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(54) **TOUCH FASTENER ELEMENT**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a touch fastener element, as shown and described.

(**) Term: **14 Years**

DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a first fastener element, with a unidirectional engaging portion and one relatively narrow side portion.

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FIG. 2 is a top view of the fastener element of FIG. 1.

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FIG. 3 is a side view of the fastener element of FIG. 1.

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FIG. 4 is an end view of the fastener element of FIG. 1.

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FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a second fastener element, with a unidirectional engaging portion and one relatively wide side portion.

(52) **U.S. Cl.** **D8/383**

FIG. 6 is a top view of the fastener element of FIG. 5.

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FIG. 7 is a side view of the fastener element of FIG. 5.

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FIG. 8 is an end view of the fastener element of FIG. 5.

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FIG. 9 is a perspective view of a third fastener element, with a unidirectional engaging portion and two relatively narrow side portions.

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FIG. 10 is a top view of the fastener element of FIG. 9.

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FIG. 11 is a side view of the fastener element of FIG. 9.

FIG. 12 is an end view of the fastener element of FIG. 9.

FIG. 13 is a perspective view of a fourth fastener element, with a unidirectional engaging portion and two relatively wide side portions.

FIG. 14 is a top view of the fastener element of FIG. 13.

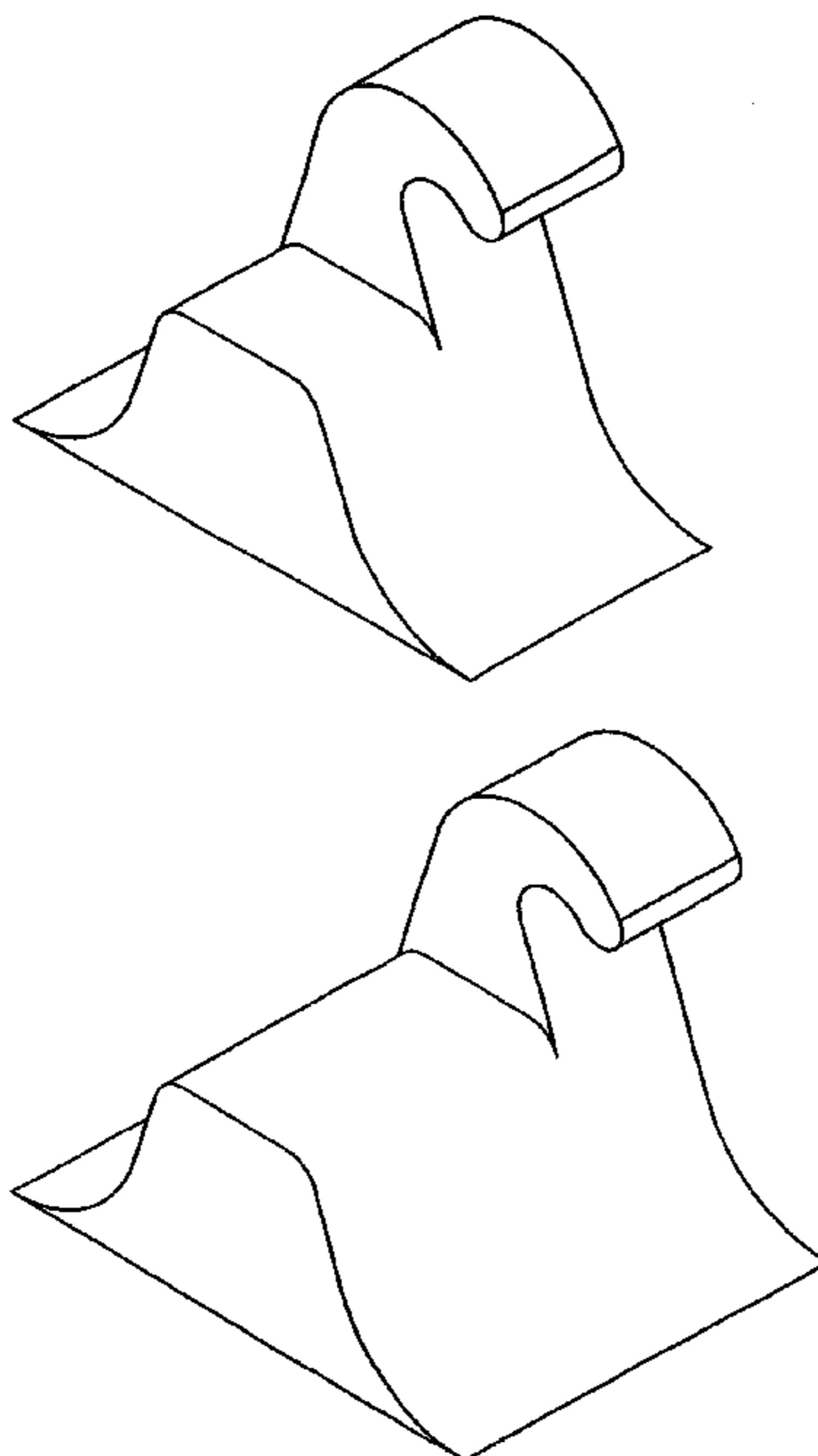
FIG. 15 is a side view of the fastener element of FIG. 13; and,

FIG. 16 is an end view of the fastener element of FIG. 13.

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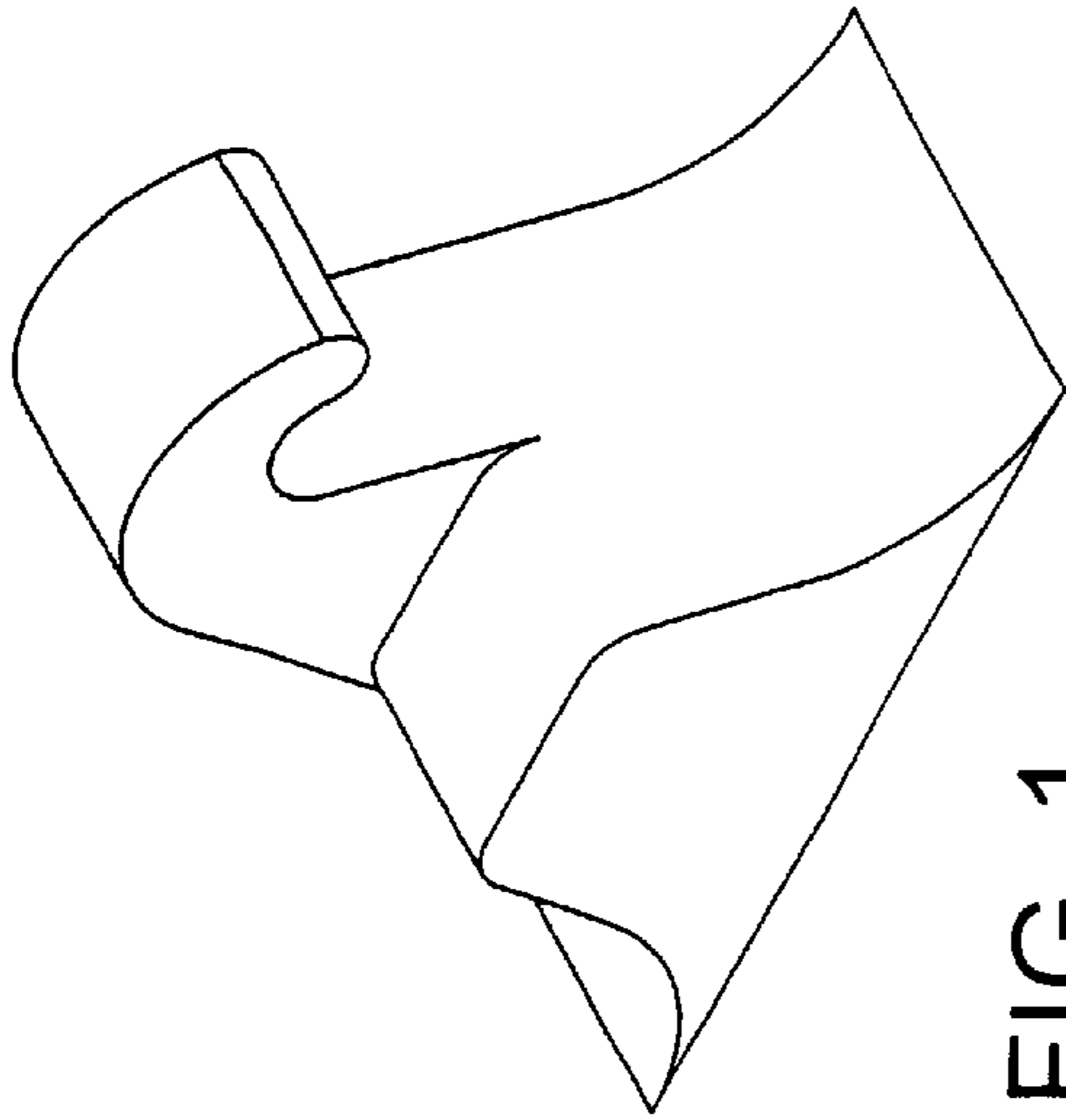


