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(54) **COMBINED RAIL MEMBER AND CONNECTOR**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a combined rail member and connector, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a combined rail member and connector showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is both a left end view and a right end view thereof; FIG. 3 is both a reduced front end view and a rear end view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a reduced top plan view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a reduced top plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged perspective view the connector removed from the rail member;

FIG. 7 is an enlarged perspective view of the connector member being inserted onto an end of a rail member; and, FIG. 8 is a reduced perspective view of a plurality of rail members with connectors integrated with one another.

The connector is shown away from the pallet component in FIG. 5 for convenience of illustration.

The pallet component is partially shown in FIG. 6 for convenience of illustration.

The broken lines shown in FIG. 7 are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

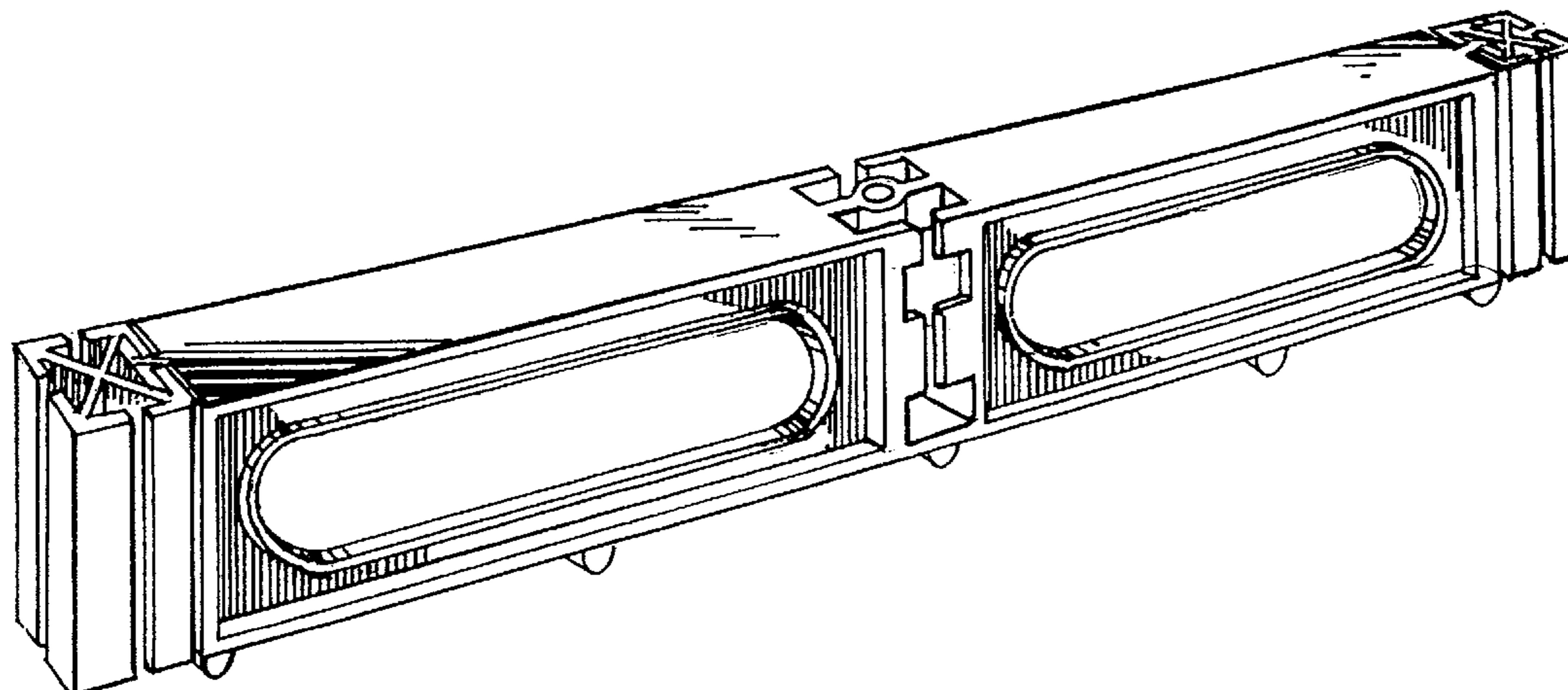
The broken line showing of a platform in FIG. 8 is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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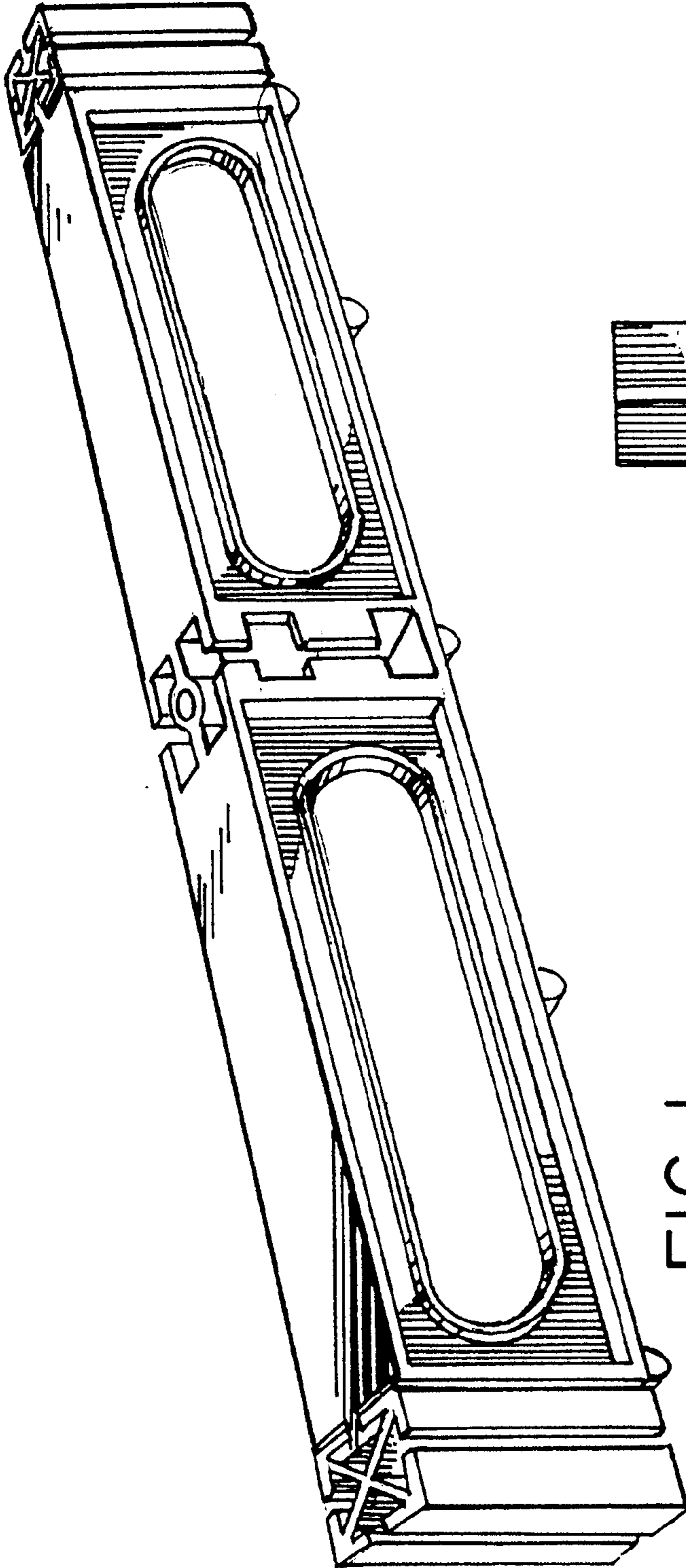


