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- (54) **TANK FOR A WATER CLOSET**
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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a tank for a water closet, as shown and described.

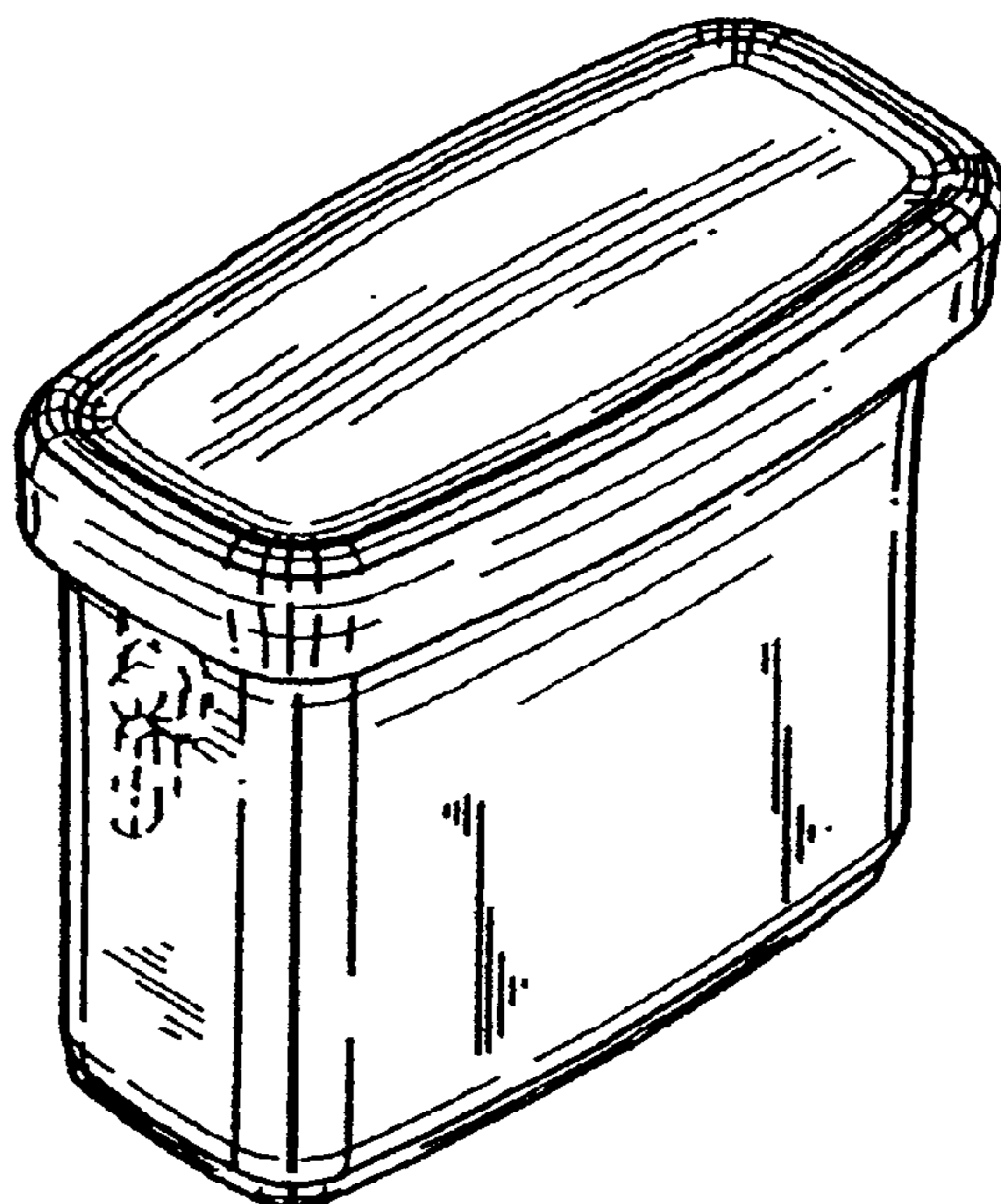
DESCRIPTION

In a preferred embodiment, the nature of this product is as a plumbing fixture in the form of a water closet tank. FIG. 1 is a left, top, front perspective view of a tank for a water closet according to my new design; FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof; FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof; FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof; FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof; FIG. 6 is a rear elevational view thereof; and, FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof. The broken line representations of a trip lever in FIGS. 1, 3-4 and 6-7, holes in FIG. 7 and underside features in FIG. 7 are for the purpose of illustration only, and form no part of the claimed design.

