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(54) **LOCKING MECHANISM**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a “locking mechanism”, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a “locking mechanism” residing in a tong showing my new design, the locking mechanism disposed in a locked configuration;

FIG. 2 is a front view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a rear view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a side view thereof;

FIG. 5 is another side view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a top view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a bottom view thereof;

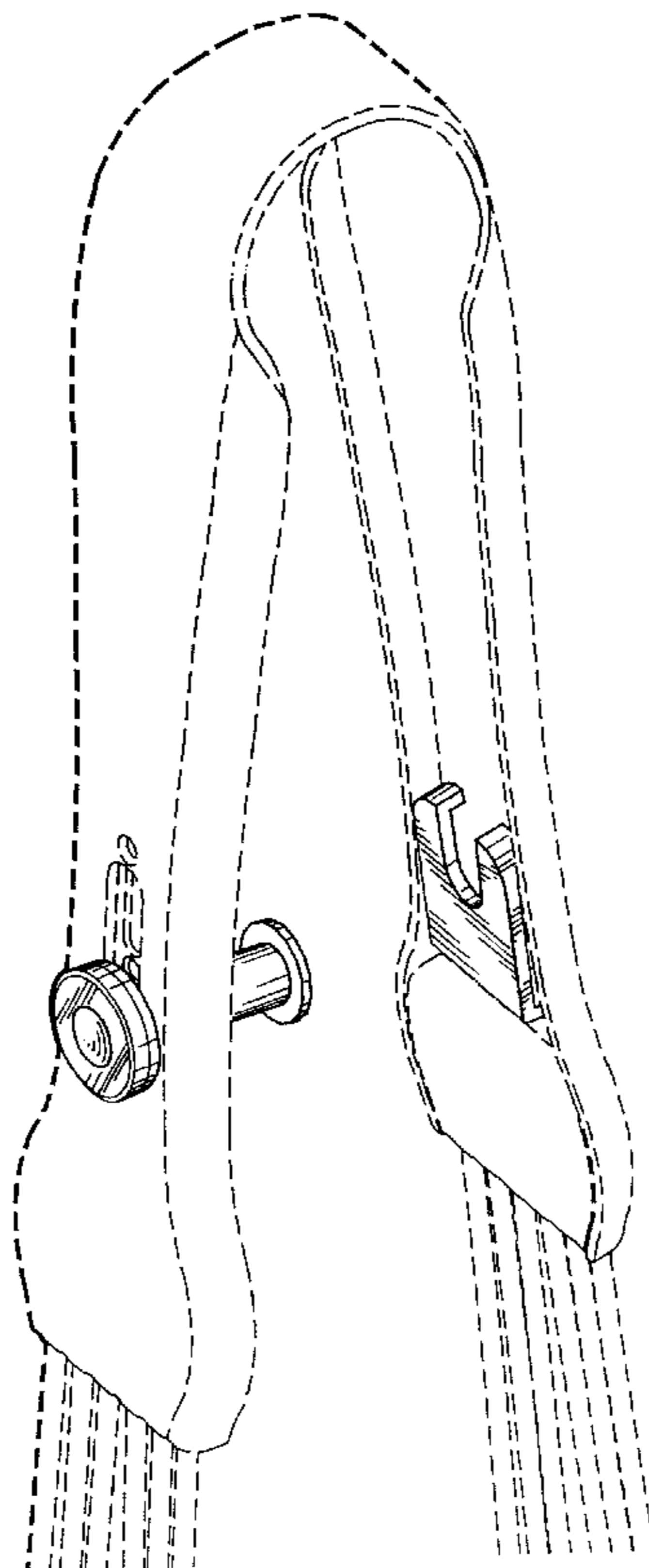
FIG. 8 is an enlarged perspective view showing a portion of the tong shown in FIG. 1 with the locking mechanism thereof;

FIG. 9 is a perspective view of the locking mechanism shown in FIG. 1 disposed in an unlocked configuration thereof; and,

FIG. 10 is an enlarged perspective view showing a portion of the tong as shown in FIG. 8 with the locking mechanism disposed in an unlocked configuration thereof.

The part of the “locking mechanism” shown in phantom lines depicts the environment of my new design and forms no part of my design.

