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(54) **CLASP FOR SURROUNDING AND SQUEEZING A FLEXIBLE TUBE**

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The ornamental design for a clasp for surrounding and squeezing a flexible tube, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view showing the front, top and left side of my new design for a clasp for surrounding and squeezing a flexible tube, shown in a closed and locked position;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view thereof in an open and unlocked position;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view showing the rear, bottom and left side thereof in the open and unlocked position;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view showing the front, top and left side thereof in the closed and locked position, the broken lines illustrating a flexible tube depicting environmental subject matter and forming no part of my design;

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 8 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 9 is a left side elevational view thereof; and,

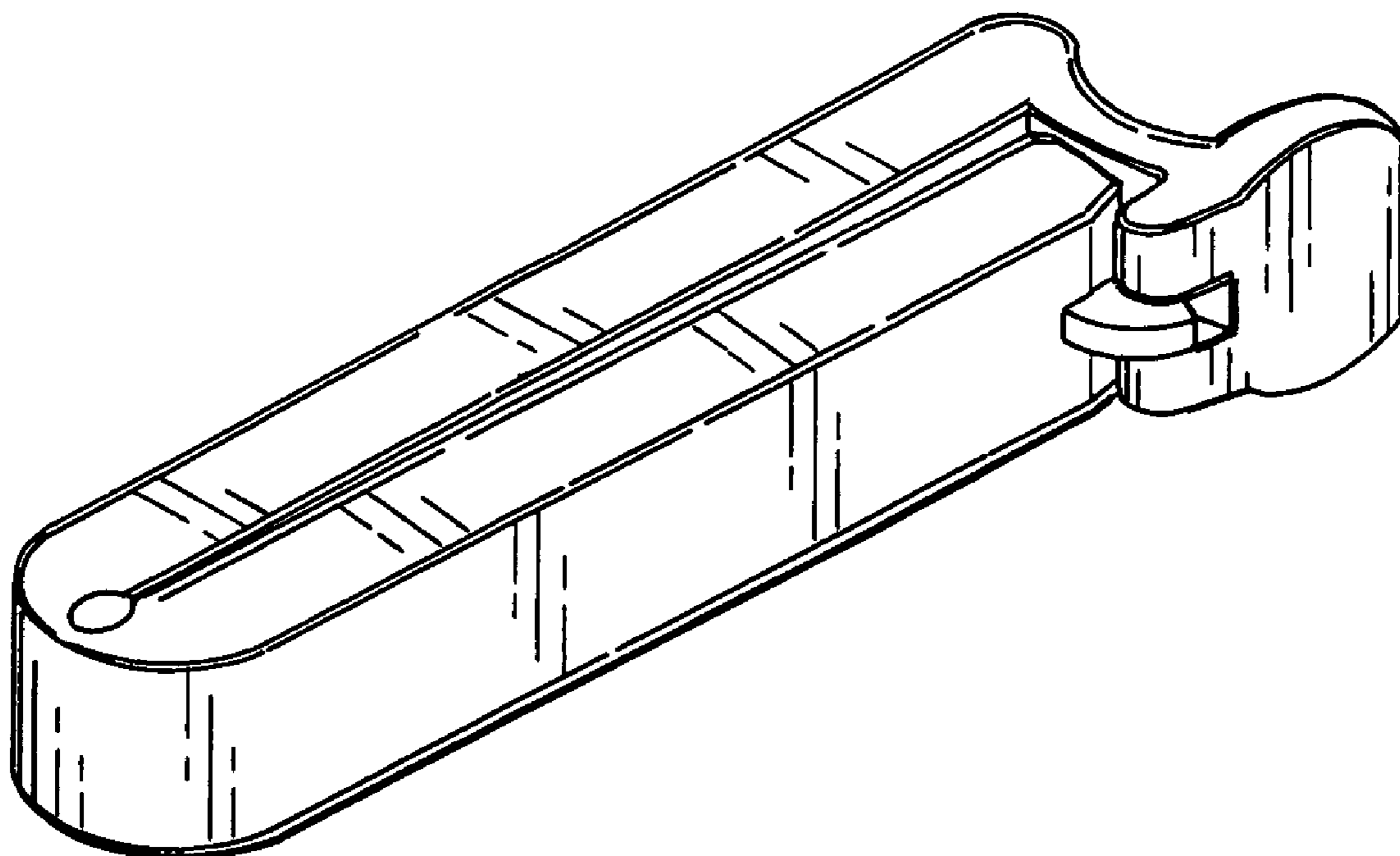
FIG. 10 is a right side elevational view thereof.