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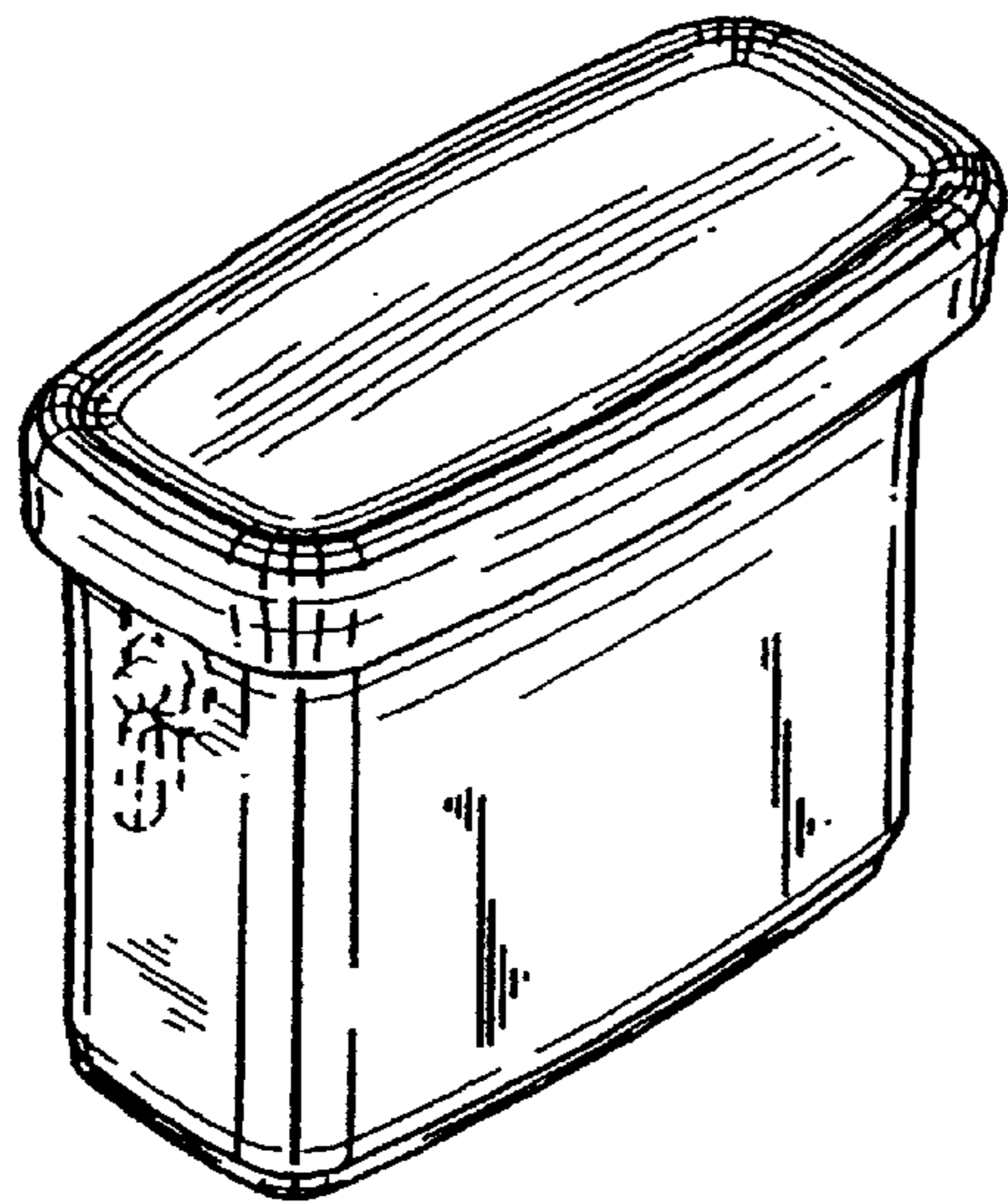


FIG. 1

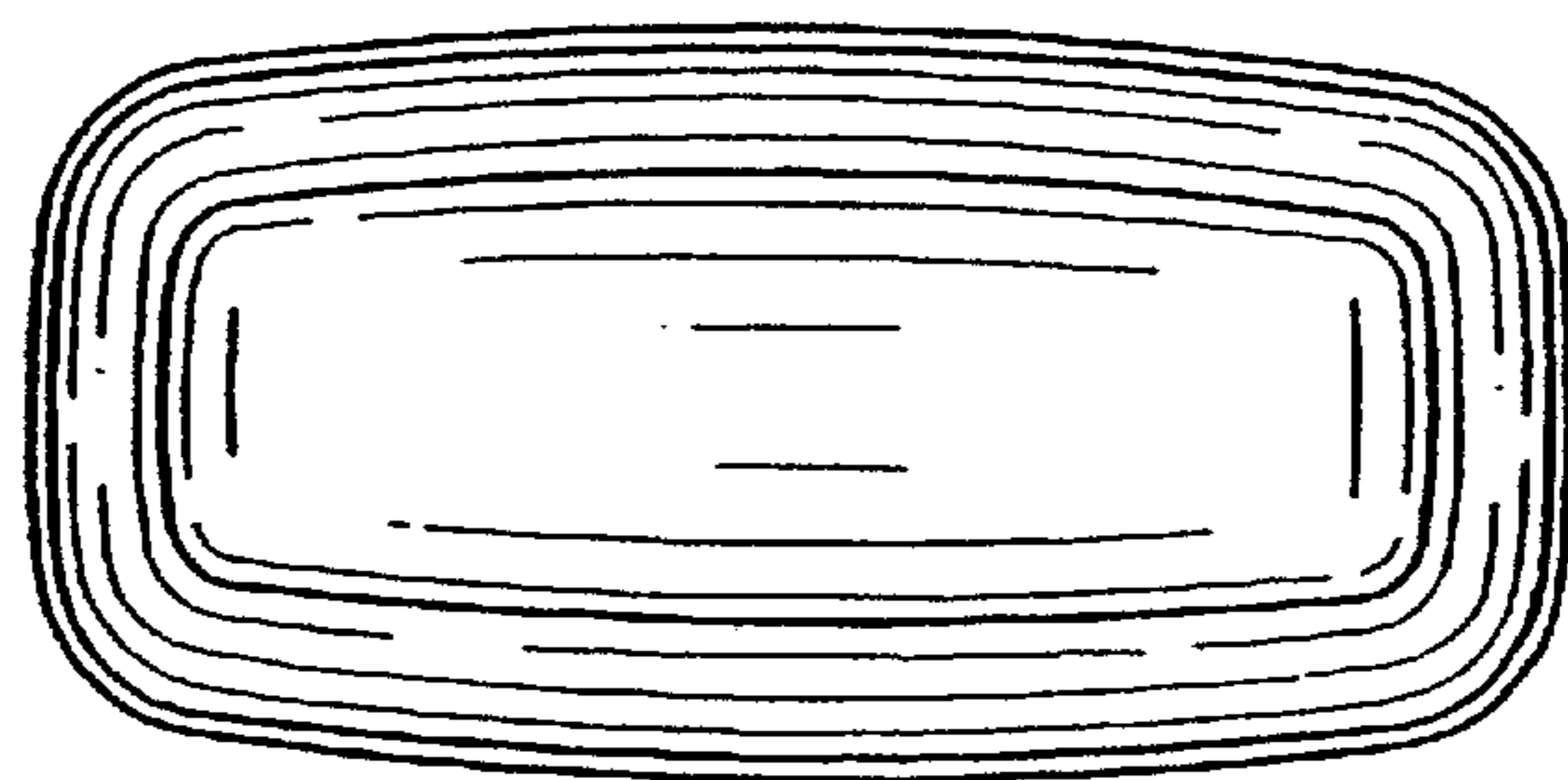


