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(54) **WRITING INSTRUMENT**

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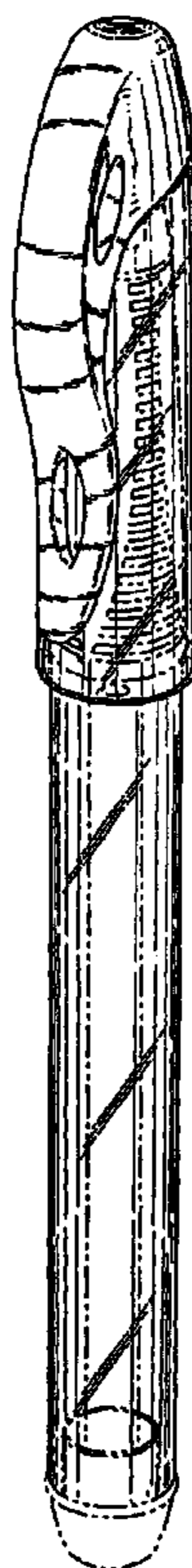
(57) **CLAIM**

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

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front, right perspective view of an ornamental design for a writing instrument with a transparent barrel and cap body according to the present invention;
 FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 3 is a back elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 6 is a top end view thereof;
 FIG. 7 is a bottom end view thereof; and
 FIG. 8 is a top right perspective view of a writing instrument as in FIG. 1 in a use position;
 FIG. 9 is a front, right perspective view of an ornamental design for a second embodiment of a writing instrument according to the present invention;
 FIG. 10 is a front elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 11 is a back elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 12 is a right side elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 13 is a left side elevational view thereof;
 FIG. 14 is a top end view thereof; and,
 FIG. 15 is a bottom end view thereof.
 All portions shown in broken lines are environmental and illustrative only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 9 Drawing Sheets



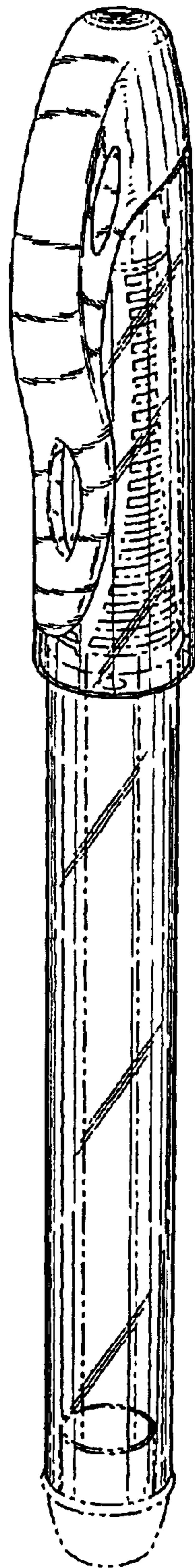


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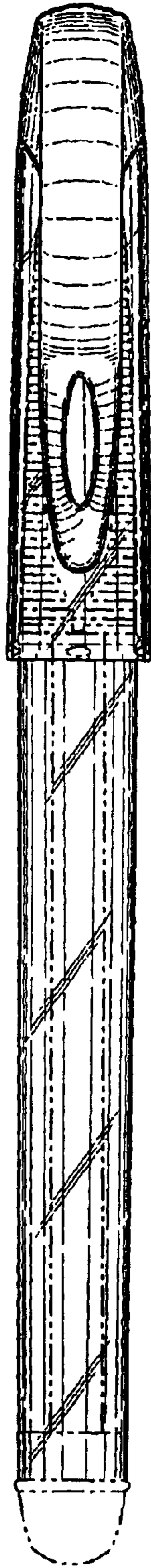


