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(54) **COVERING FOR A CONTAINER OF THREE TENNIS BALLS**

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Document including digital photographs of a tennis ball container for holding four tennis balls by Roland Garros, Paris. The container

includes a covering, which extends over the lid (or top) of the container and does not cover the bottom of the container. The container was obtained in Europe in 2003. Applicants are not aware of the container being sold or marketed in the U.S.

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(57) **CLAIM**

We claim the ornamental design for a covering for a container of three tennis balls, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a lower side perspective view of a covering for a container of three tennis balls, showing our new design;

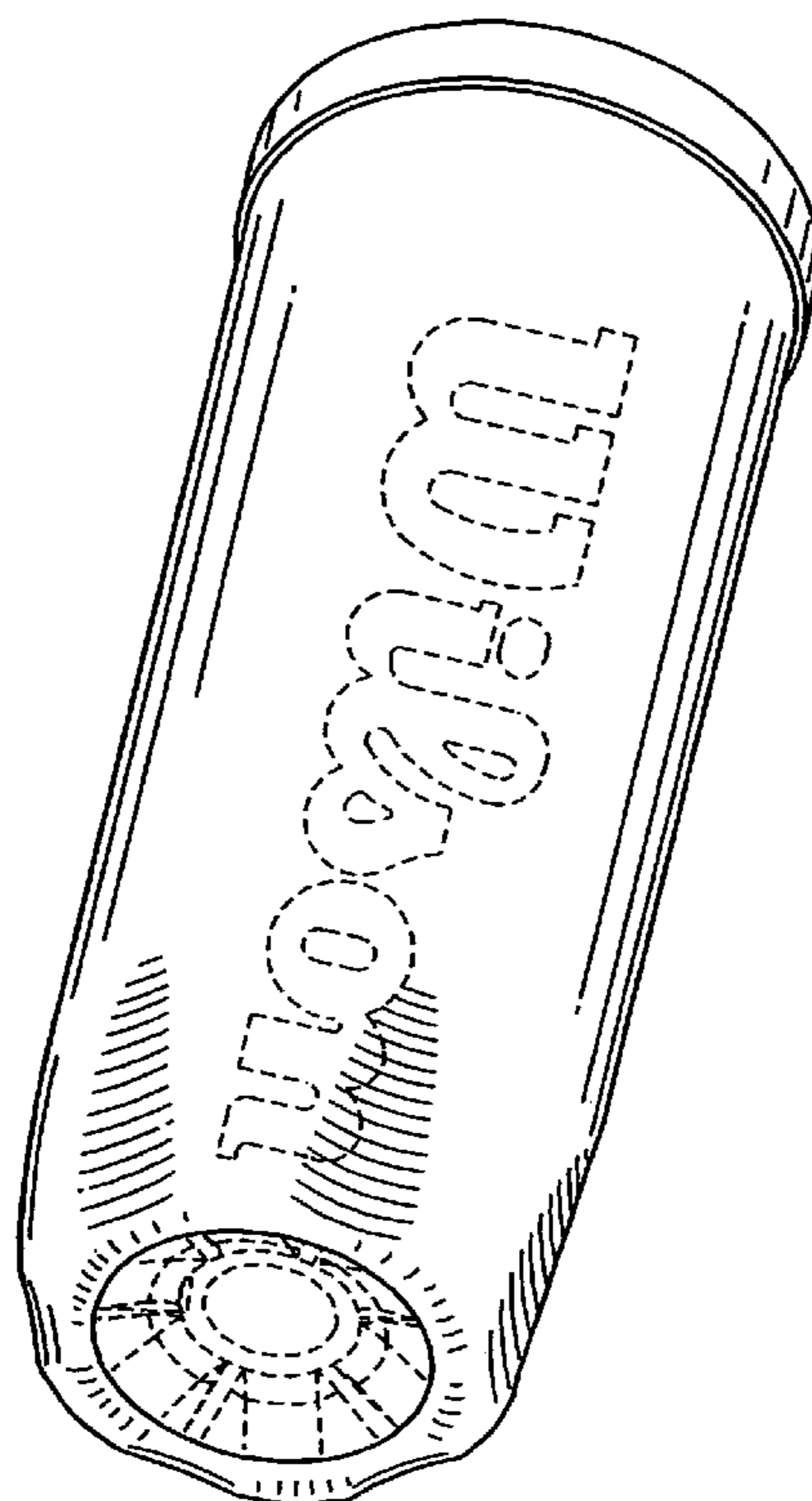
FIG. 2 is a side view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a front view thereof; and,

FIG. 4 is a bottom view thereof.