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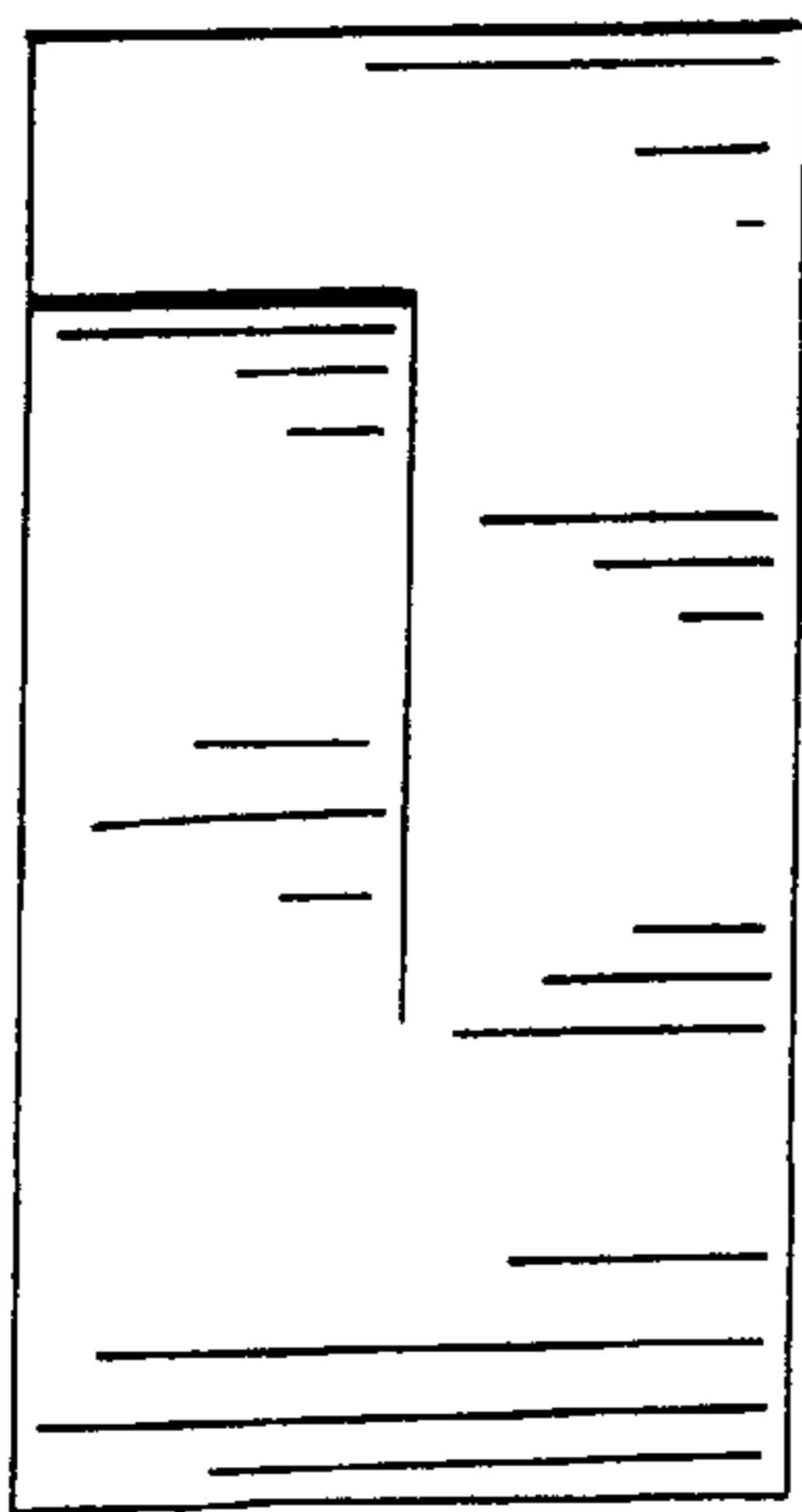


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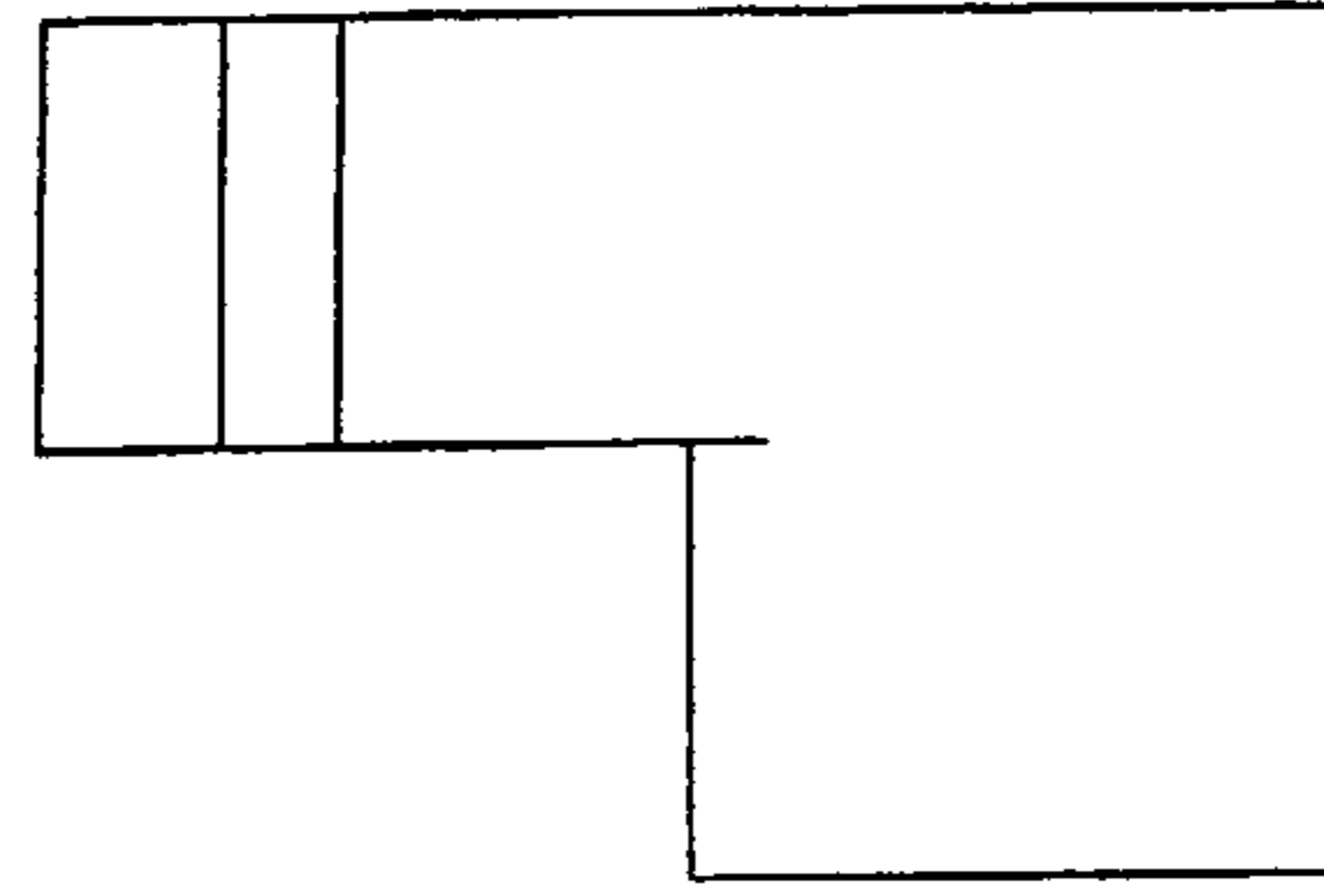