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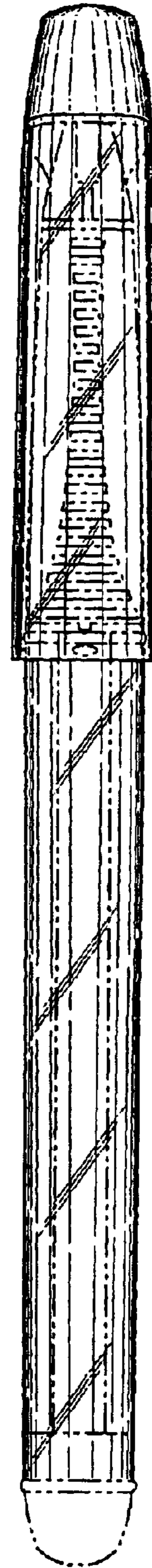


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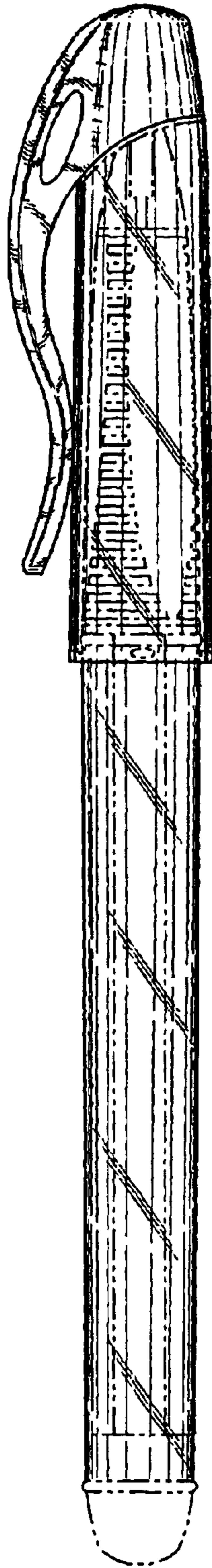


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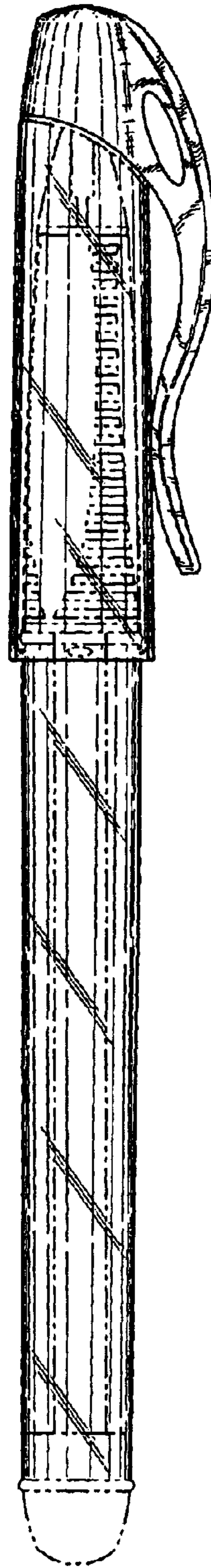