The ornamental design that is claimed is shown in solid lines in the drawings. The broken lines showing are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**



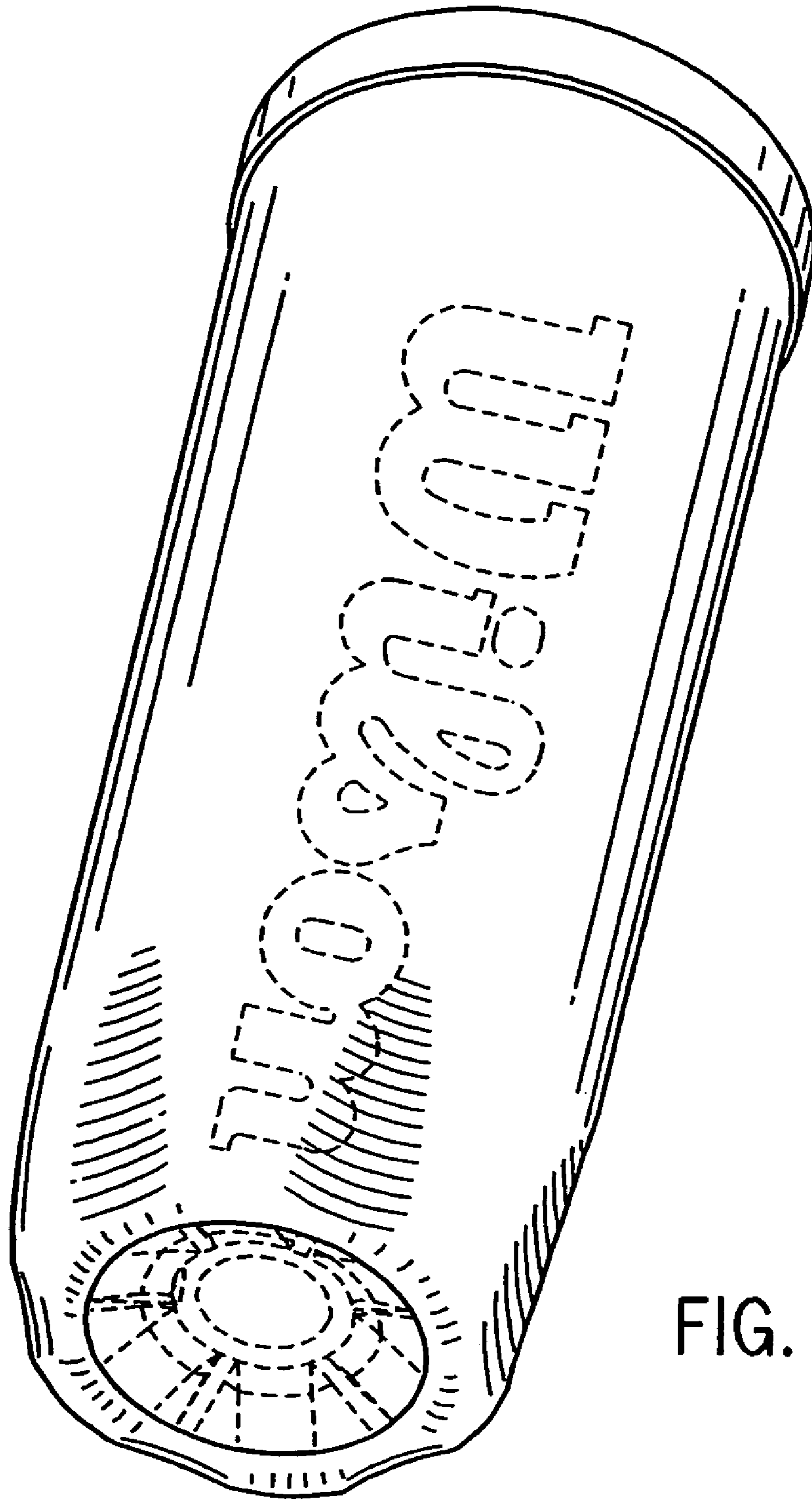


FIG. 1

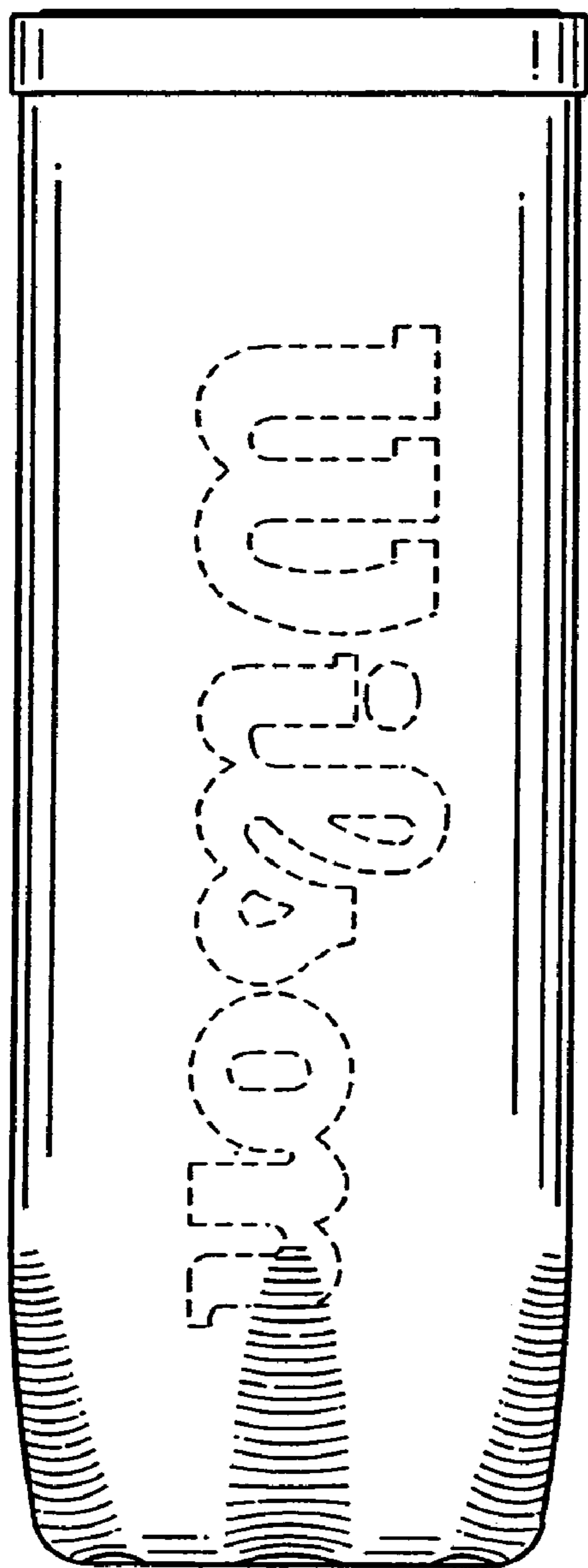