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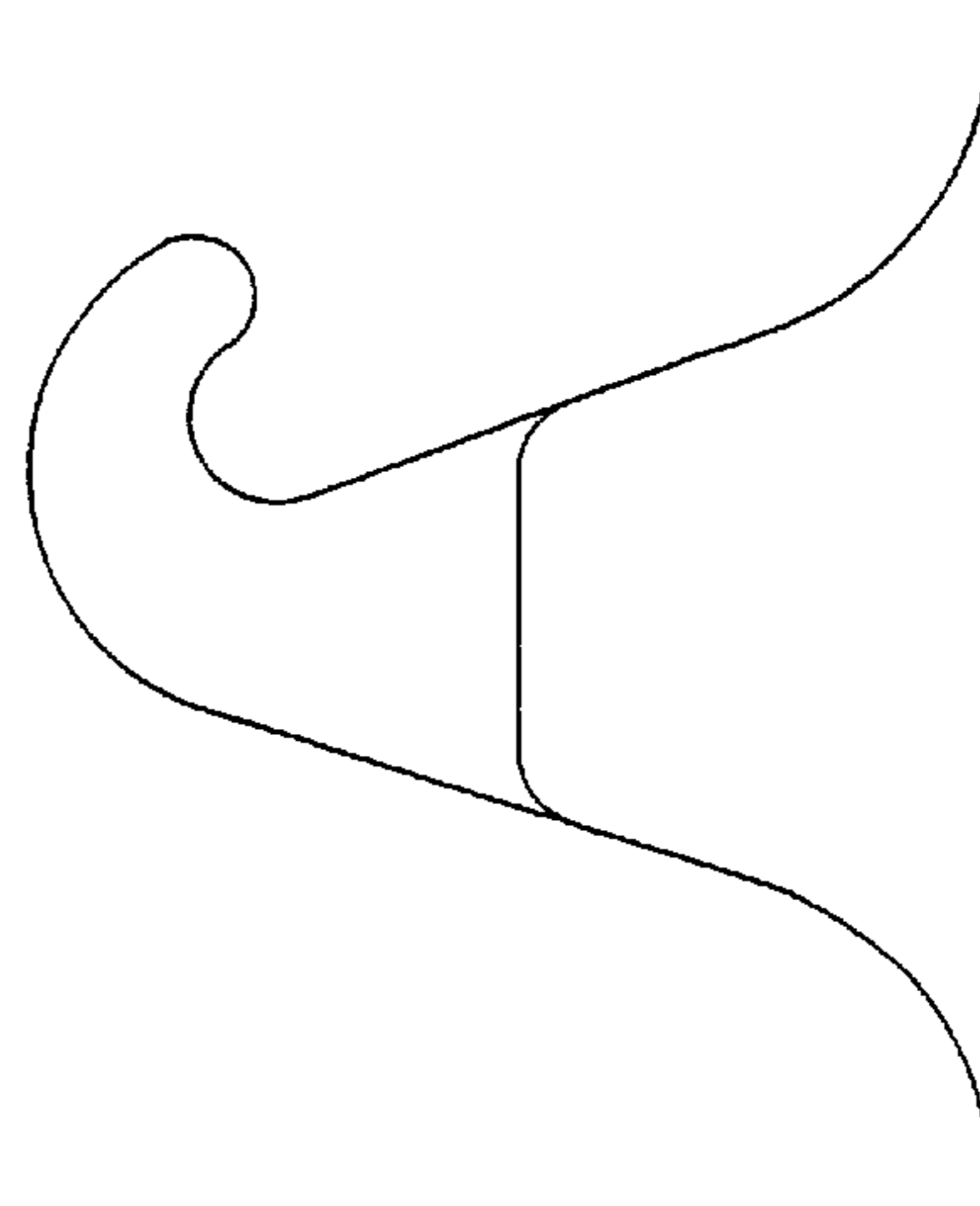


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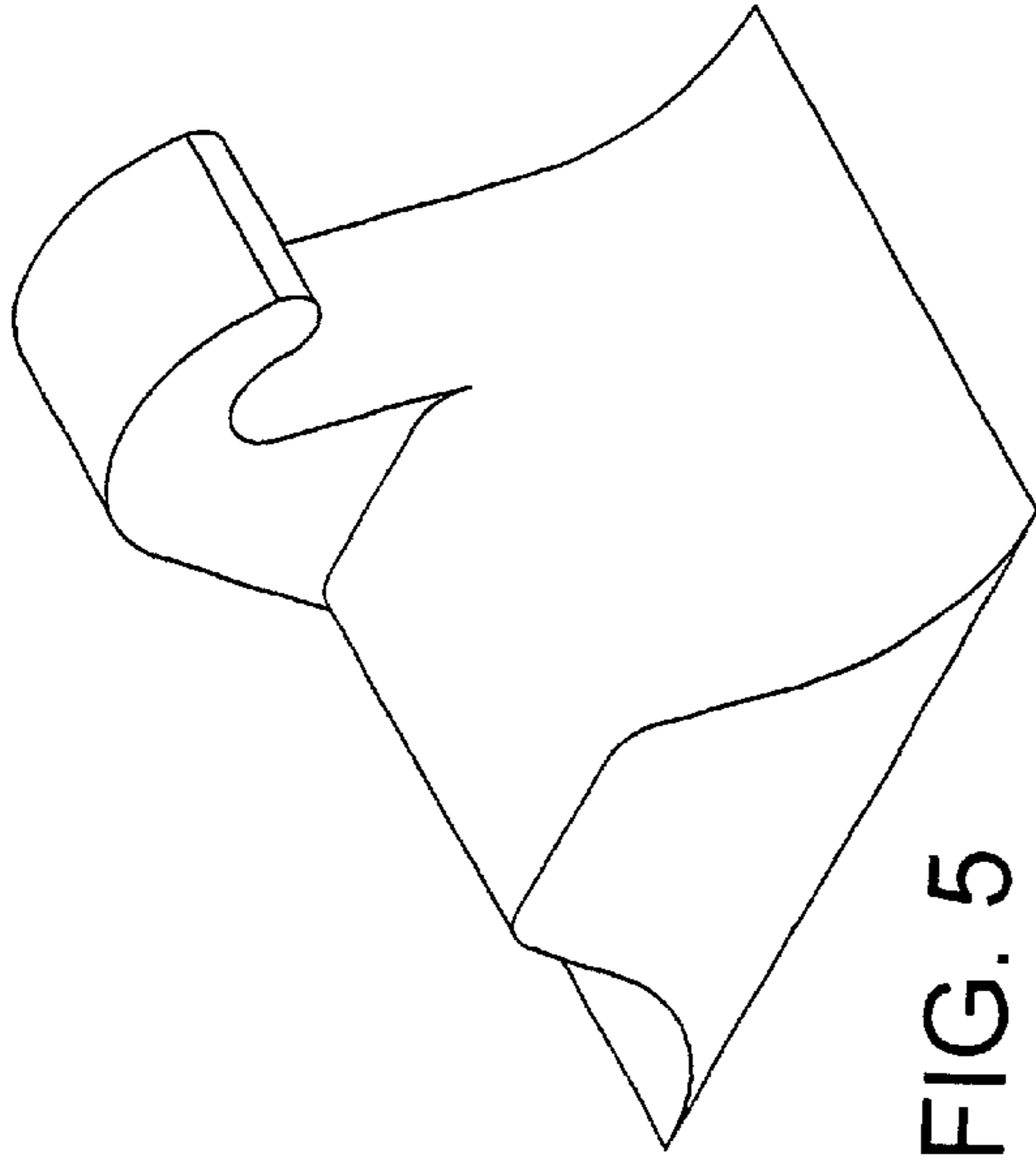


