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(54) **FORMICARIUM**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a formicarium, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

The formicarium is an ant-house mostly filled with clear gel. All walls are clear/transparent enabling ants to be observed tunneling through the gel

FIG. 1 is a perspective view from the front and above of a formicarium showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view from a left side and above;

FIG. 3 is a top view;

FIG. 4 is a front view;

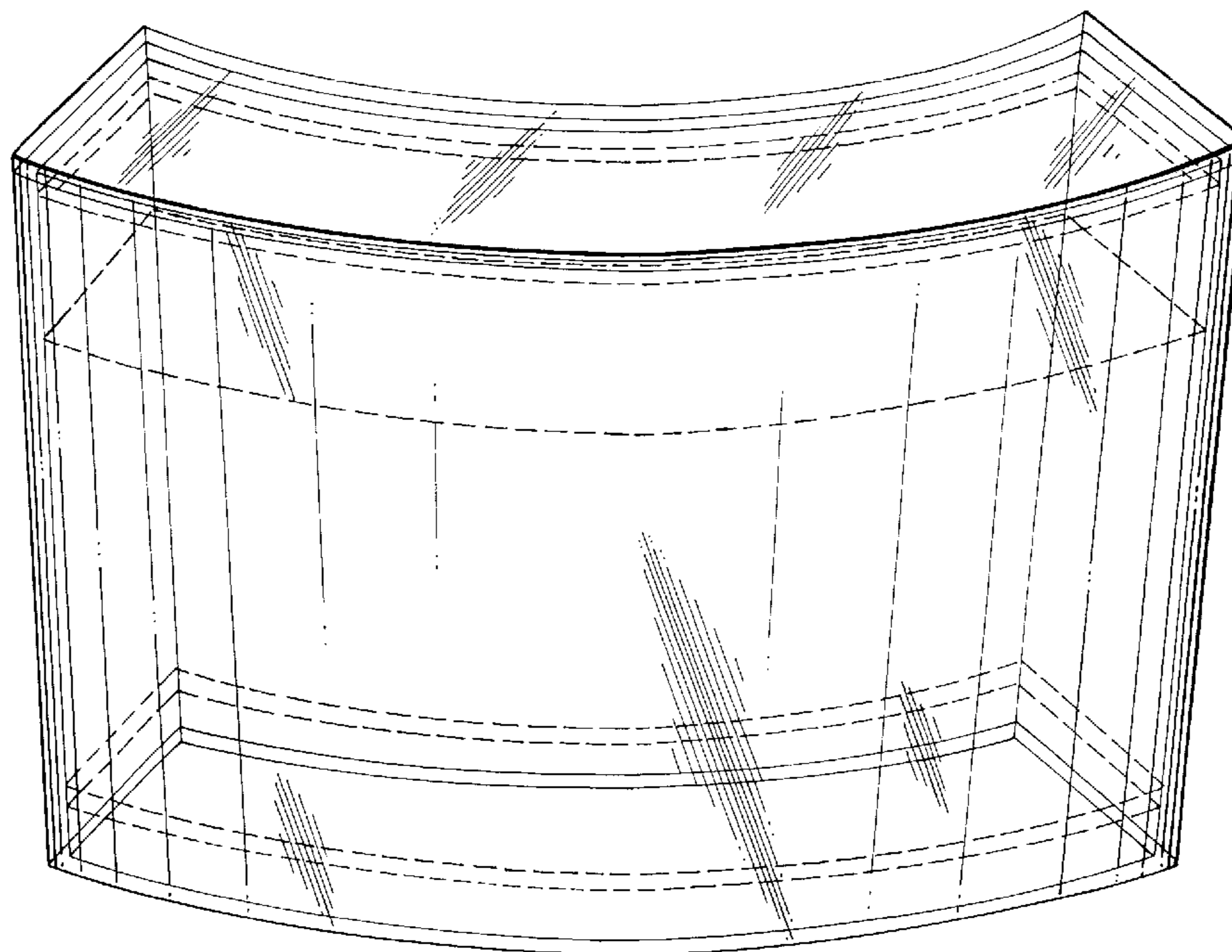
FIG. 5 is a right side view (opposite side corresponds);

