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(54) **FOLDING STOOL**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a folding stool, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the present invention in an open position;

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view of the present invention in an open position, as taken from the right in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a side elevational view of the present invention in an open position, as taken from the unseen side in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a front elevational view of the present invention in an open position, as taken from the left in FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is a back elevational view of the present invention in an open position, as taken from the unseen back in FIG. 1;

FIG. 6 is a top plan view of the present invention in an open position;

FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of the present invention in an open position.

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of the present invention in a folded or collapsed position;

FIG. 9 is a side elevational view of the present invention in a folded or collapsed position, as taken from the right in FIG. 8;

FIG. 10 is a side elevational view of the present invention in a folded or collapsed position, as taken from the unseen side in FIG. 8;

FIG. 11 is a front elevational view of the present invention in a folded or collapsed position, as taken from the left in FIG. 8;

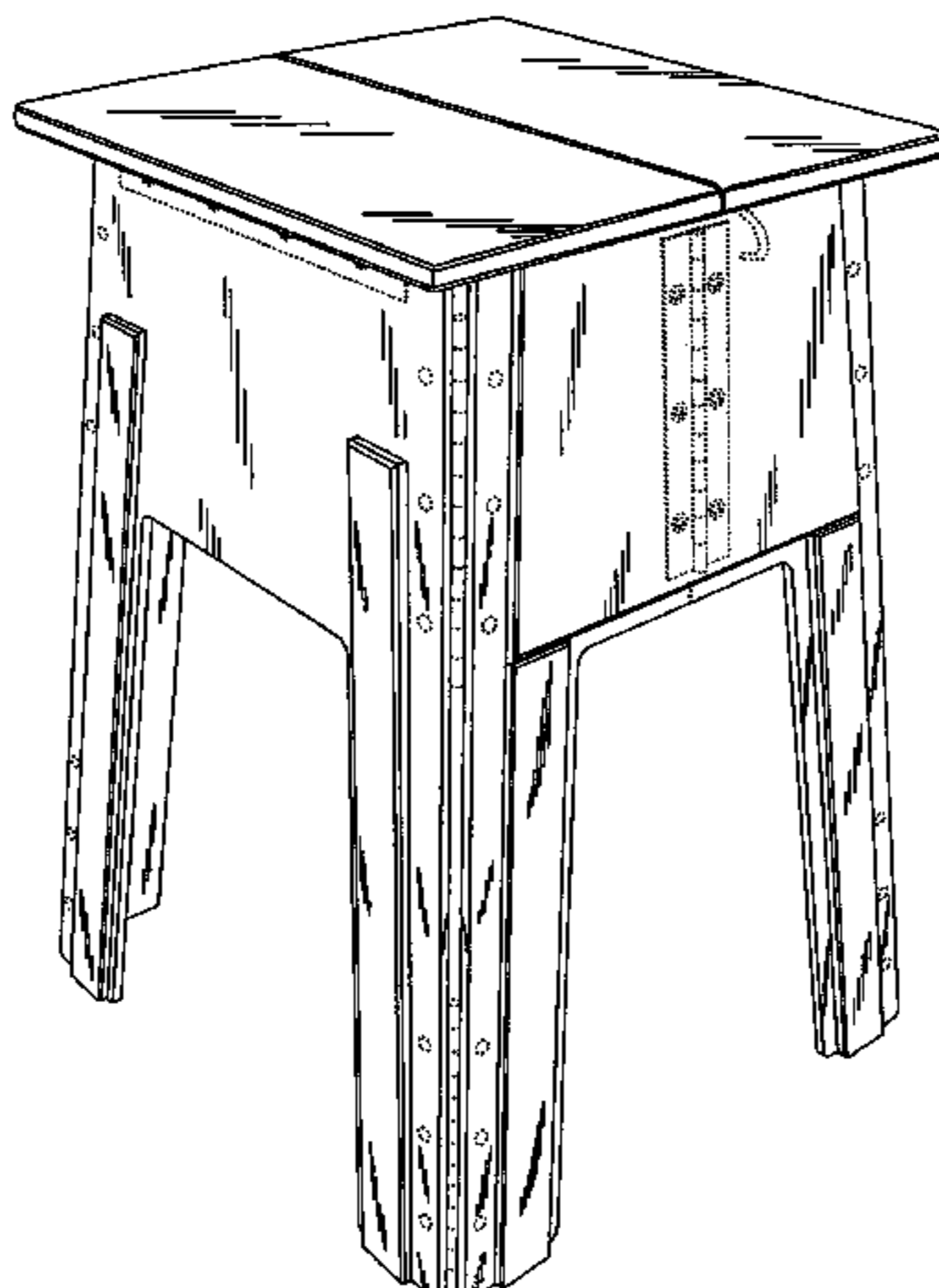
FIG. 12 is a back elevational view of the present invention in a folded or collapsed position, as taken from the unseen back in FIG. 8;

FIG. 13 is a top plan view of the present invention in a folded or collapsed position; and,

FIG. 14 is a bottom plan view of the present invention in a folded or collapsed position.

The broken lines are for environmental purposes only, and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 14 Drawing Sheets**