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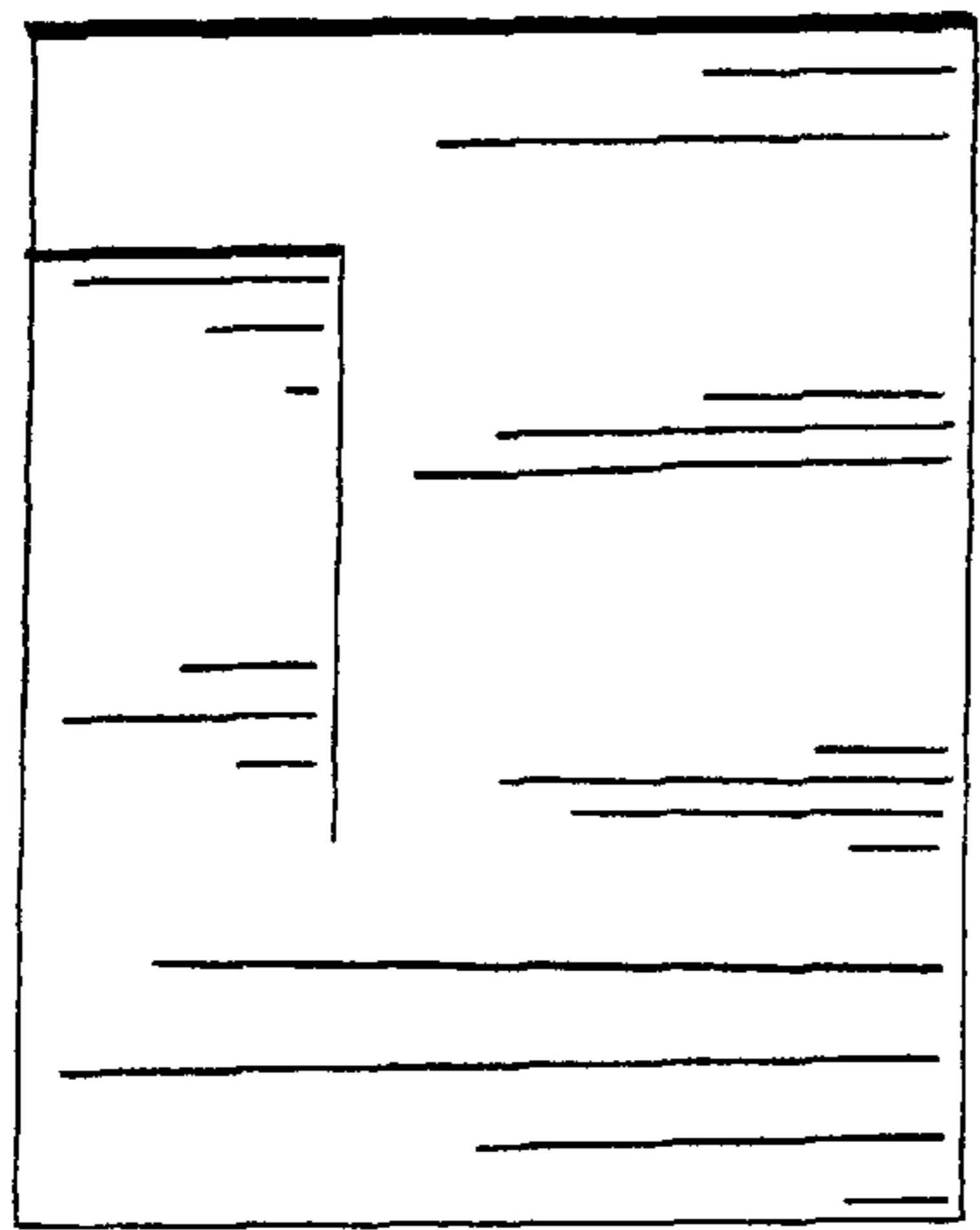


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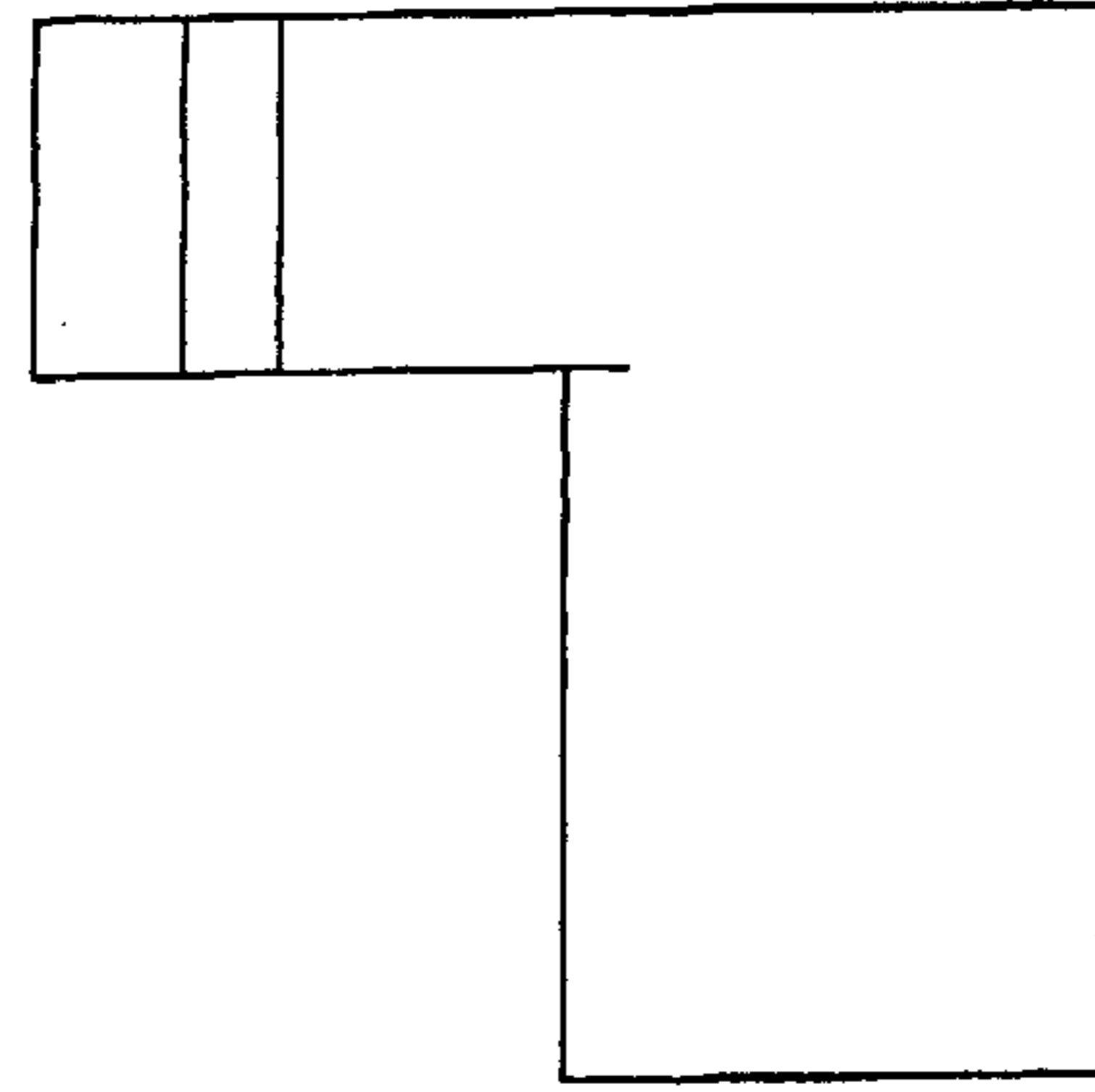


