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(54) **HOOK, WEDGE AND TAPERED KEEPER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hook, wedge and tapered keeper, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the hook, wedge and tapered keeper showing my new design, with environmental structure illustrated in broken lines;

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FIG. 2 is a bottom plan view of the hook, wedge and tapered keeper;

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FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the hook, wedge and tapered keeper;

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FIG. 4 is a front elevational view of the hook, wedge and tapered keeper;

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FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view of the hook, wedge and tapered keeper; and,

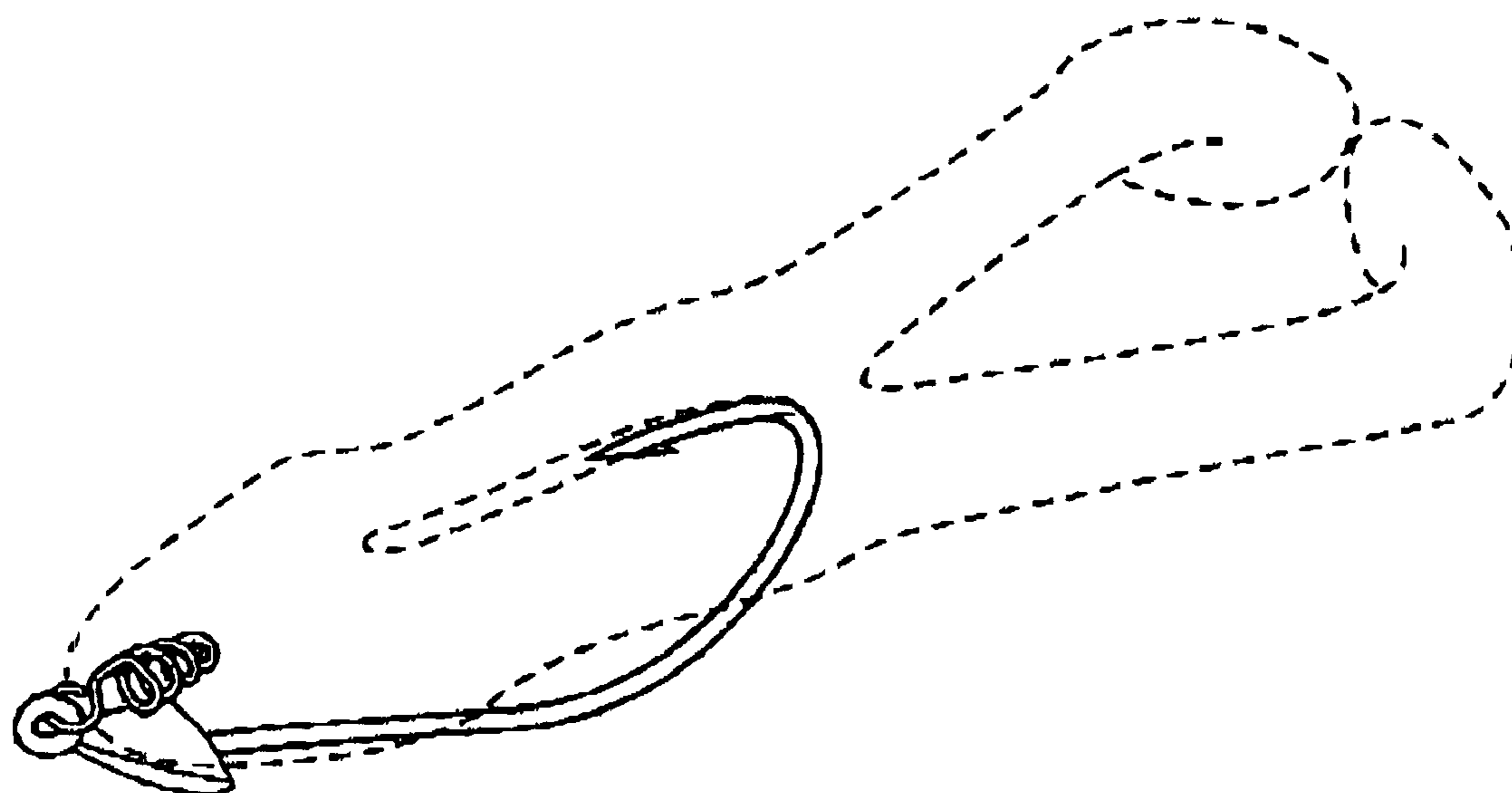
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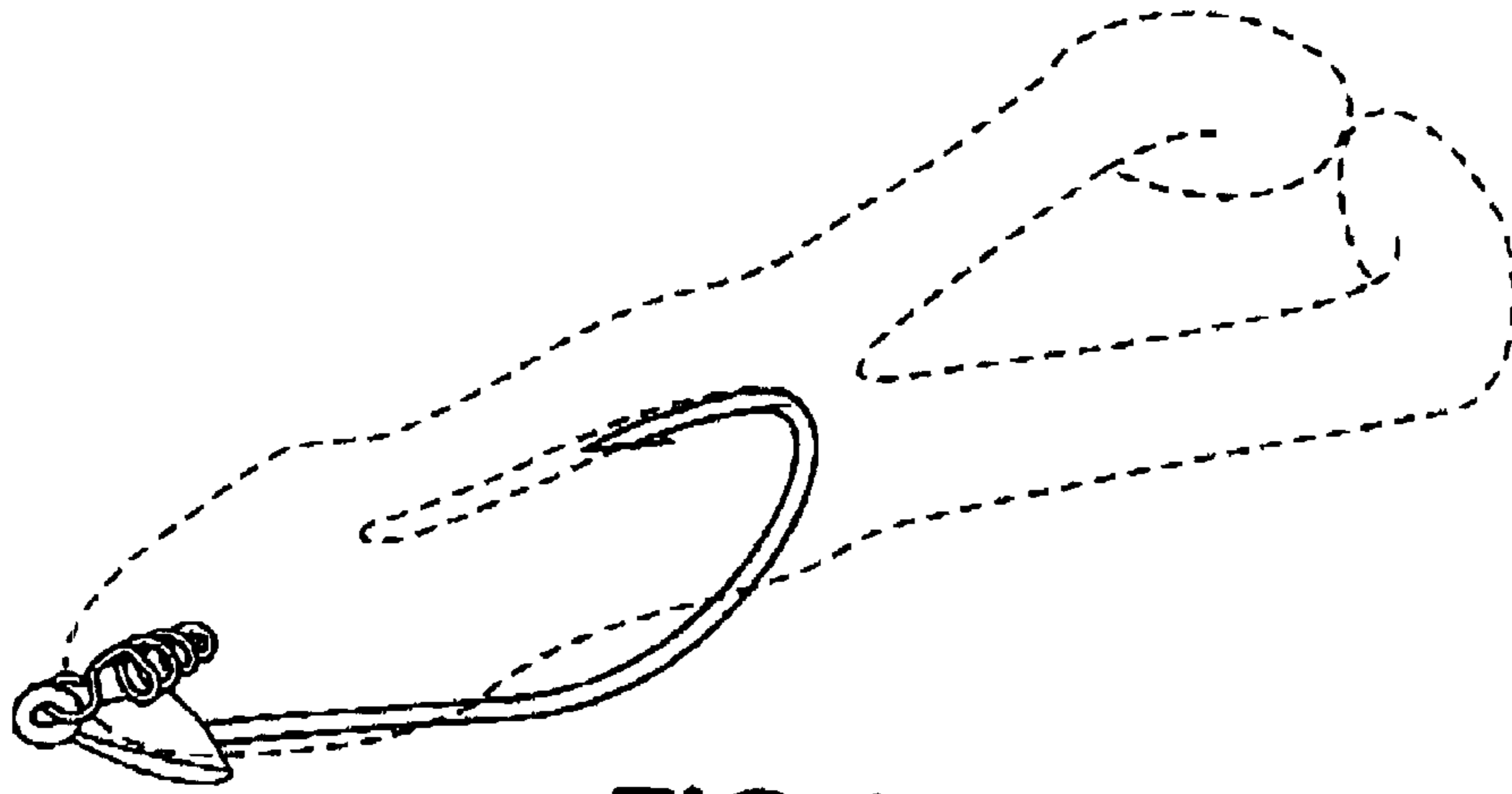
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FIG. 6 is a first side elevational view of the hook, wedge and tapered keeper, this view being a mirror image of the opposing second side elevational view of the hook, wedge and tapered keeper illustrated in FIGS. 1–5.