1 Claim, 9 Drawing Sheets



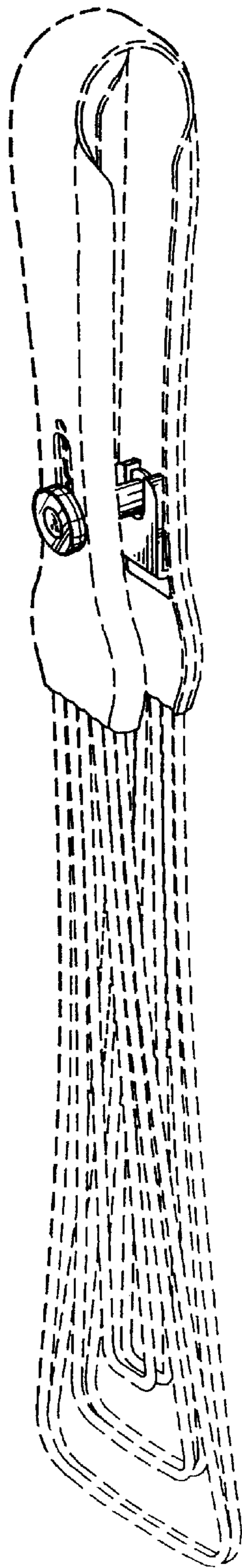


FIG. 1

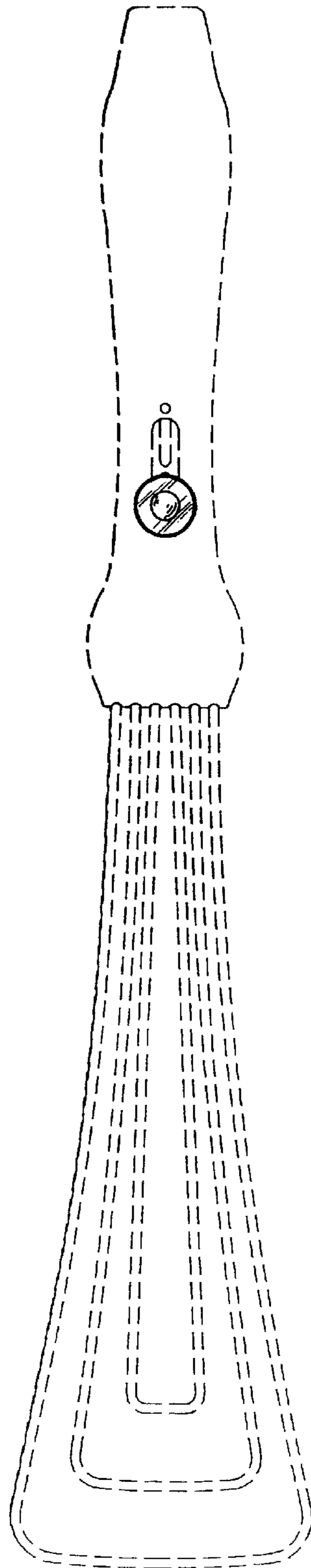


FIG. 2

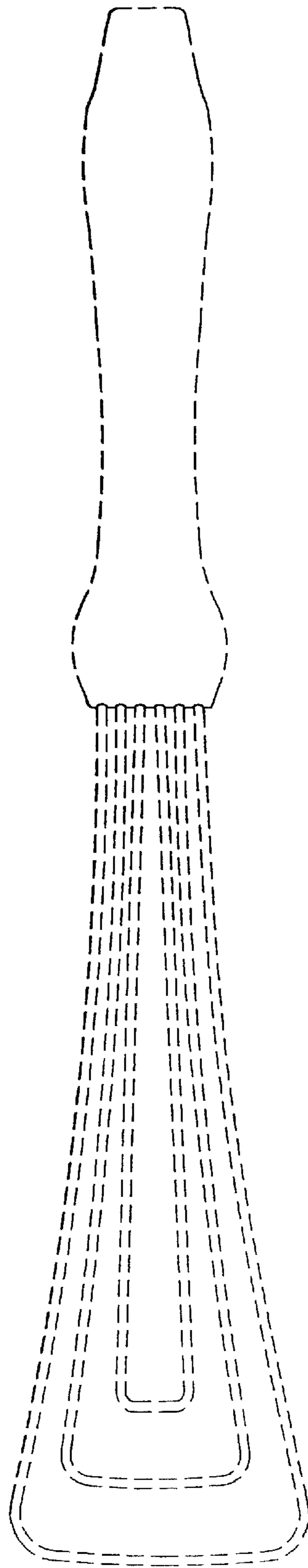


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