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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for footwear, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view.

FIG. 2 is a front view.

FIG. 3 is a back view.

FIG. 4 is an outer side view.

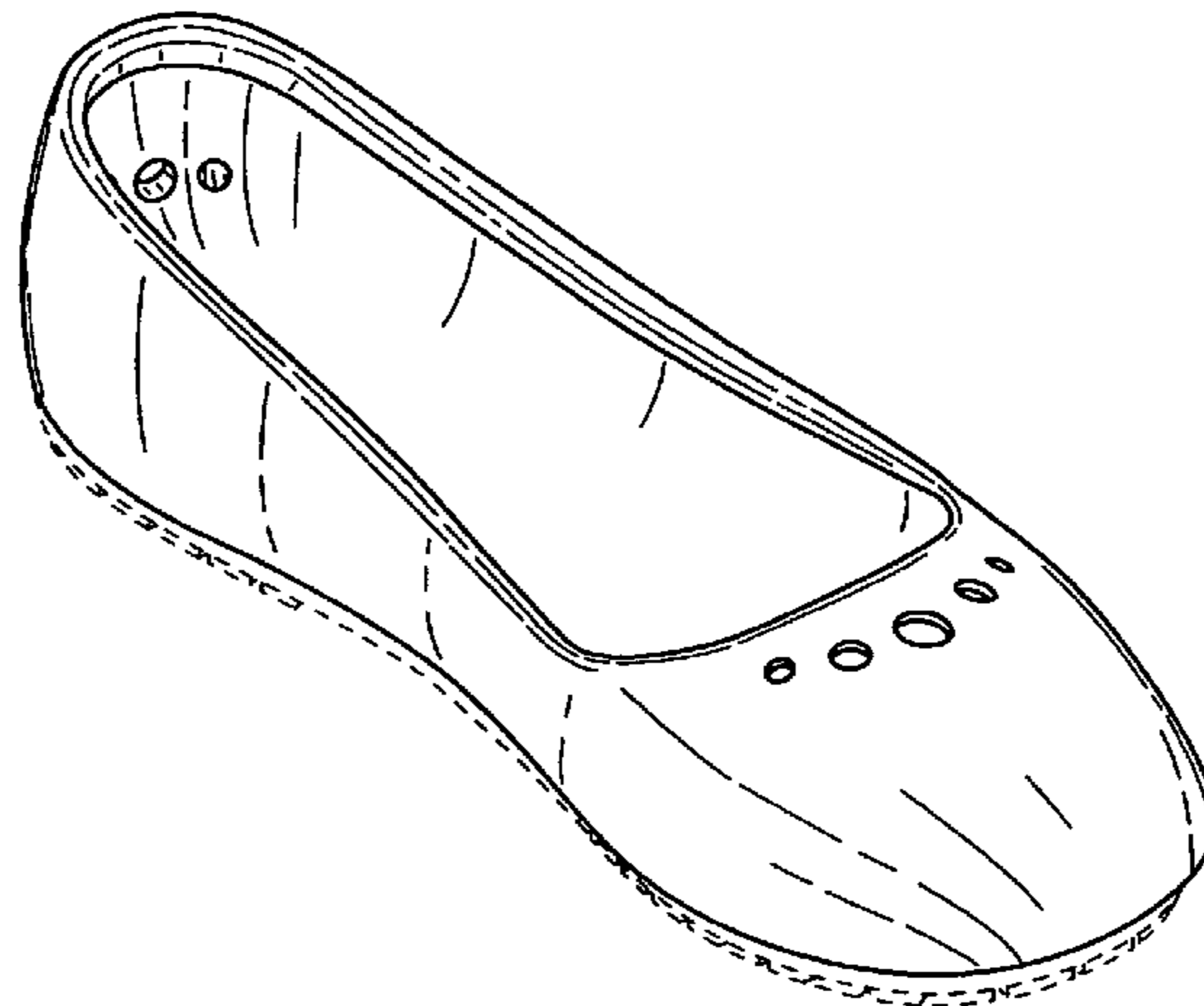
FIG. 5 is an inner side view.

FIG. 6 is a top view; and,

FIG. 7 is a bottom view.