FIG. 1

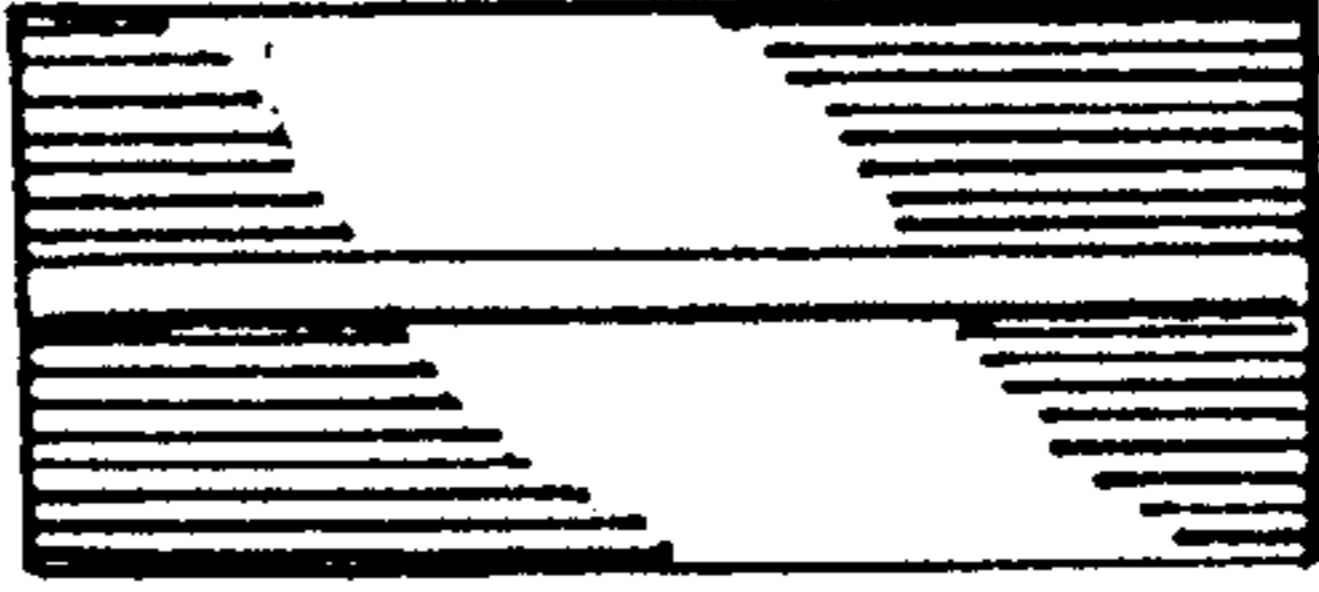


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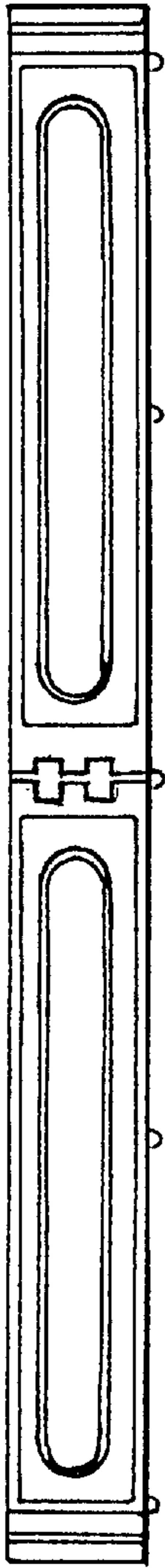


FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5

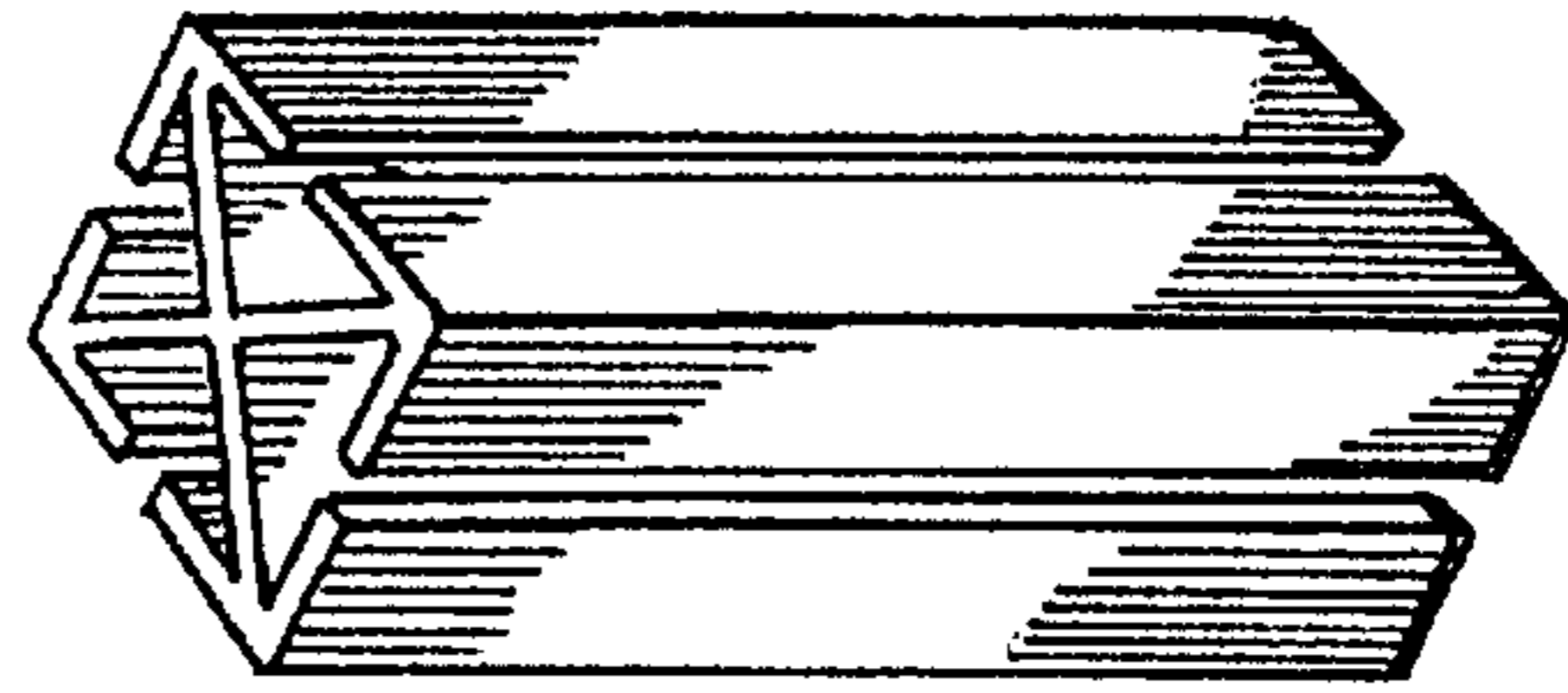


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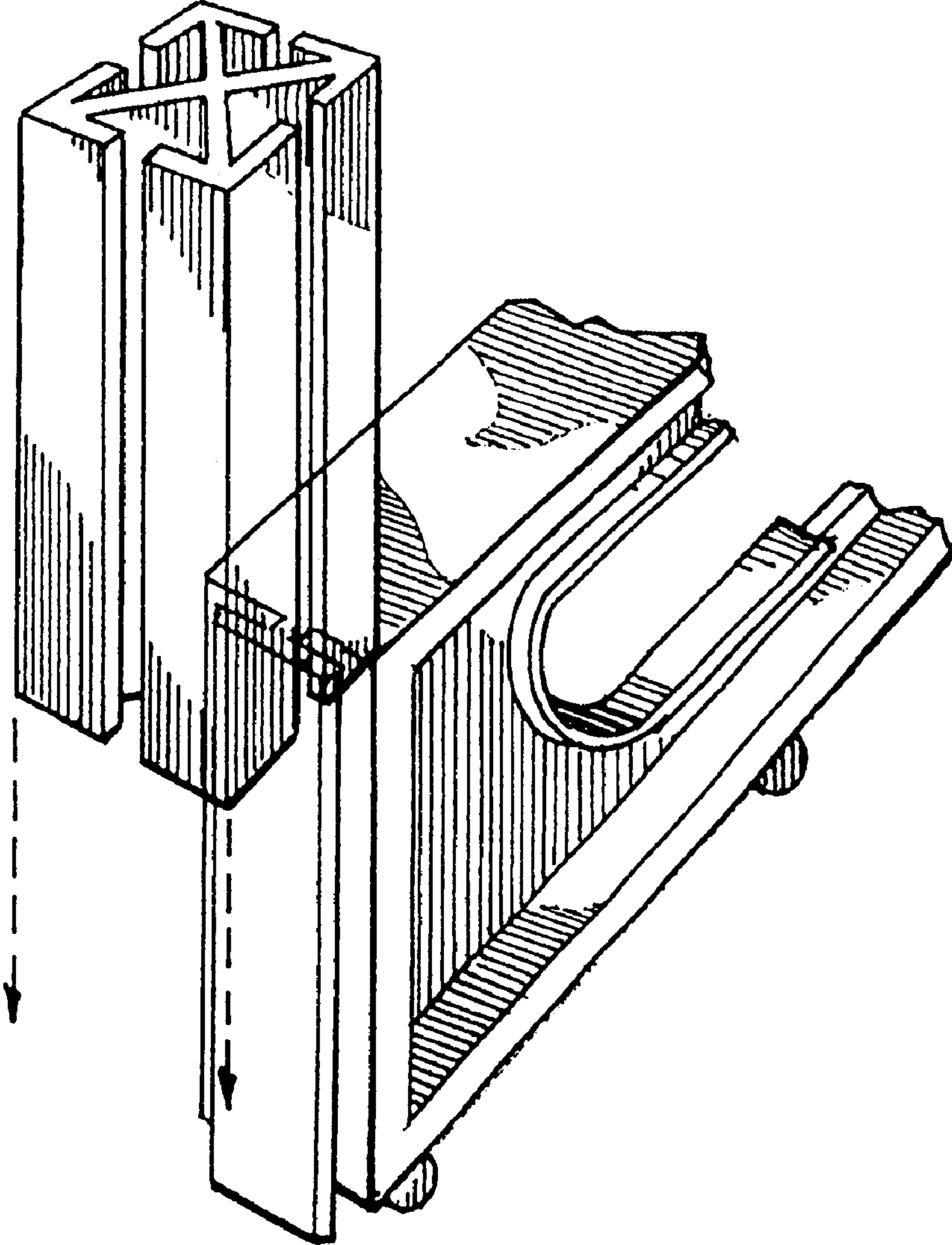