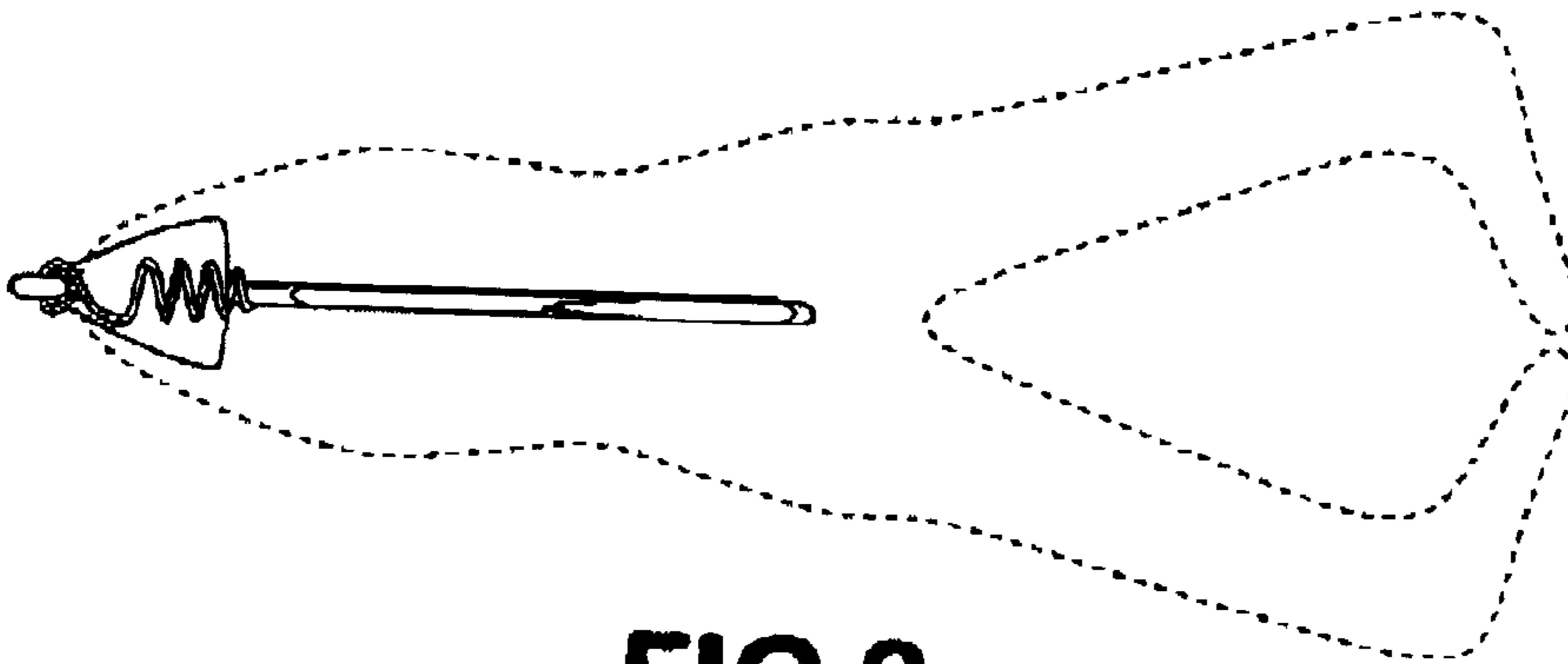
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