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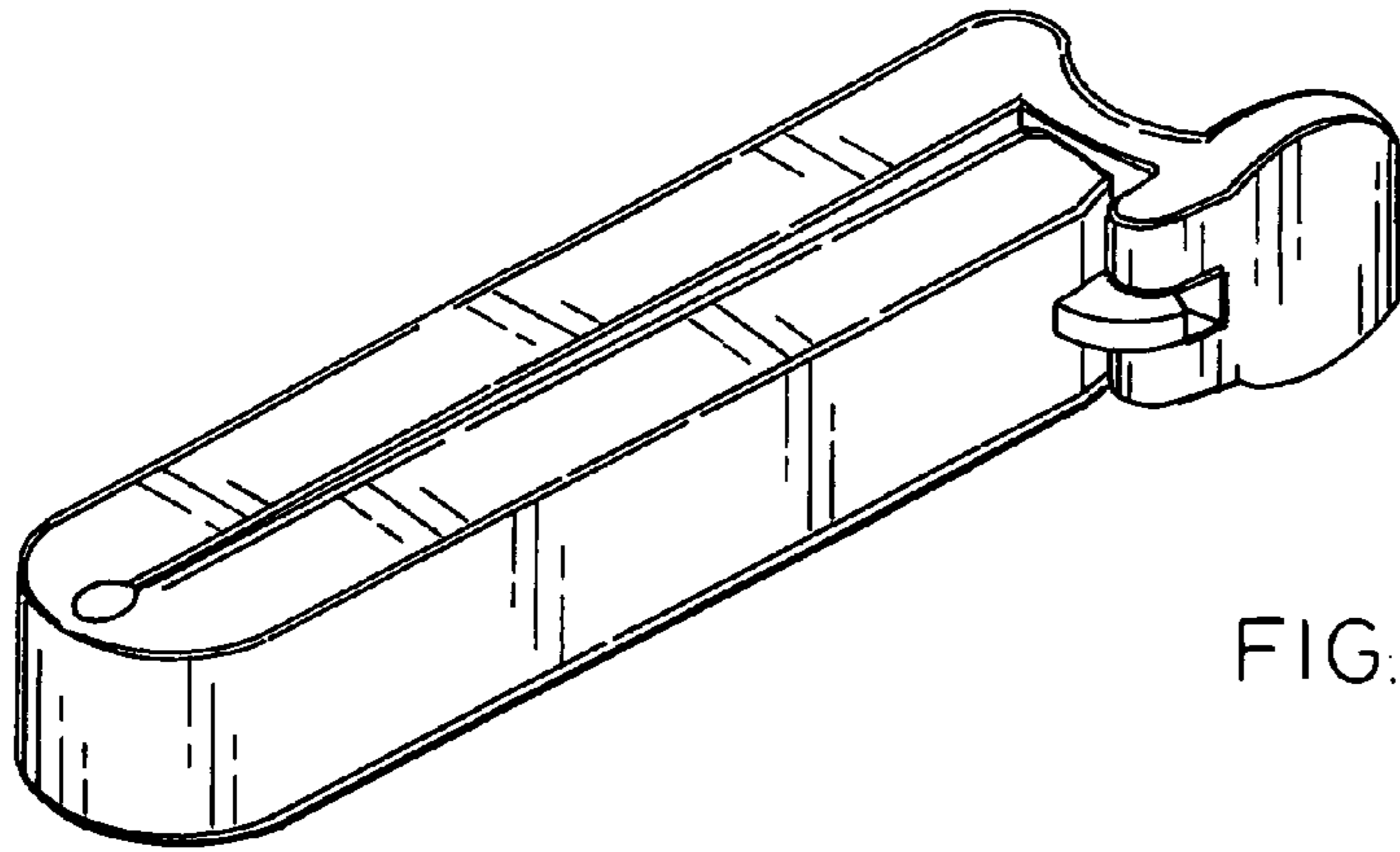


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