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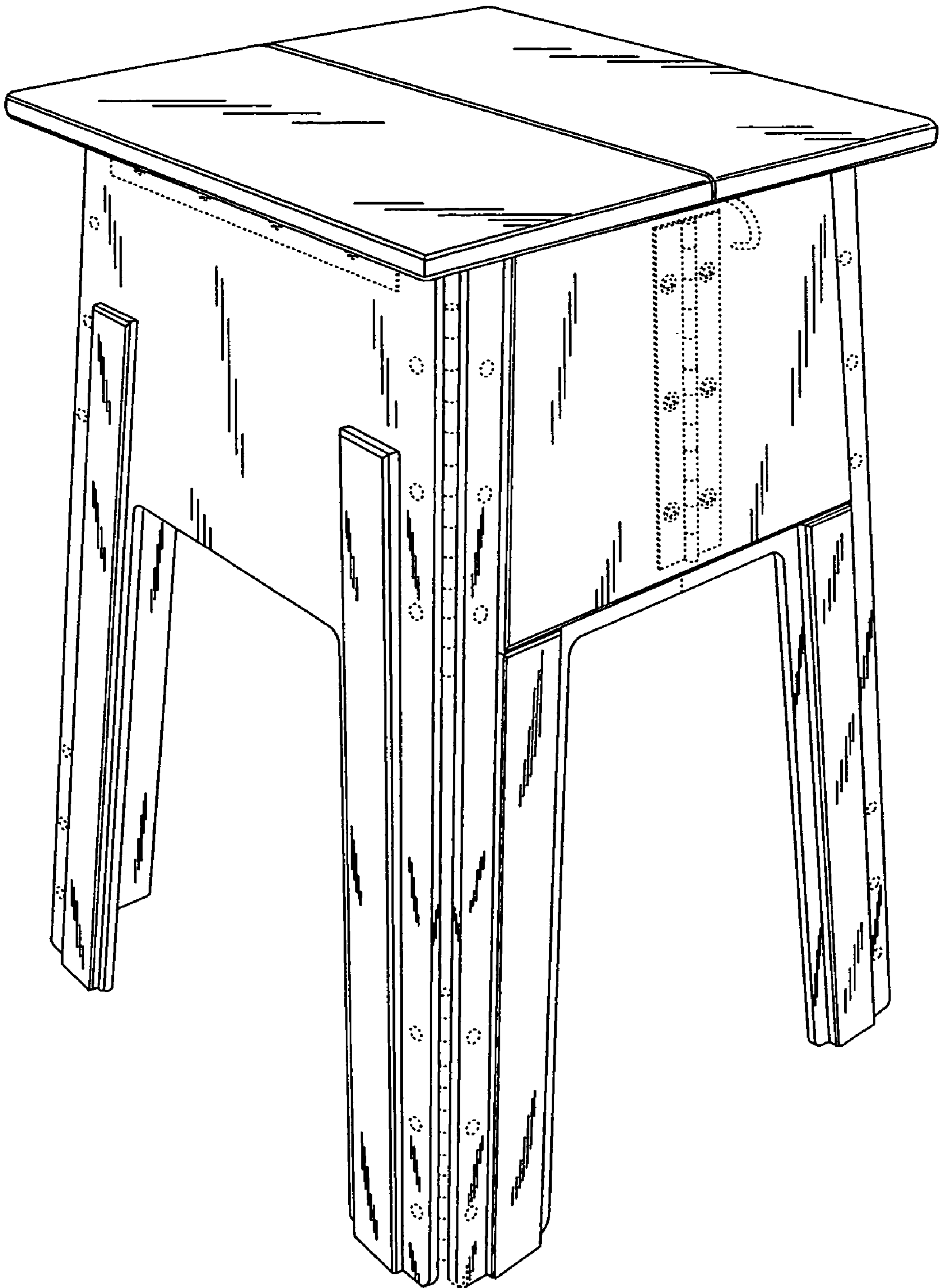
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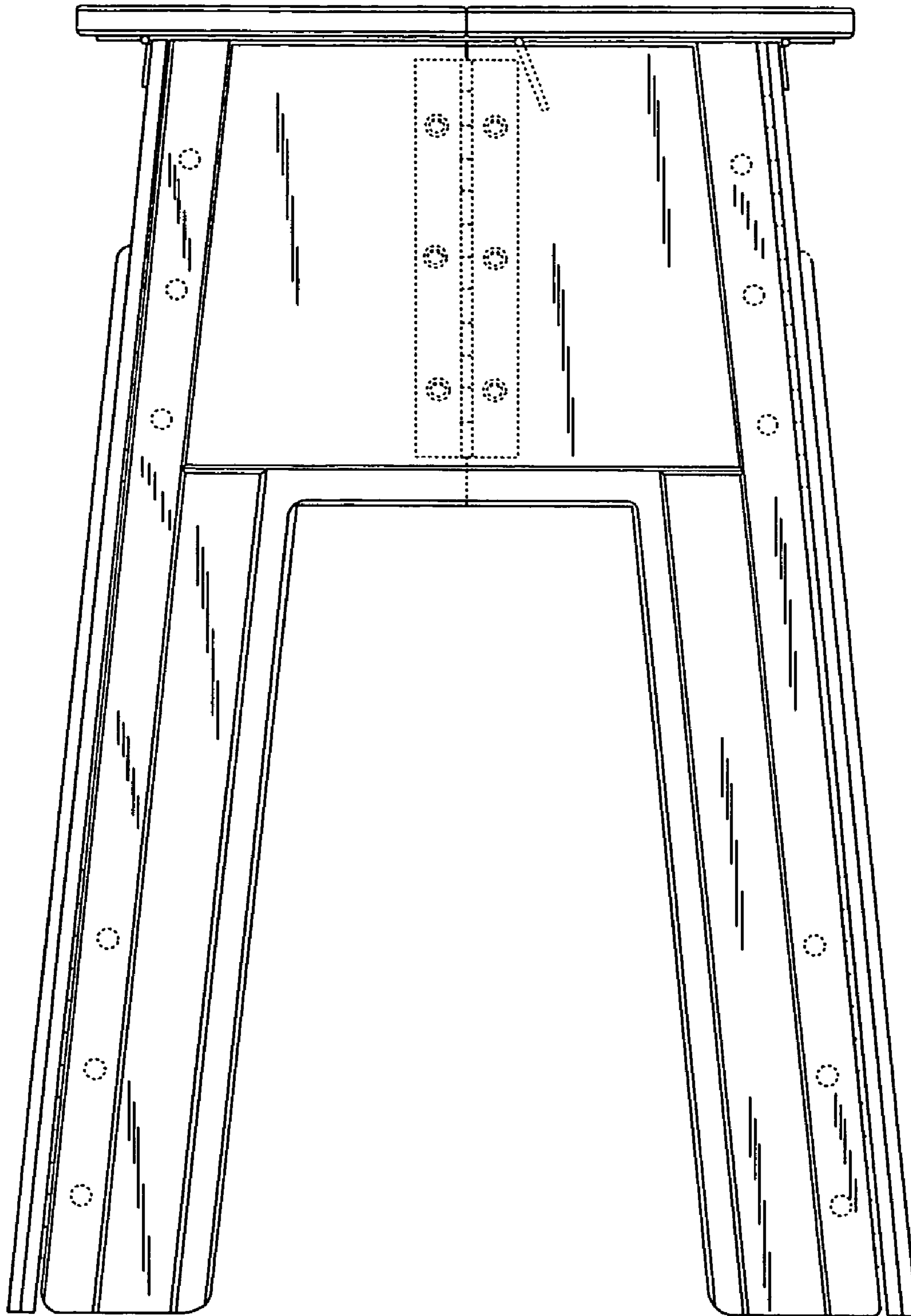
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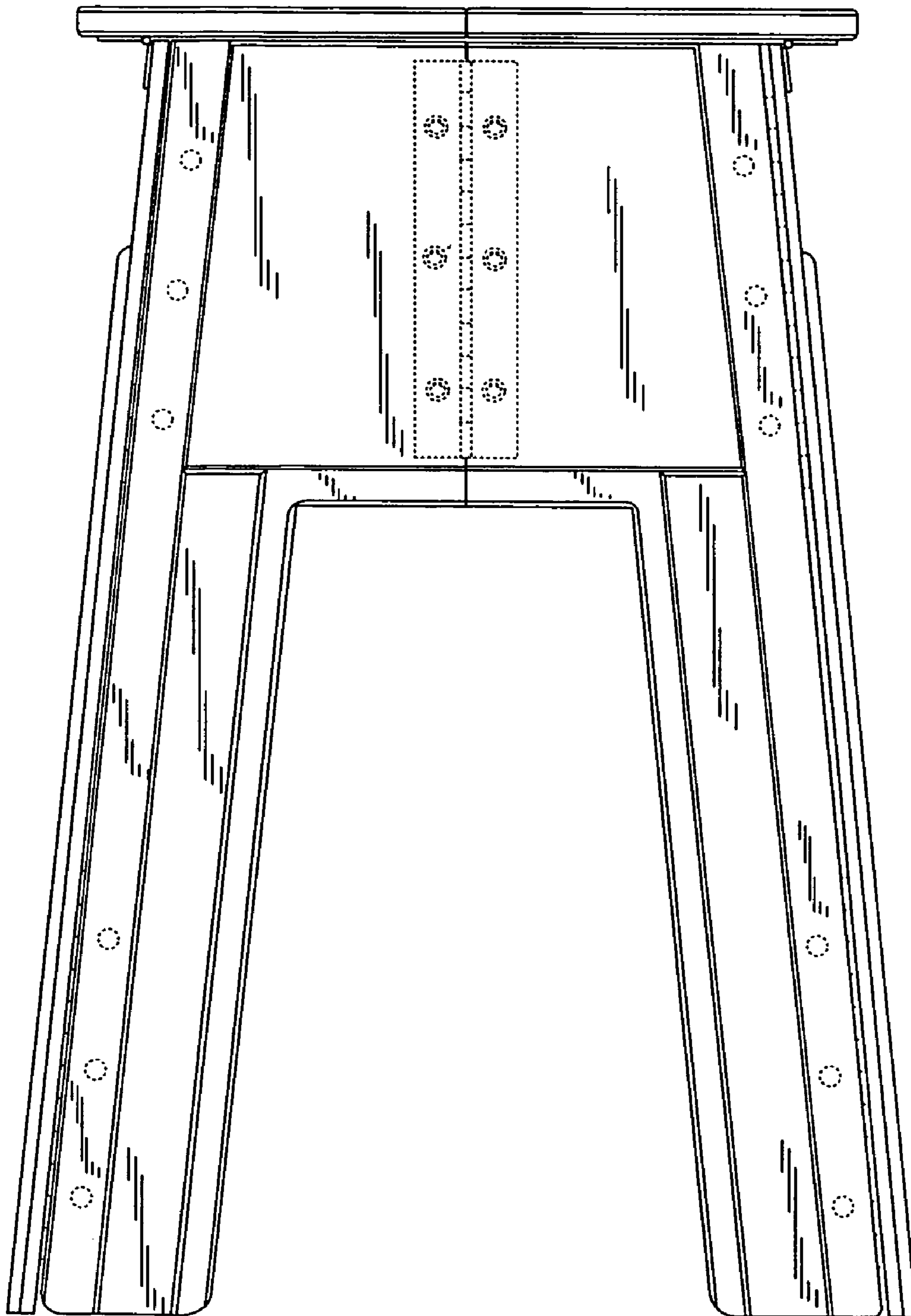
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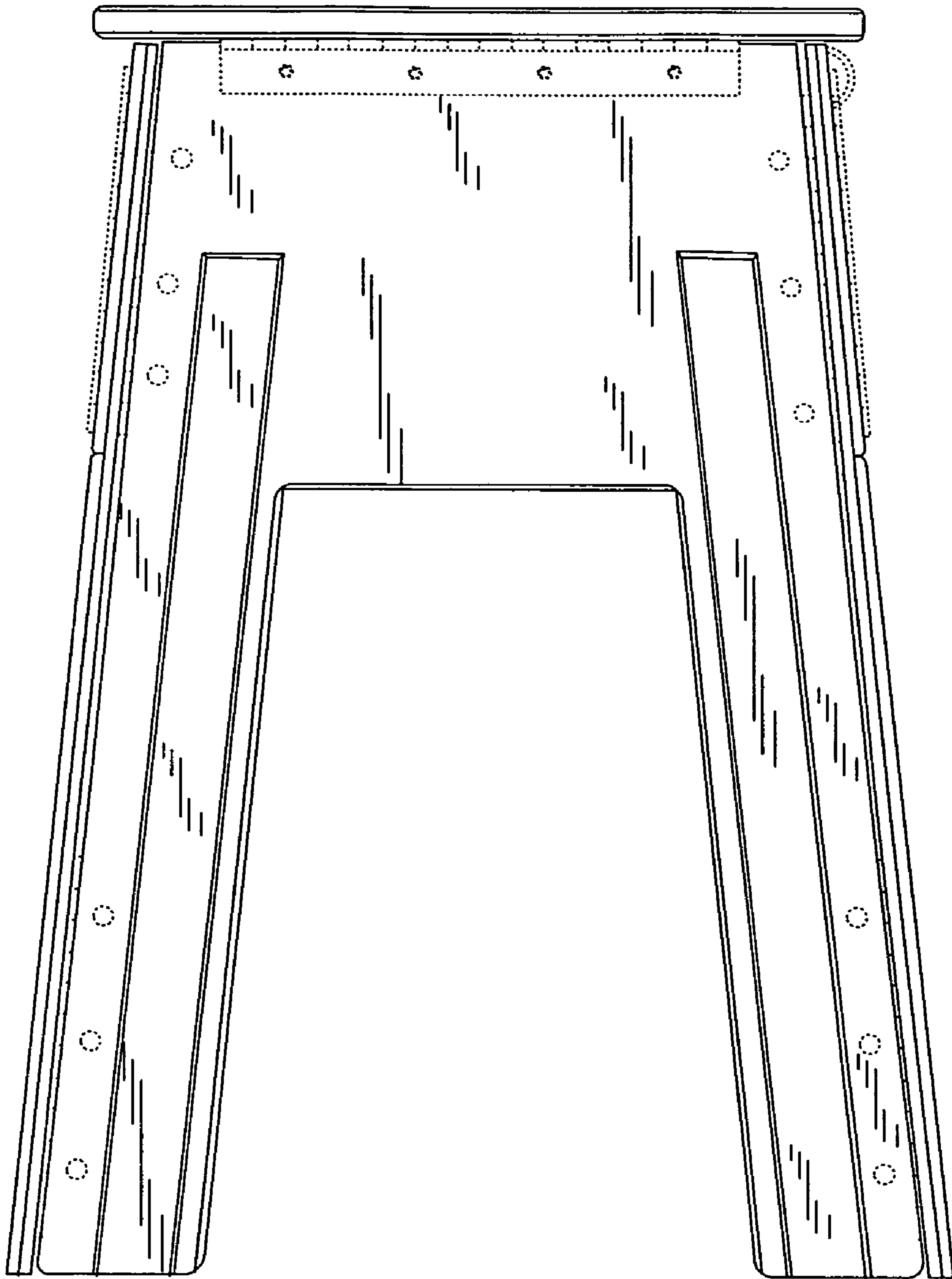


