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(57) **CLAIM**

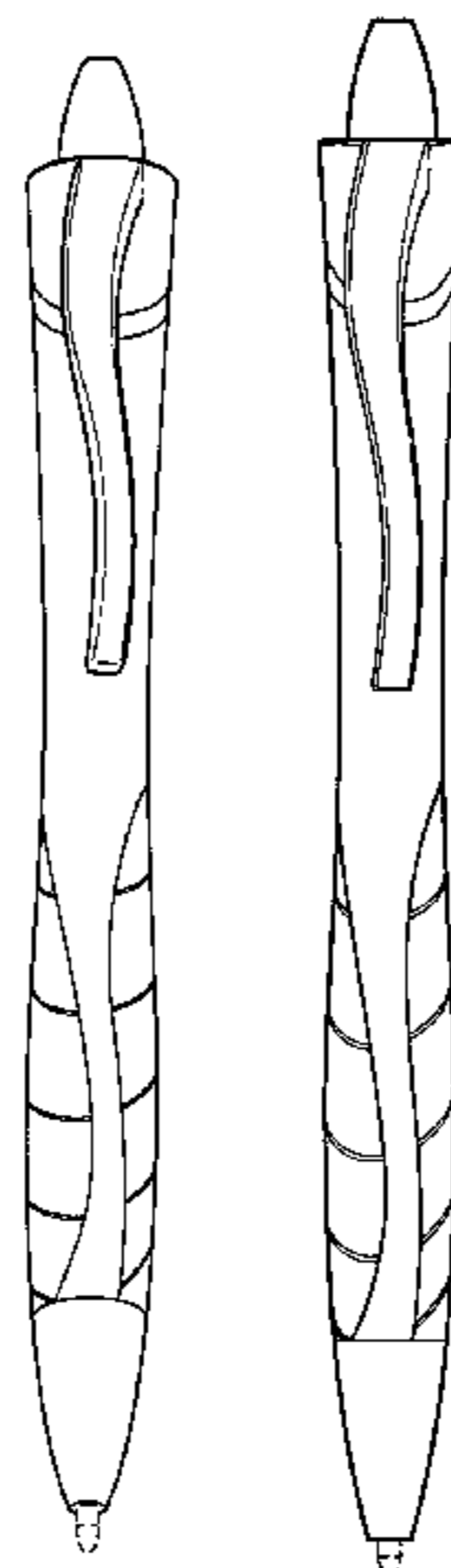
The ornamental design for a writing instrument, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view showing our new design for a writing instrument;  
FIG. 2 is a front view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;  
FIG. 3 is a right side view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;  
FIG. 4 is a rear view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;  
FIG. 5 is a left side view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;  
FIG. 6 is a top plan view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1;  
and,  
FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of the writing instrument of FIG. 1.

The broken line showing of the writing tip illustrates environmental matter and forms no part of the claimed design.

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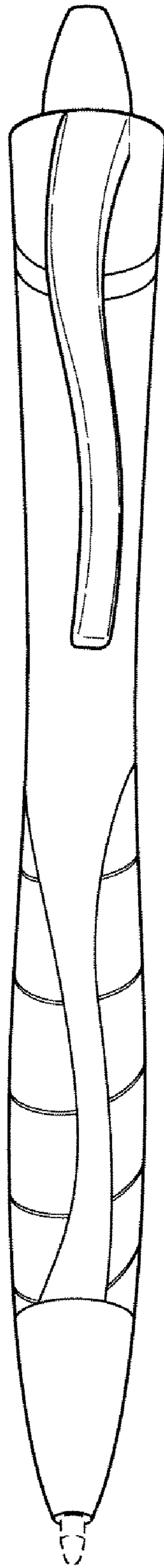
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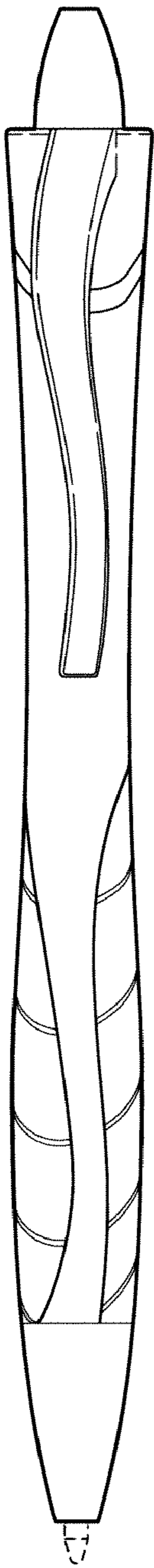
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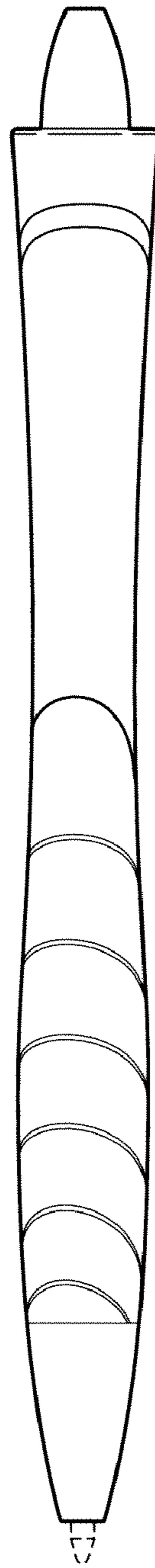
**FIG. 1**