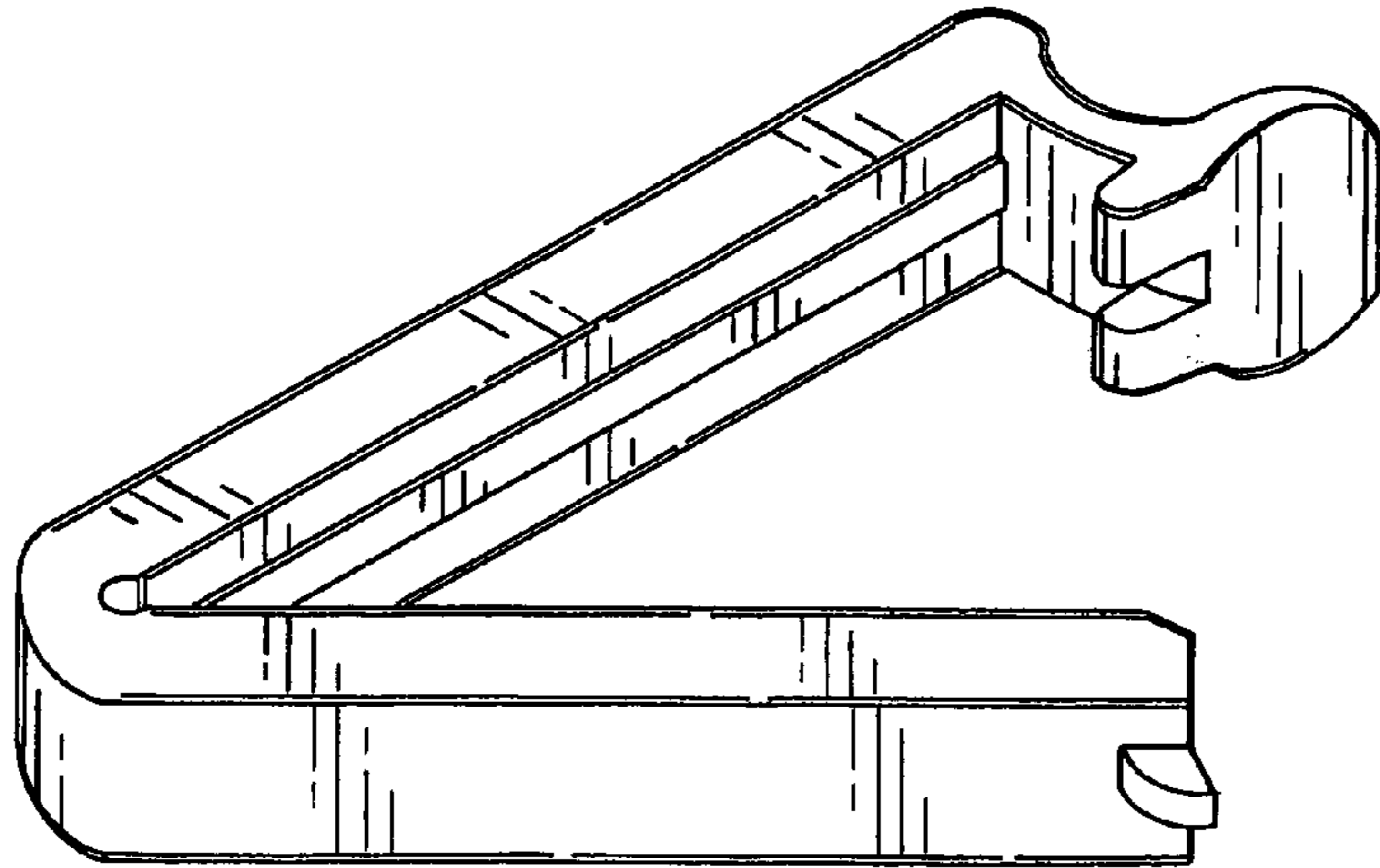


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