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(54) **NEEDLE PROTECTING DEVICE**

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The ornamental design for a needle protecting device, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 shows a front view of my design for a needle protecting device;

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FIG. 2 shows a rear view thereof according to the orientation in FIG. 1;

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FIG. 3 shows a side view thereof;

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FIG. 4 shows an opposite side view thereof according to the orientation in FIG. 3;

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FIG. 5 shows a top view thereof;

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FIG. 6 shows a bottom side view thereof; and,

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FIG. 7 shows a front perspective view thereof.

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The areas shown in broken lines form no part of the claimed design.

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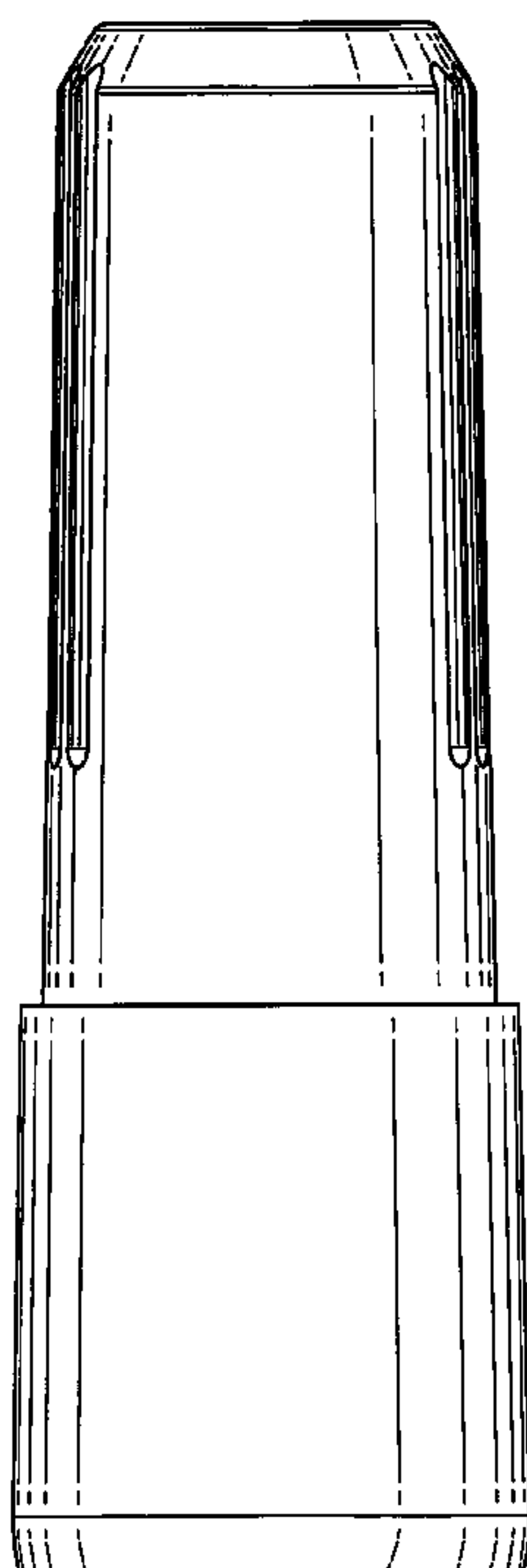
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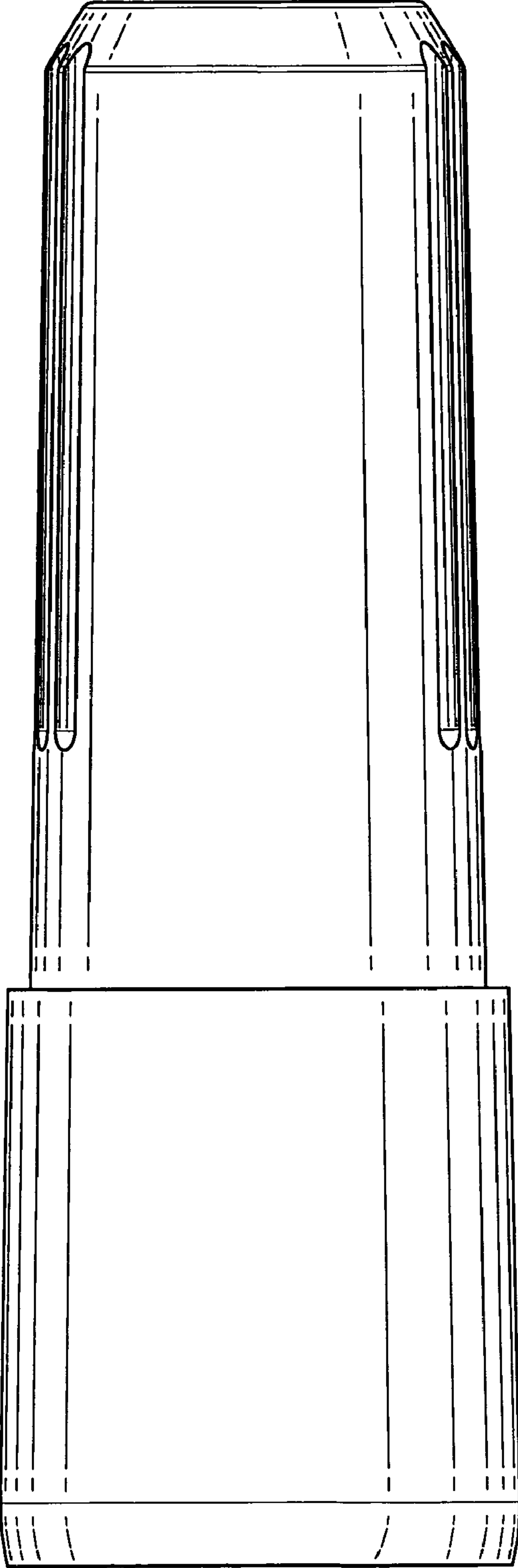
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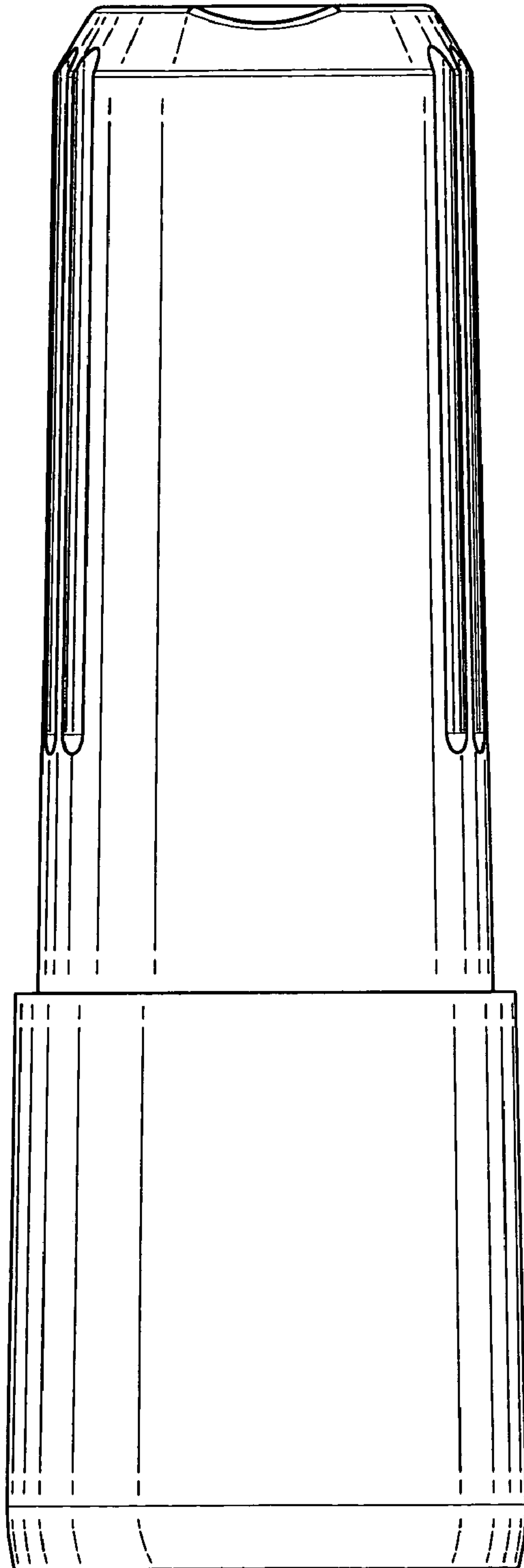
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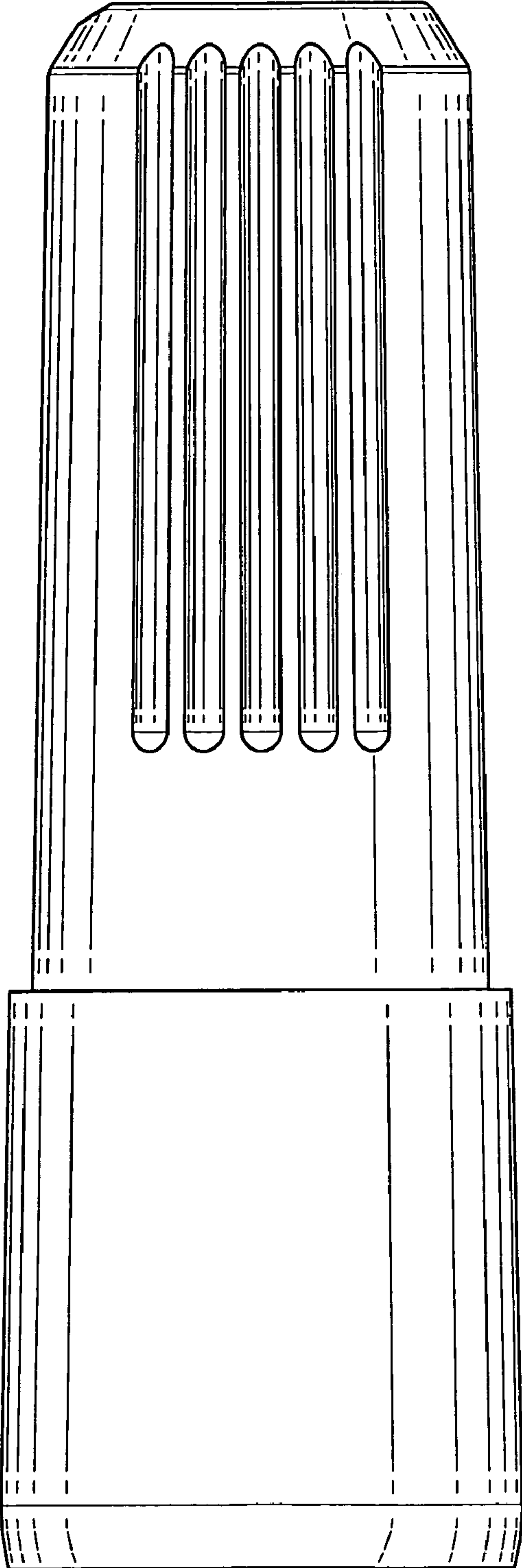
***Fig. 1***



