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(54) **FUEL CAP TETHER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a fuel cap tether, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the fuel cap tether showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a top view of the fuel cap tether of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a bottom view of the fuel cap tether of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a first side view of the fuel cap tether of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a reverse second side view of the fuel cap tether of FIG. 1.

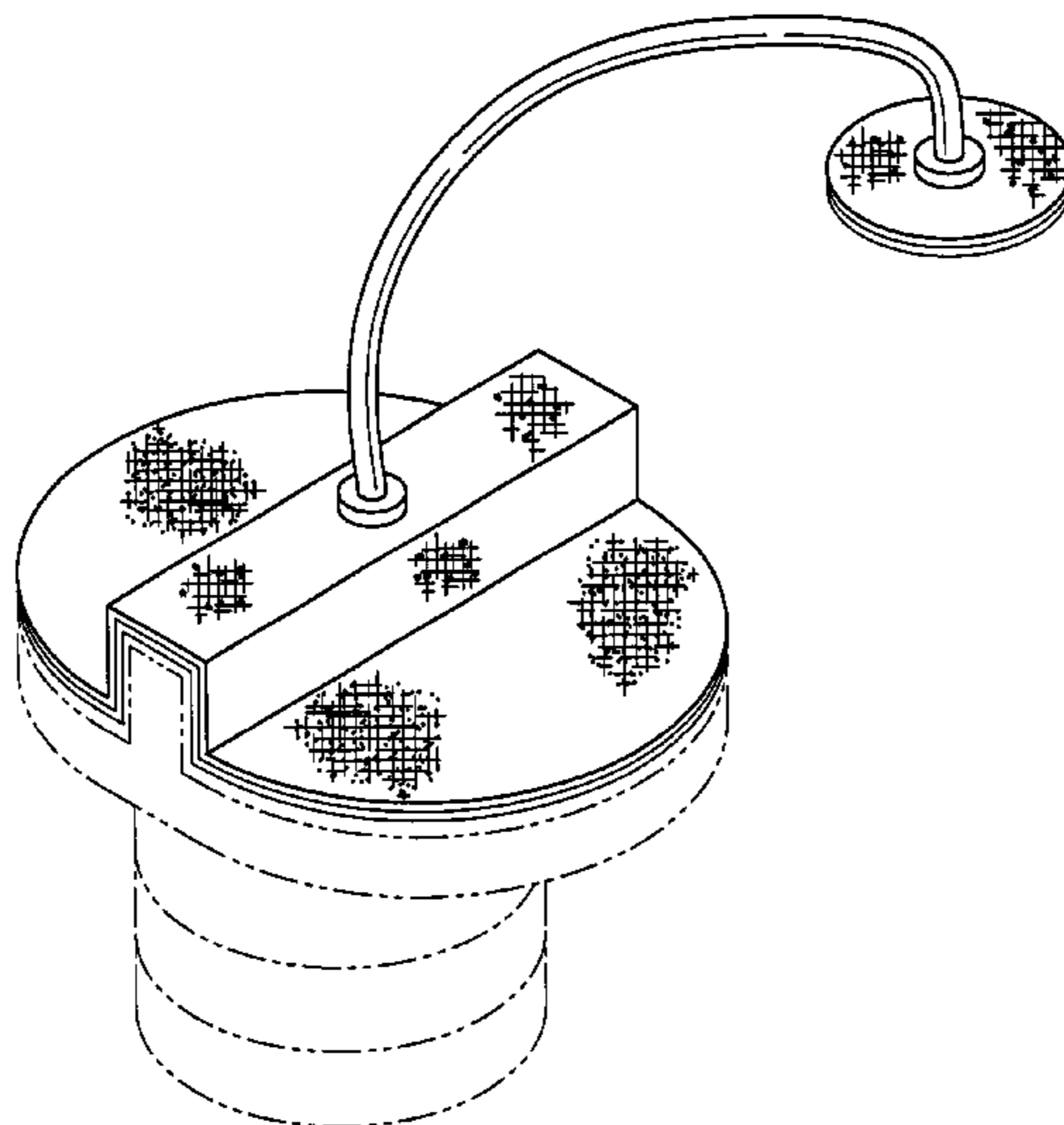
FIG. 6 is a first end view of the fuel cap tether of FIG. 1 from the fuel cap attaching end.