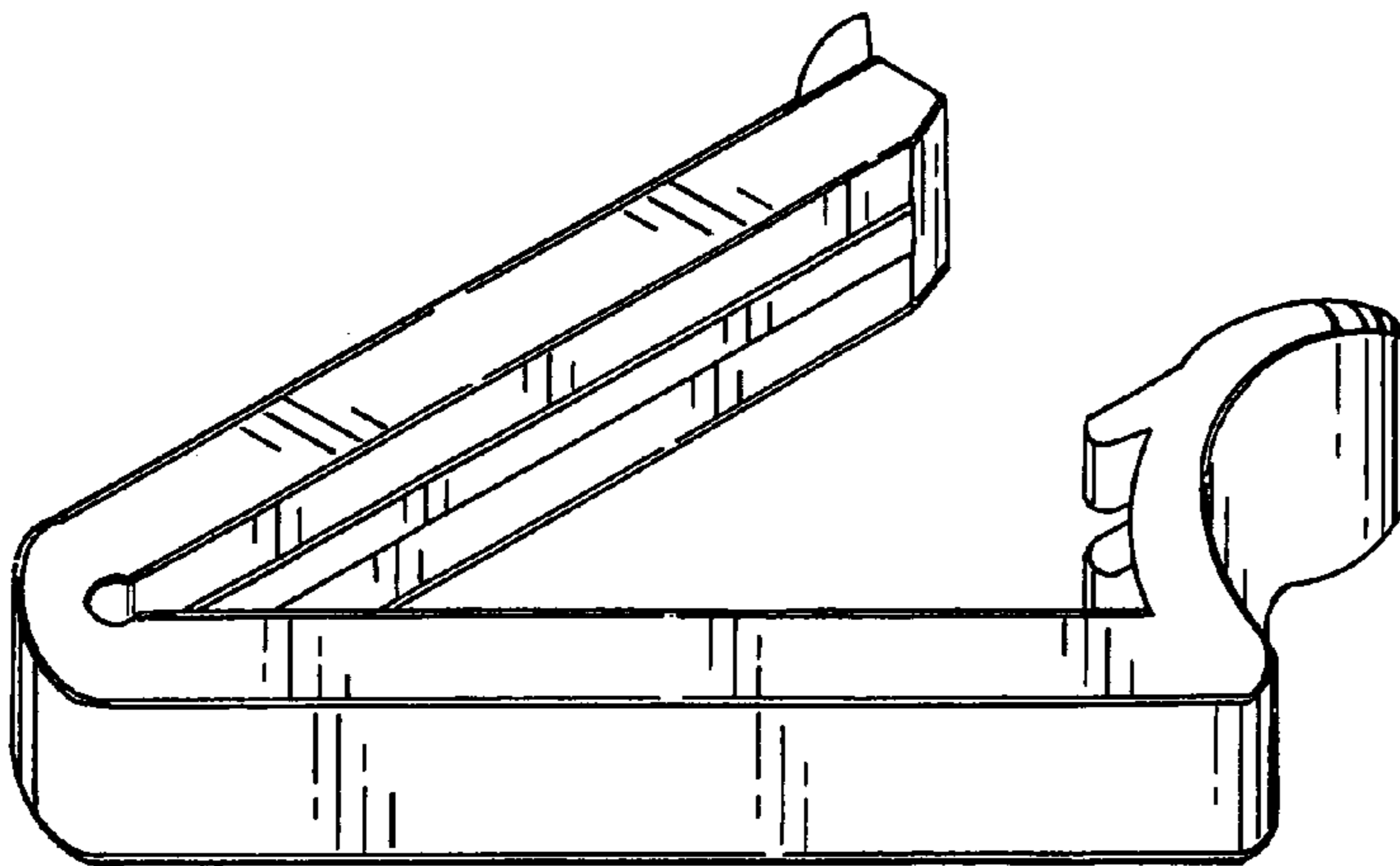


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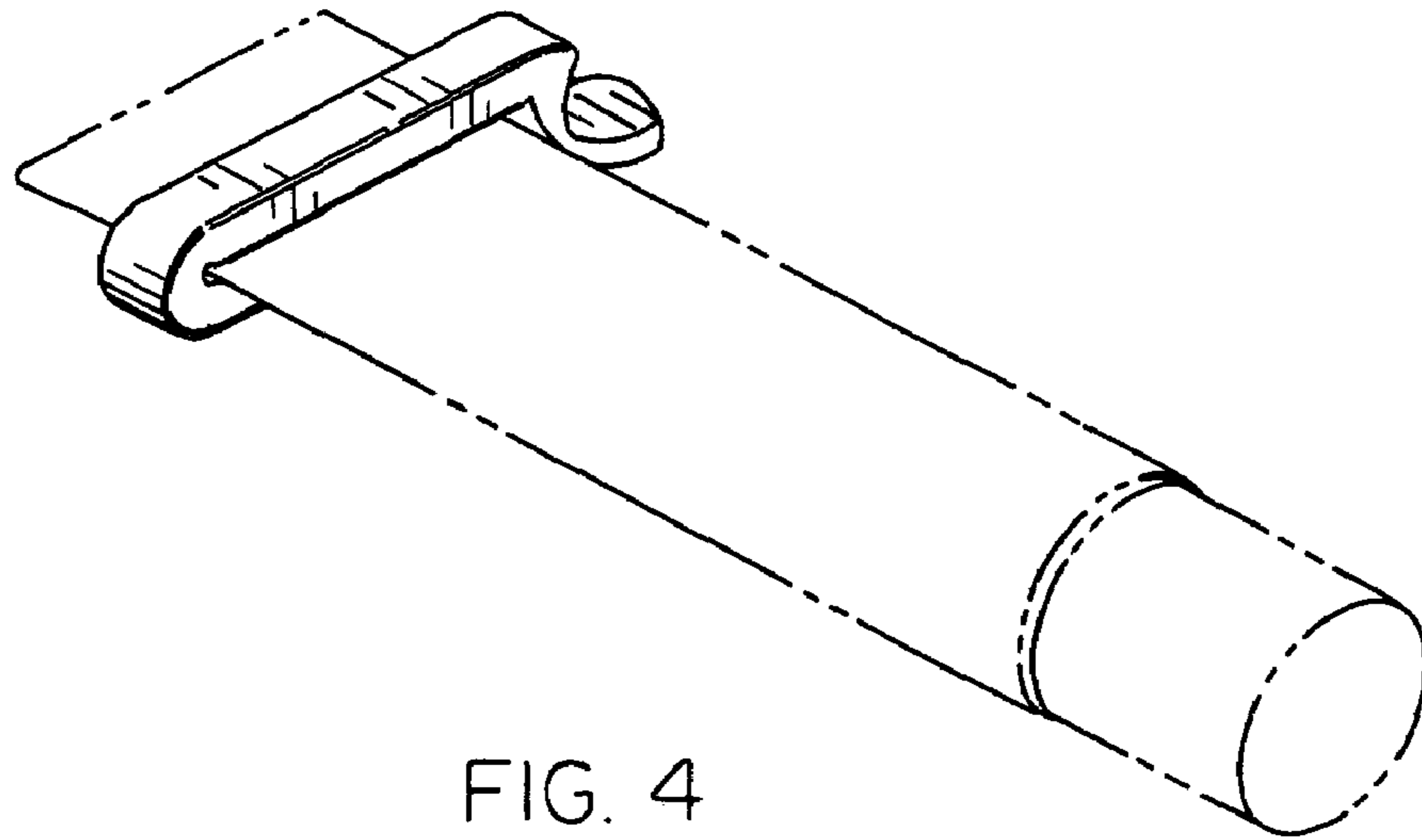


