



US00D491605S

(12) **United States Design Patent**  
**Hoffmann et al.**

(10) **Patent No.: US D491,605 S**  
(45) **Date of Patent: \*\* Jun. 15, 2004**

(54) **WRITING INSTRUMENT**

(75) Inventors: **Gregory Hoffmann**, Redding, CT (US);  
**Michael Kent**, Cheshire, CT (US)

(73) Assignee: **Societe BIC (FR)**

(\*\*) Term: **14 Years**

(21) Appl. No.: **29/186,008**

(22) Filed: **Jul. 8, 2003**

(51) **LOC (7) Cl.** ..... **19-06**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** ..... **D19/51; D19/55; D19/56**

(58) **Field of Search** ..... D19/35, 36, 41-51,  
D19/53-58, 81-85; 401/6, 7, 8, 88, 99-101,  
103-106, 107-117, 209

(56) **References Cited**

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

D450,088 S	*	11/2001	Banasik	.....	D19/51
D453,187 S	*	1/2002	Keda	.....	D19/48
D457,917 S		5/2002	Traut et al.		
D458,964 S	*	6/2002	Nakazawa	.....	D19/48
D463,821 S	*	10/2002	Nishida	.....	D19/47
D472,577 S	*	4/2003	Sakuno et al.	.....	D19/51
D472,928 S	*	4/2003	Ikeda	.....	D19/50 X
D474,809 S		5/2003	Willat et al.		
D478,627 S	*	8/2003	Moon	.....	D19/55 X
D485,574 S	*	1/2004	Keil	.....	D19/50

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

BIC Corporation "BIC Is Back" Stationery Products Catalog 2001/2002, color photocopy of p. 11—Velocity® Ball Pen; Date of first use: Apr. 15, 2000.

Ningbo PGI Stationery Co., Ltd Web site, color print of Web page as viewed on Oct. 30, 2003; Date of first use: ca Aug. 1, 2003.

\* cited by examiner

*Primary Examiner*—Martie K. Holtje  
(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm*—Jones Day

(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a writing instrument, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a right front perspective view of a first embodiment of a writing instrument, with a transparent barrel, according to the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side view being a mirror image thereof;

FIG. 5 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a right side elevational view in an "in use" position;

FIG. 8 is a right side elevational view, a second internal actuation mechanism being shown for illustrative, environmental purposes only and forming no part of the claimed design;

FIG. 9 is a right front perspective view of a second embodiment of our design of FIG. 1, with an opaque barrel;

FIG. 10 is a front elevational view of FIG. 9;

FIG. 11 is a rear elevational view of FIG. 9;

FIG. 12 is a left side elevational view of FIG. 9;

FIG. 13 is a right side elevational view of FIG. 9;

FIG. 14 is a top plan view of FIG. 9;