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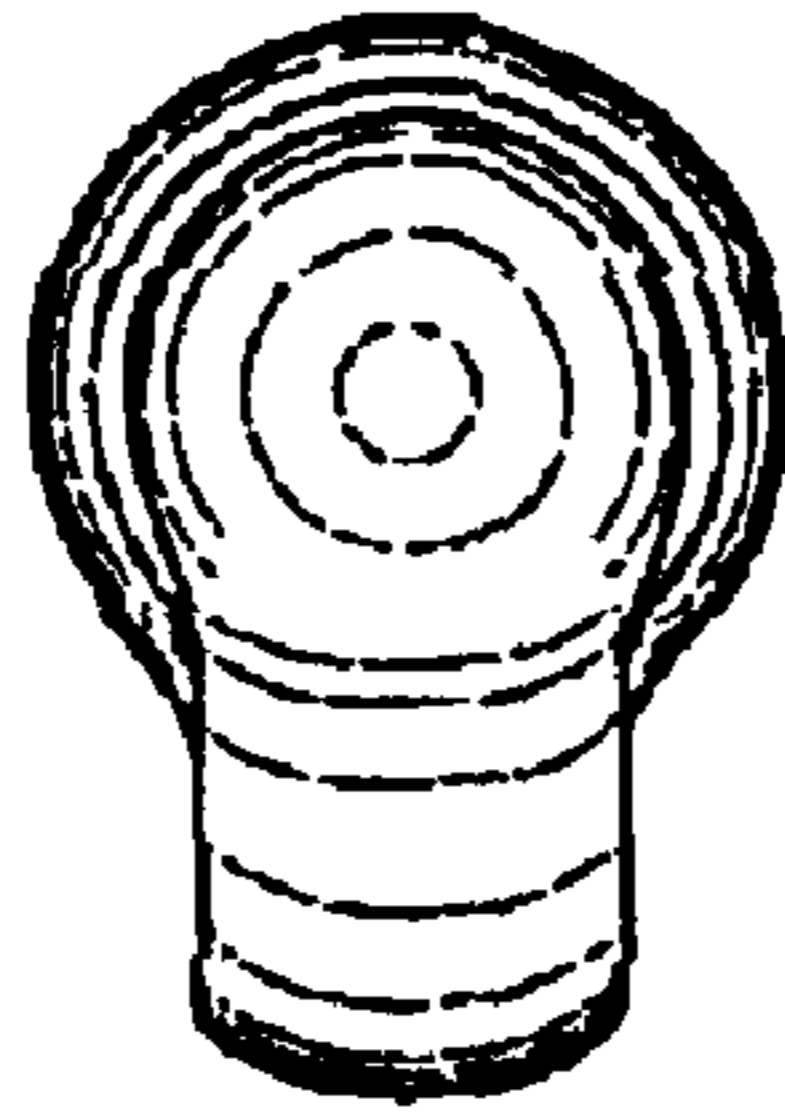


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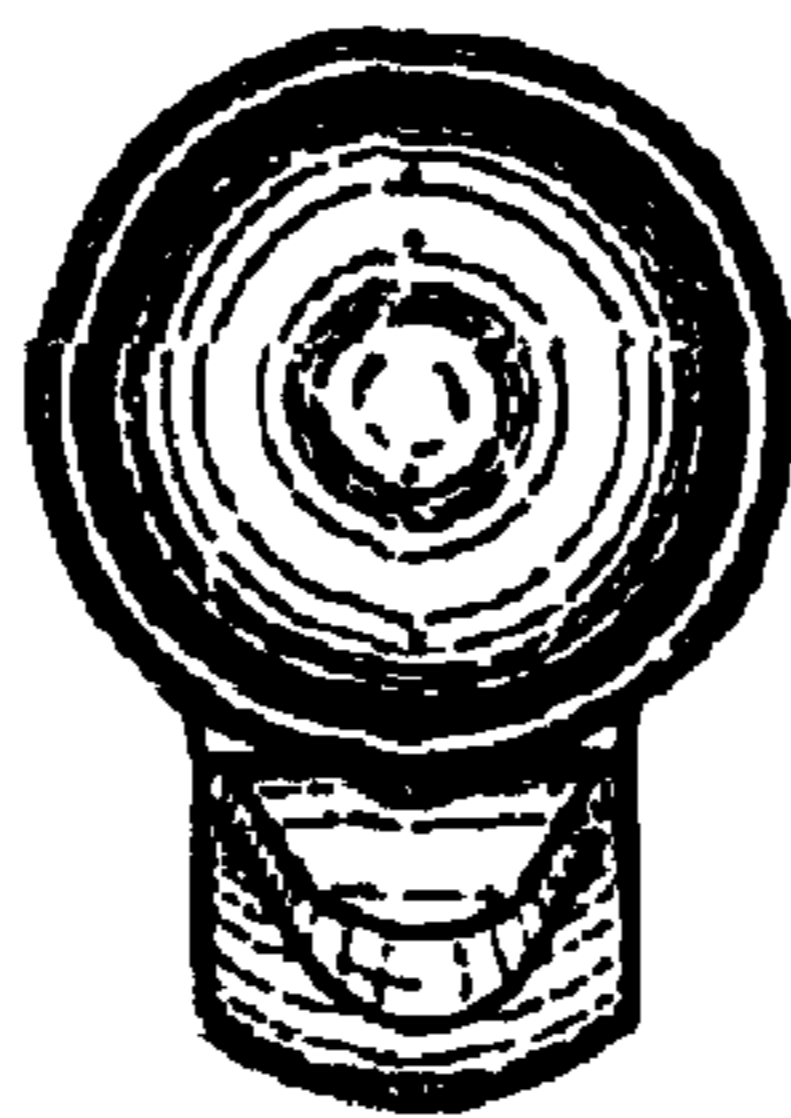


