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(54) **ACCESS PLATFORM FOR A WELL TOP DRIVE SYSTEM**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an access platform for a well top drive system, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of an access platform according to the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a rear perspective view of the access platform of FIG. 1.

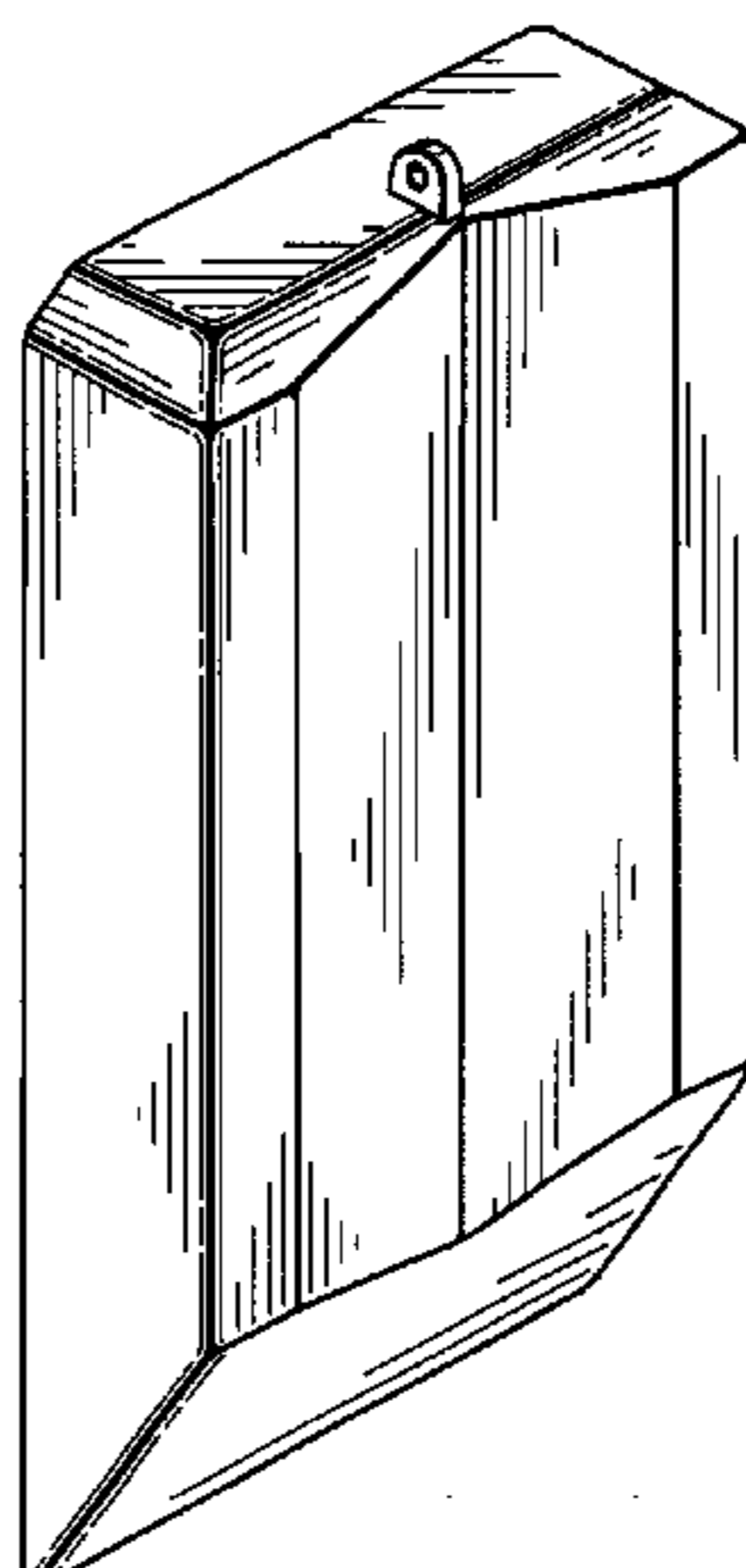
FIG. 3 is a side view of the access platform of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a front view of the access platform of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a bottom view of the access platform of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 6 is a top view of the access platform of FIG. 1.

