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(54) **CONNECTOR FOR USE IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

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A new original design for a connector for use in building construction, as shown and described herein.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a connector for use in building construction;

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FIG. 2 is a left side view of the connector of FIG. 1;

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FIG. 3 is a perspective view of the connector of FIG. 1 from above;

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FIG. 4 is an underneath perspective view of the connector of FIG. 1; and,

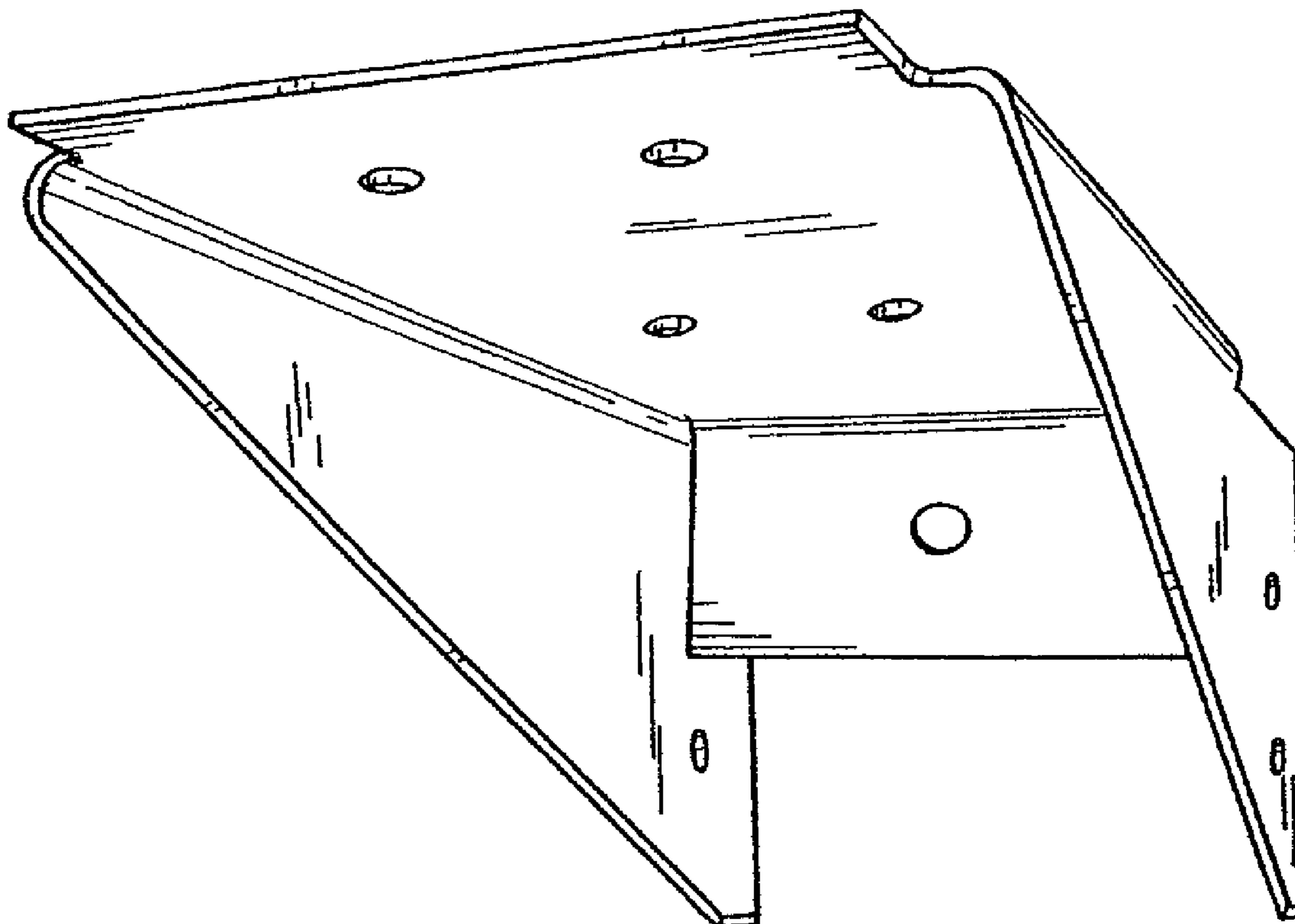
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FIG. 5 is a front view of the connector of FIG. 1.