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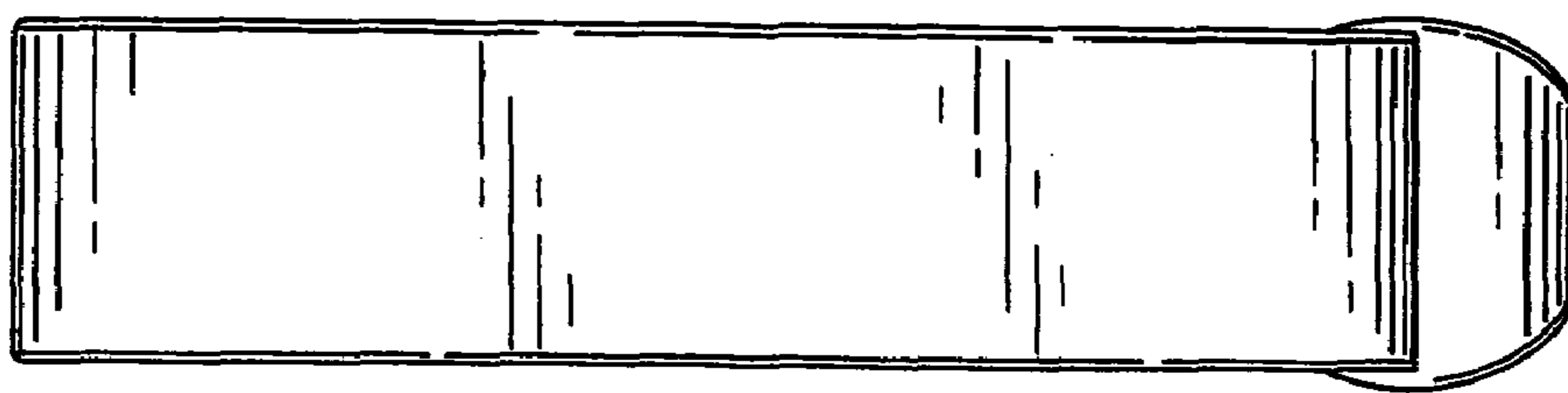