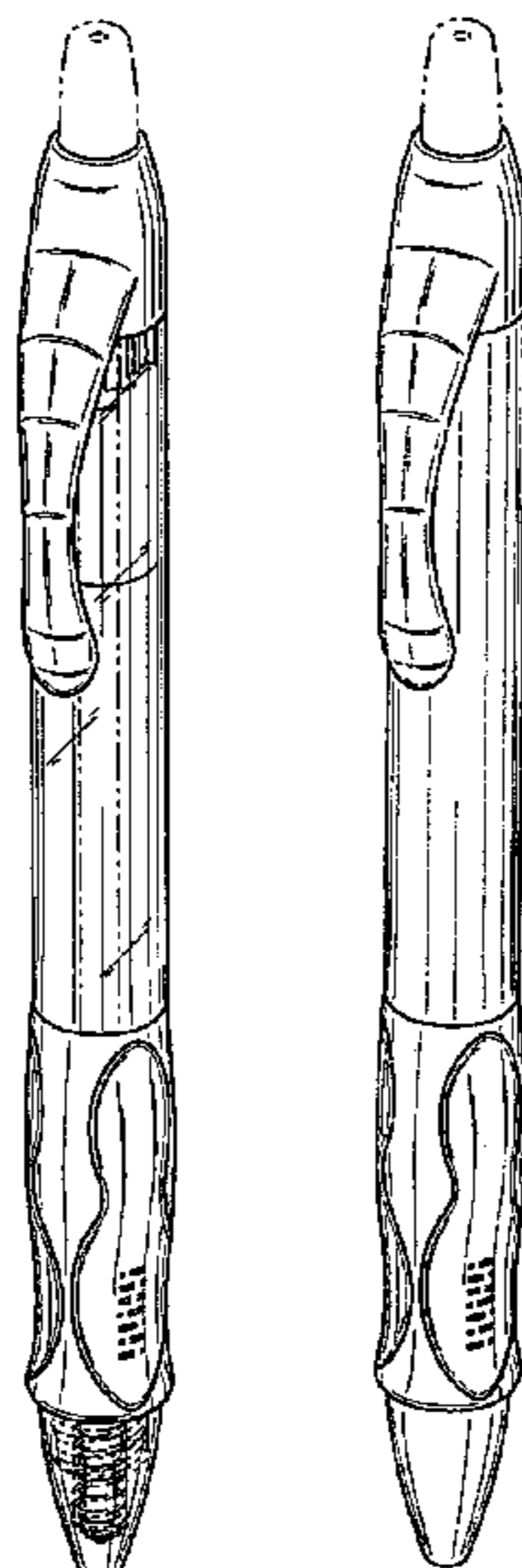
FIG. 15 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 9;

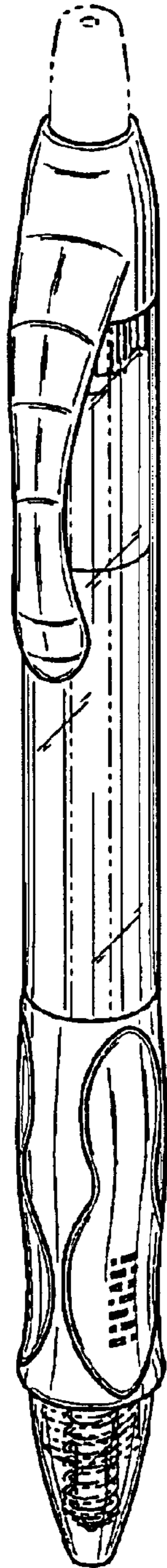
FIG. 16 is a right side elevational view in an "in use" position; and,

FIG. 17 is a right front perspective view of a third embodiment of our design of FIG. 1, with a transparent barrel and grip portion, all other views thereof being similar to FIGS. 2 through 7.

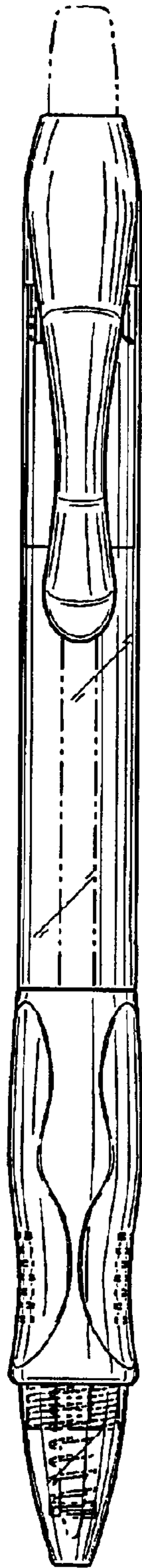
All portions shown in broken lines are environmental and illustrative only and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 17 Drawing Sheets**