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The right side view of the connector is a mirror image of the left side view thereof.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**



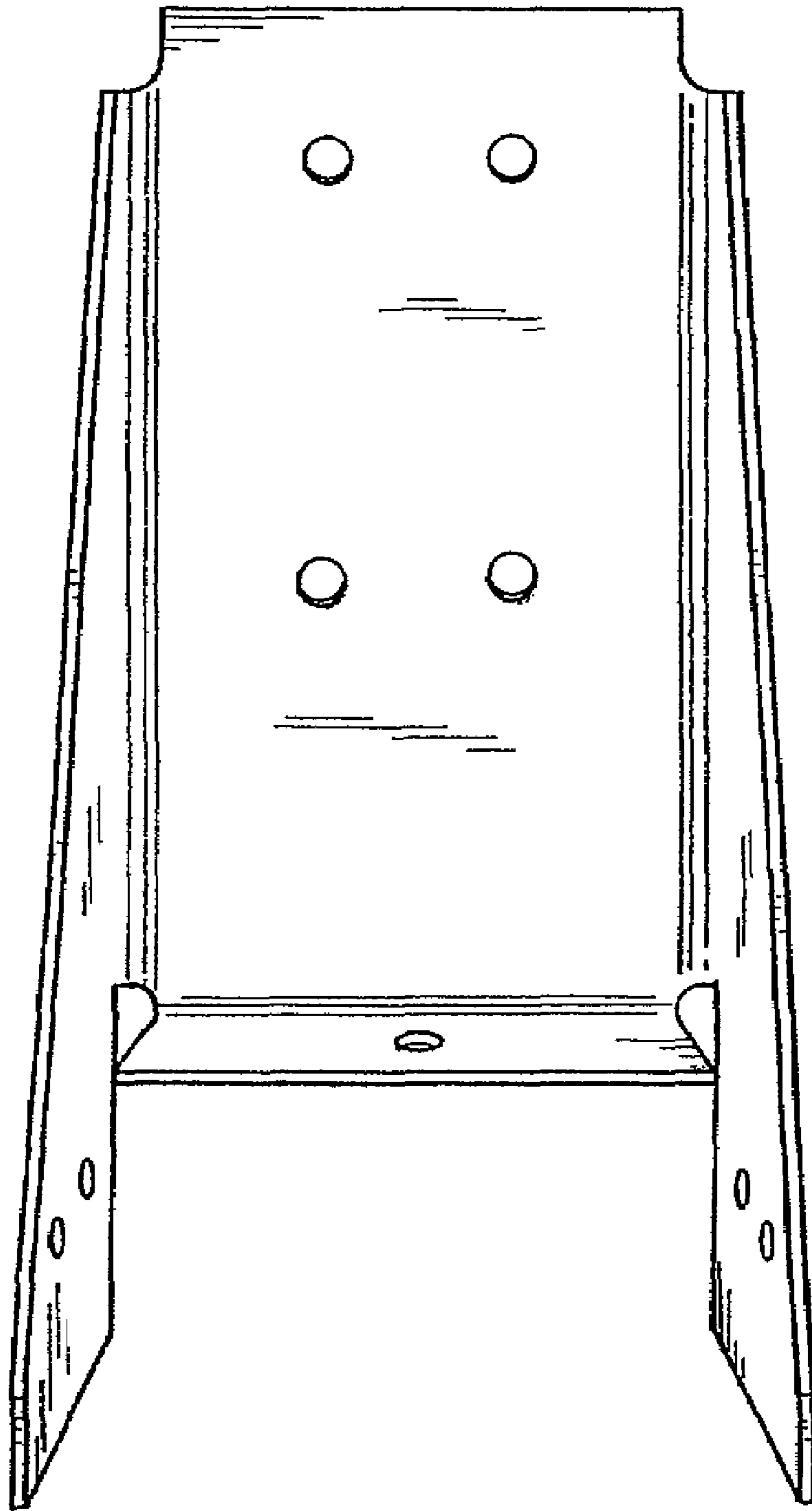


Fig. 1

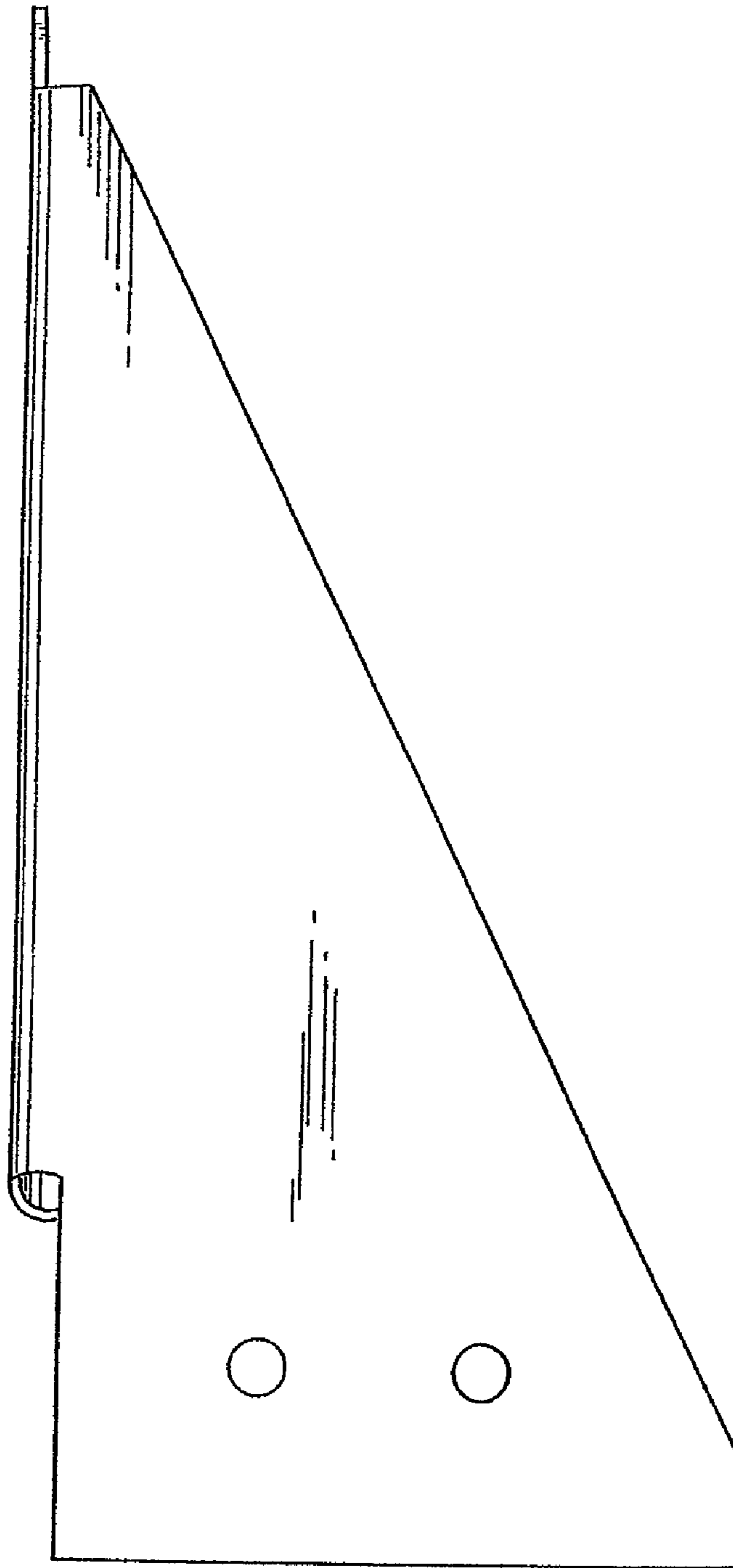