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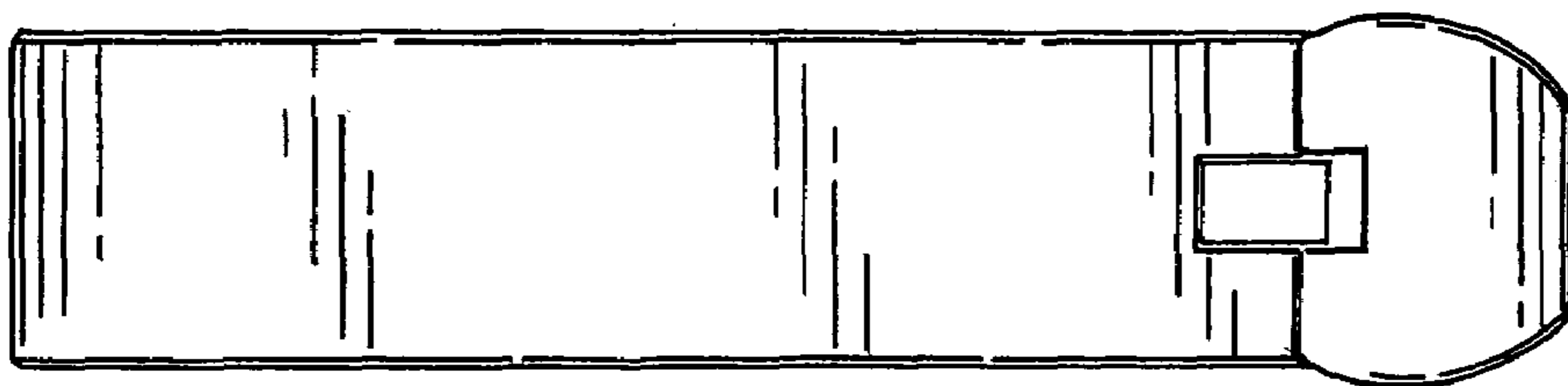


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