FIG. 7

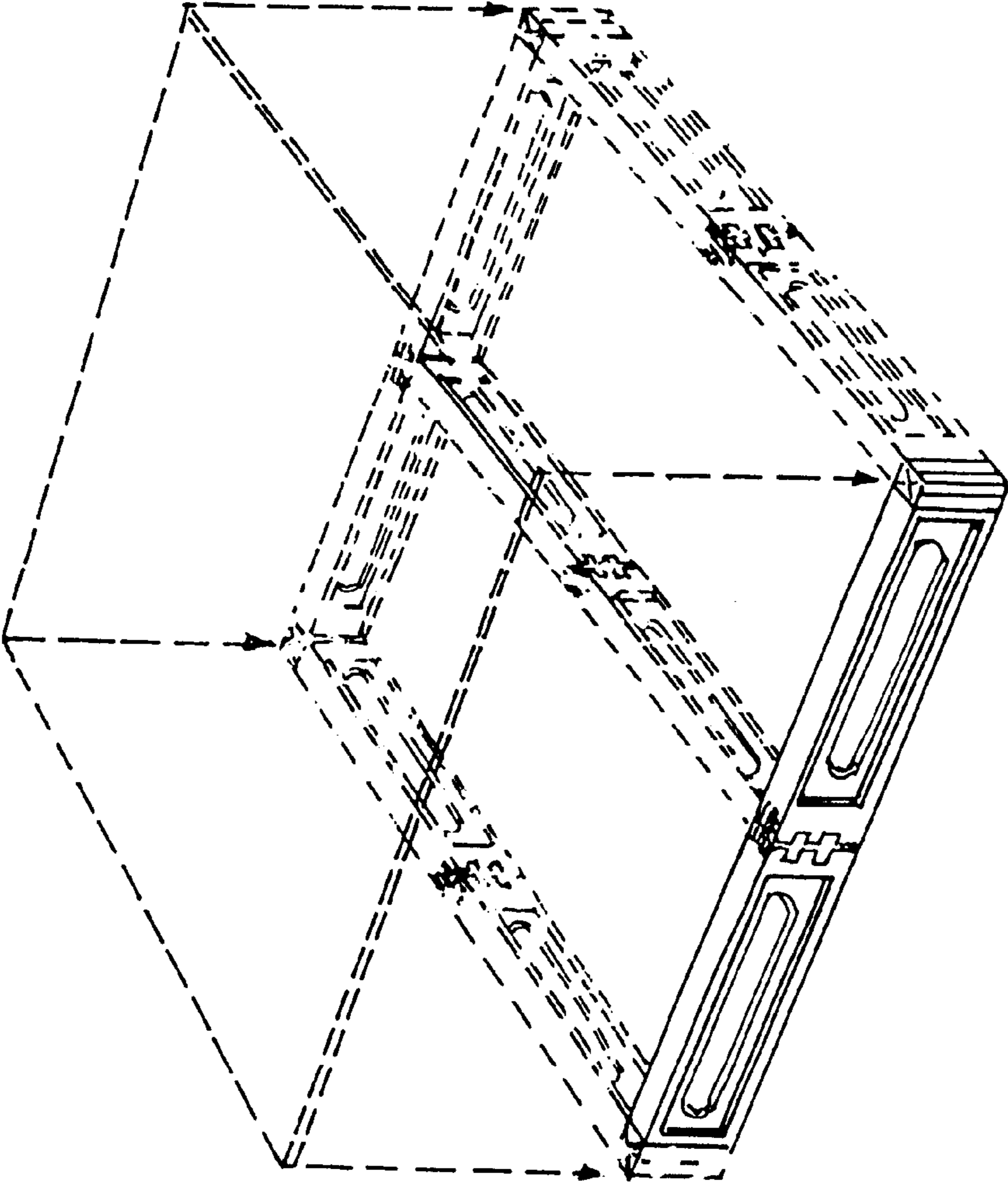


FIG. 8