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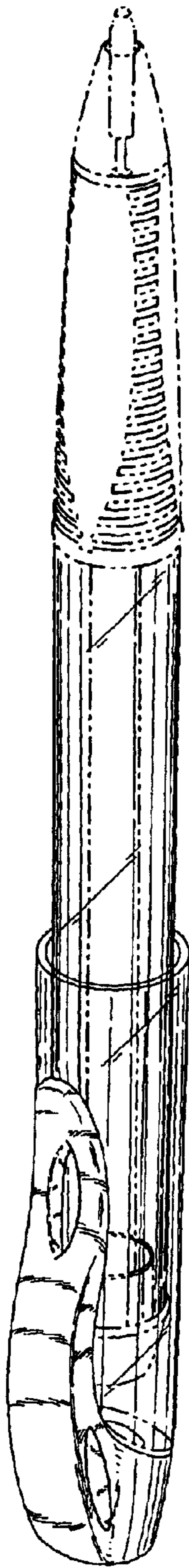


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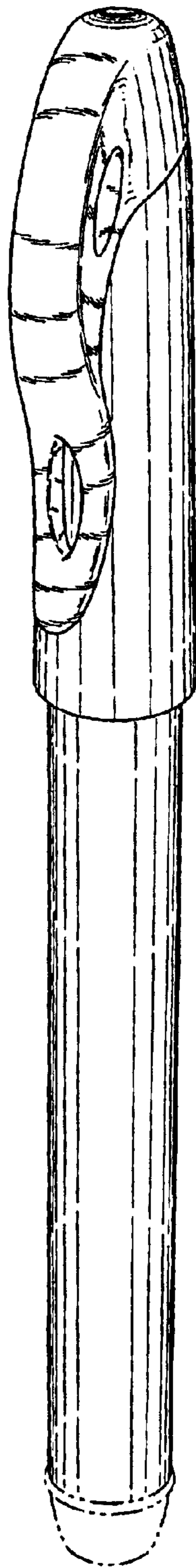


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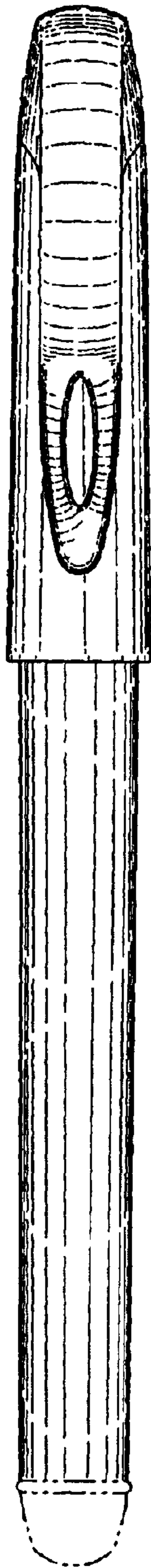


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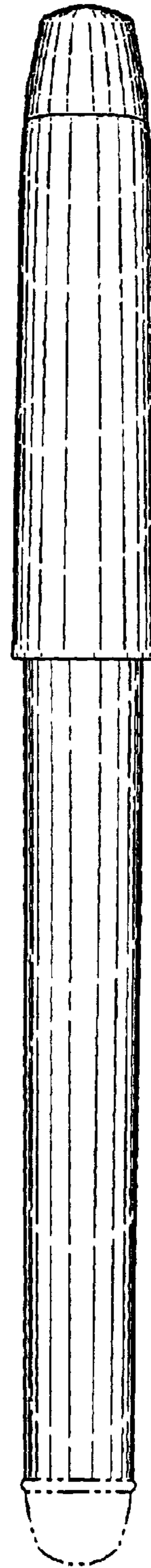