The broken line showing of the sole and surface treatment thereof is for illustrative purpose only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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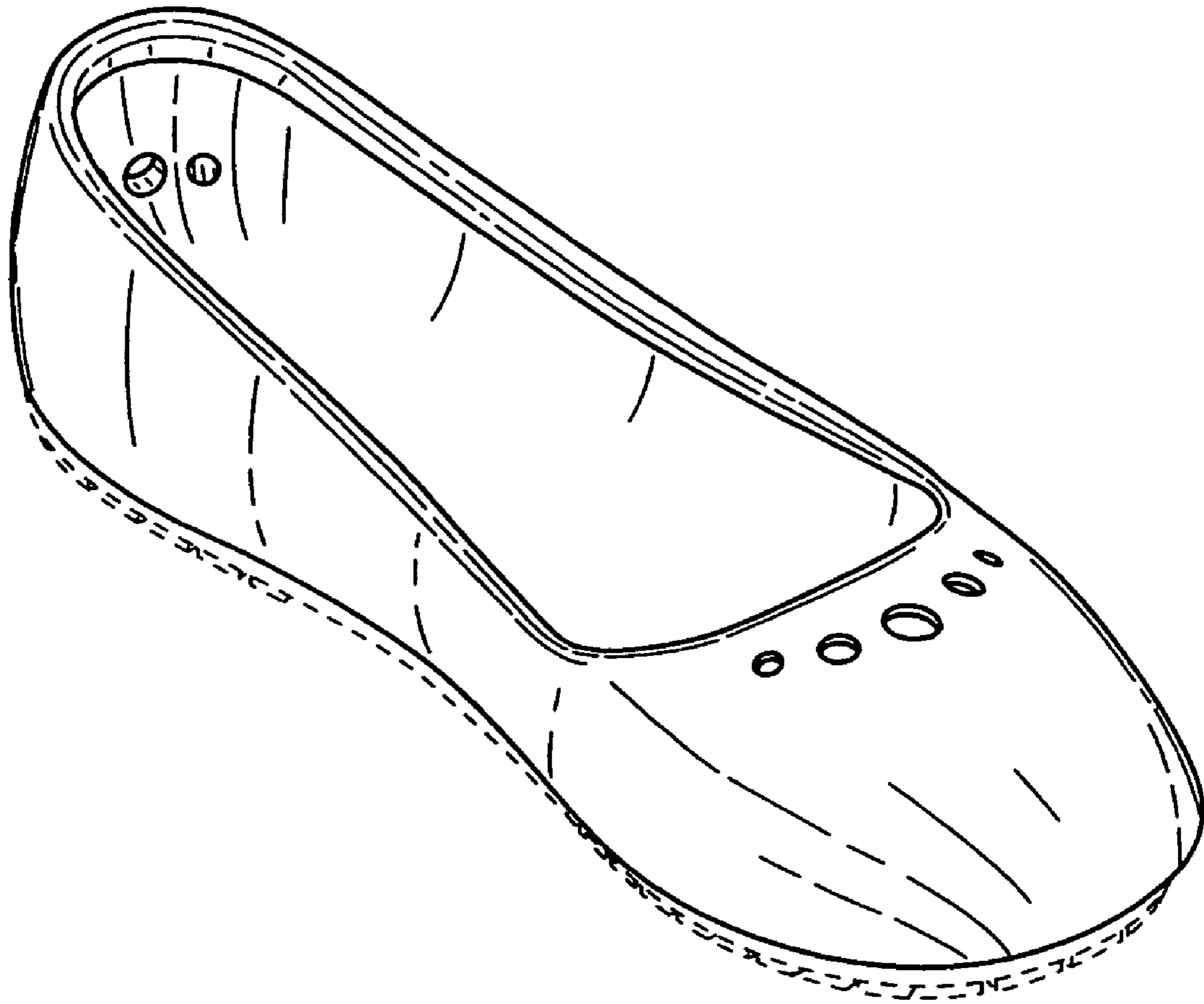


