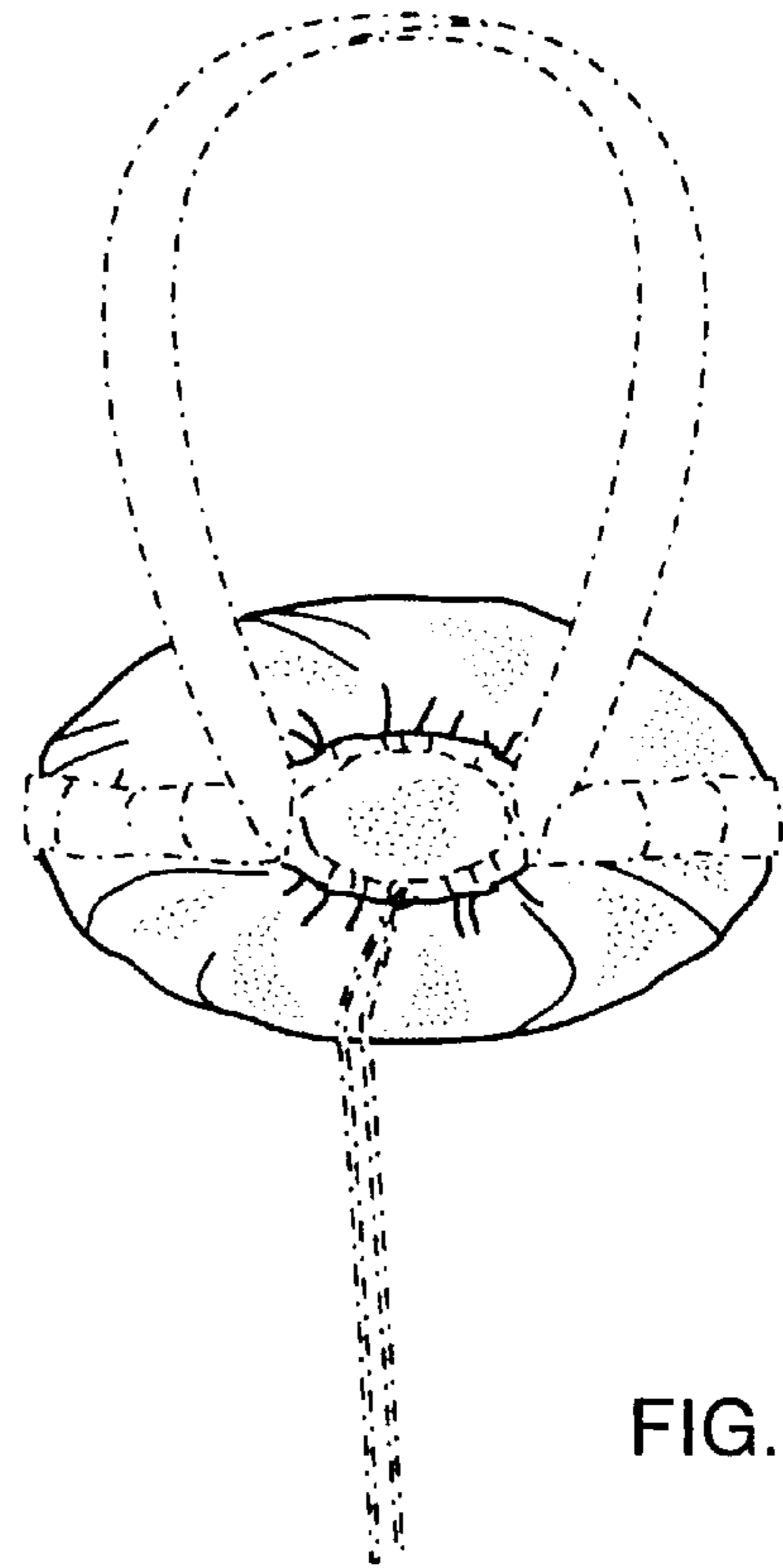


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