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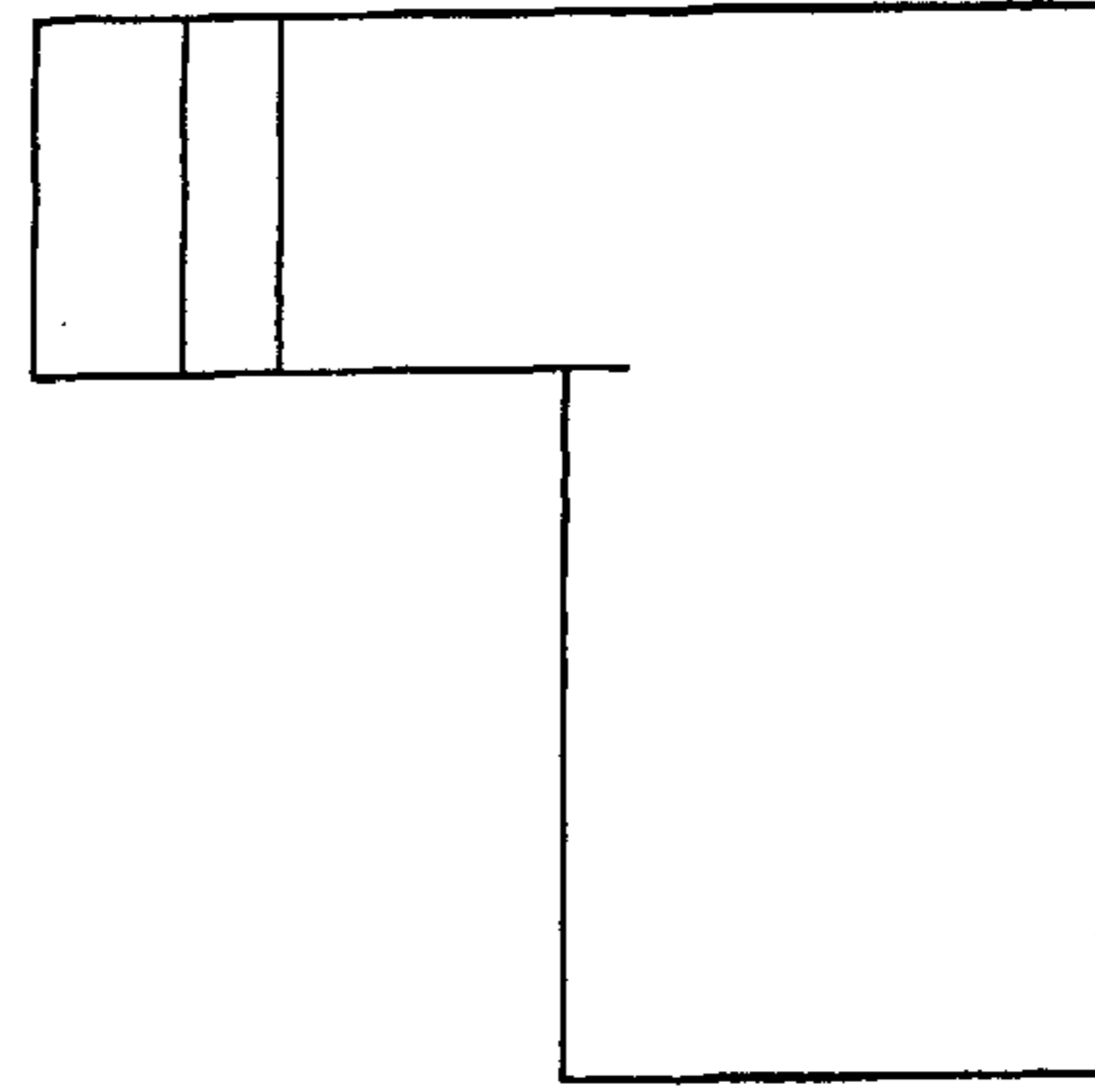


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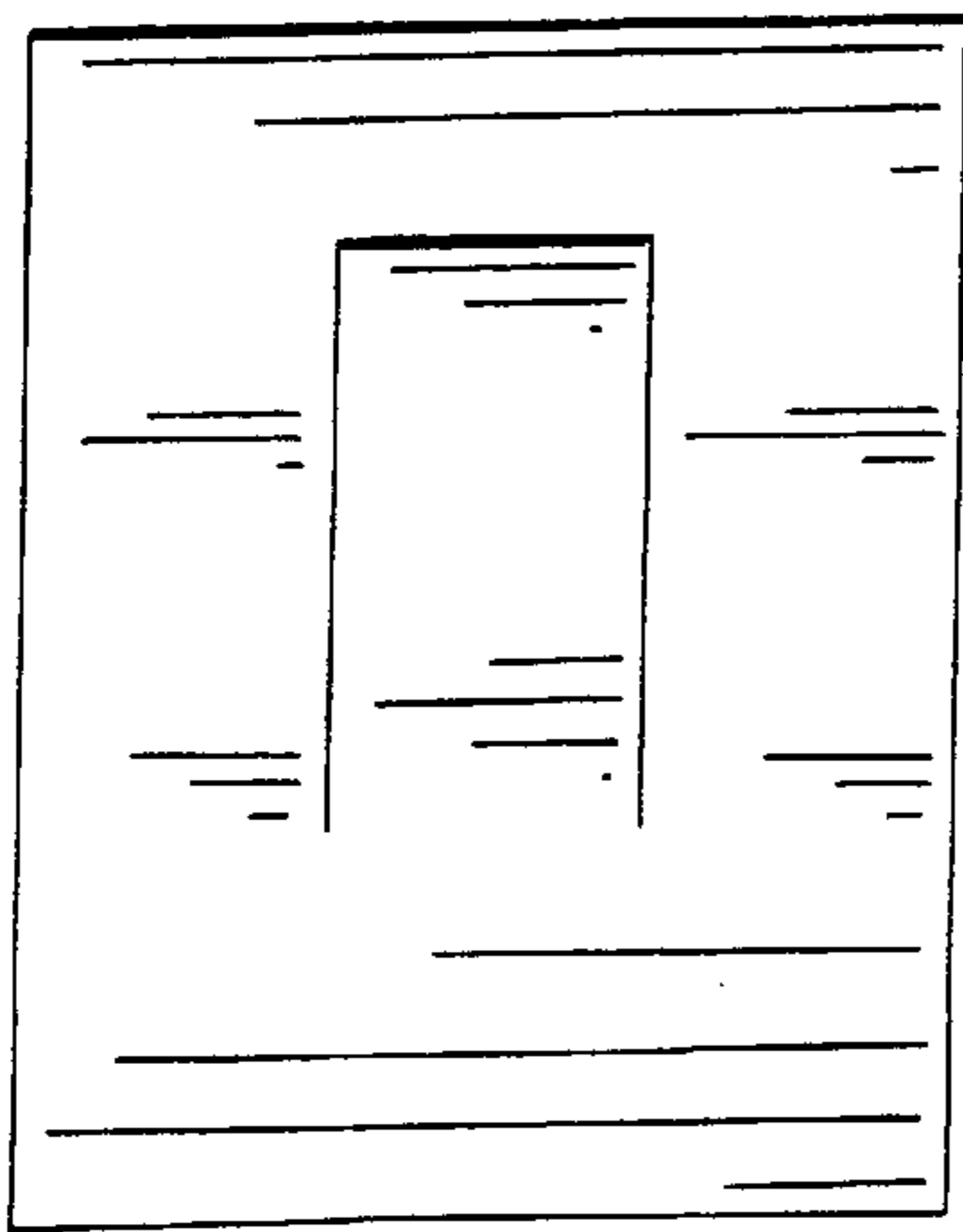


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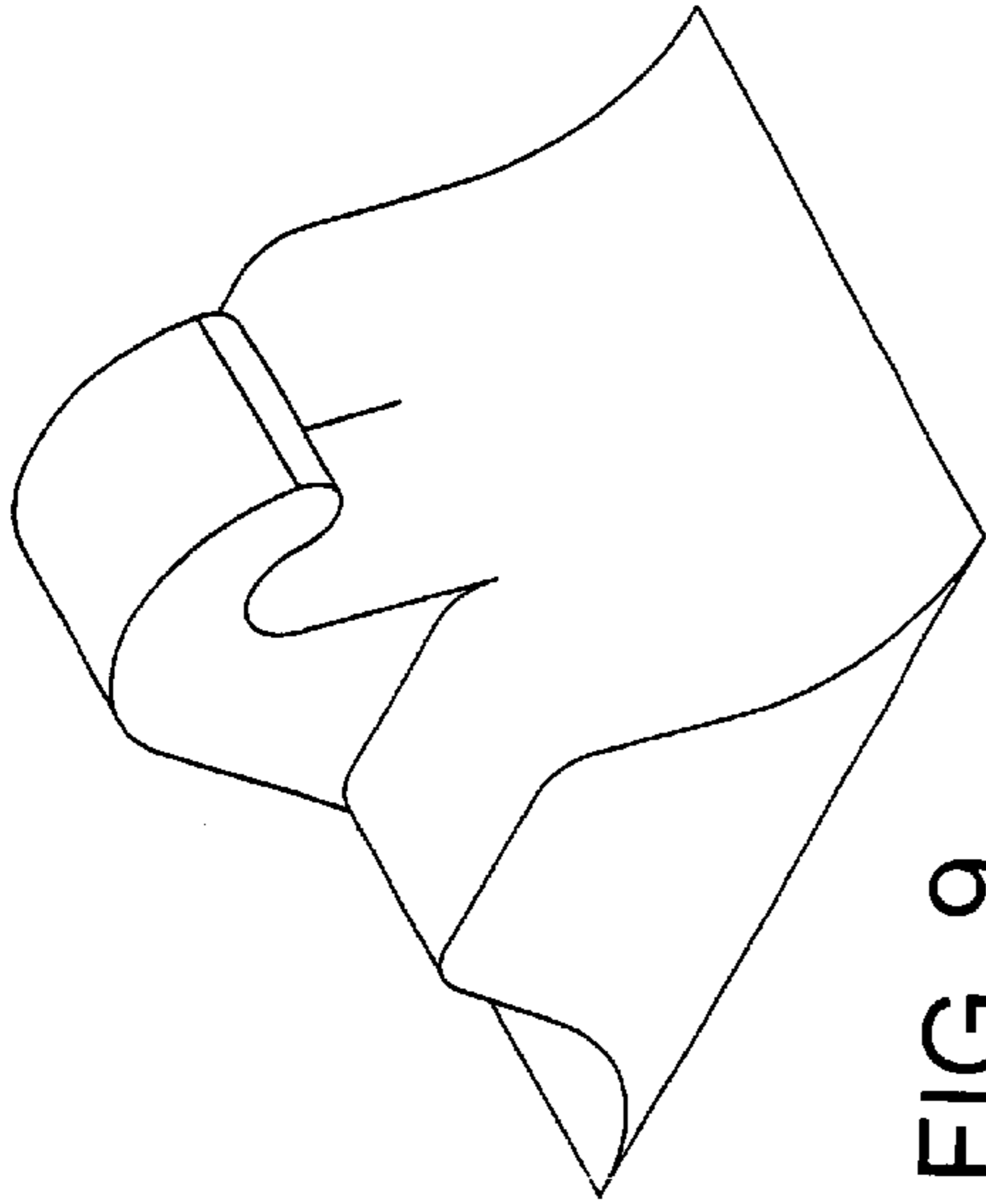