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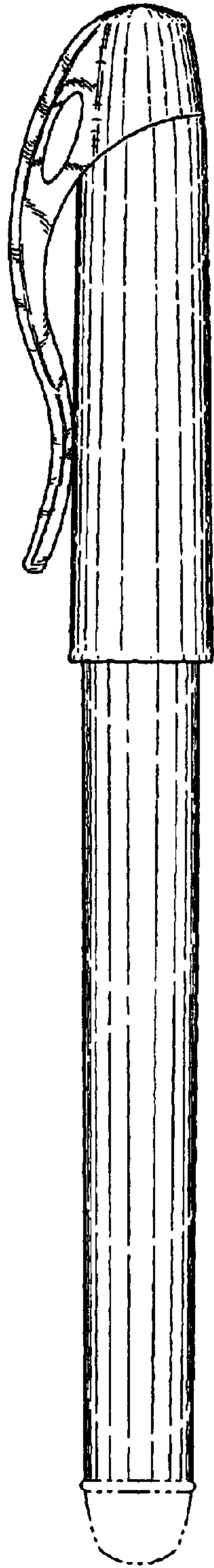


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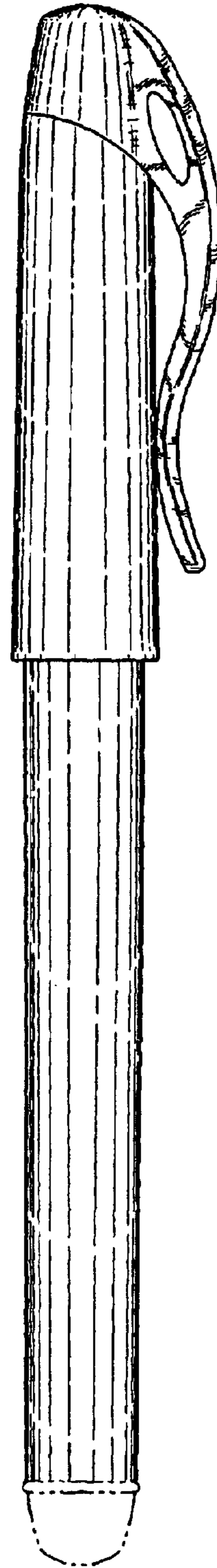


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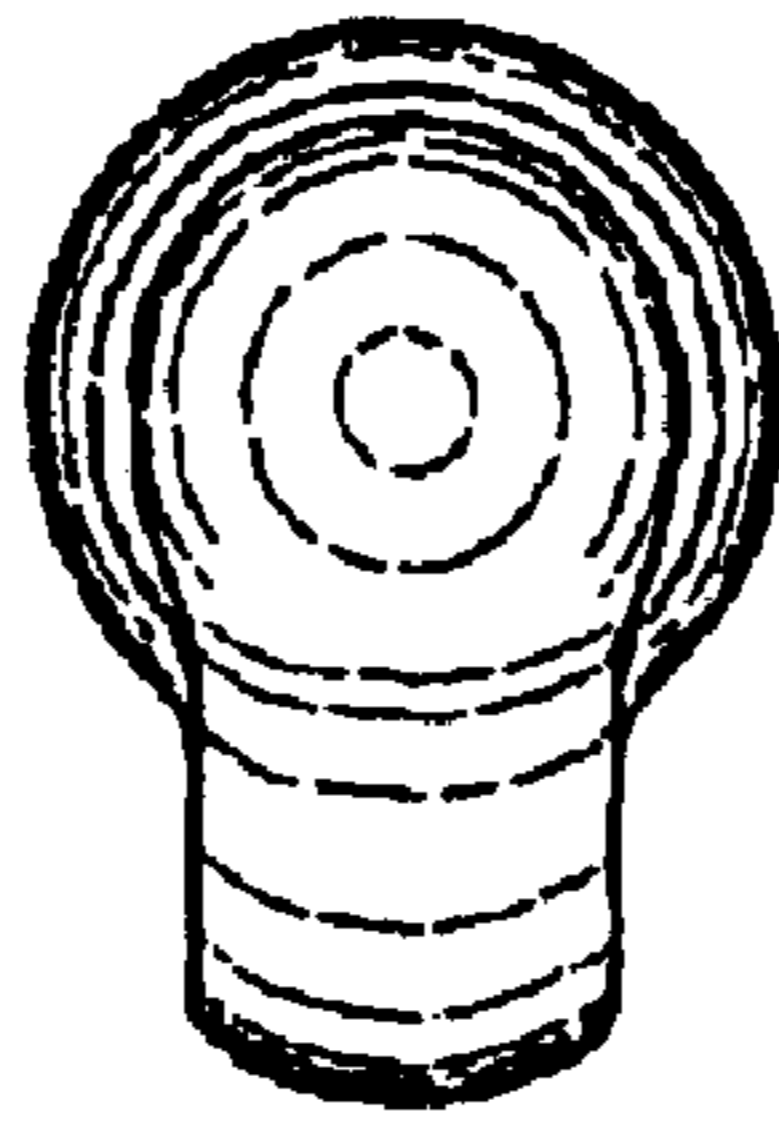