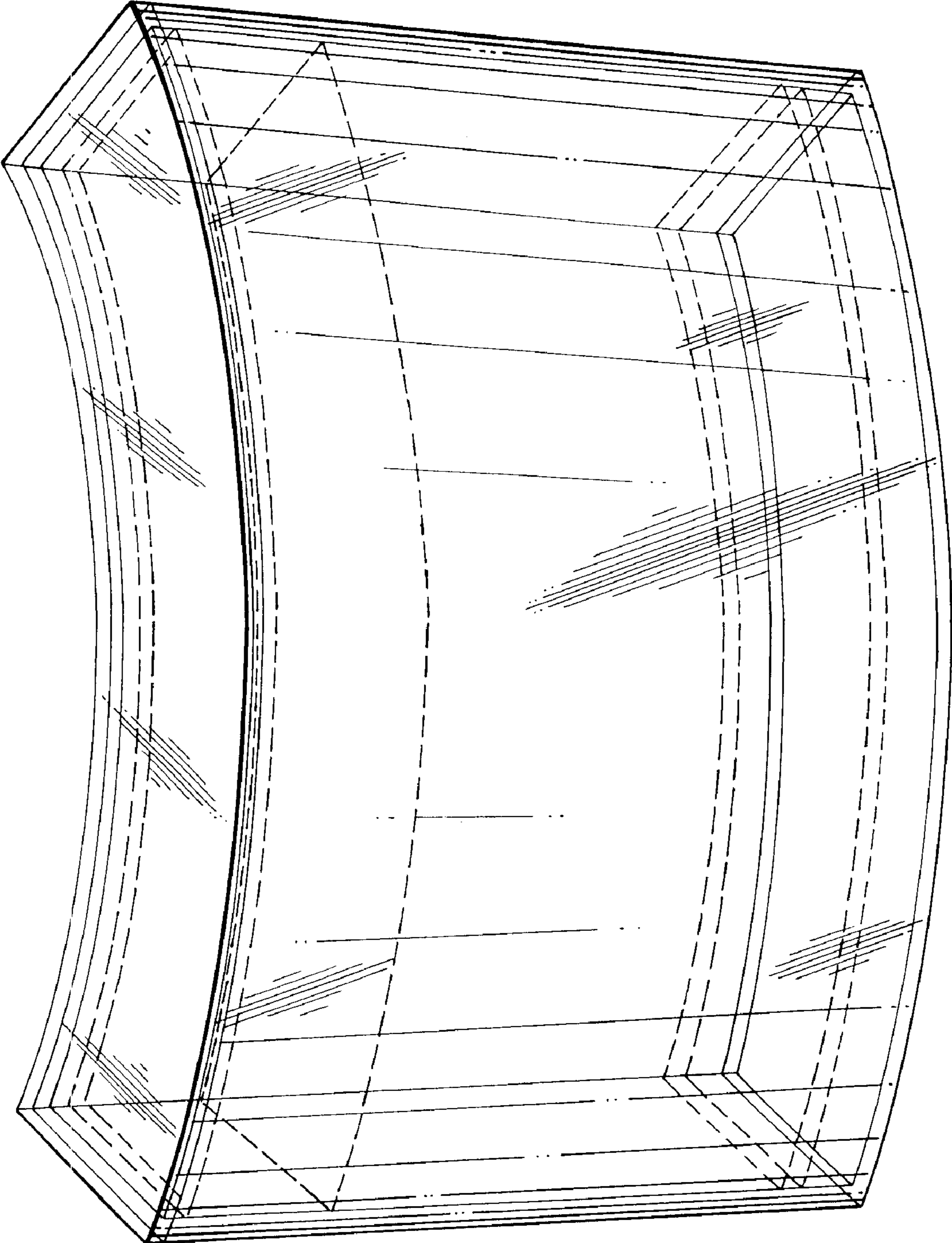
FIG. 6 is a bottom view; and,

FIG. 7 is a rear view.

The broken lines in FIGS. 1–7 are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