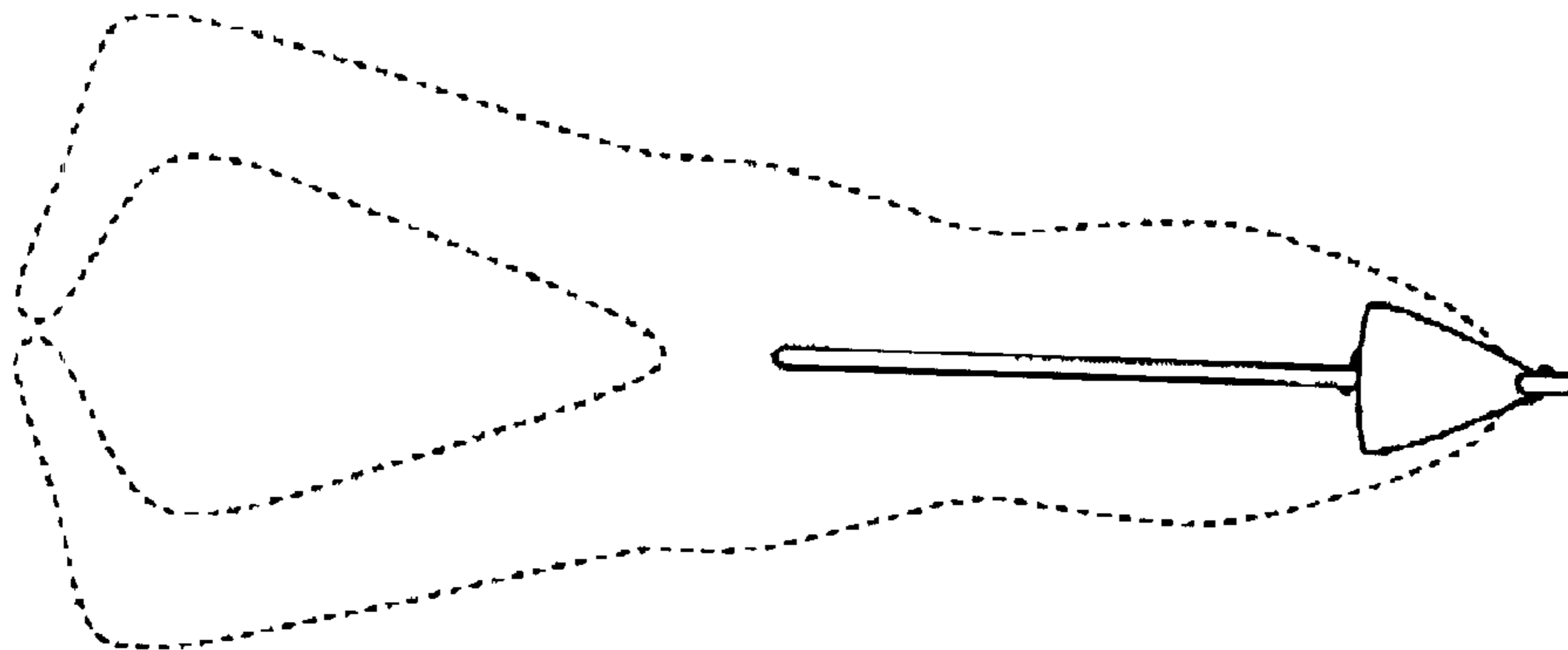