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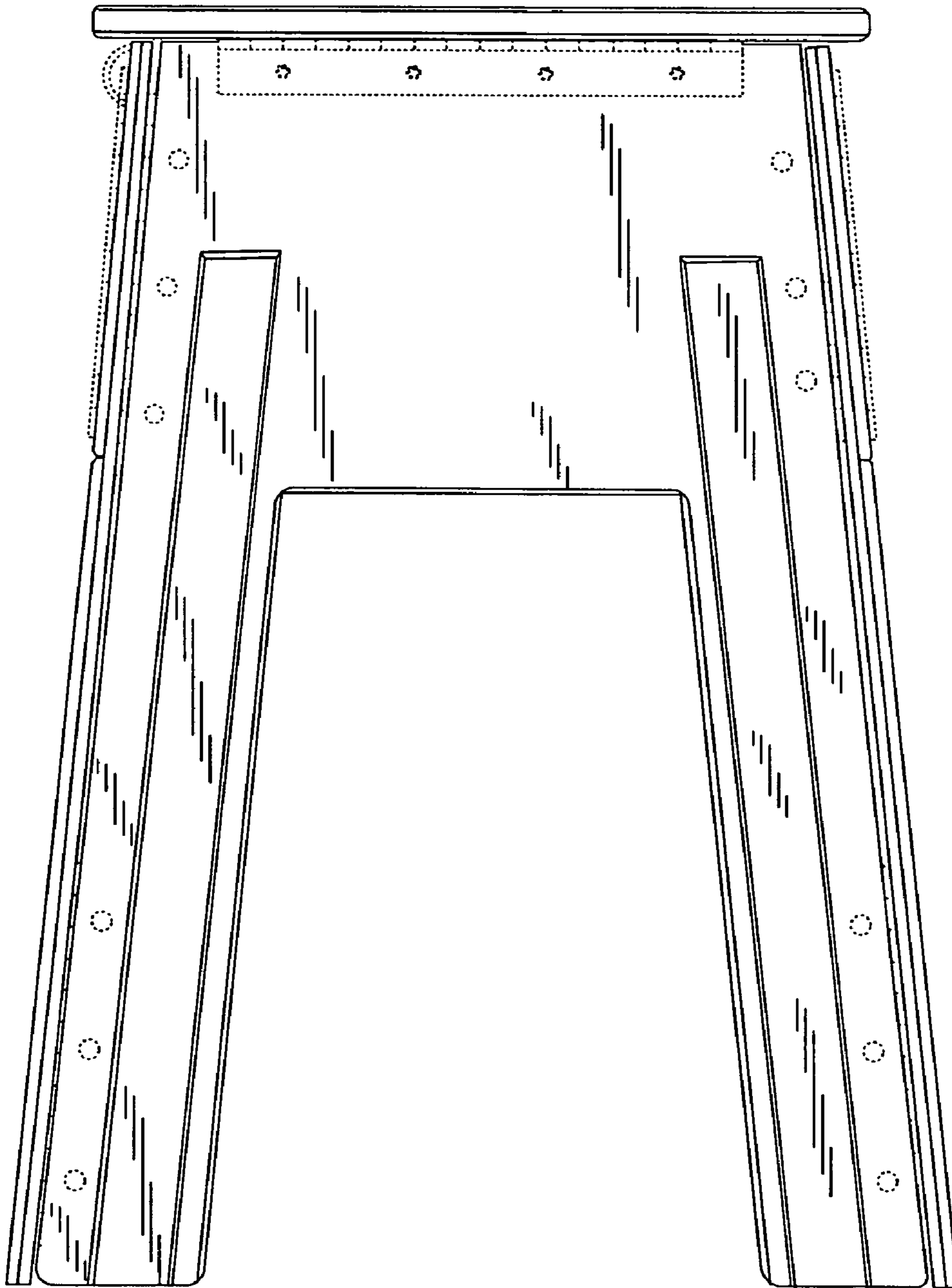