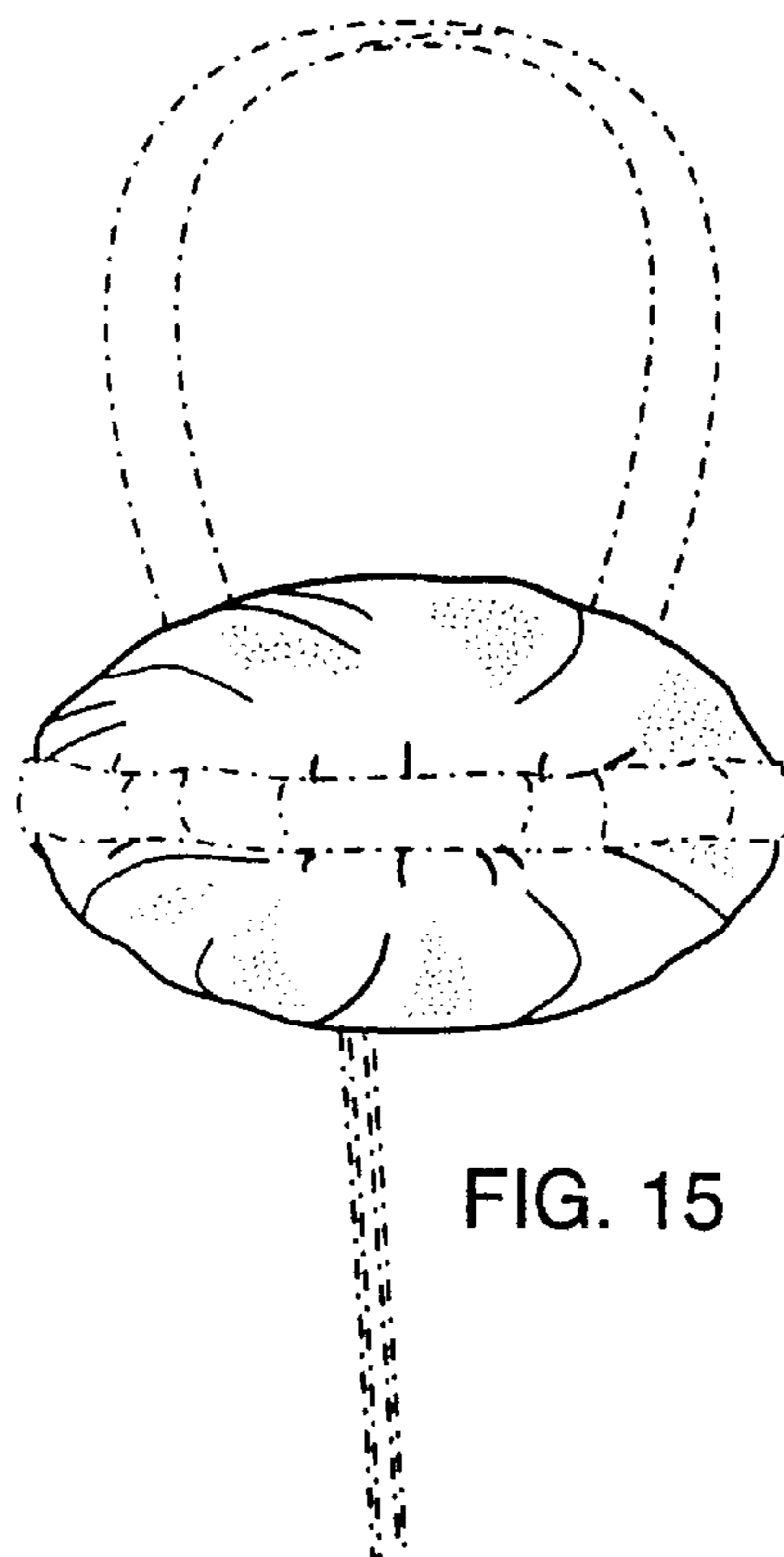


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