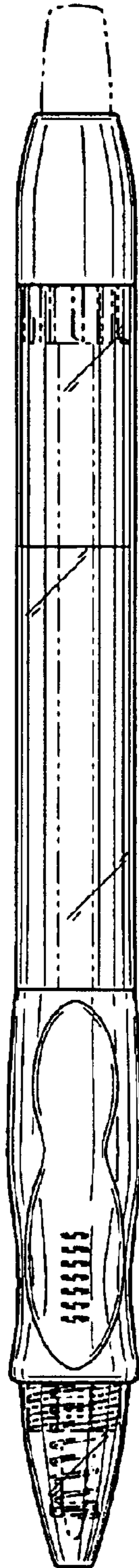




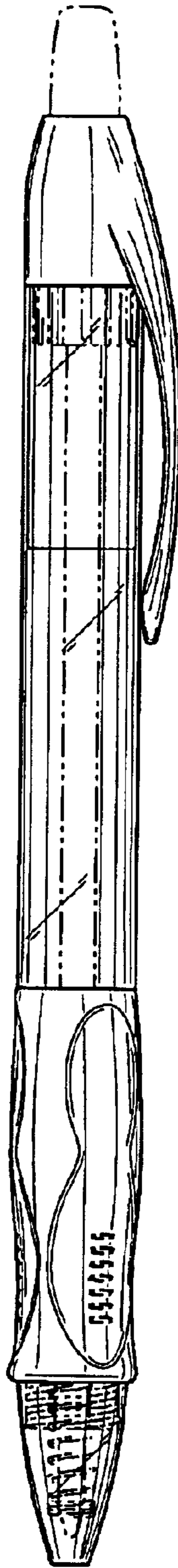
*Fig. 1*



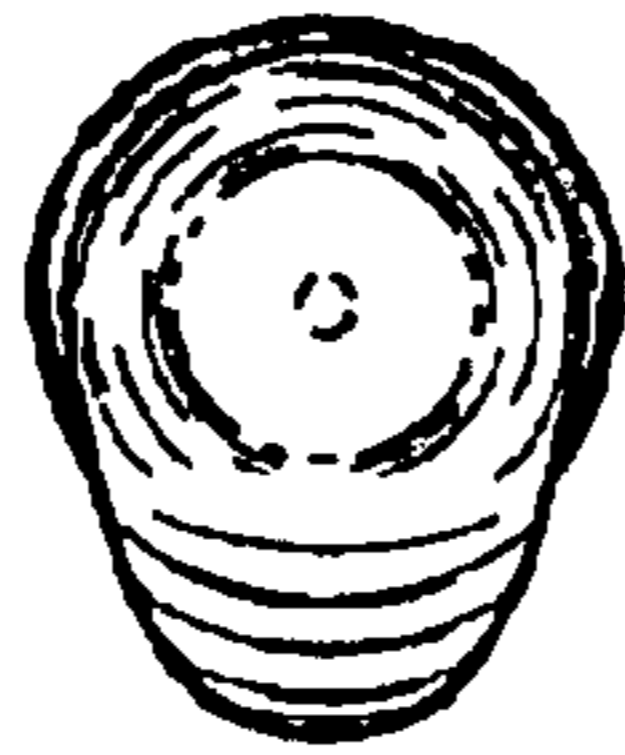
*Fig. 2*



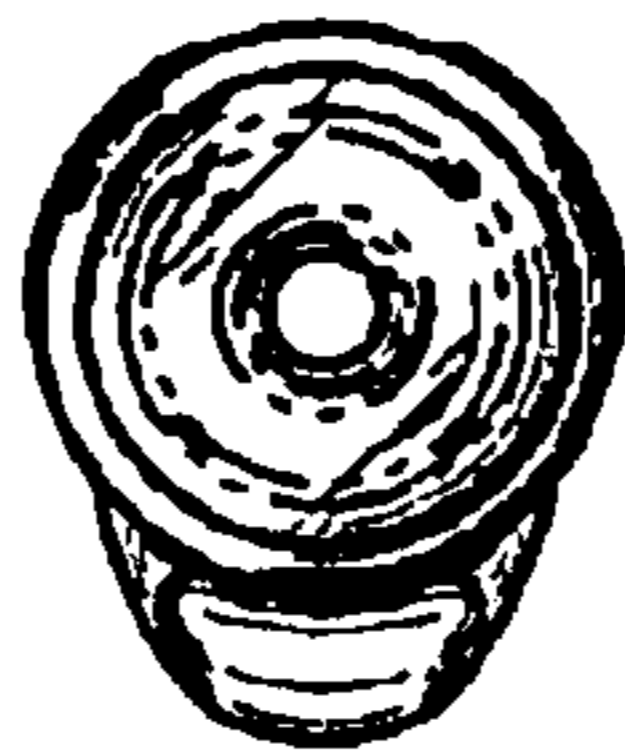