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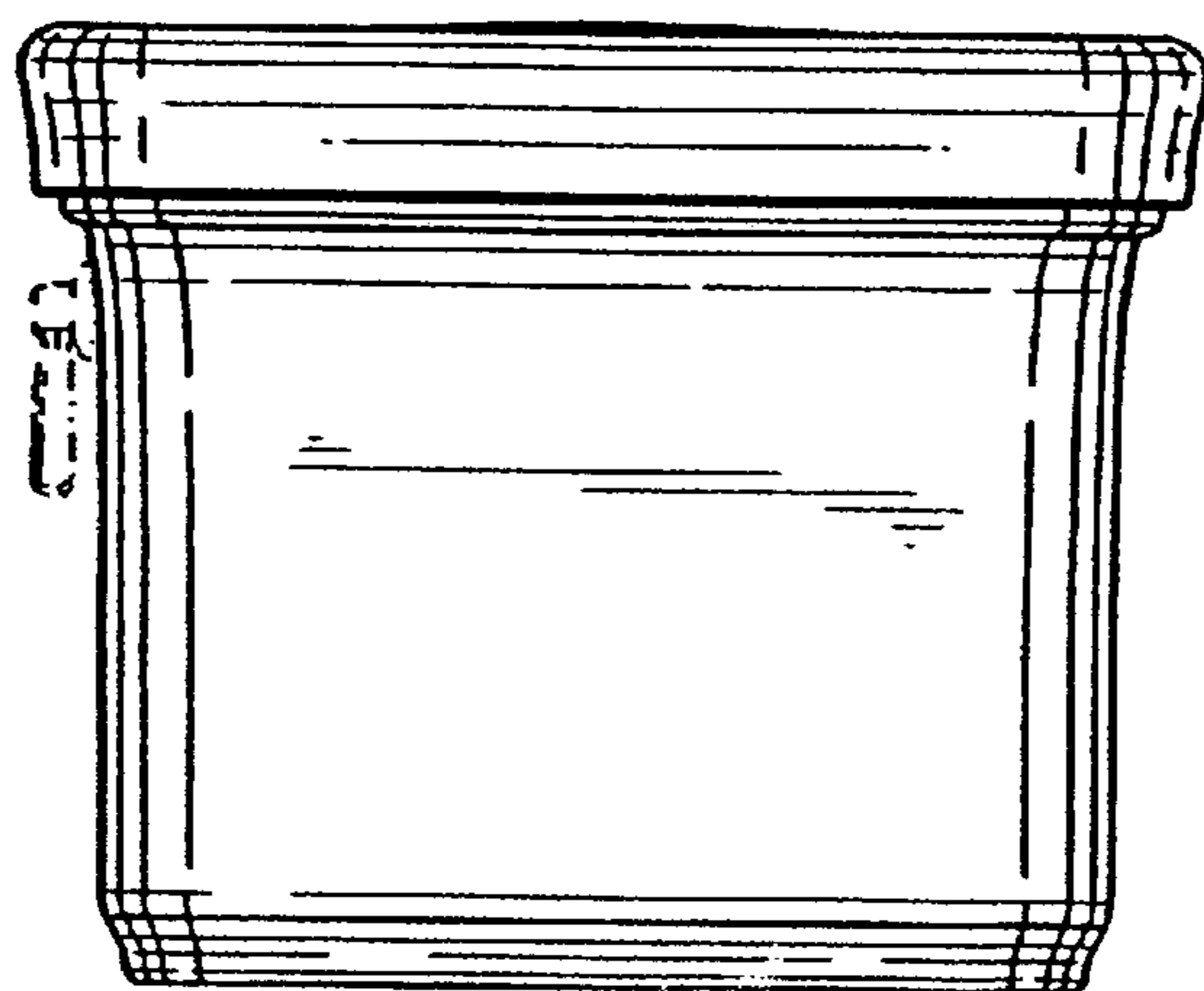


FIG. 3

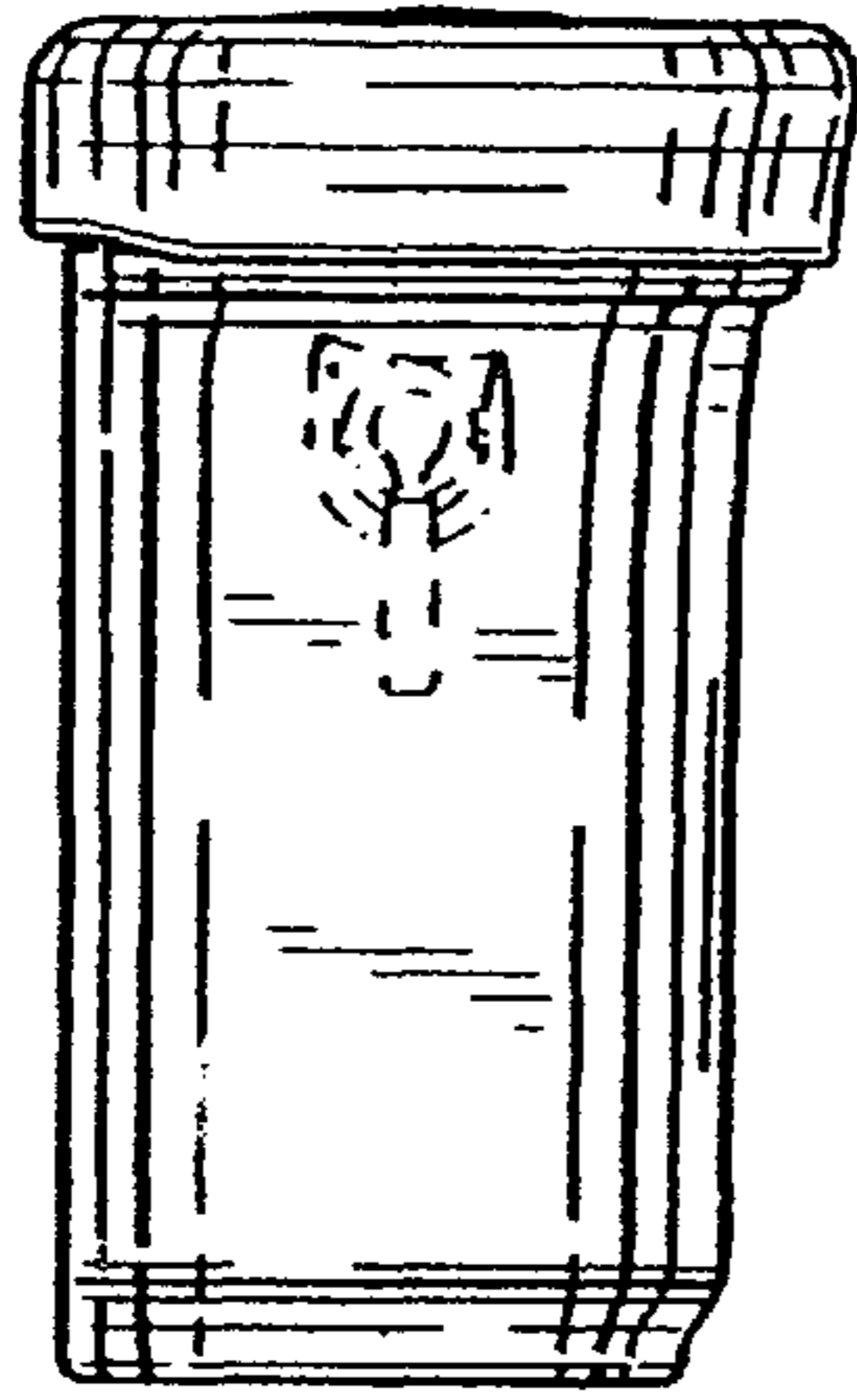