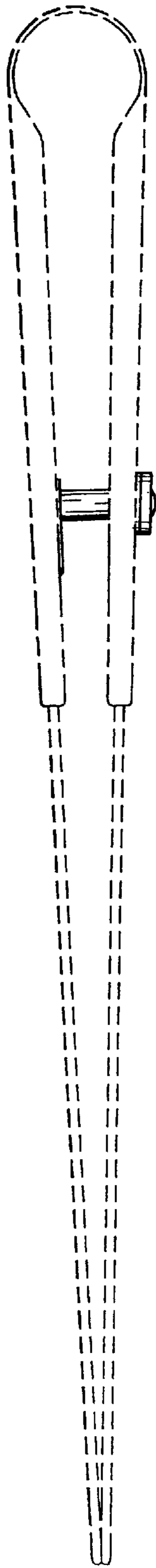


FIG. 4

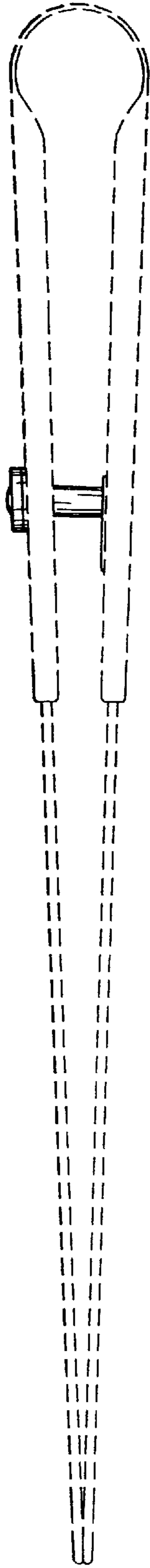


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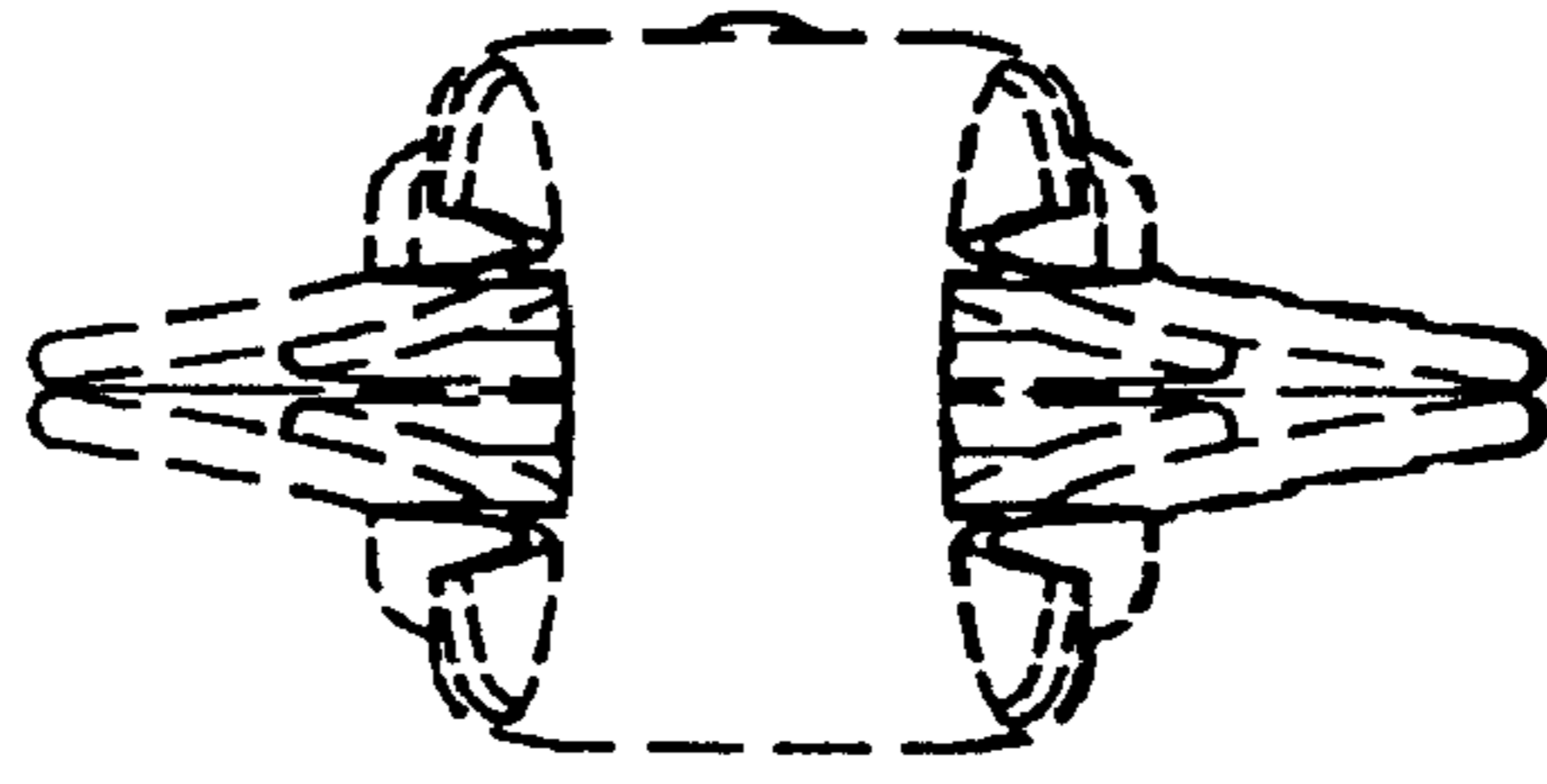