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*FIG. 1*

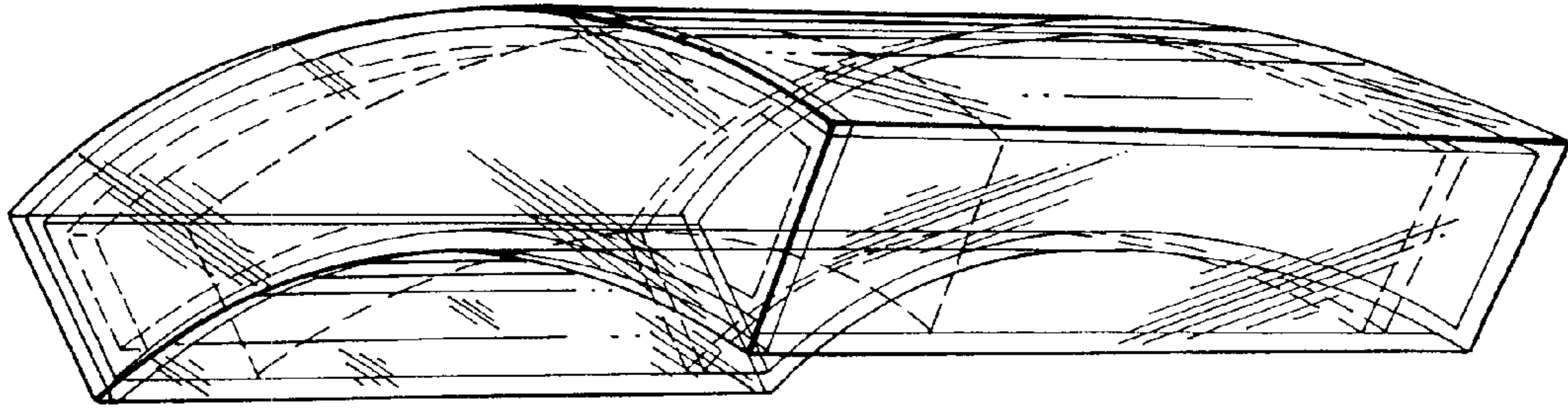


FIG. 2