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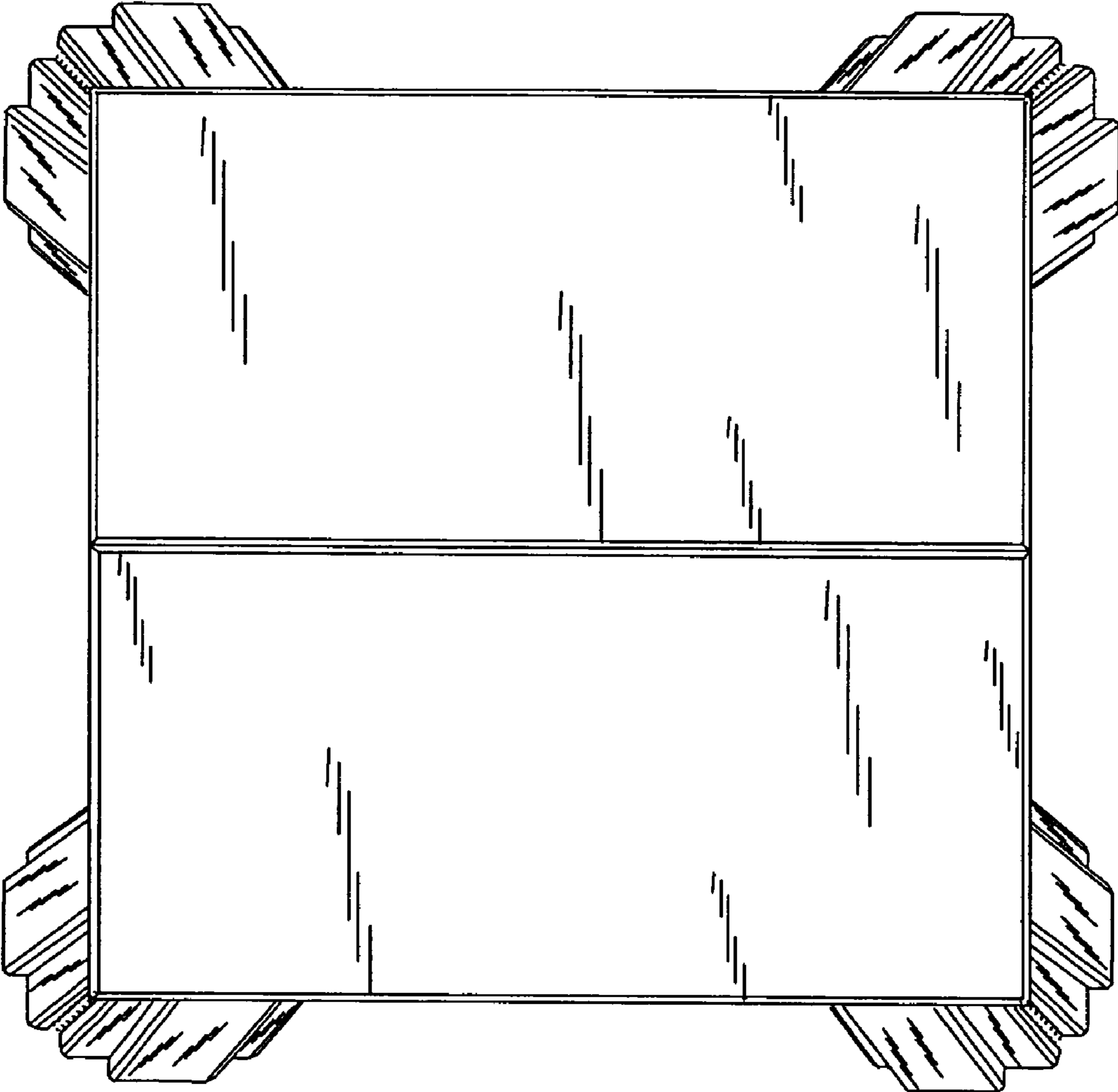