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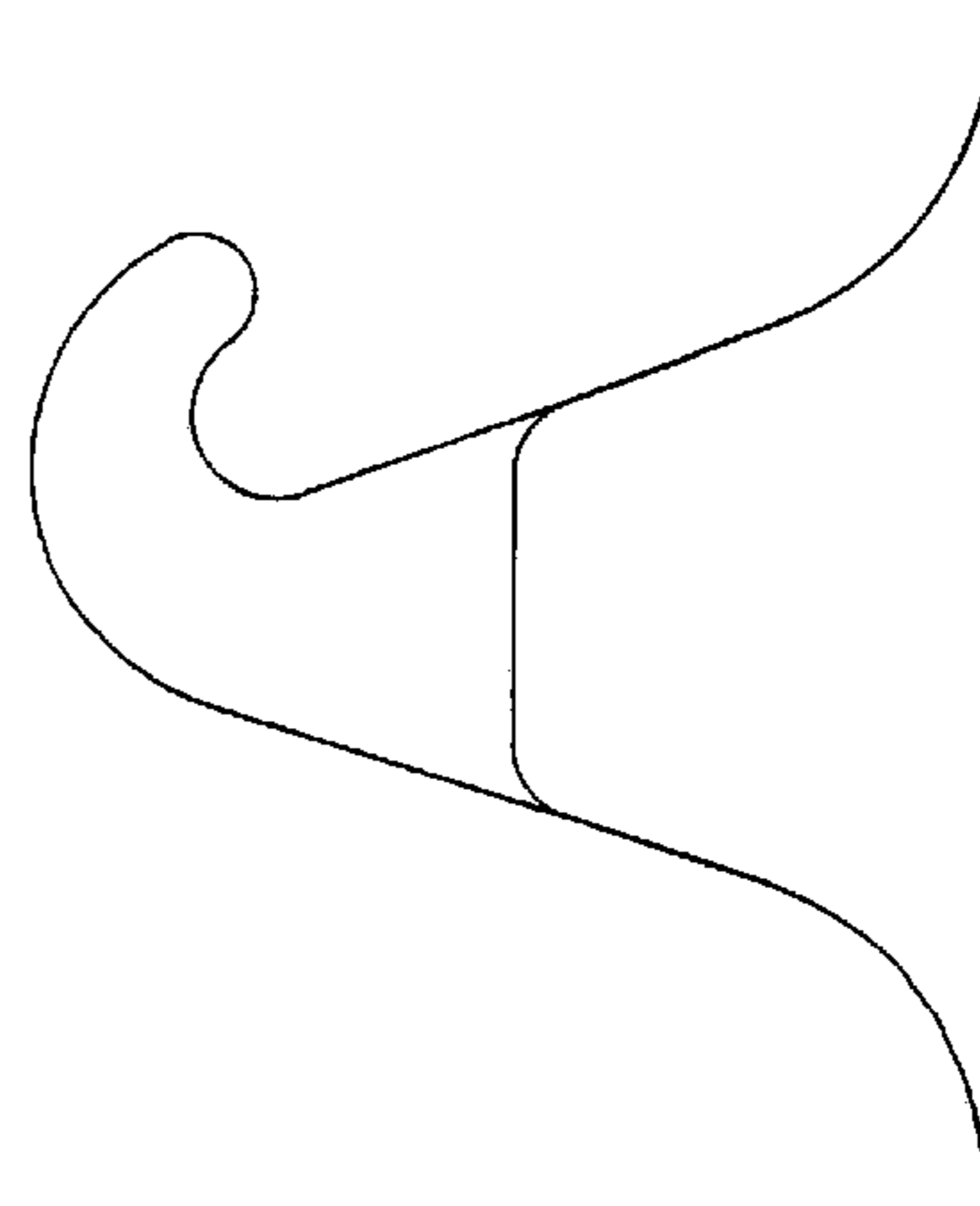


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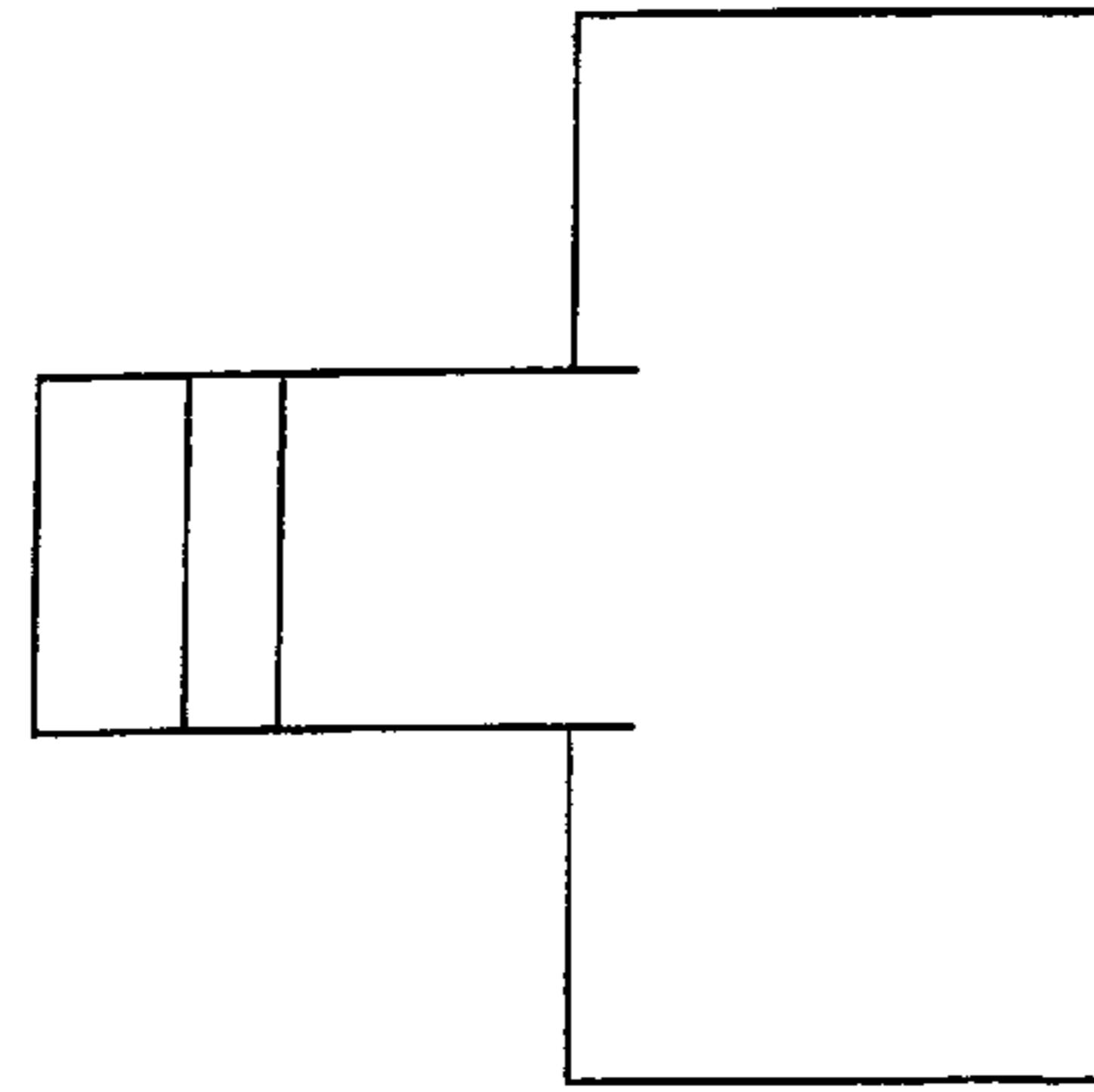