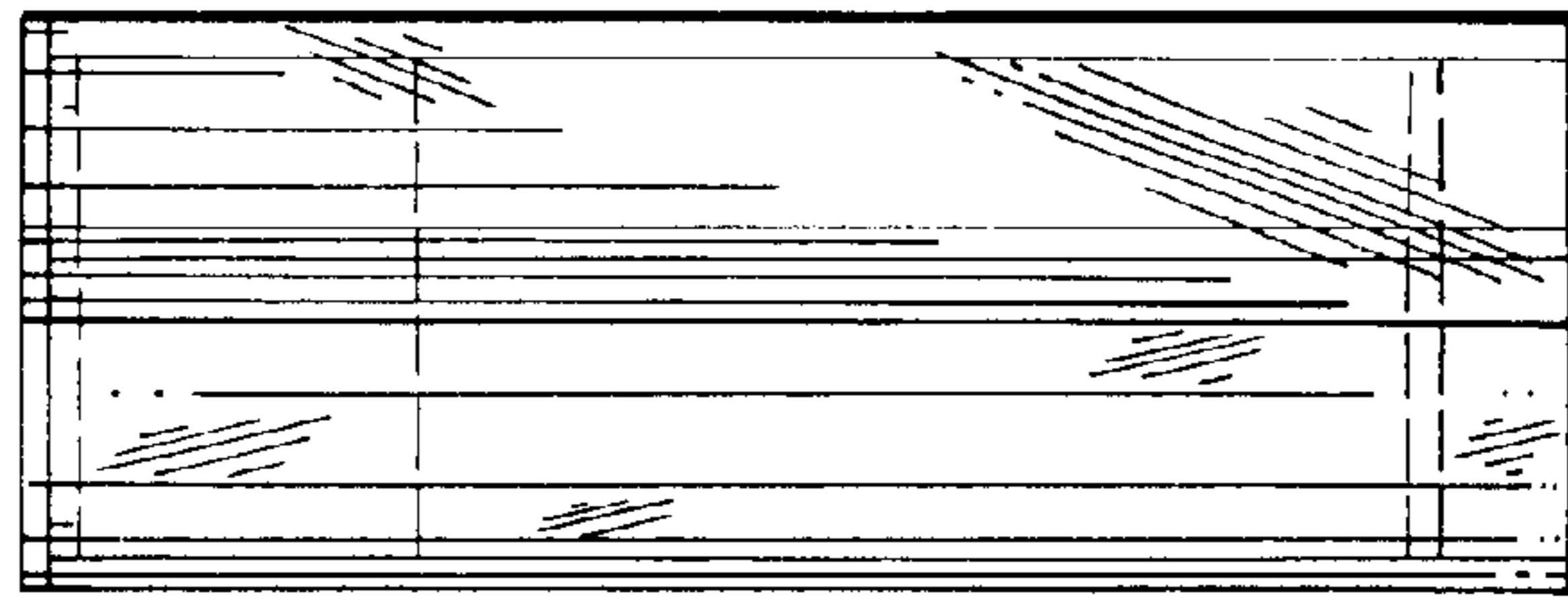


FIG. 5

FIG. 3

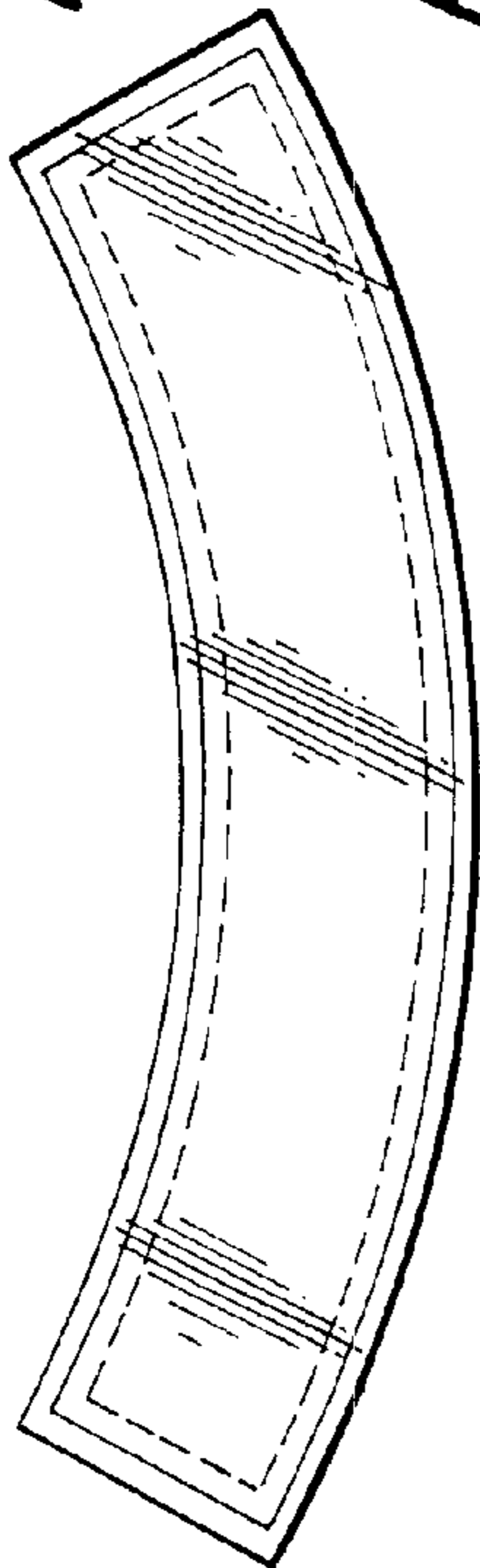


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