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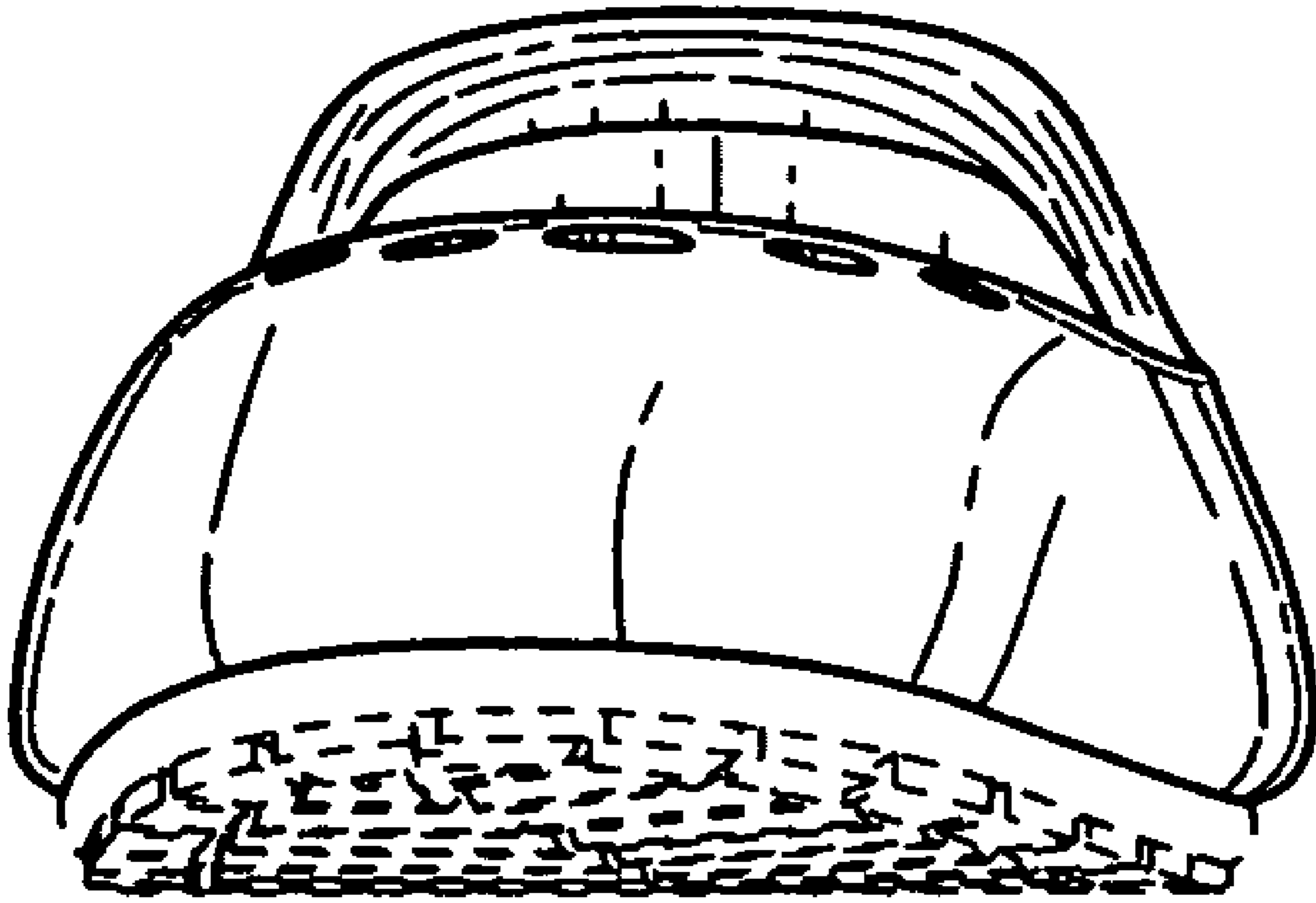