FIG. 4

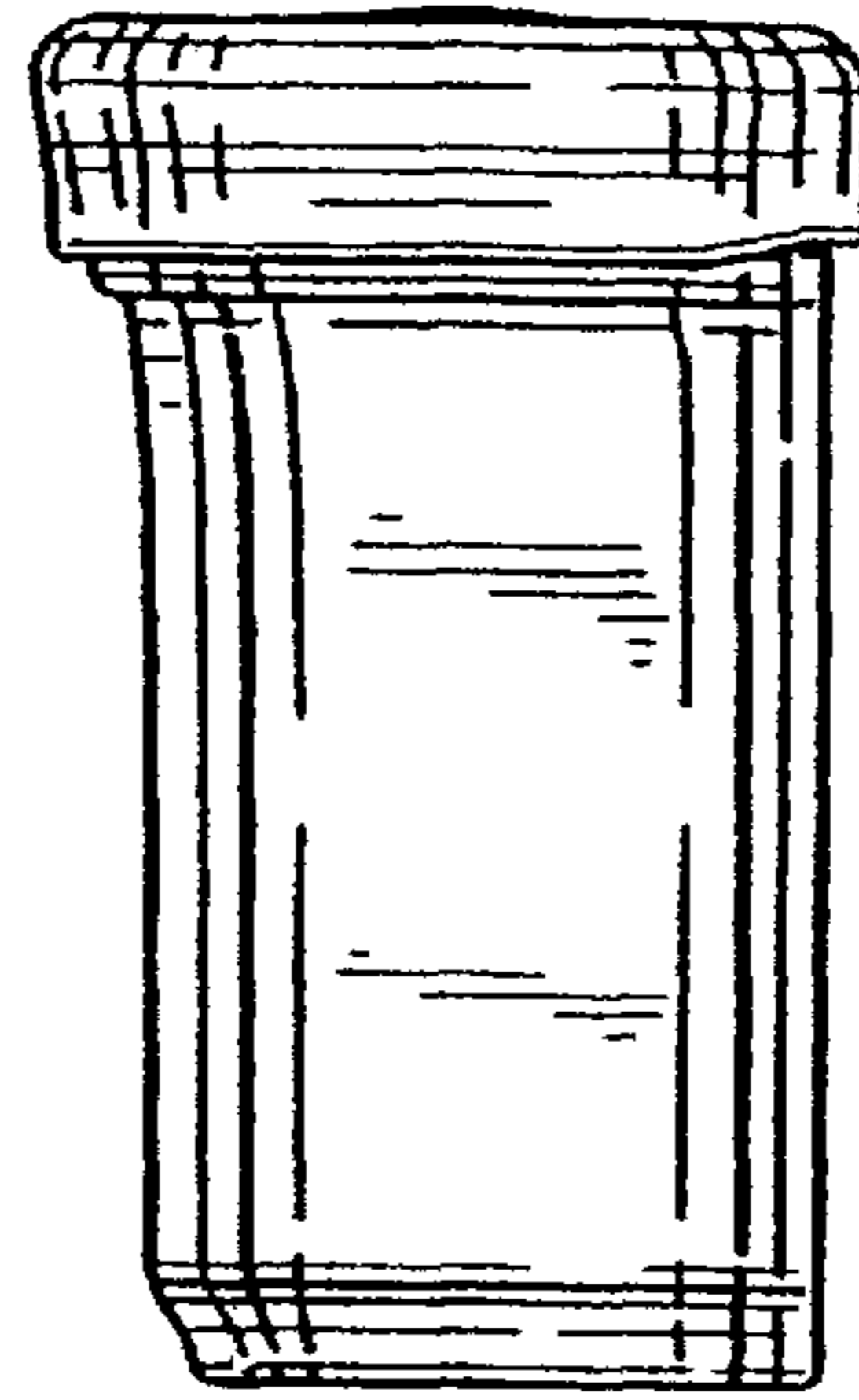