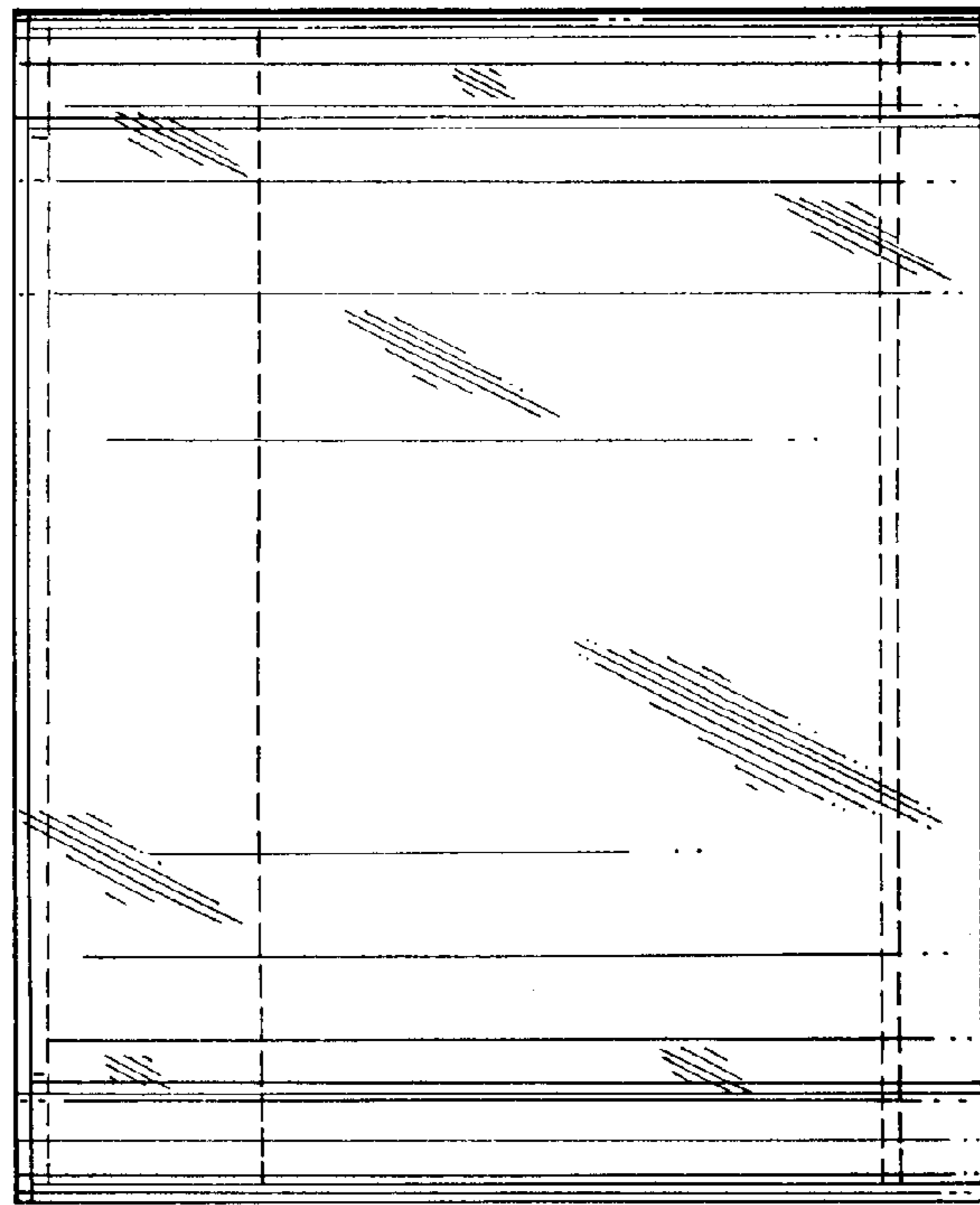
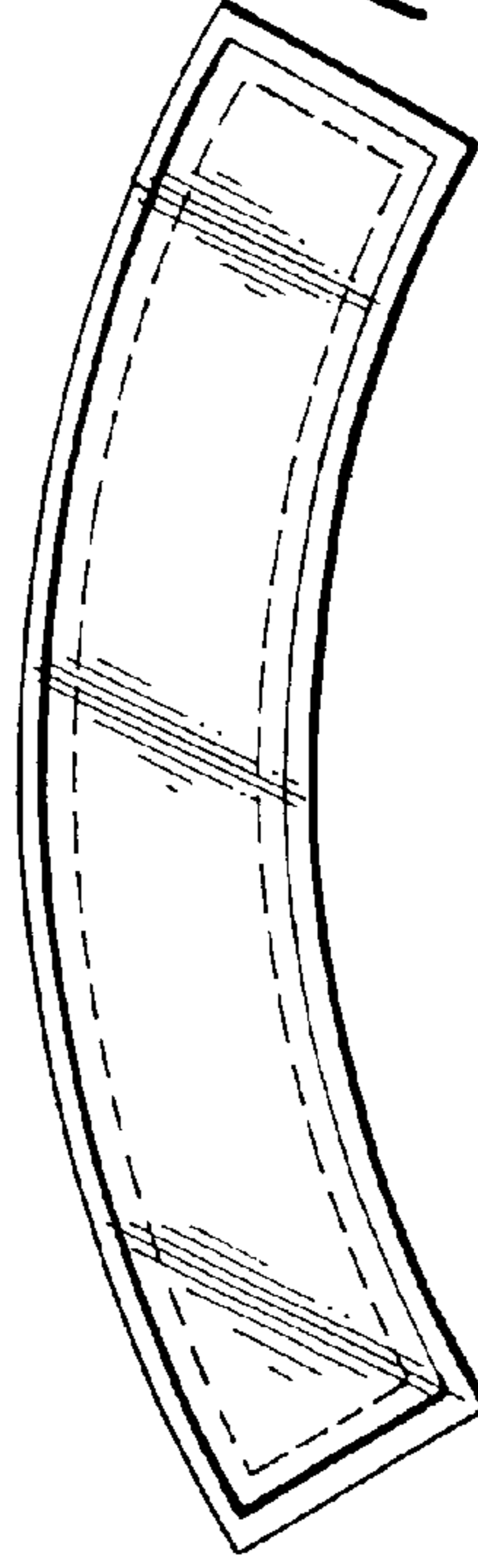


FIG. 6



*FIG. 7*