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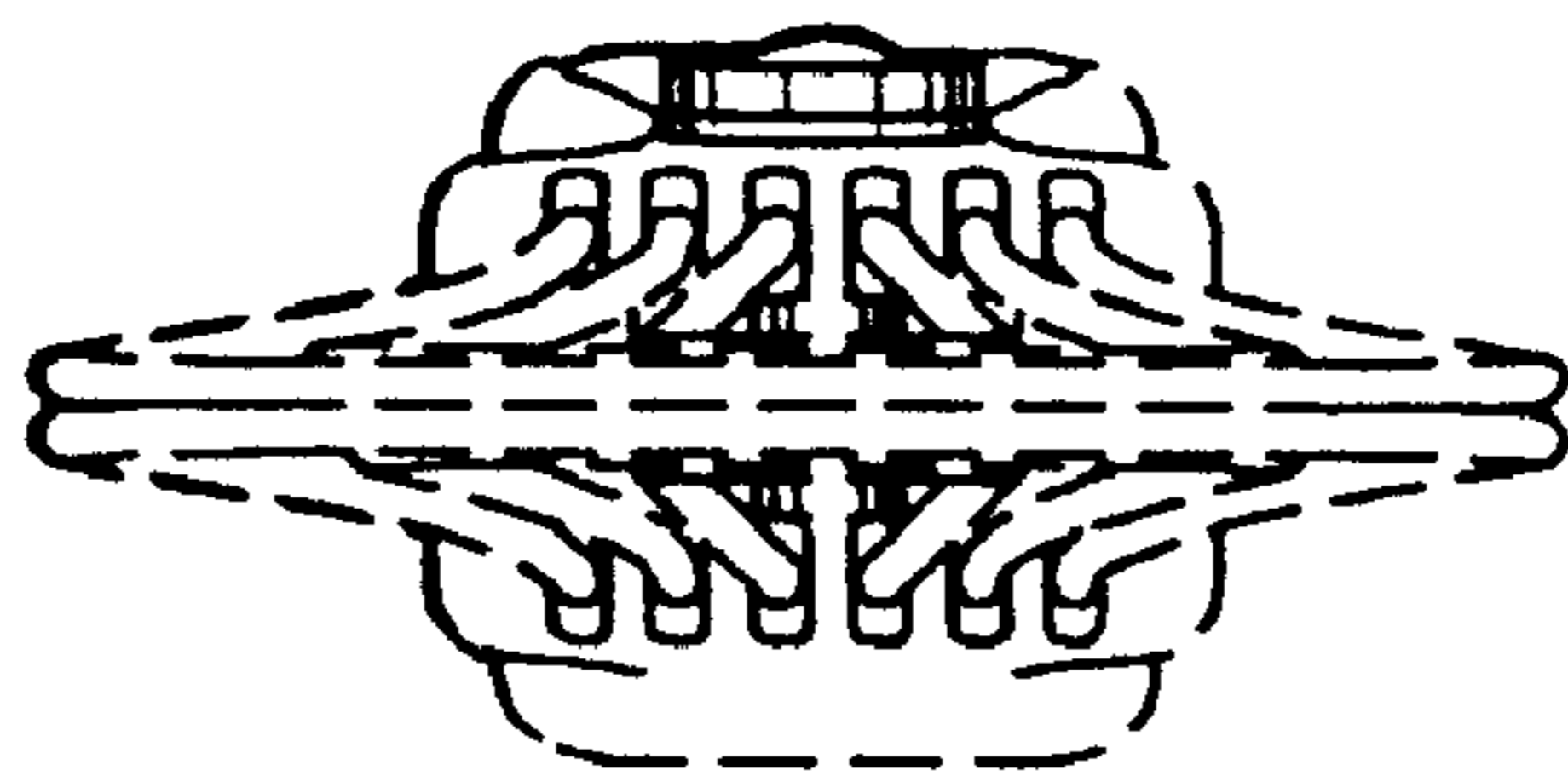