**1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet**



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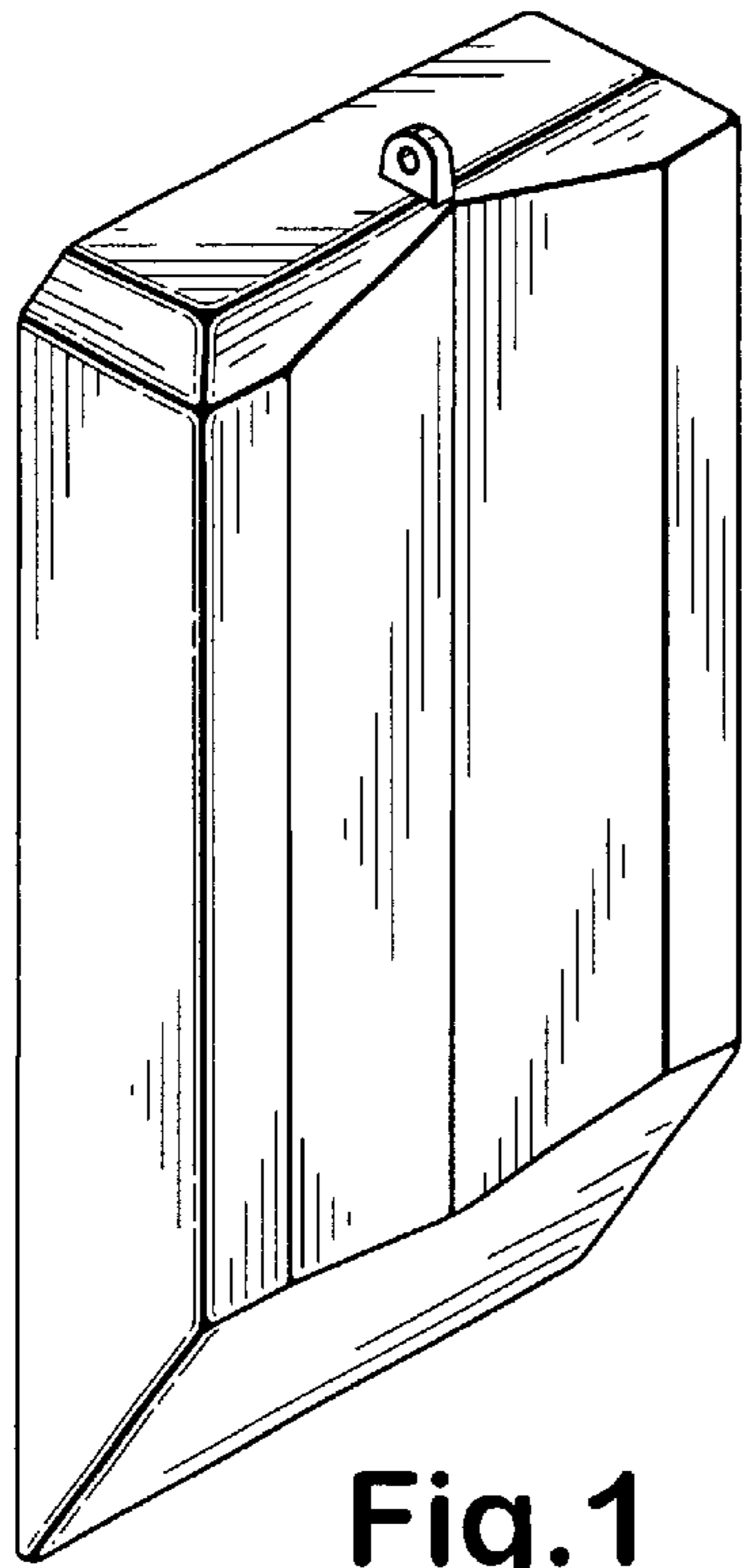