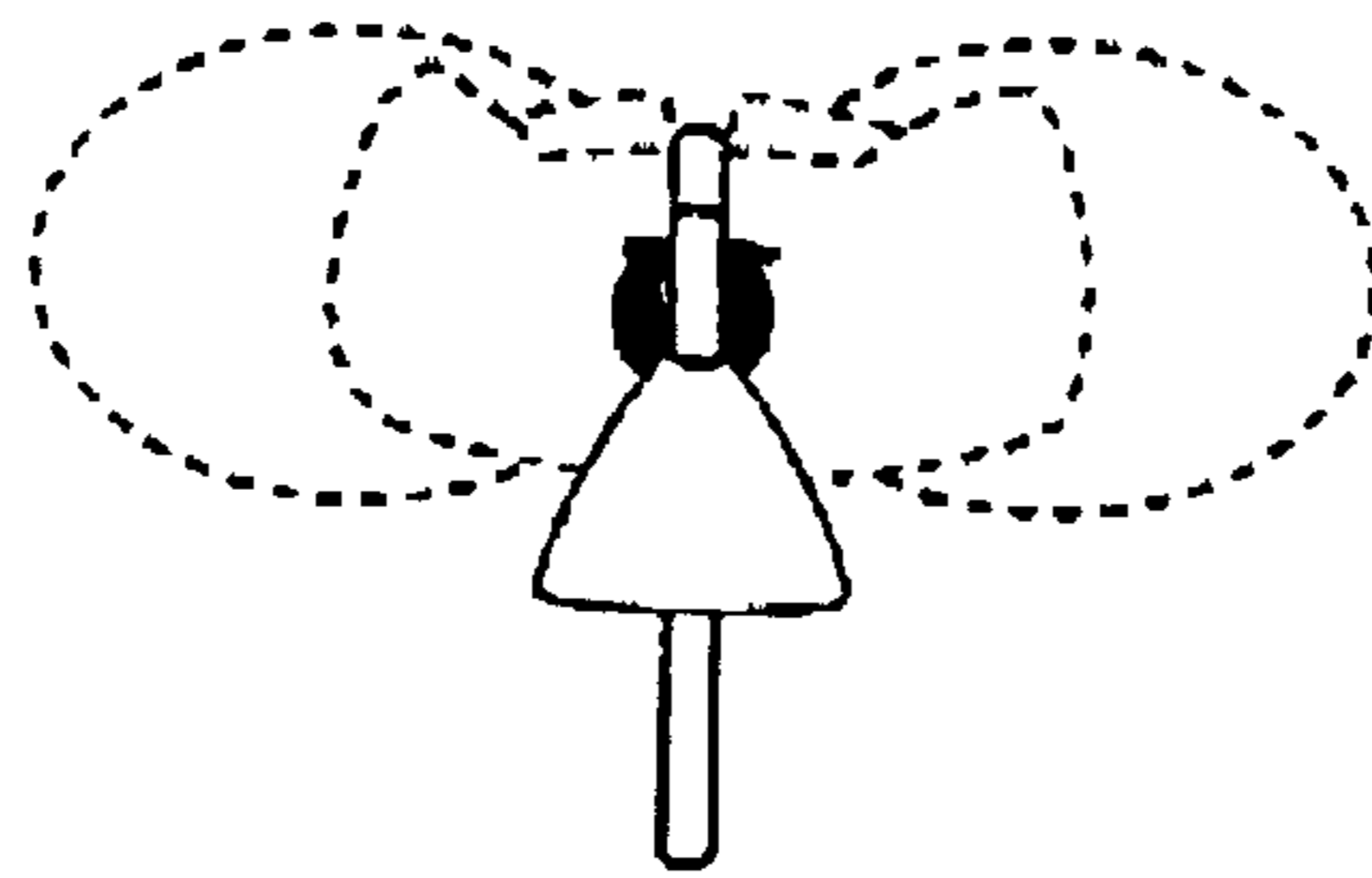
**FIG 1**



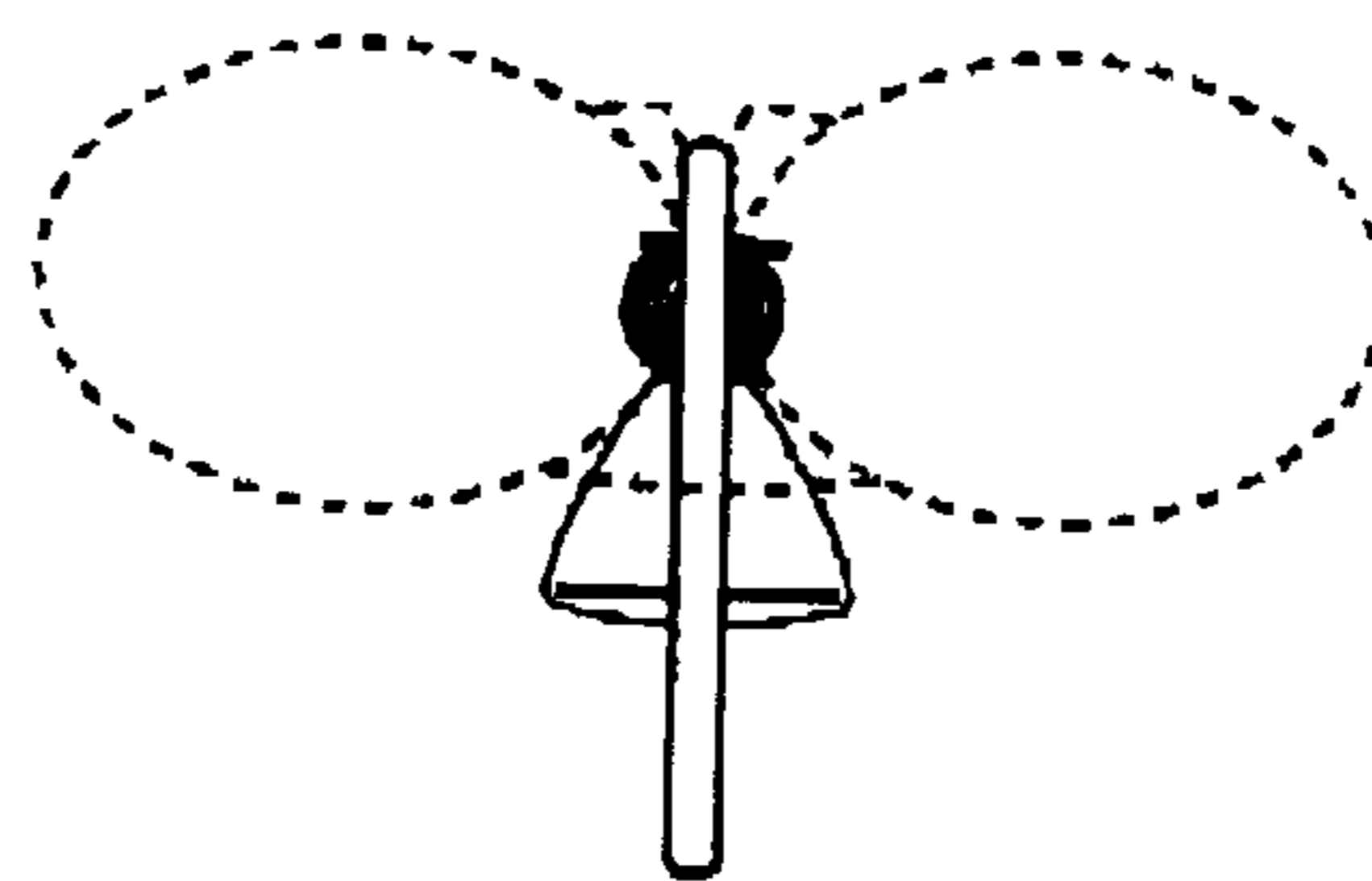