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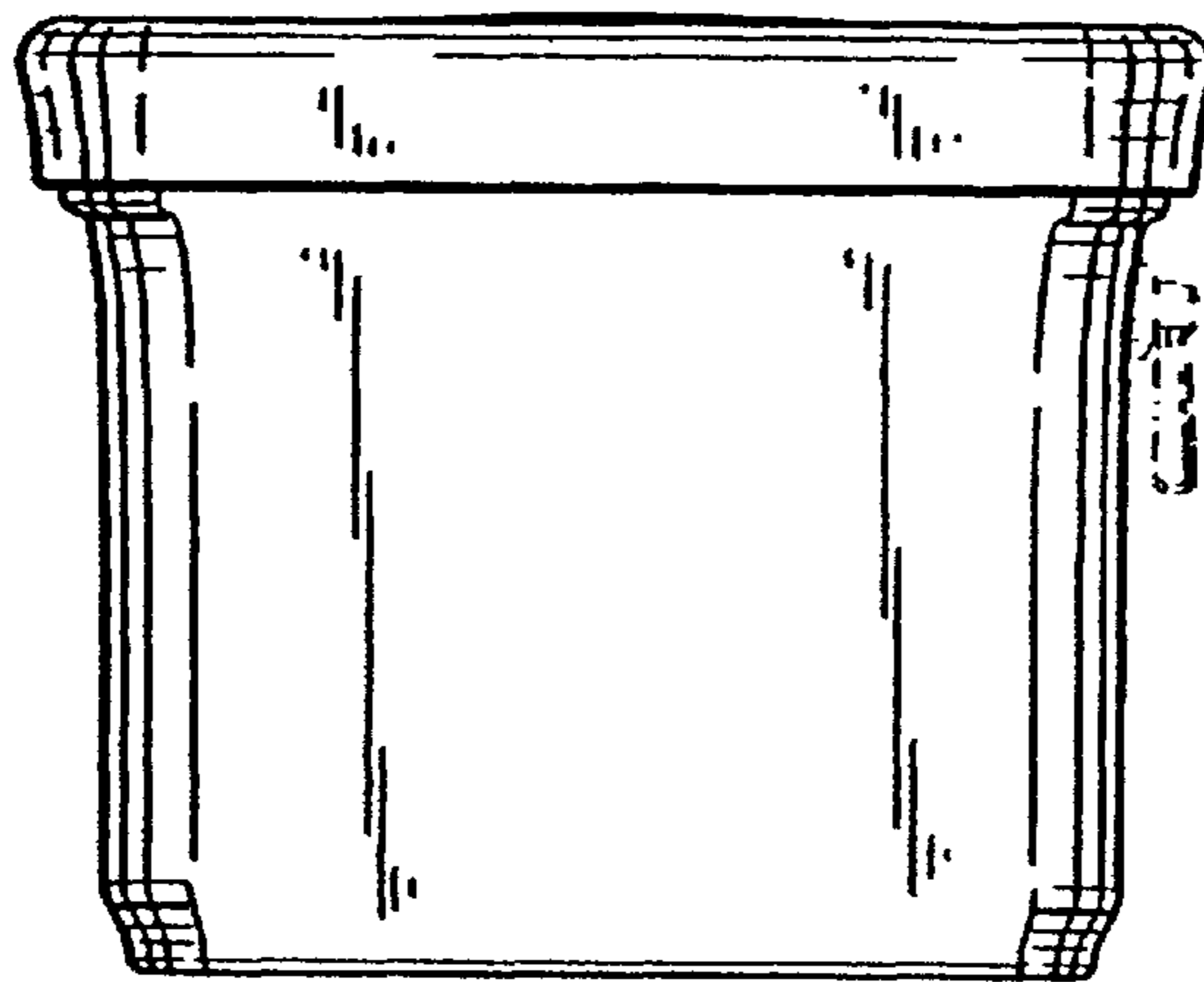


