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- (54) **THREE-LINK HORSE-BIT MOUTHPIECE**
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First horse bit design, Figures 1A-1F.
Second horse bit design, Figures 2A-2F.
Third horse bit design, Figures 3A-3F.
Horse bit design, Figure 1.
Horse bit design, Figure 2.
Horse bit design, Figure 3.

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(57) **CLAIM**

I claim the ornamental design for a three-link horse-bit mouthpiece, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top left front perspective view of a three-link horse-bit mouthpiece showing an embodiment of my new design, the top right front perspective view being a mirror image thereof.

FIG. 2 is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side elevational view being a mirror image thereof.

FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof, the bottom plan view being a mirror image thereof.

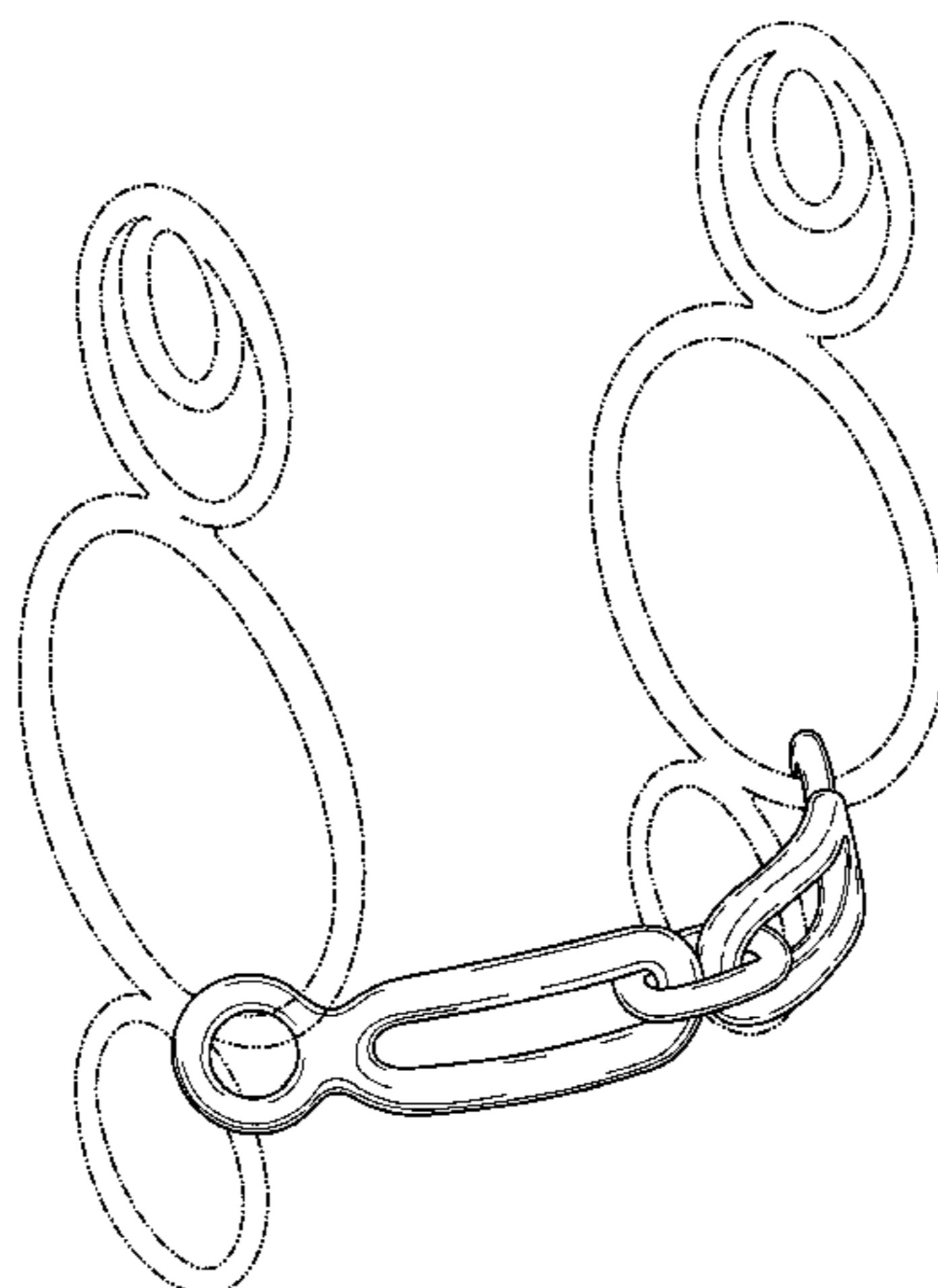
FIG. 4 is a front elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view thereof.