**FIG 2**



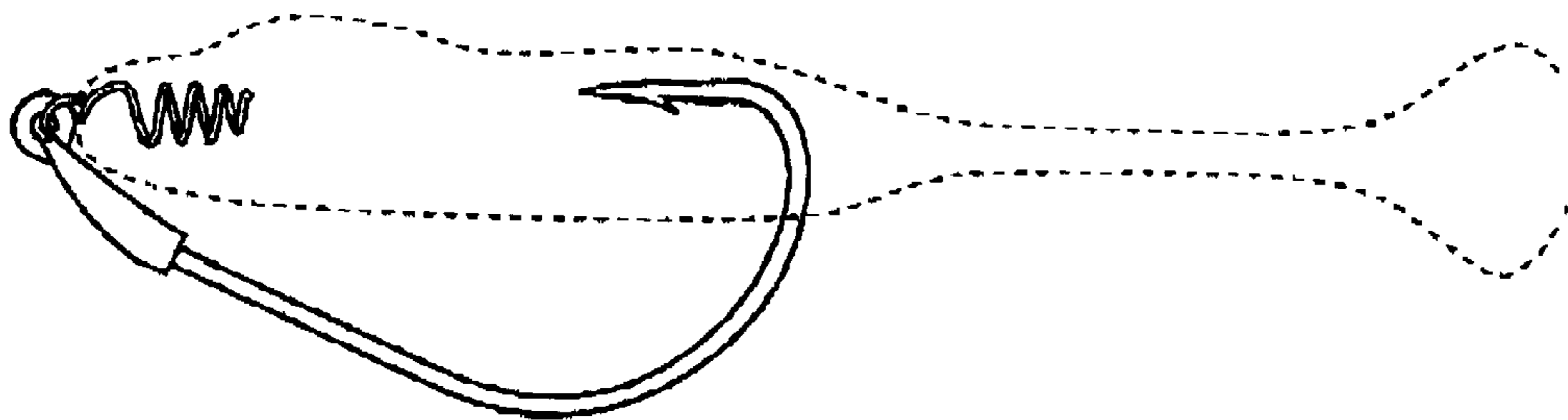
**FIG 3**



**FIG 4**



**FIG 5**



**FIG 6**