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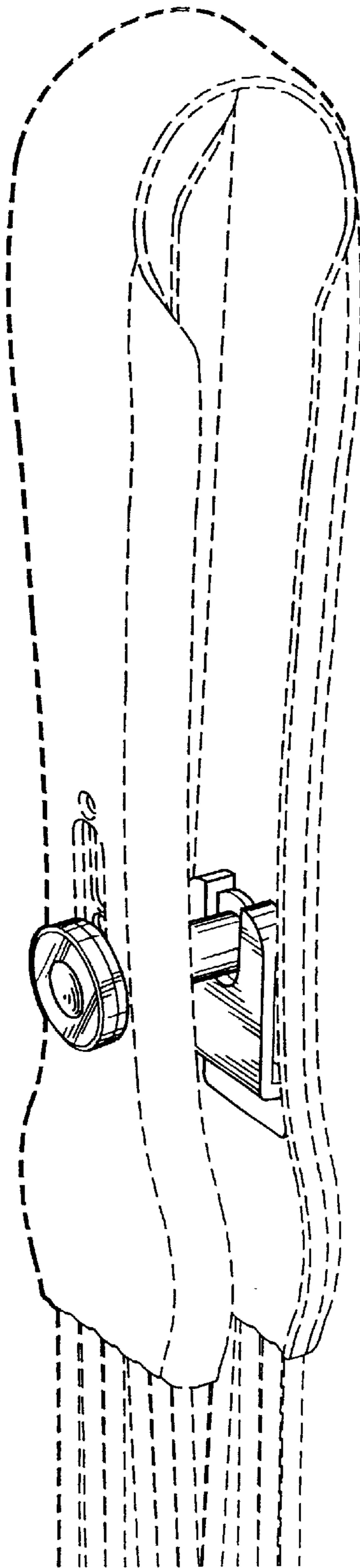


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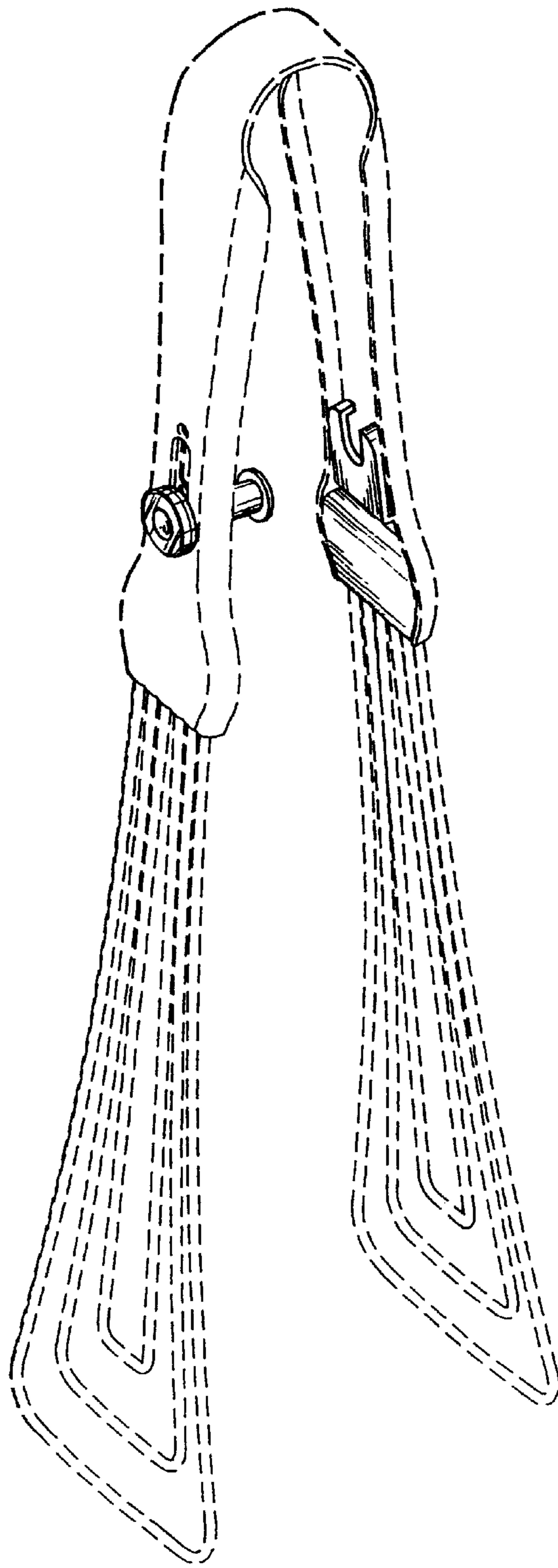