The broken or dashed lines shown in the drawings are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

The shading lines shown in the drawings represent the approximate three-dimensional contour of the design, and are not intended to indicate surface decoration.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



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Fig. 1

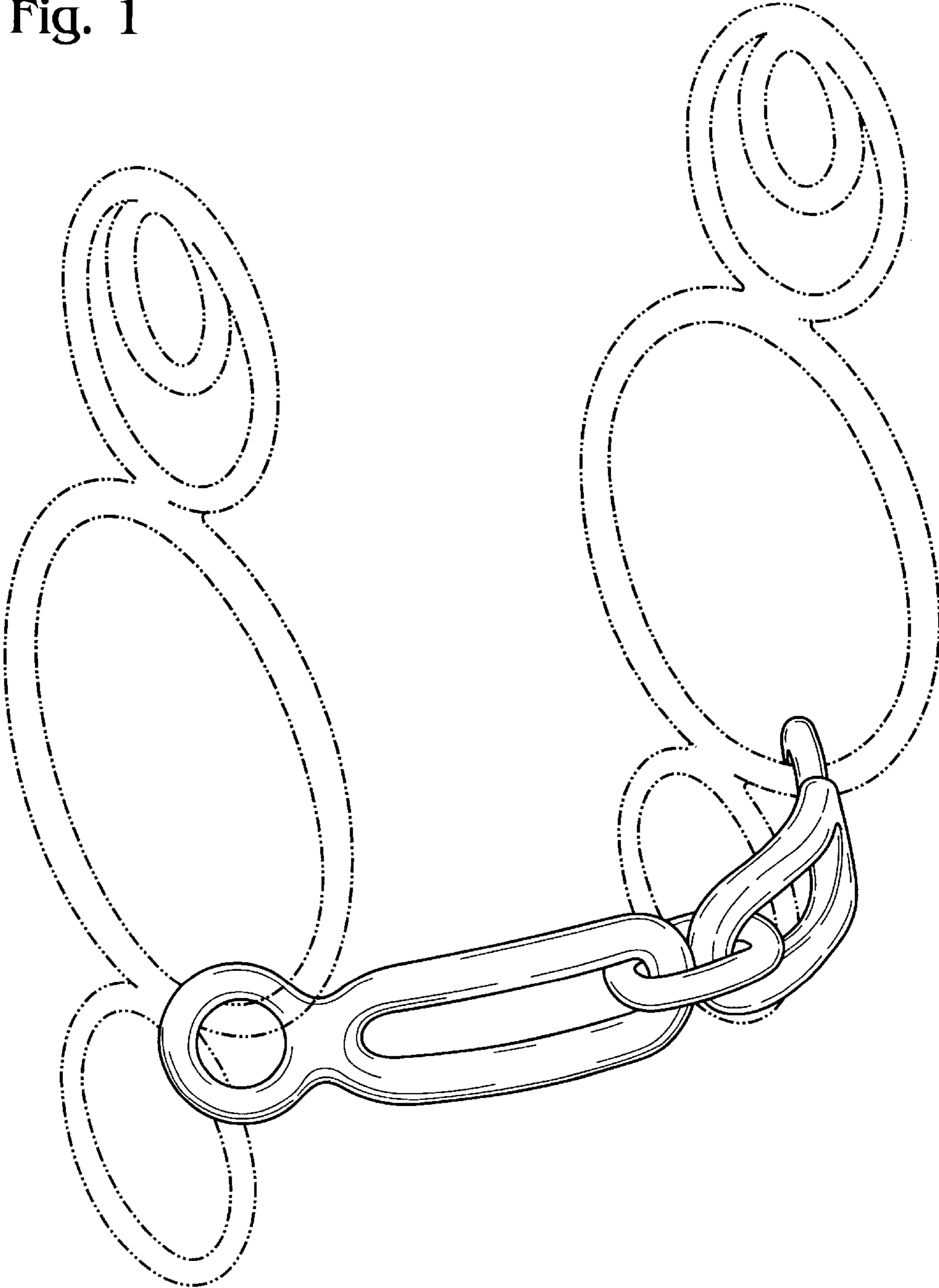


Fig. 2

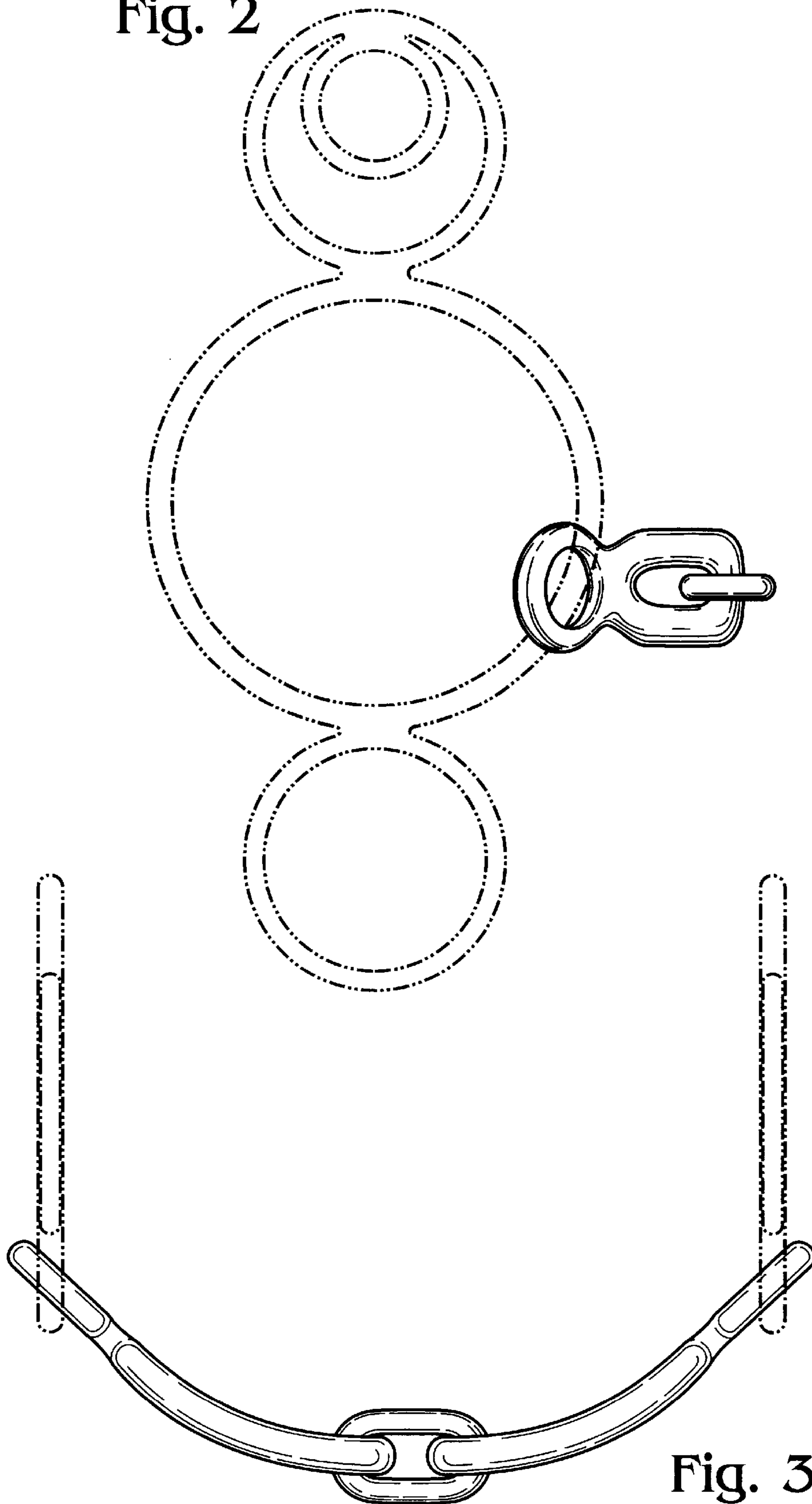


Fig. 3

Fig. 5

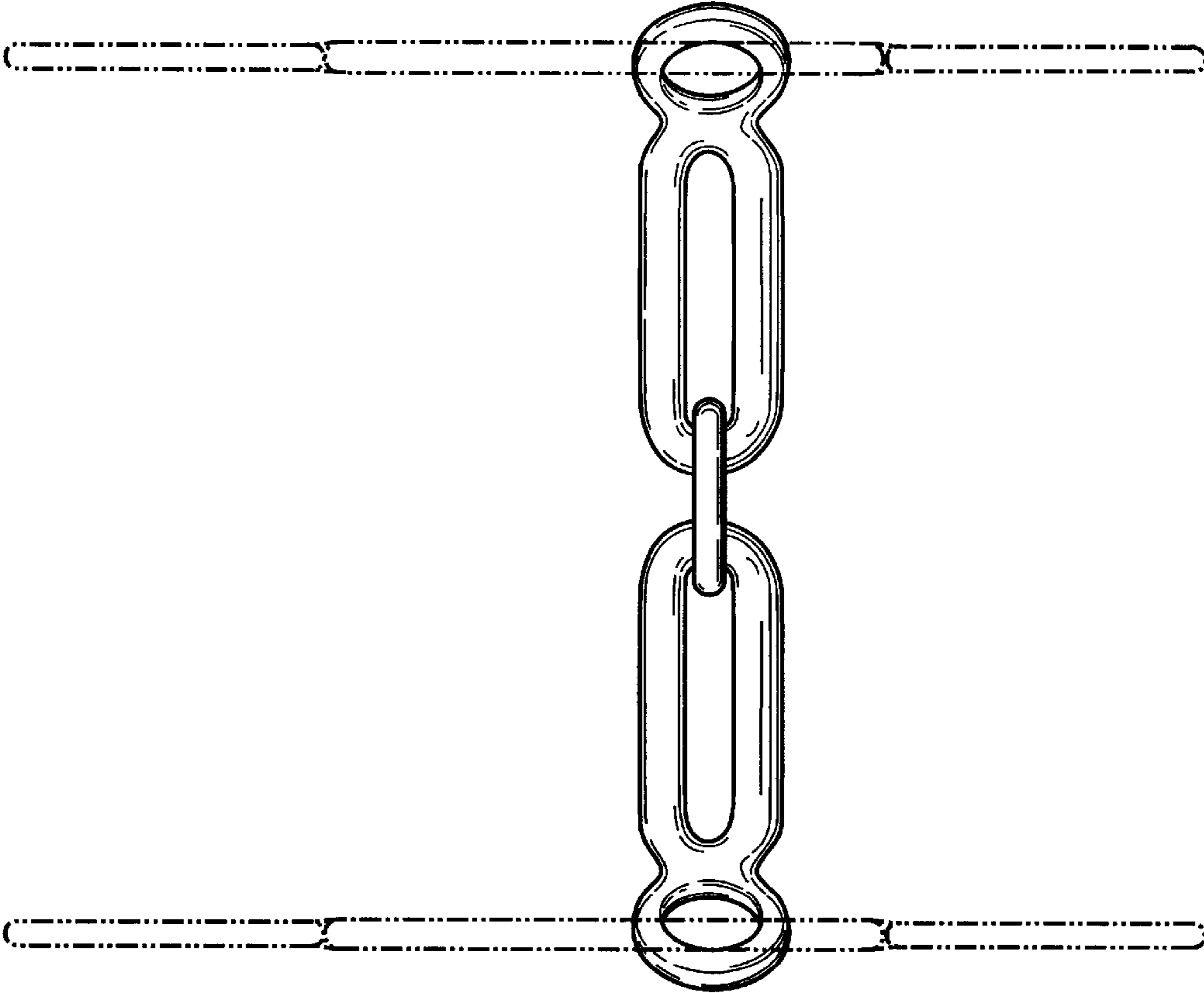


Fig. 4