*Fig. 3*



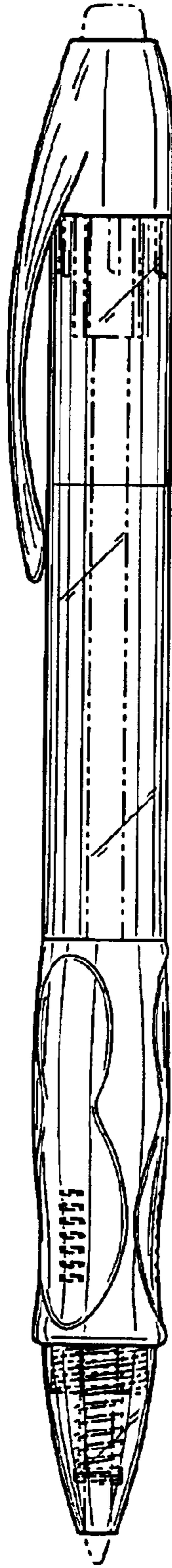
*Fig. 4*



*Fig. 5*

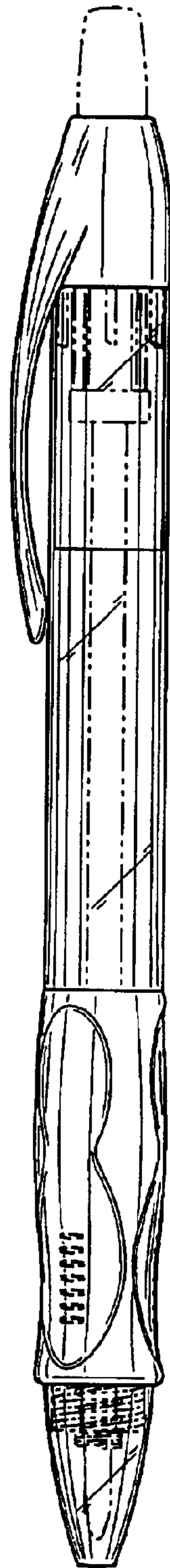


*Fig. 6*

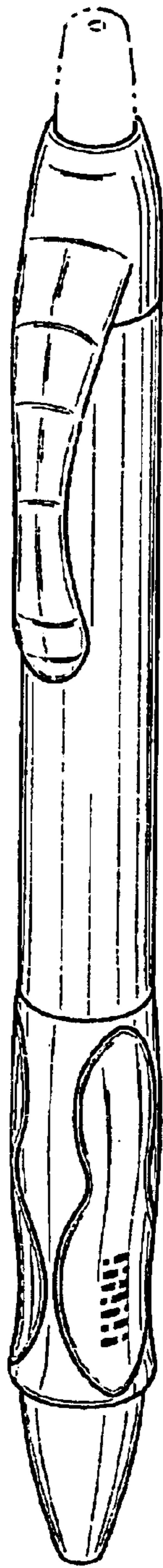


*Fig. 7*