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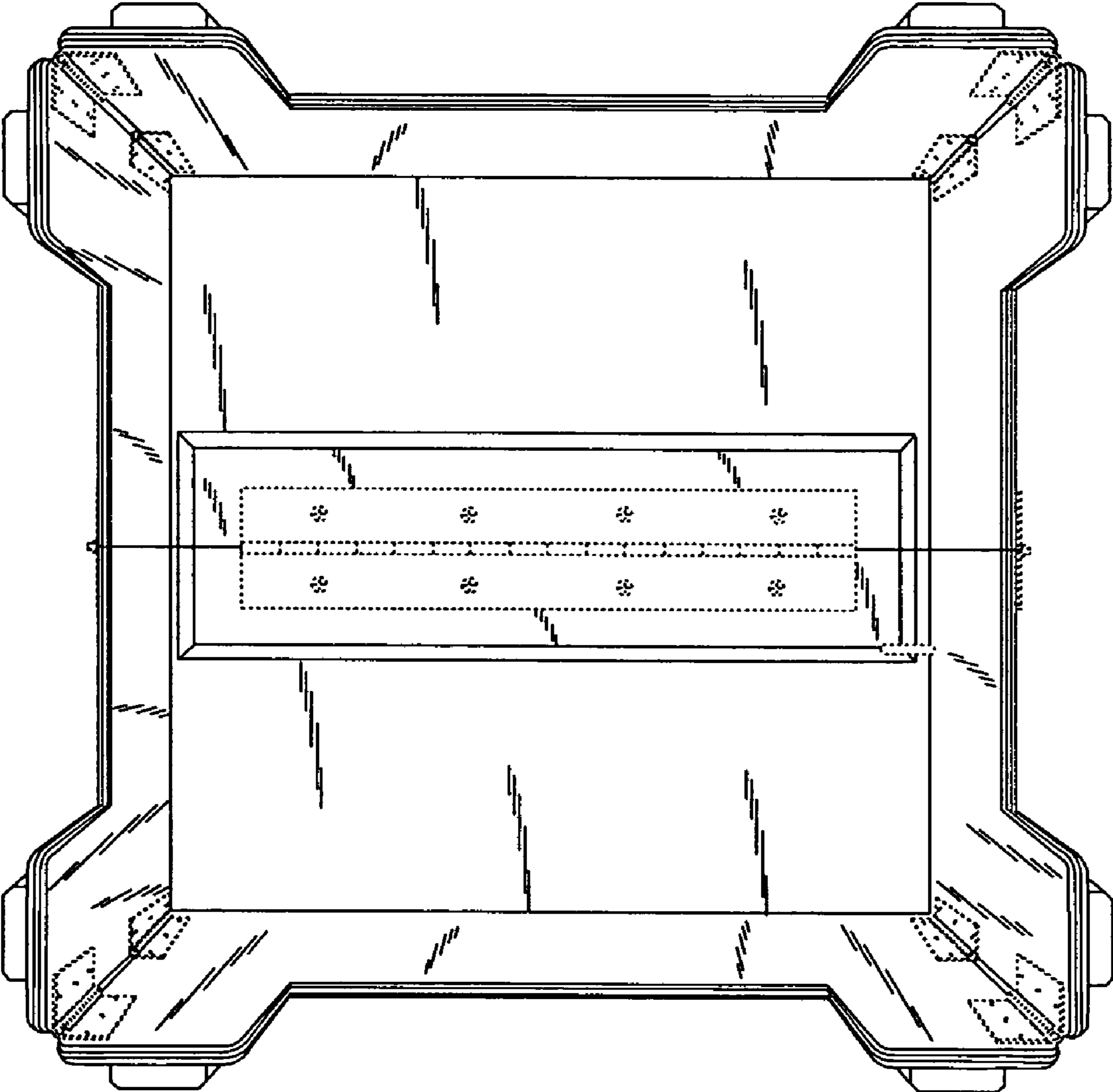