Fig.1

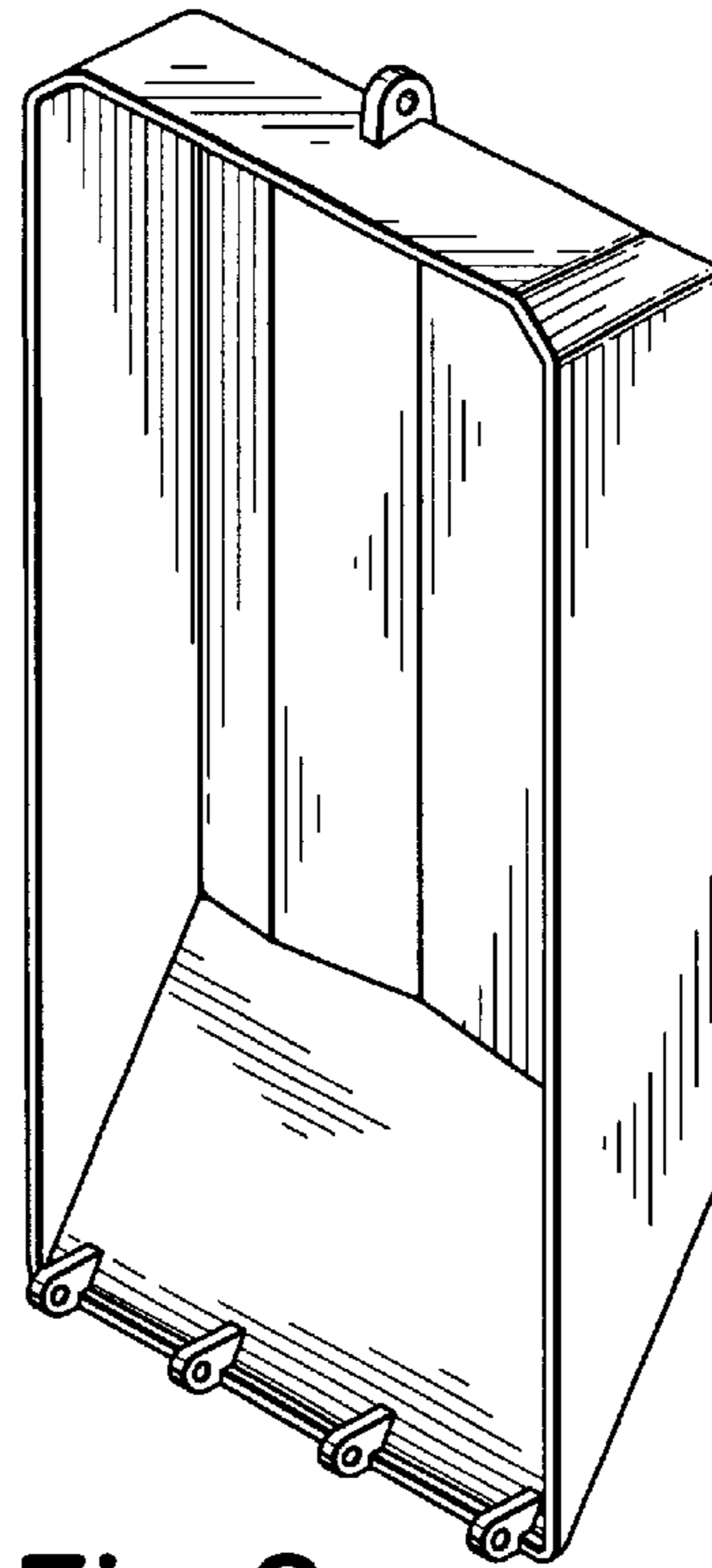


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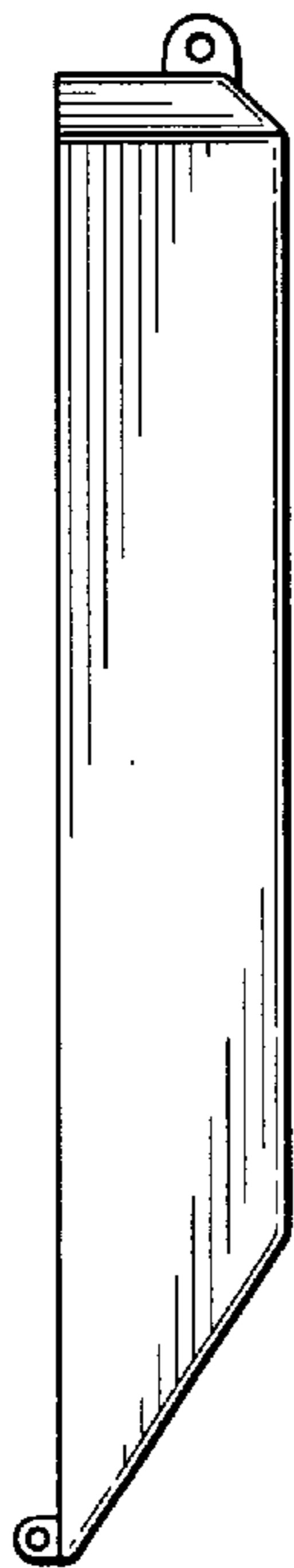