Fig. 2

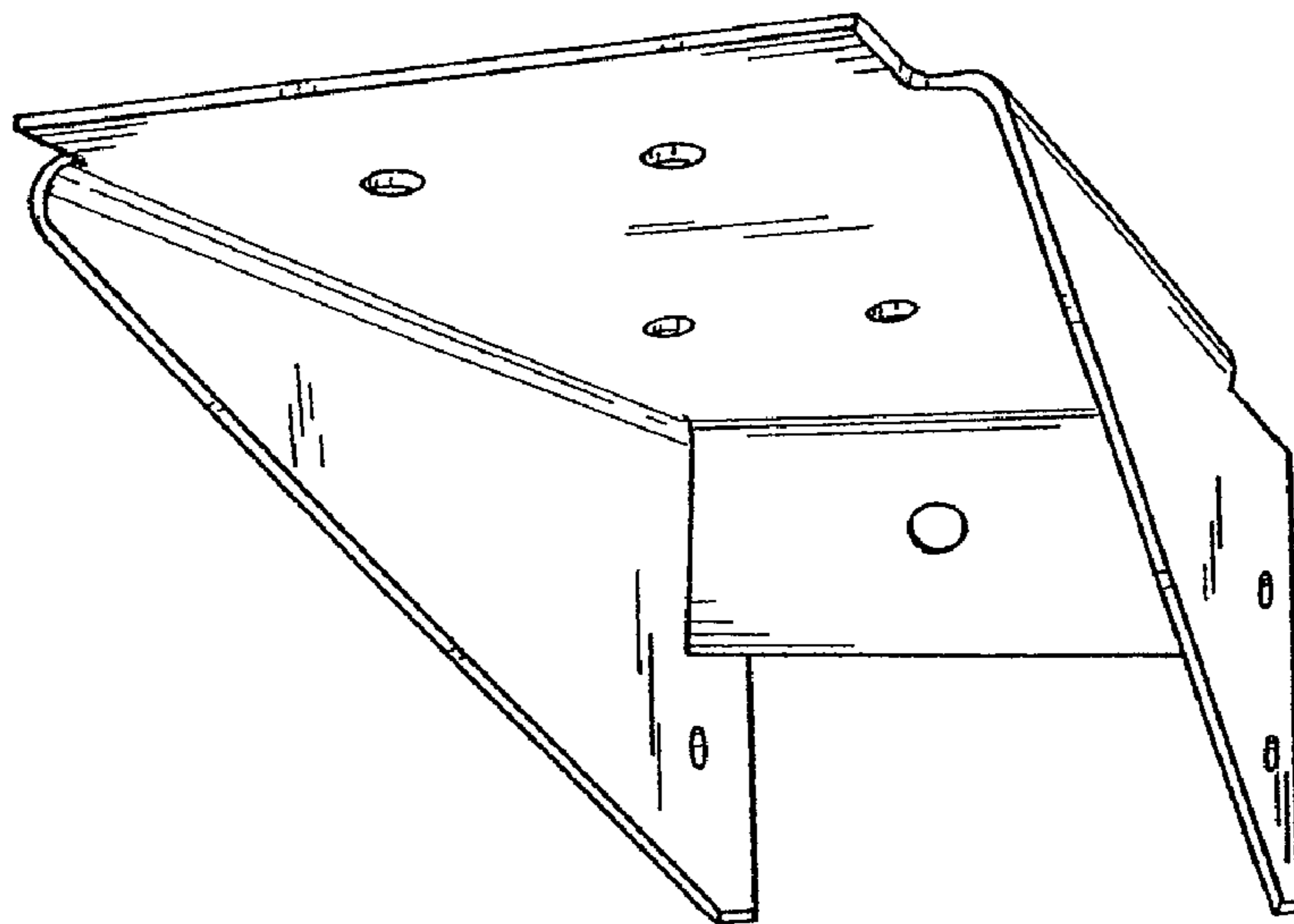


Fig. 3