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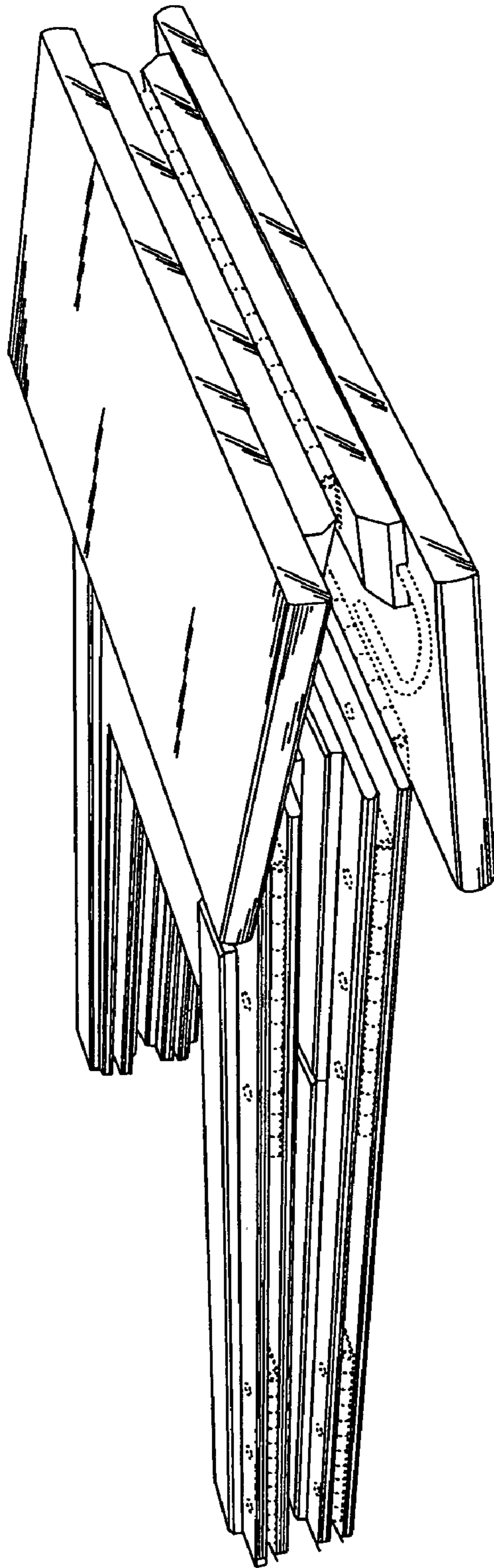


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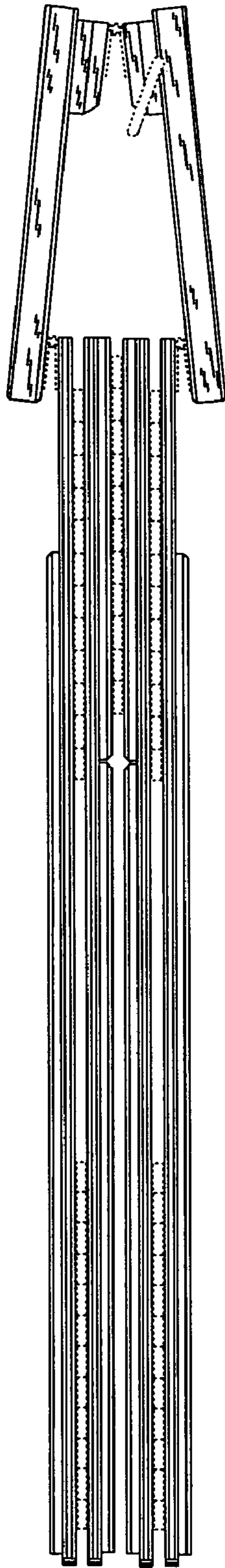