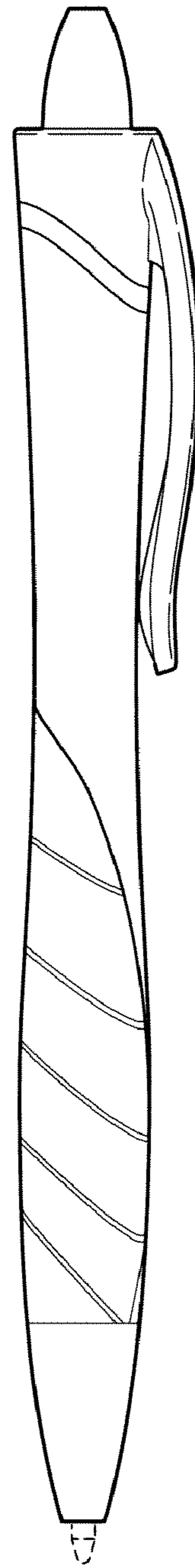
**FIG. 2**



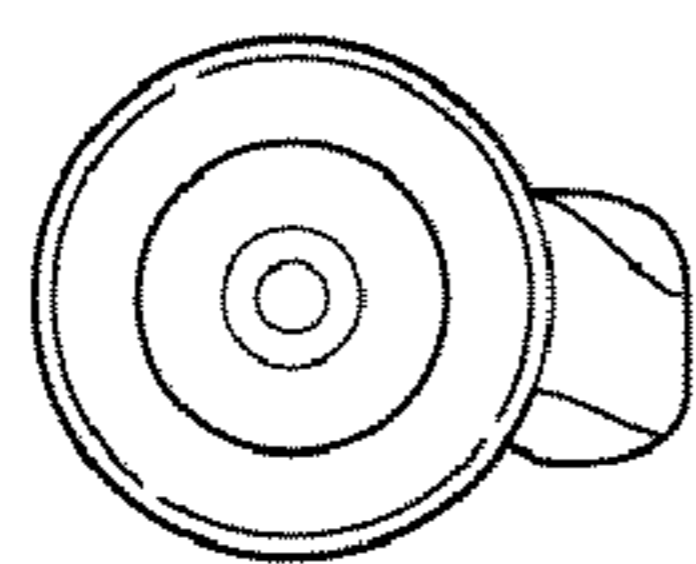
**FIG. 3**



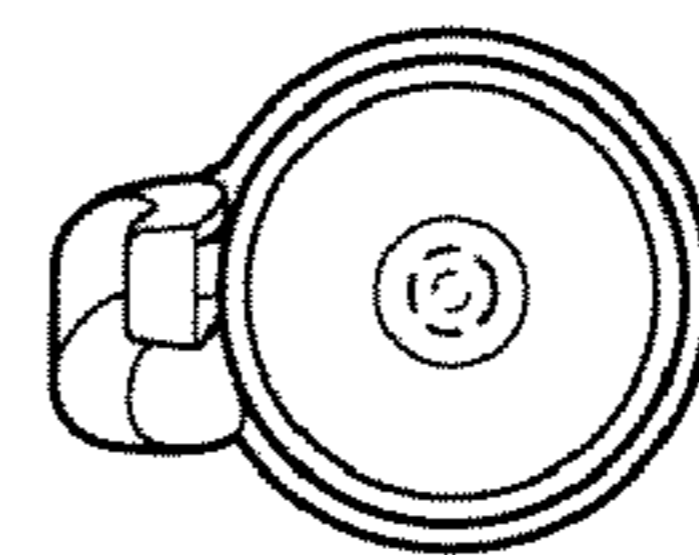
**FIG. 4**



**FIG. 5**



**FIG. 6**



**FIG. 7**