FIG. 2

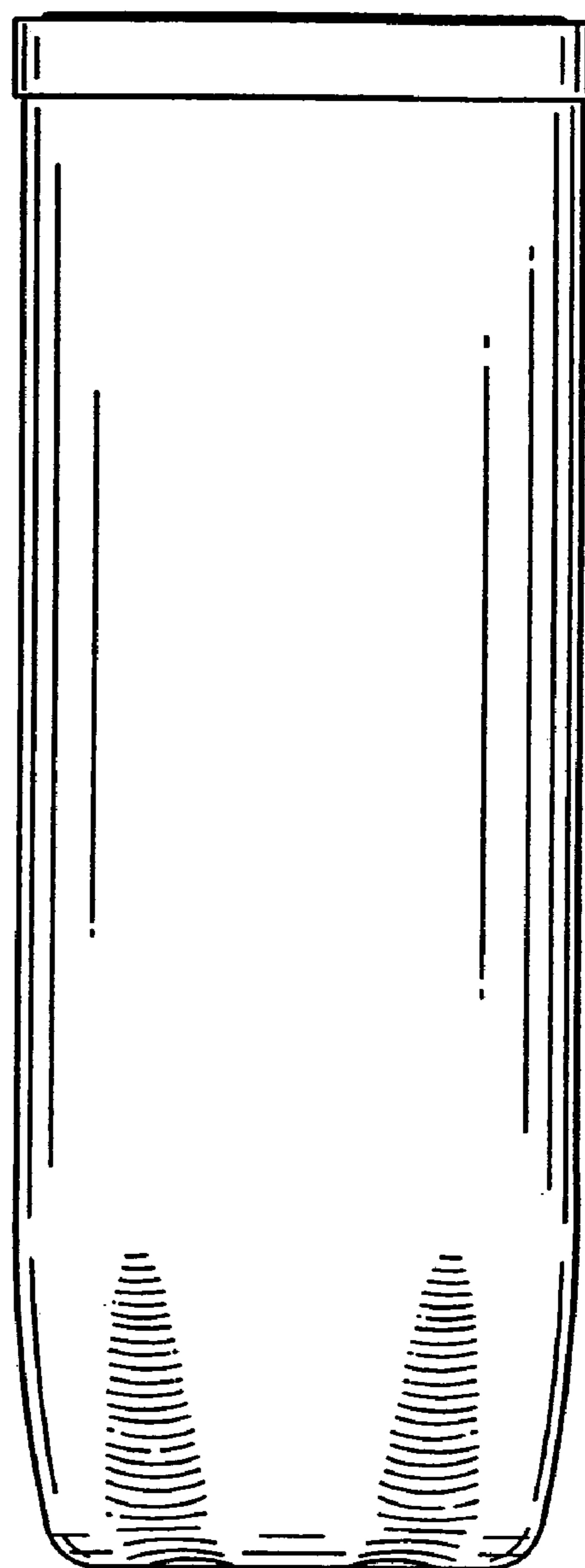


FIG. 3

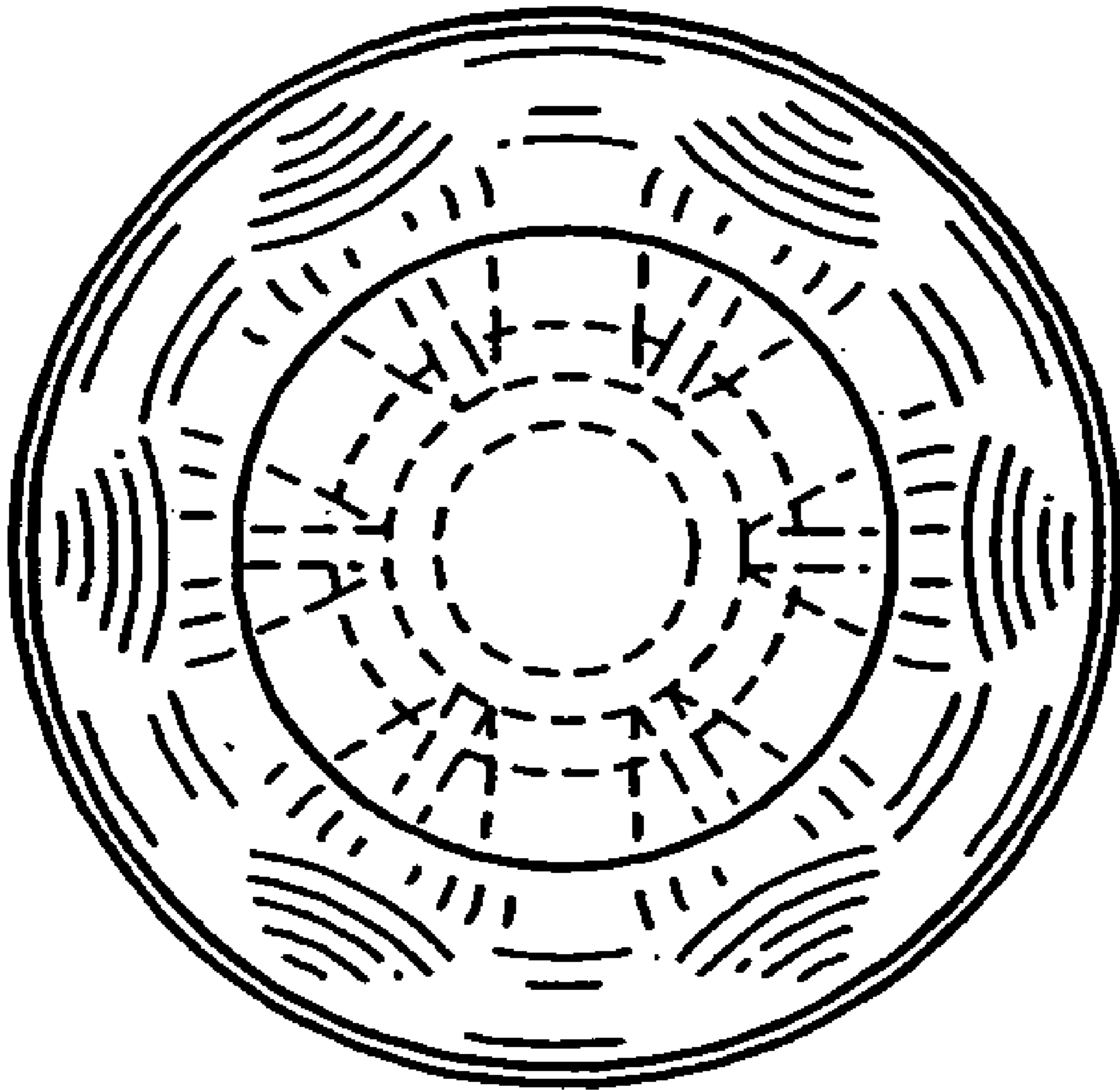


FIG. 4