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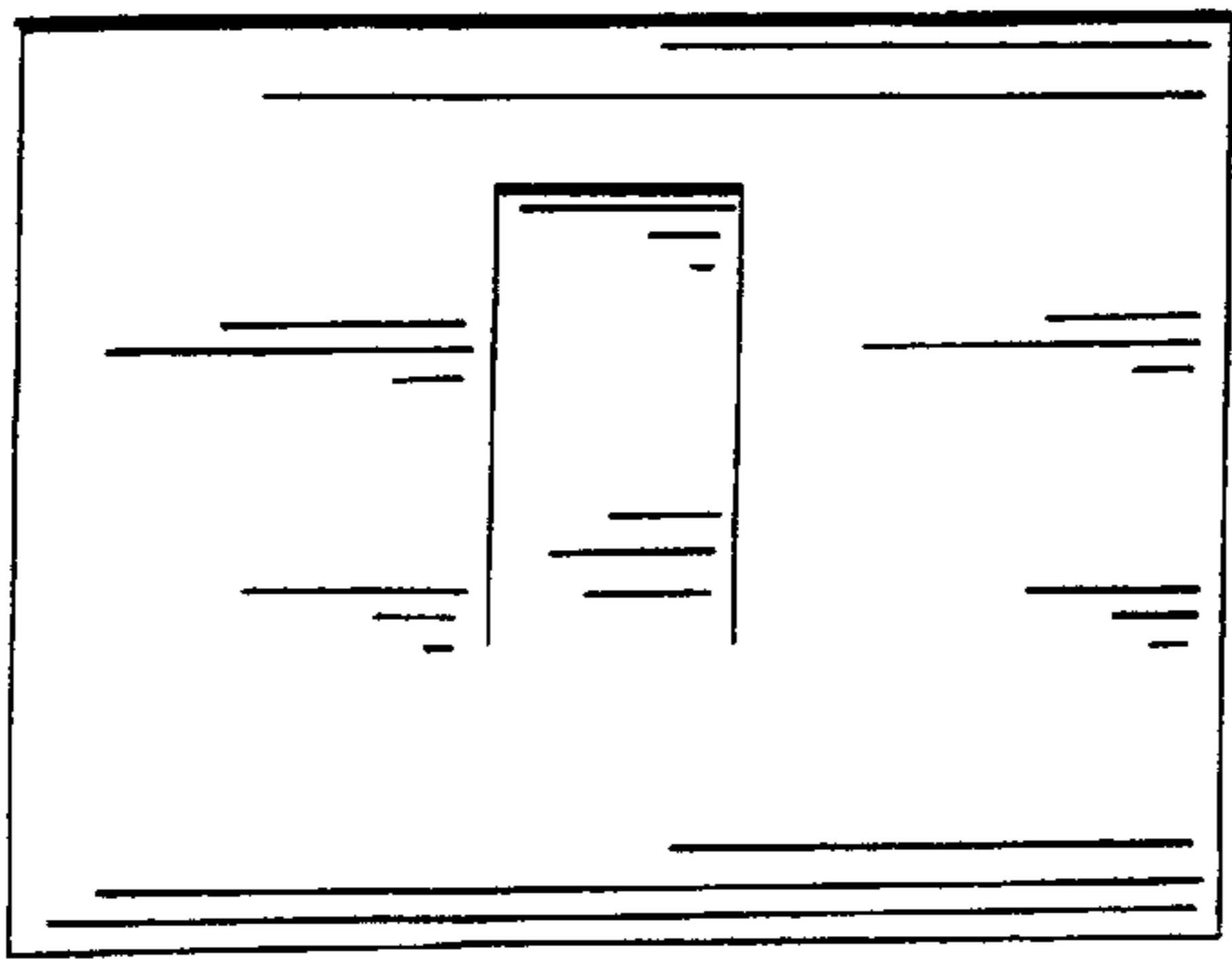


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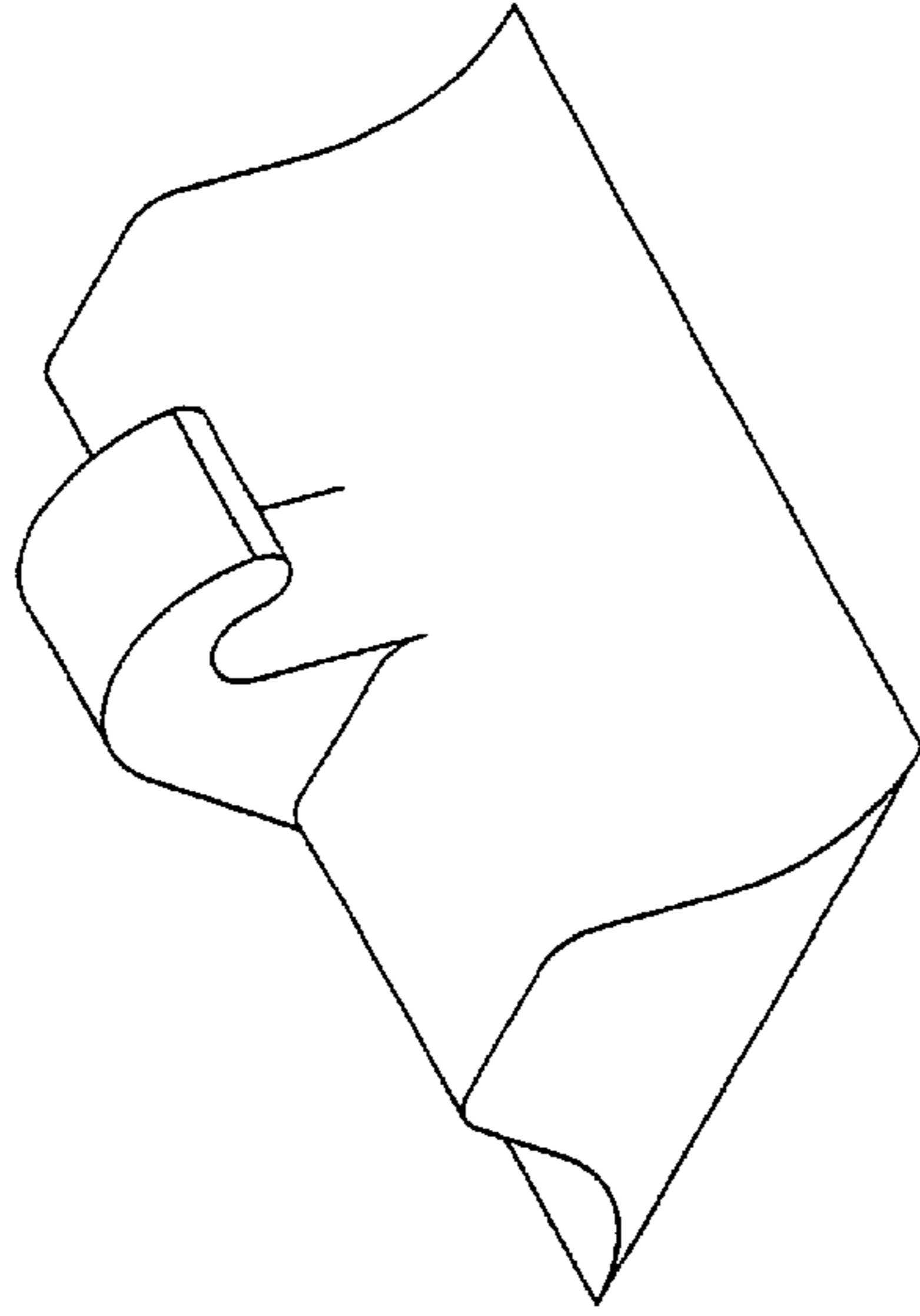