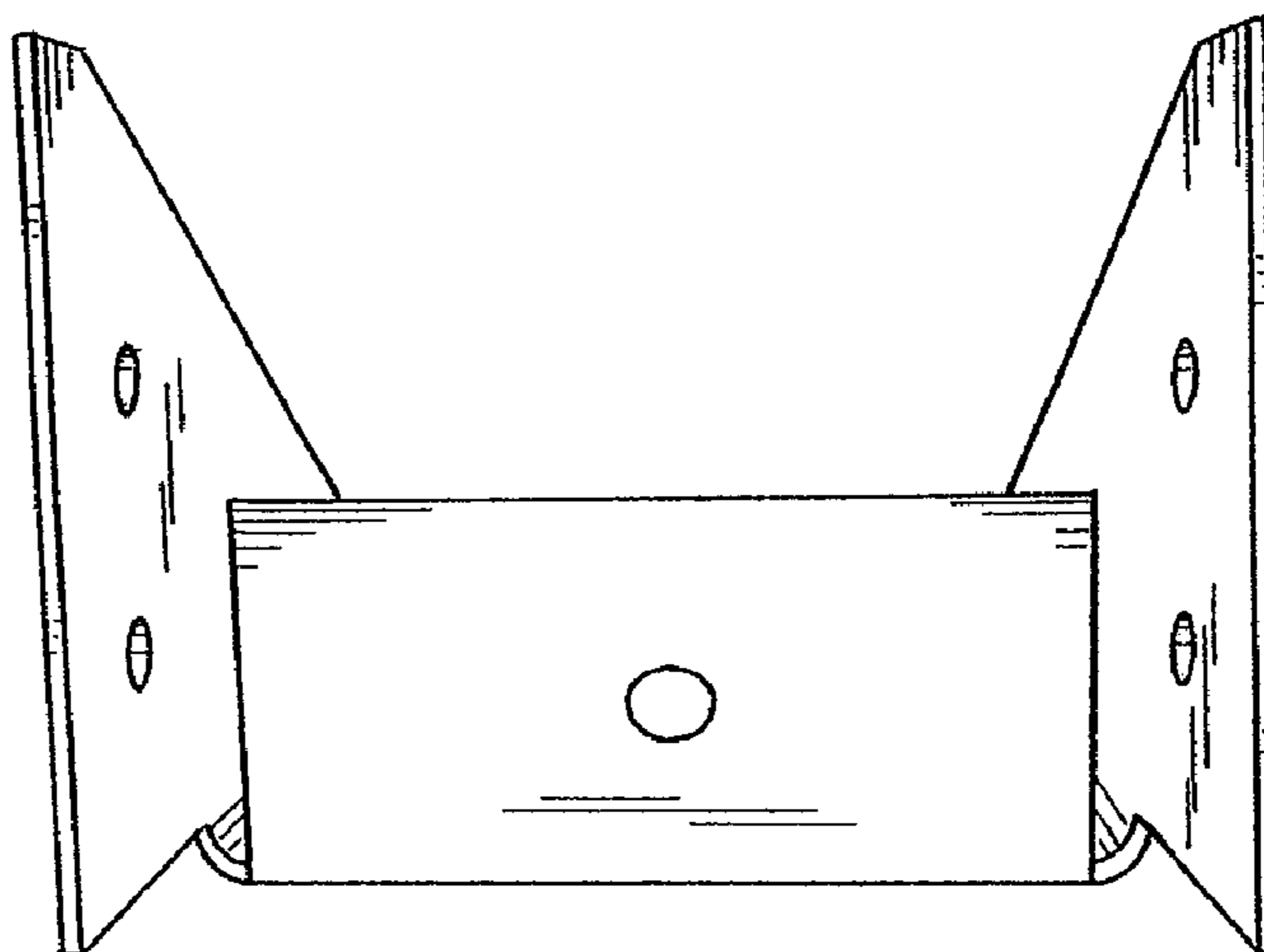


Fig. 4

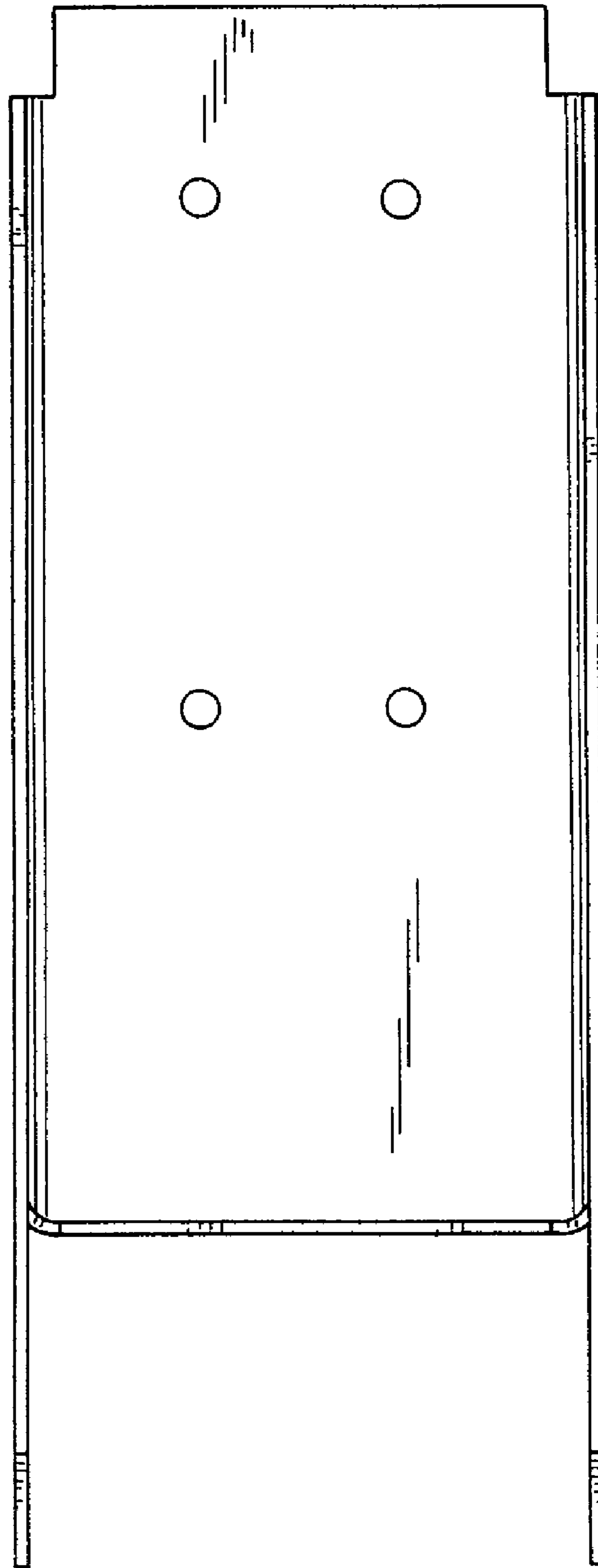


Fig. 5