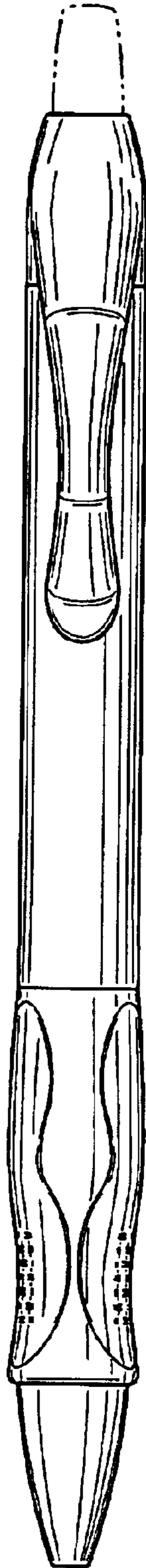




*Fig. 8*



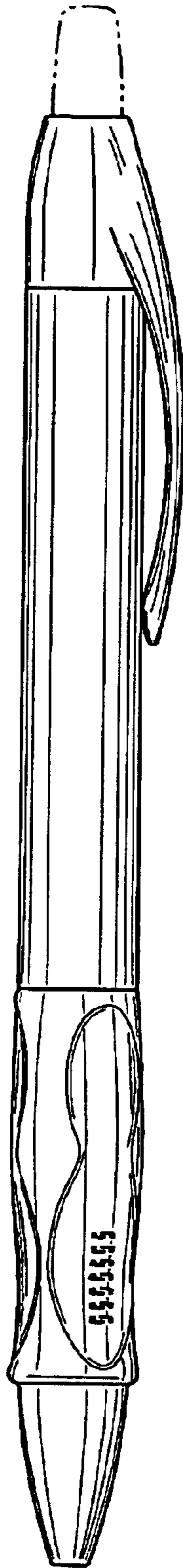
*Fig. 9*



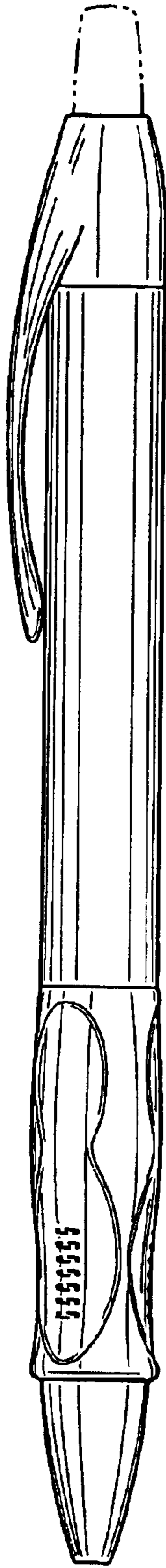
*Fig. 10*



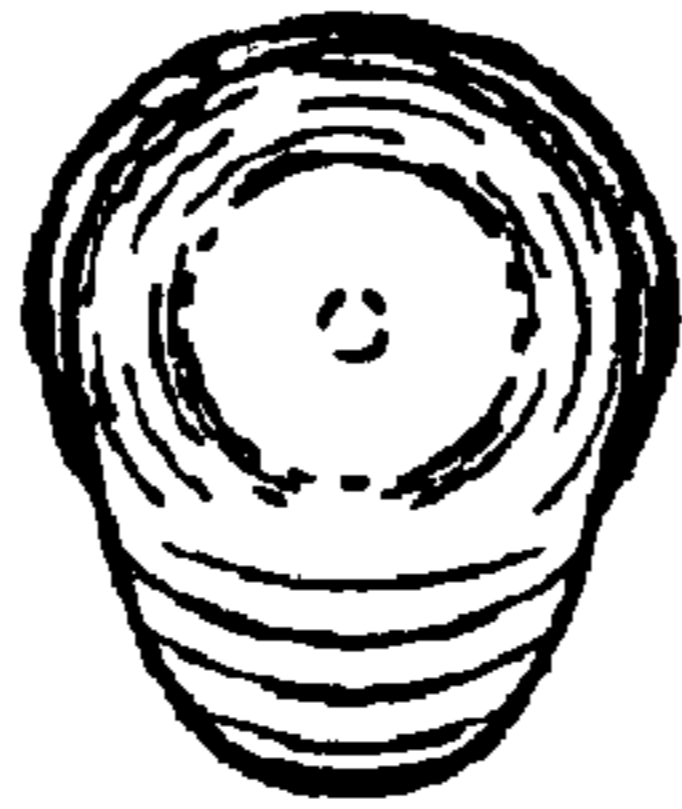
*Fig. 11*