FIG. 9

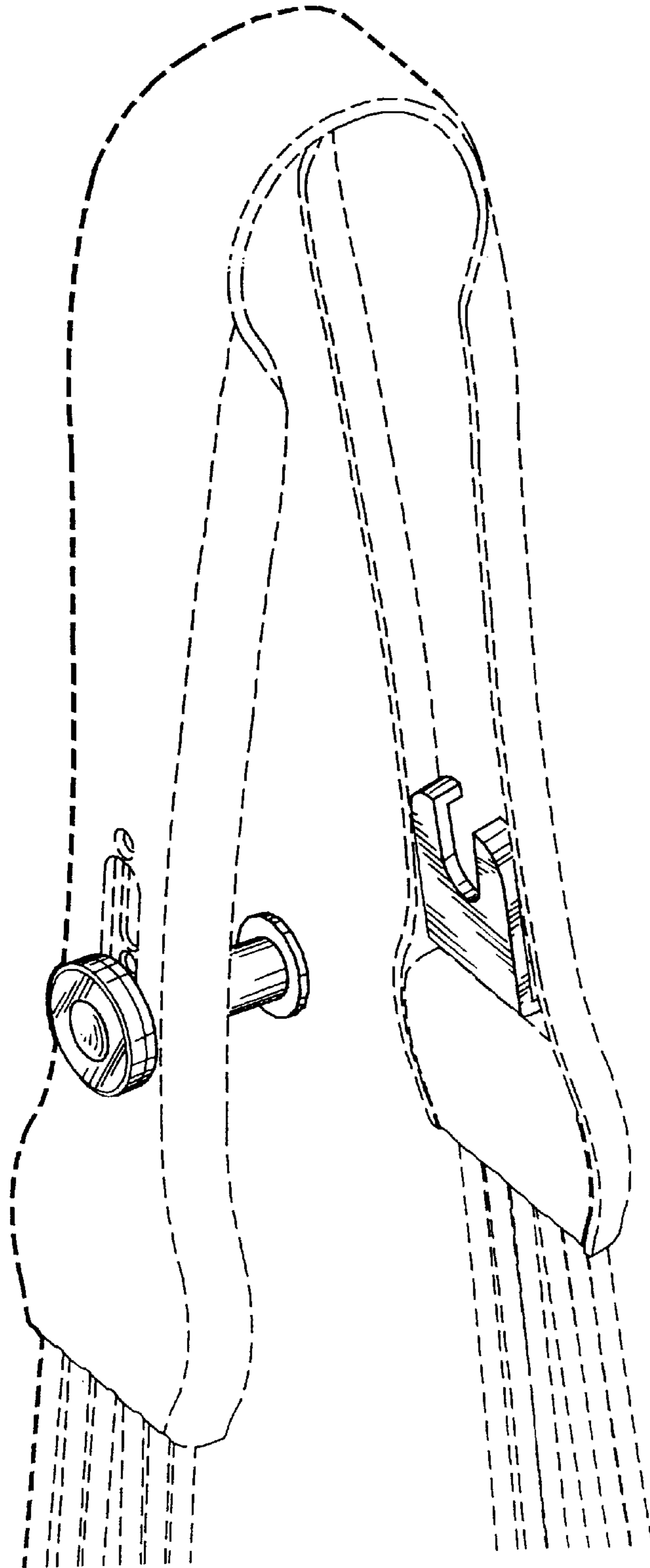


FIG. 10