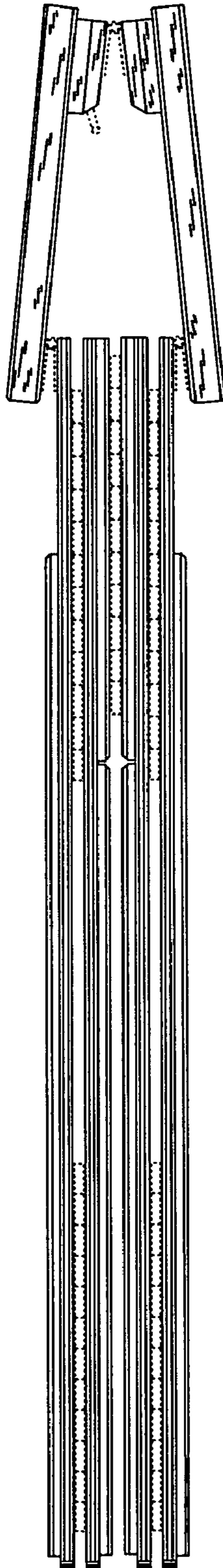
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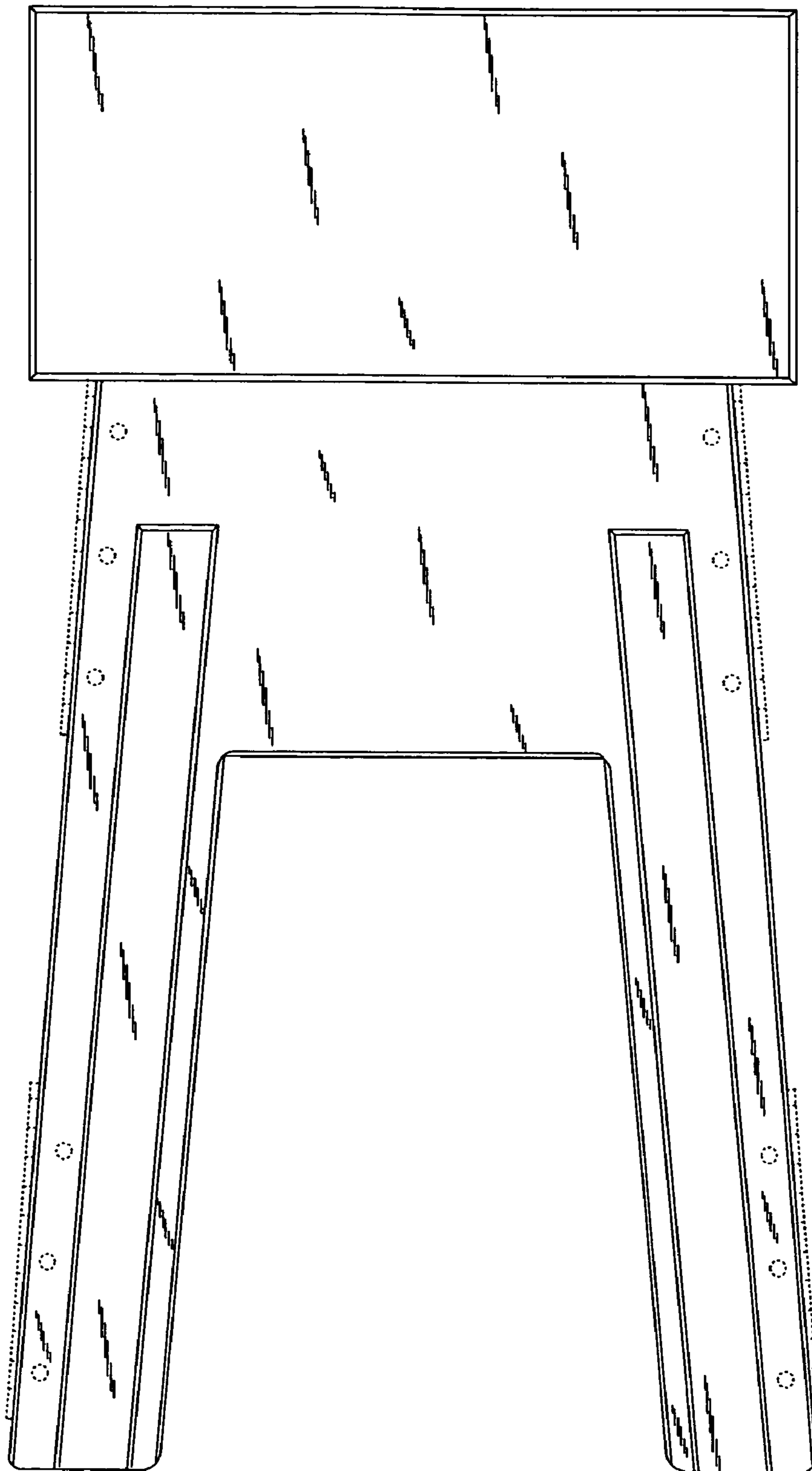
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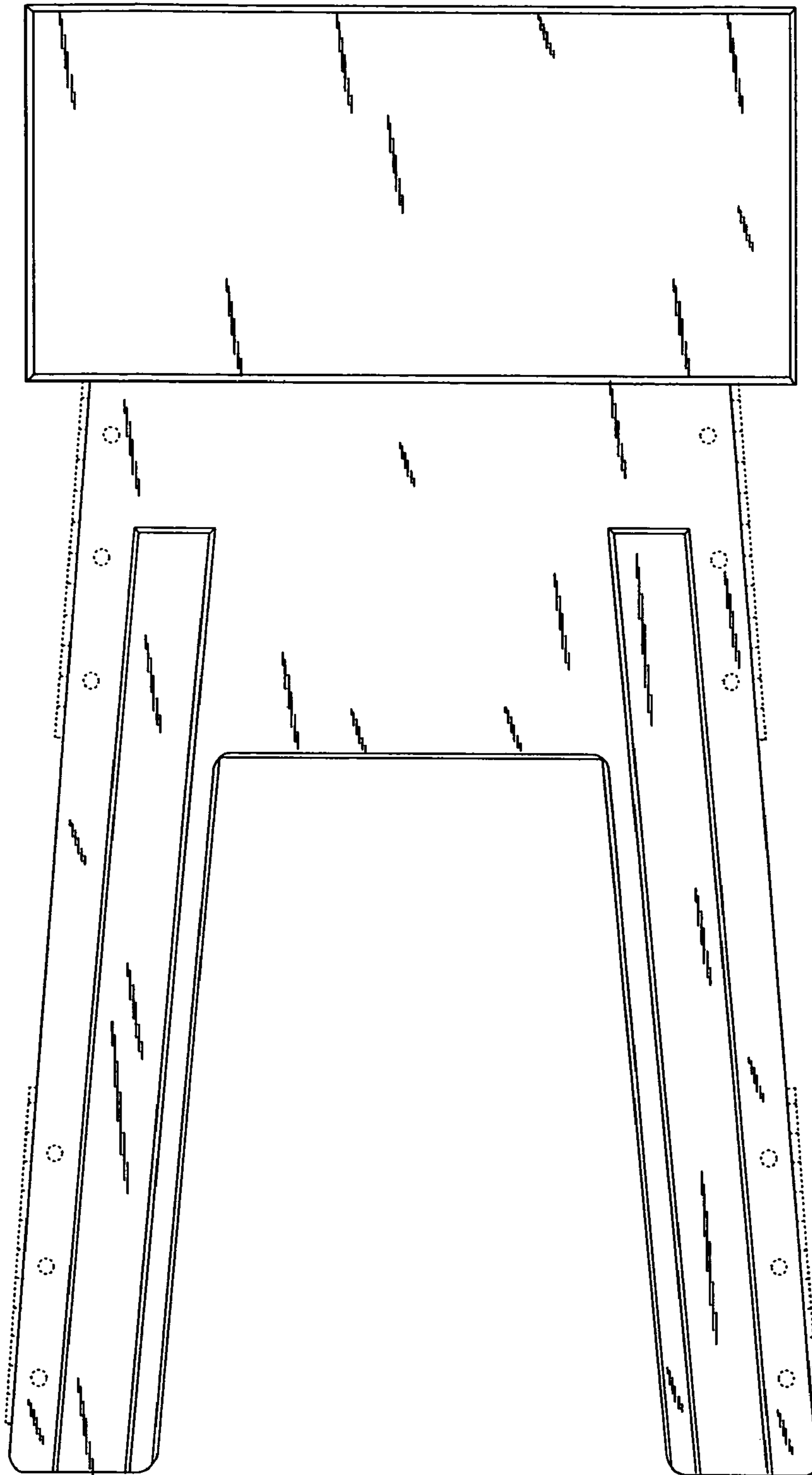
*Fig. 9*