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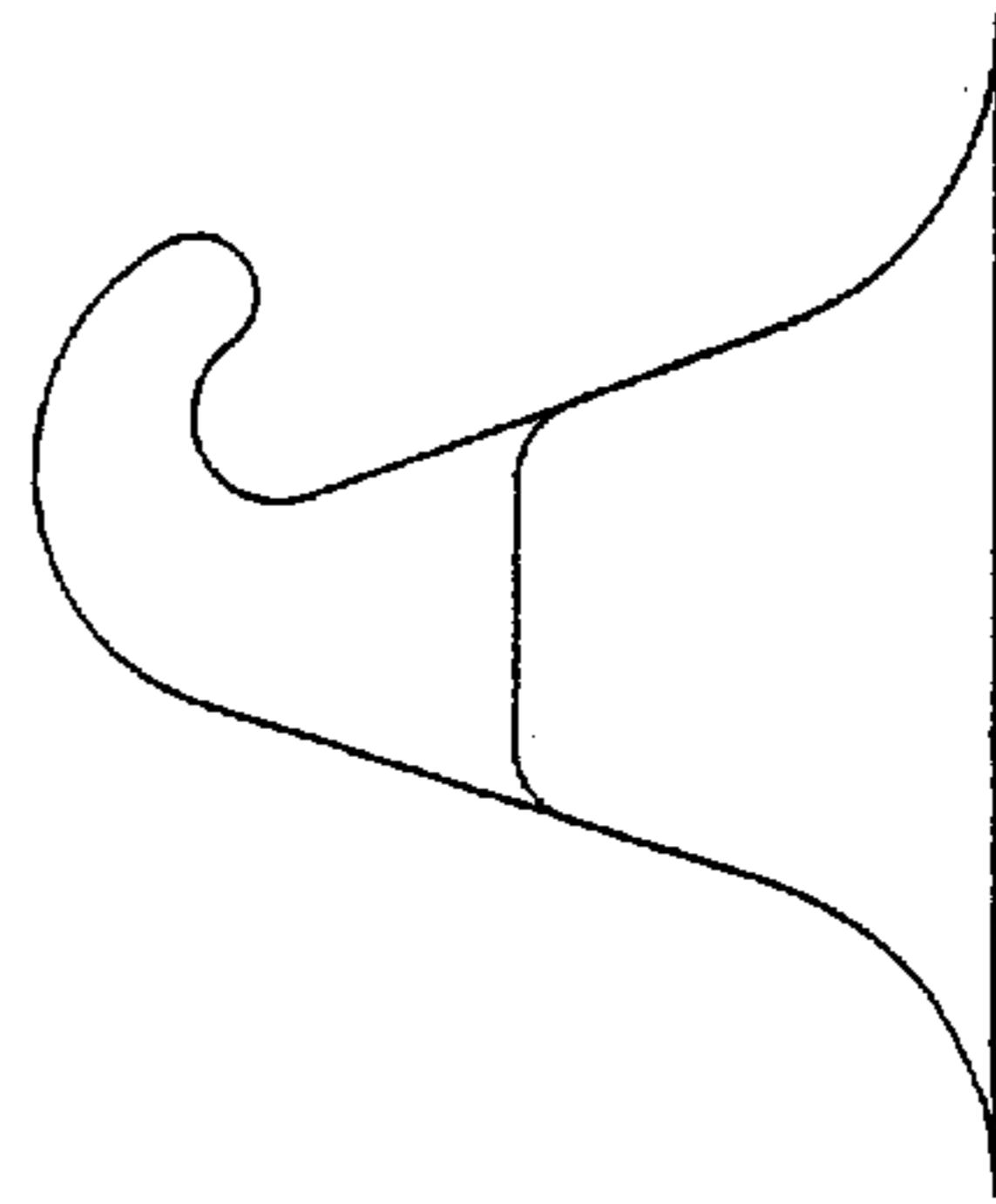


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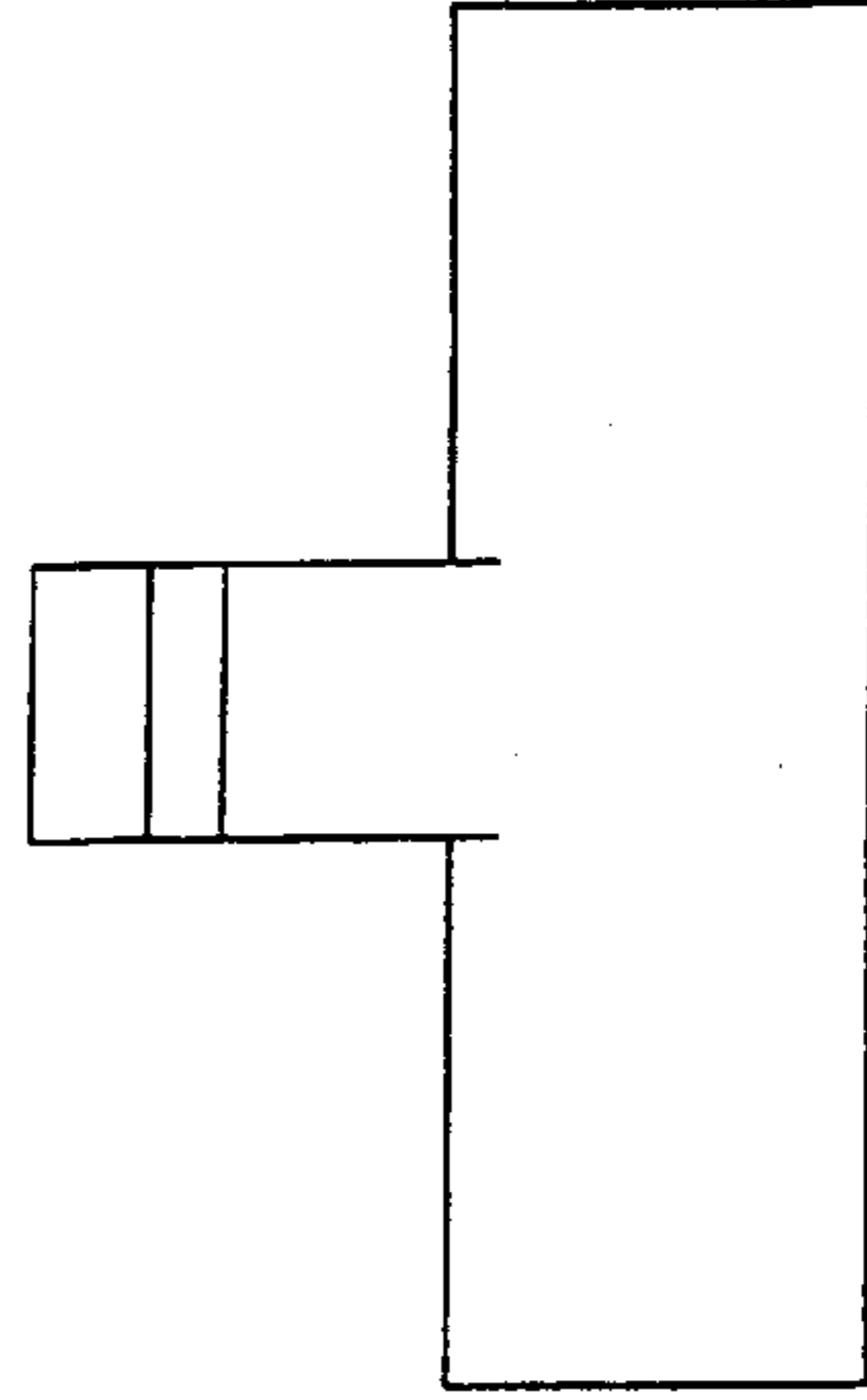


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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page,
Item (73) Assignee: Change "Velero Industries B.V" to --Velcro Industries B.V.--

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