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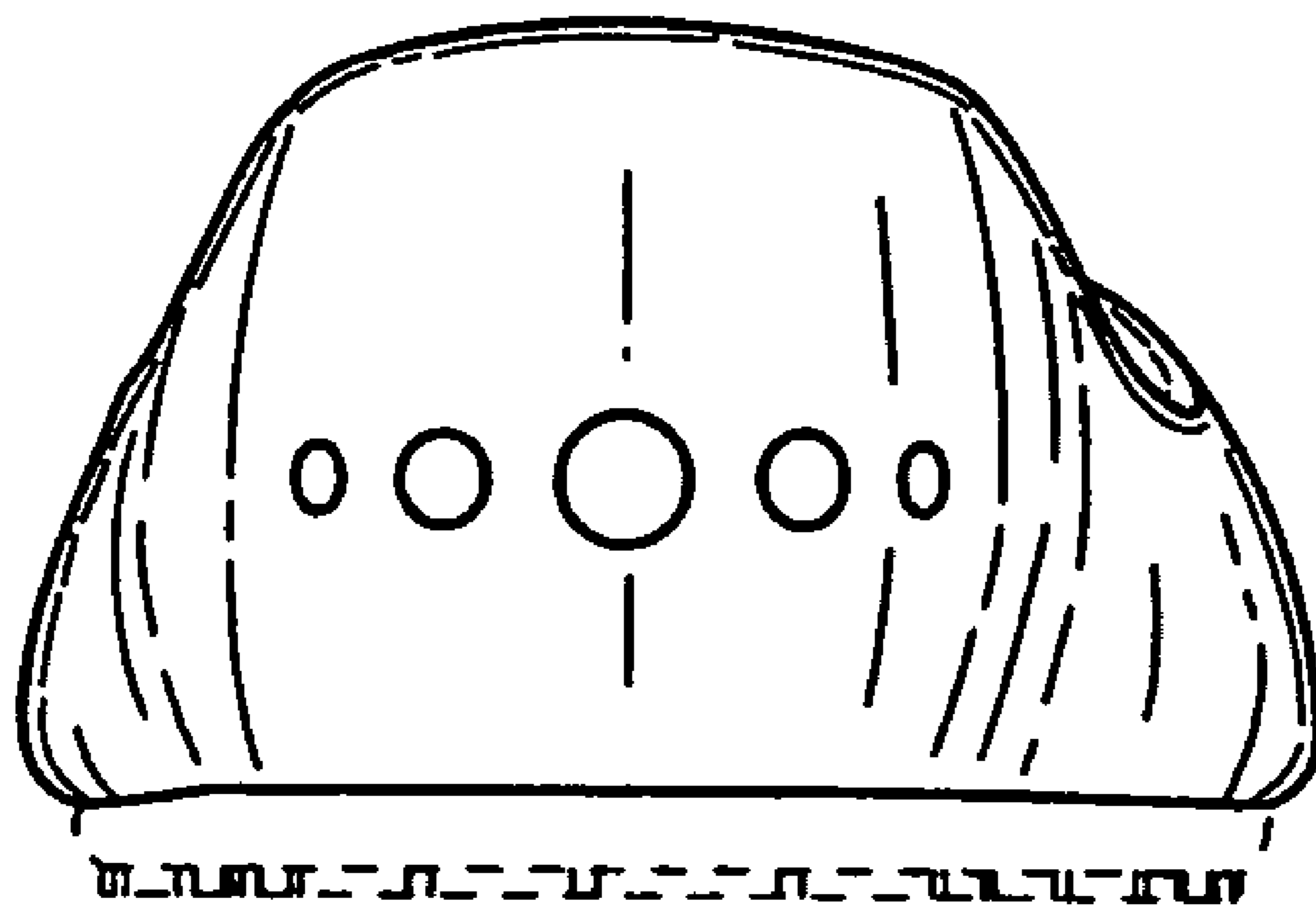


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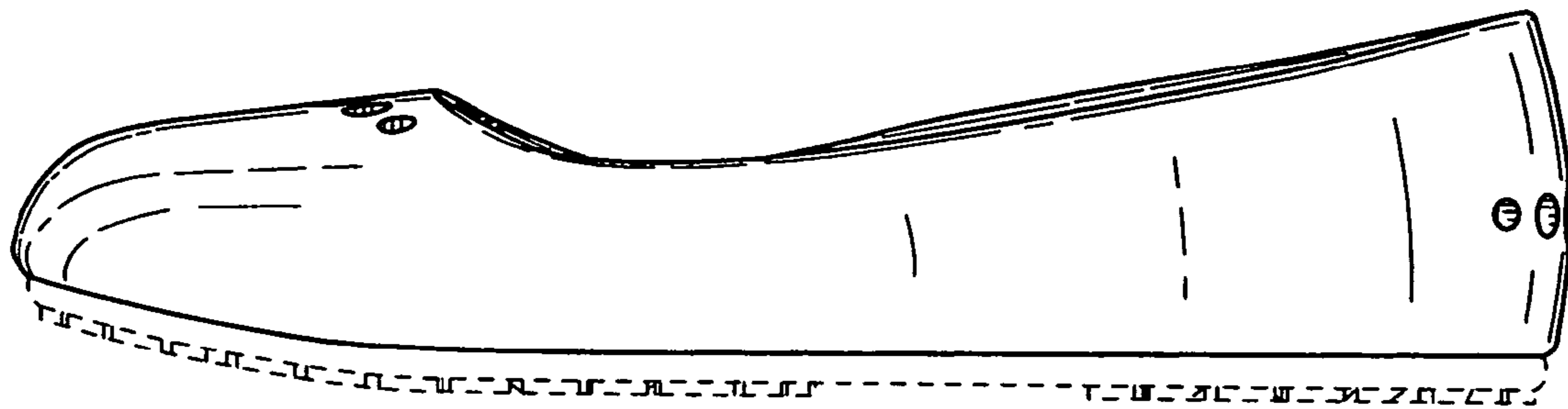