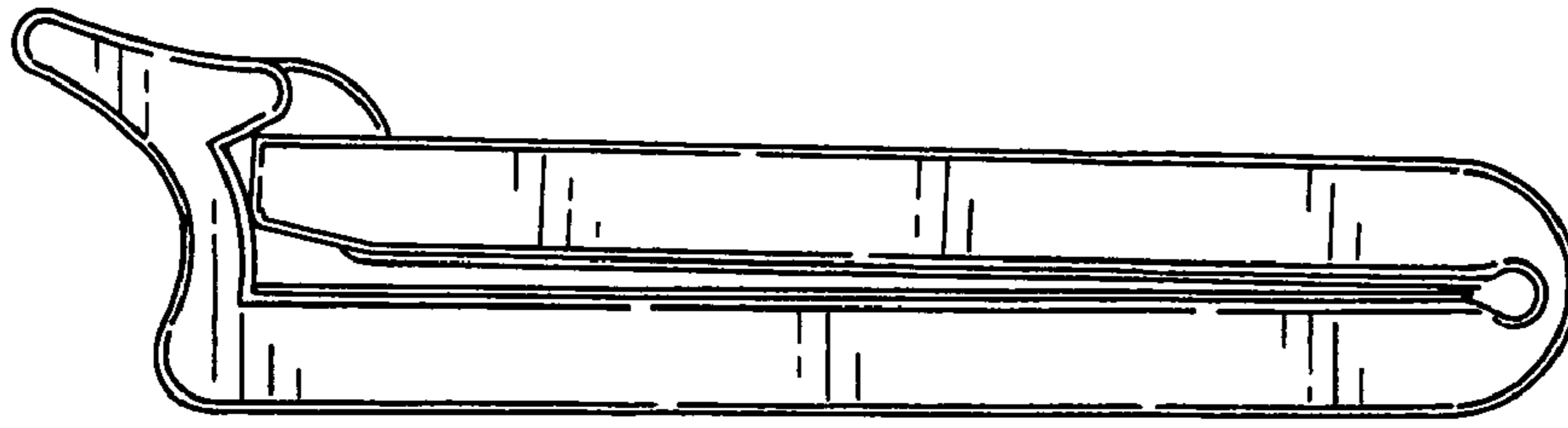


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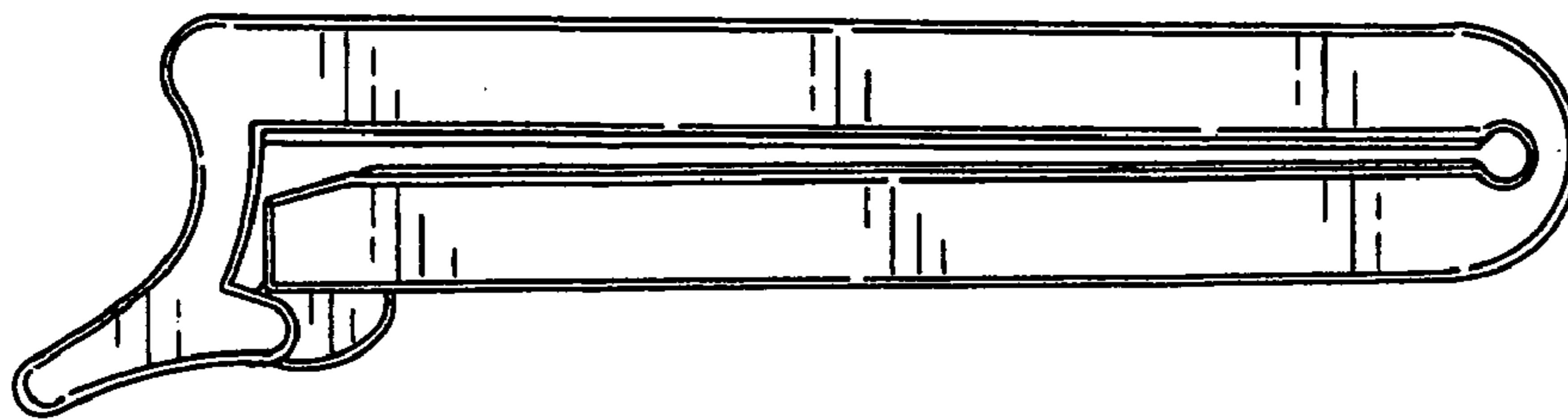