FIG. 6

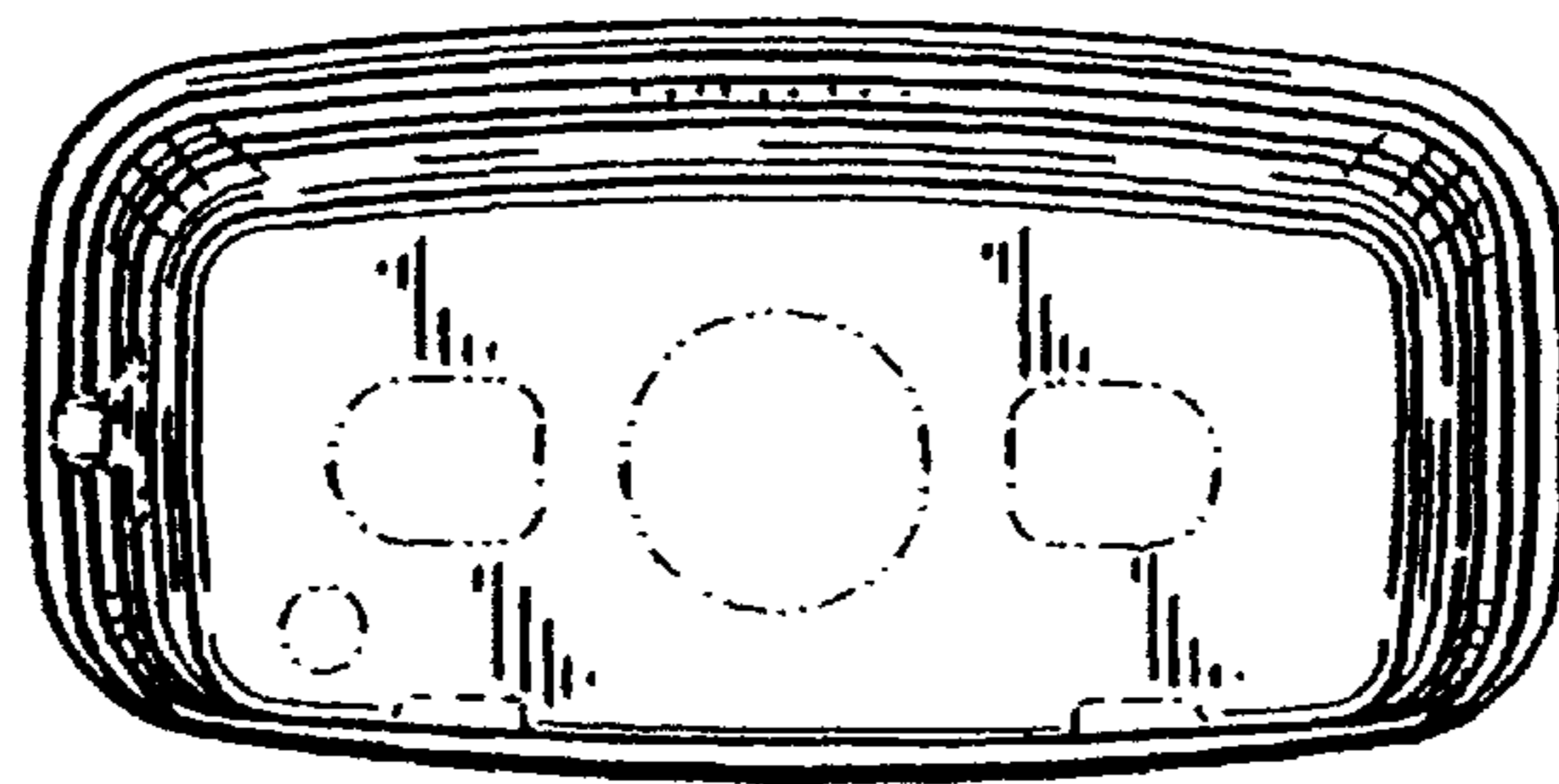


FIG. 7