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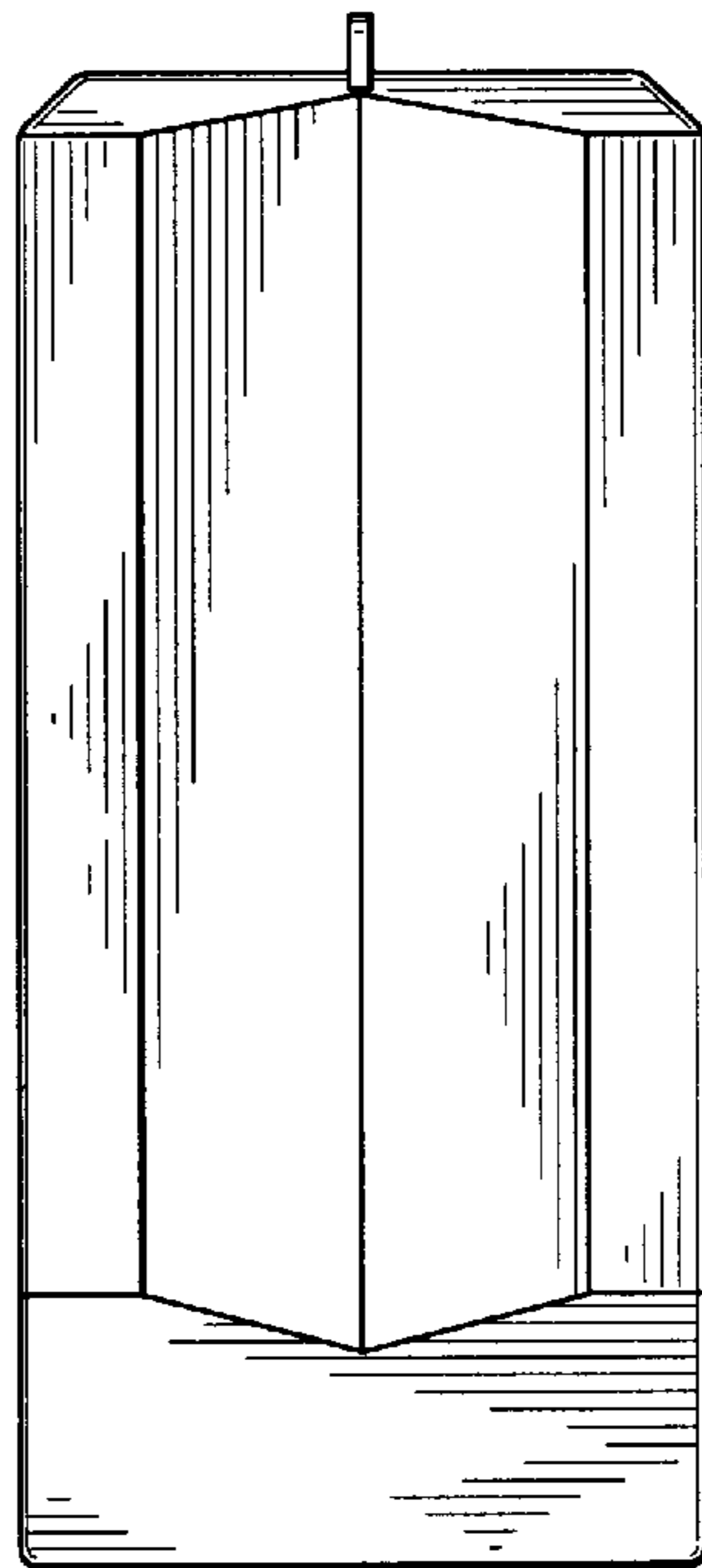


Fig.4



Fig.5

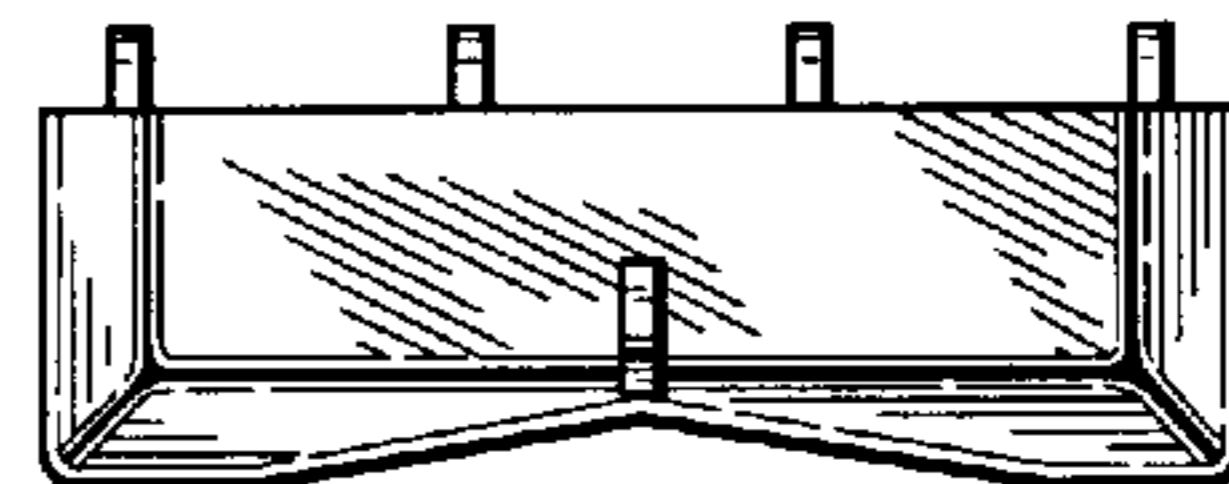


Fig.6