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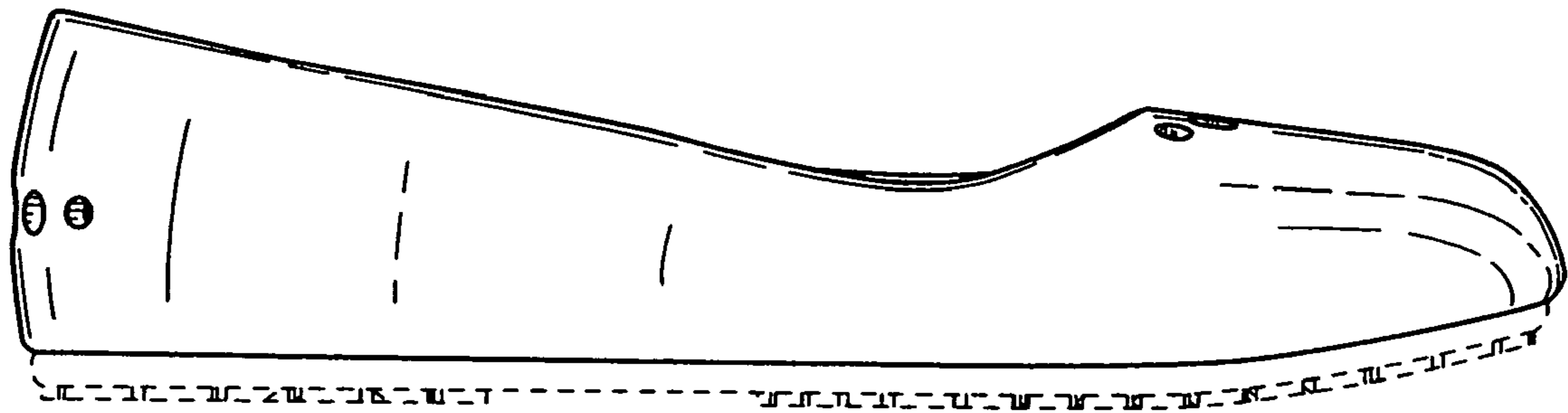


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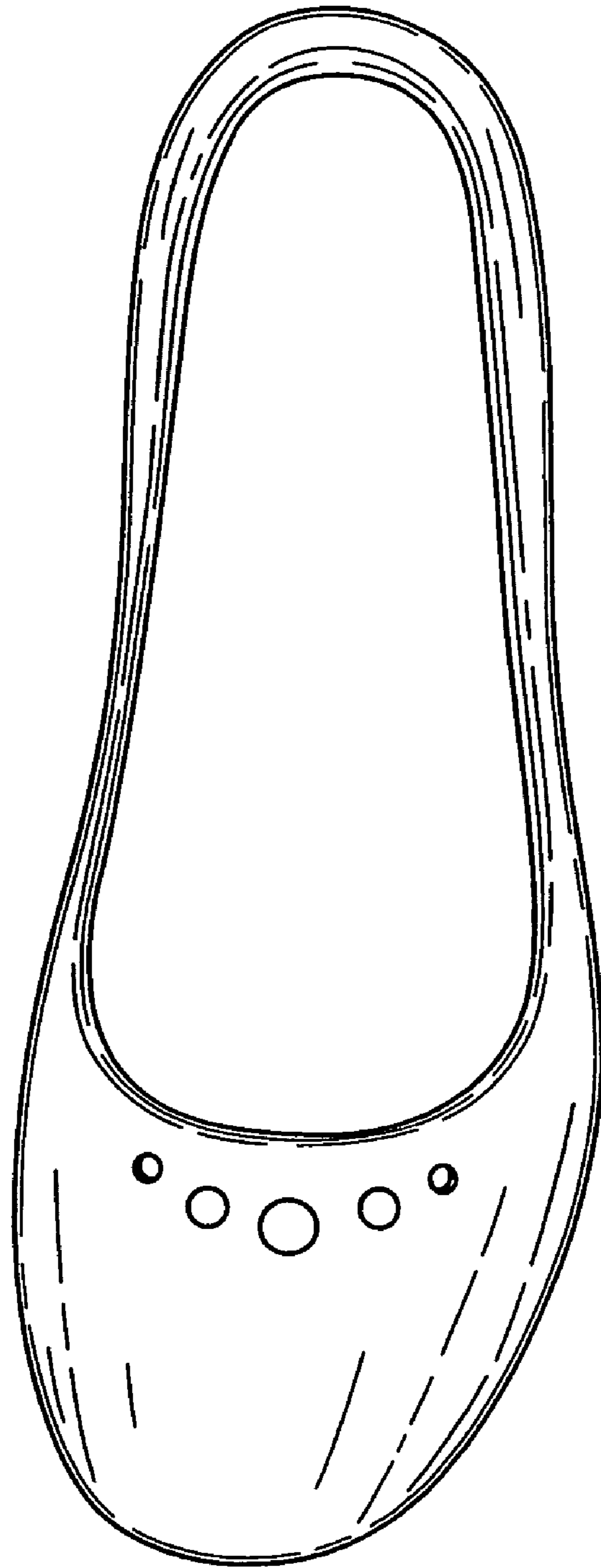