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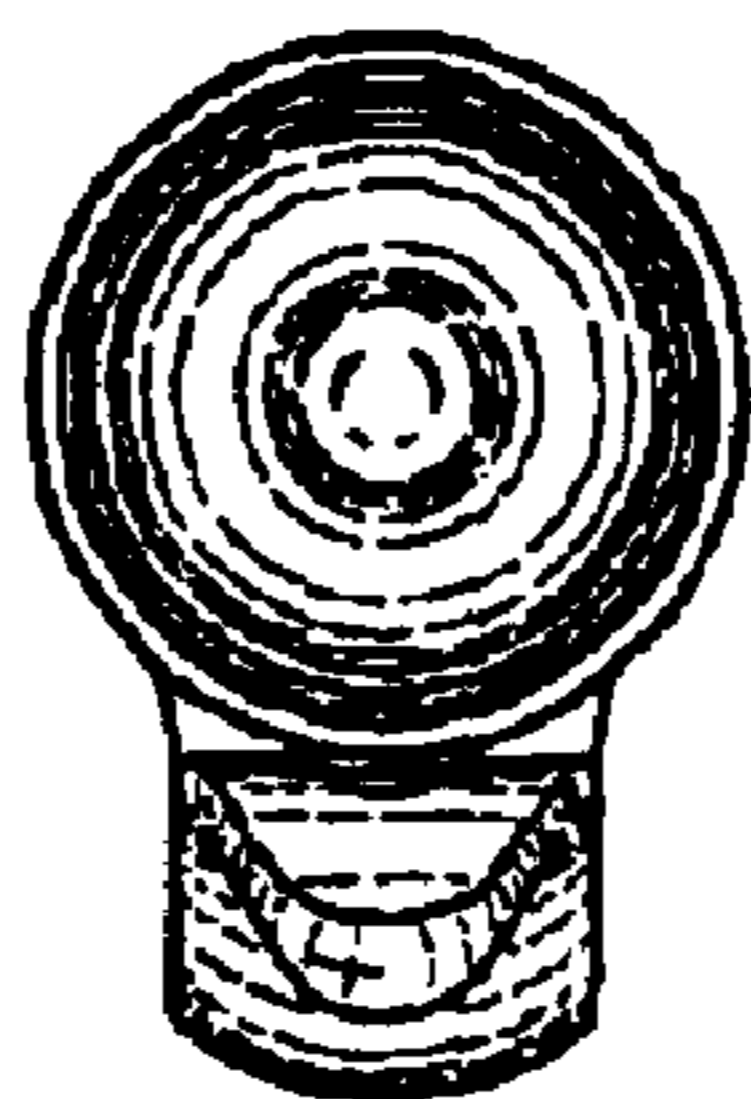


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