*Fig. 10*

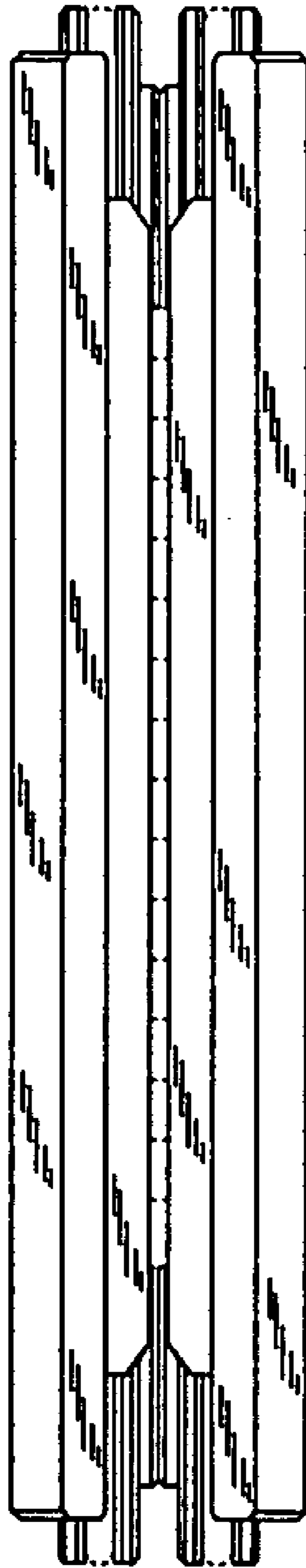


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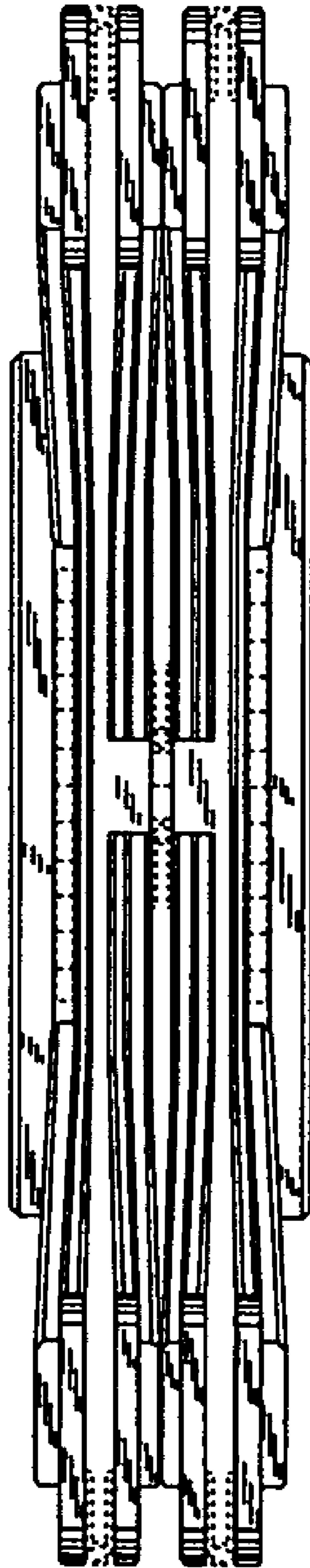


*Fig. 12*





*Fig. 13*



*Fig. 14*