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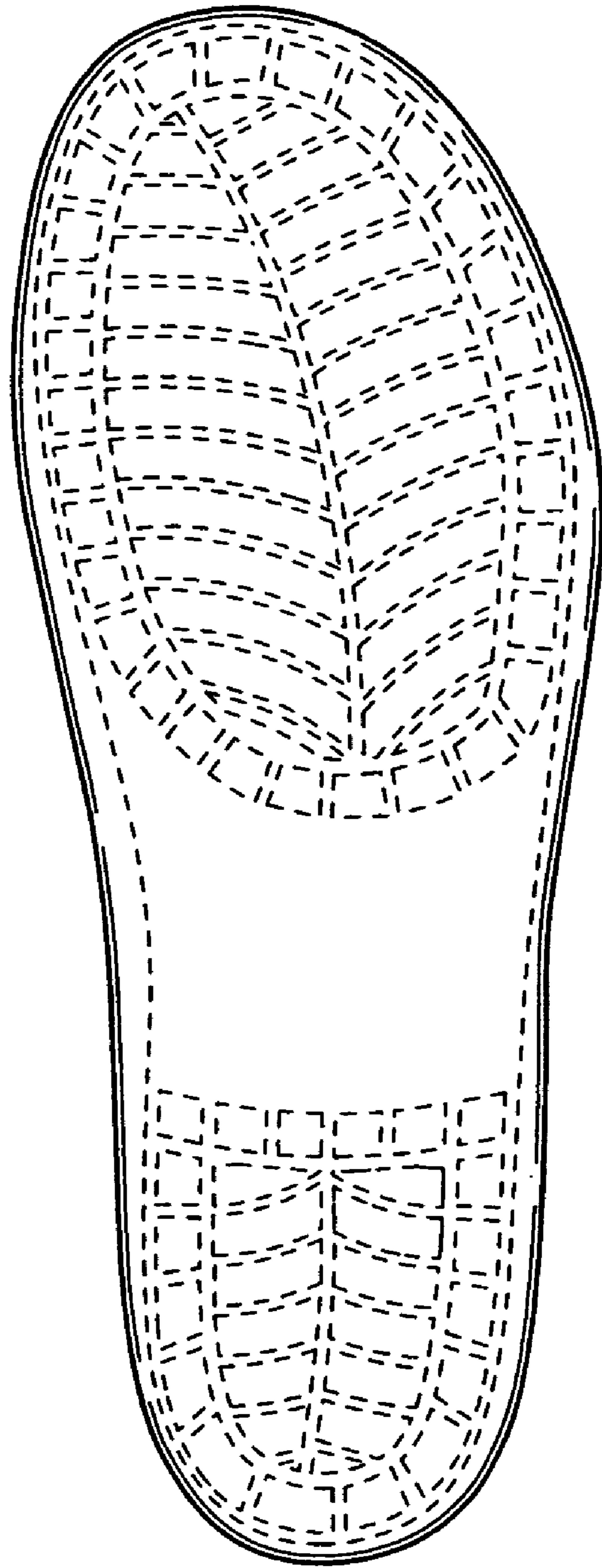


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