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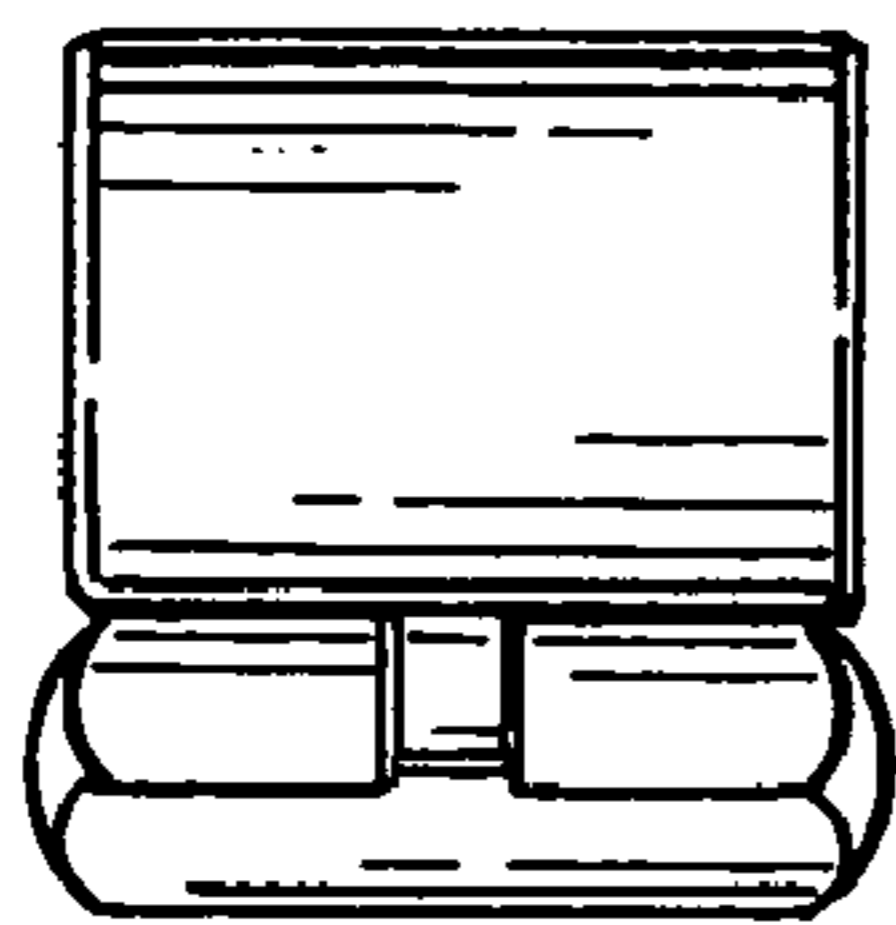


FIG. 9



FIG. 10