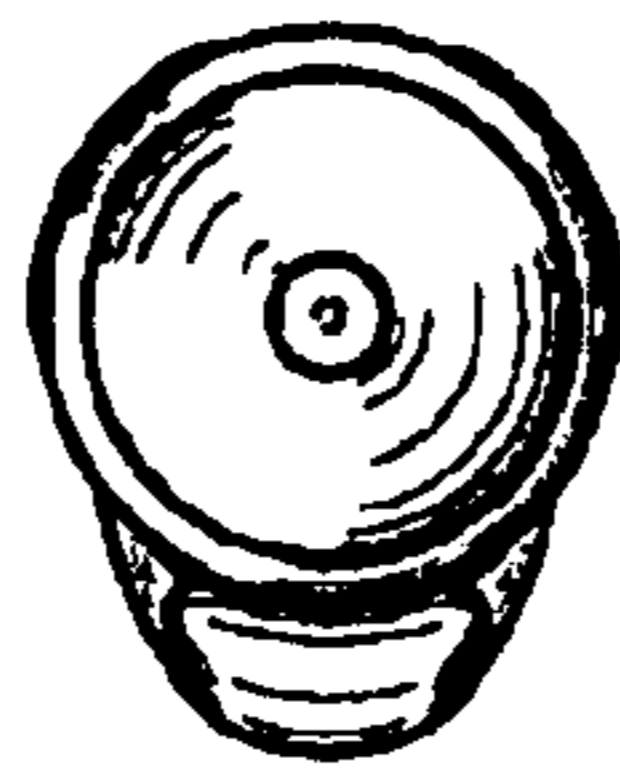
*Fig. 12*



*Fig. 13*

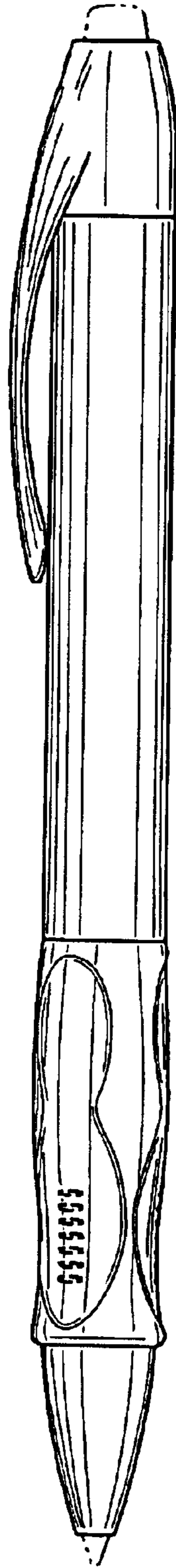


*Fig. 14*

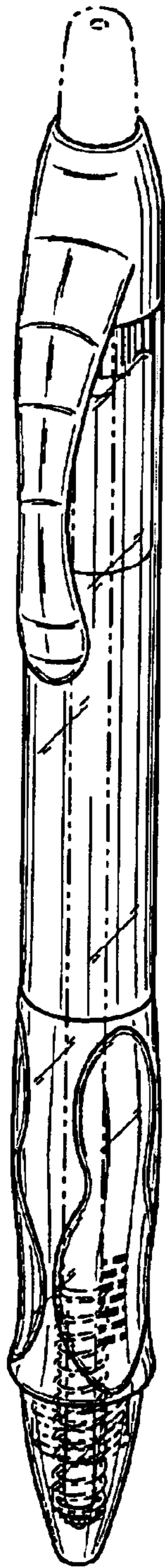


*Fig. 15*





*Fig. 16*



*Fig. 17*