FIG. 7 is a reverse second end view of the fuel cap tether of FIG. 1 from the fuel access panel attachment end; and,

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of the fuel cap tether showing an alternate position of the fuel cap attaching end of the fuel cap tether with broken lines showing of environment in the drawings for illustrative purpose only and forms no part of the claimed design.

The broken lines shown on FIGS. 1, 2, and 3 are representative of fold lines. The random criss-cross pattern on the oval and circular elements of the fuel cap tether is understood to be uniformly repeated throughout the entire surface.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**



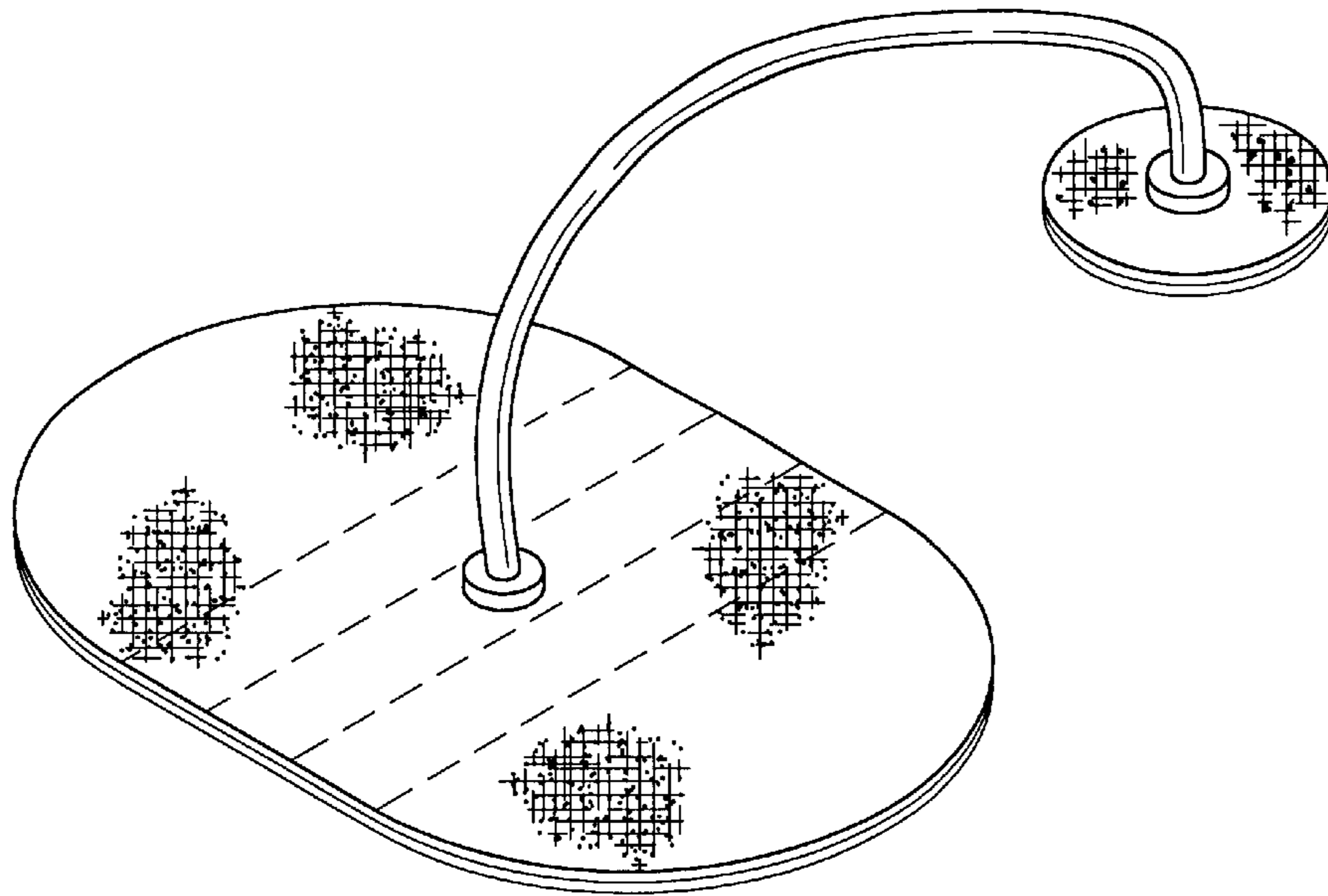


FIG. 1

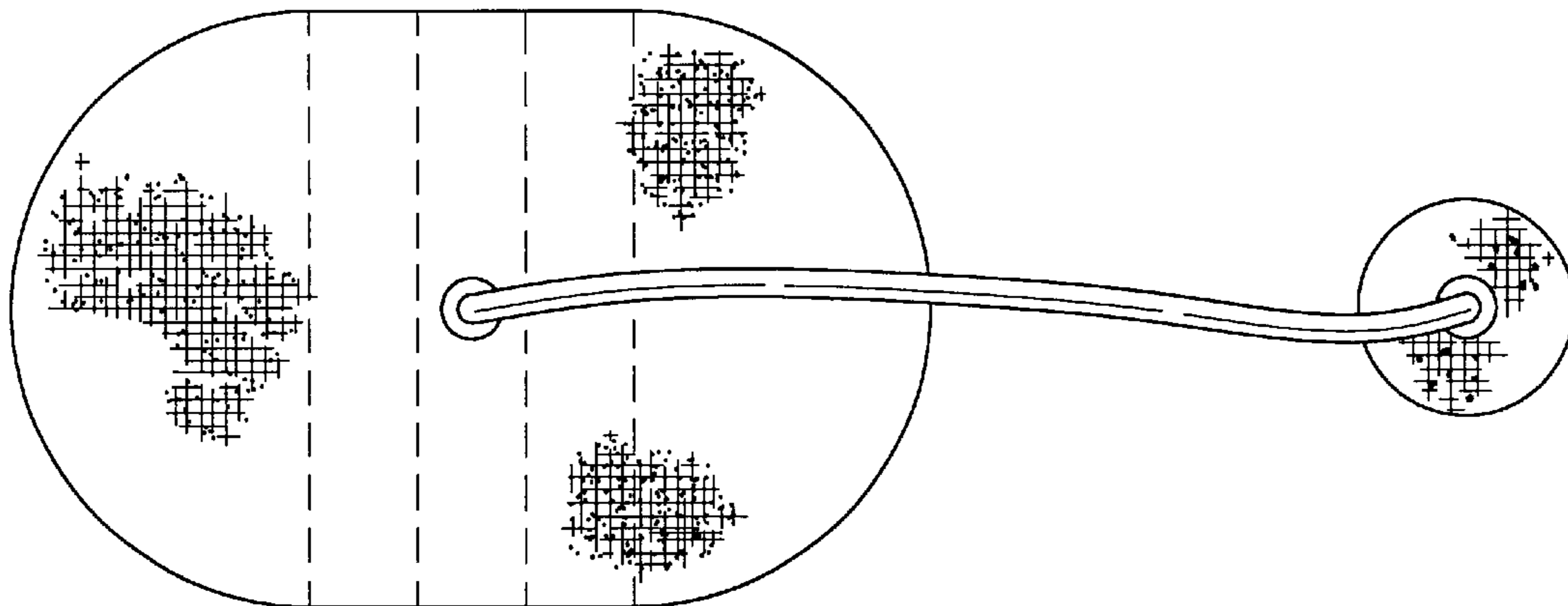


FIG. 2