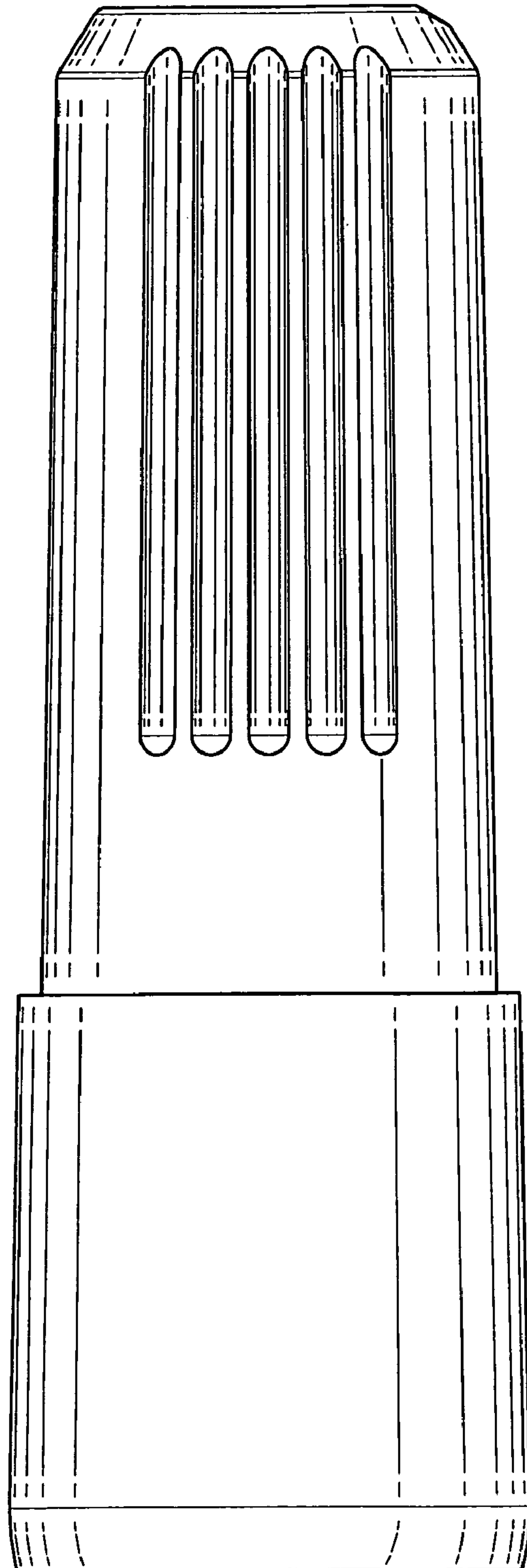
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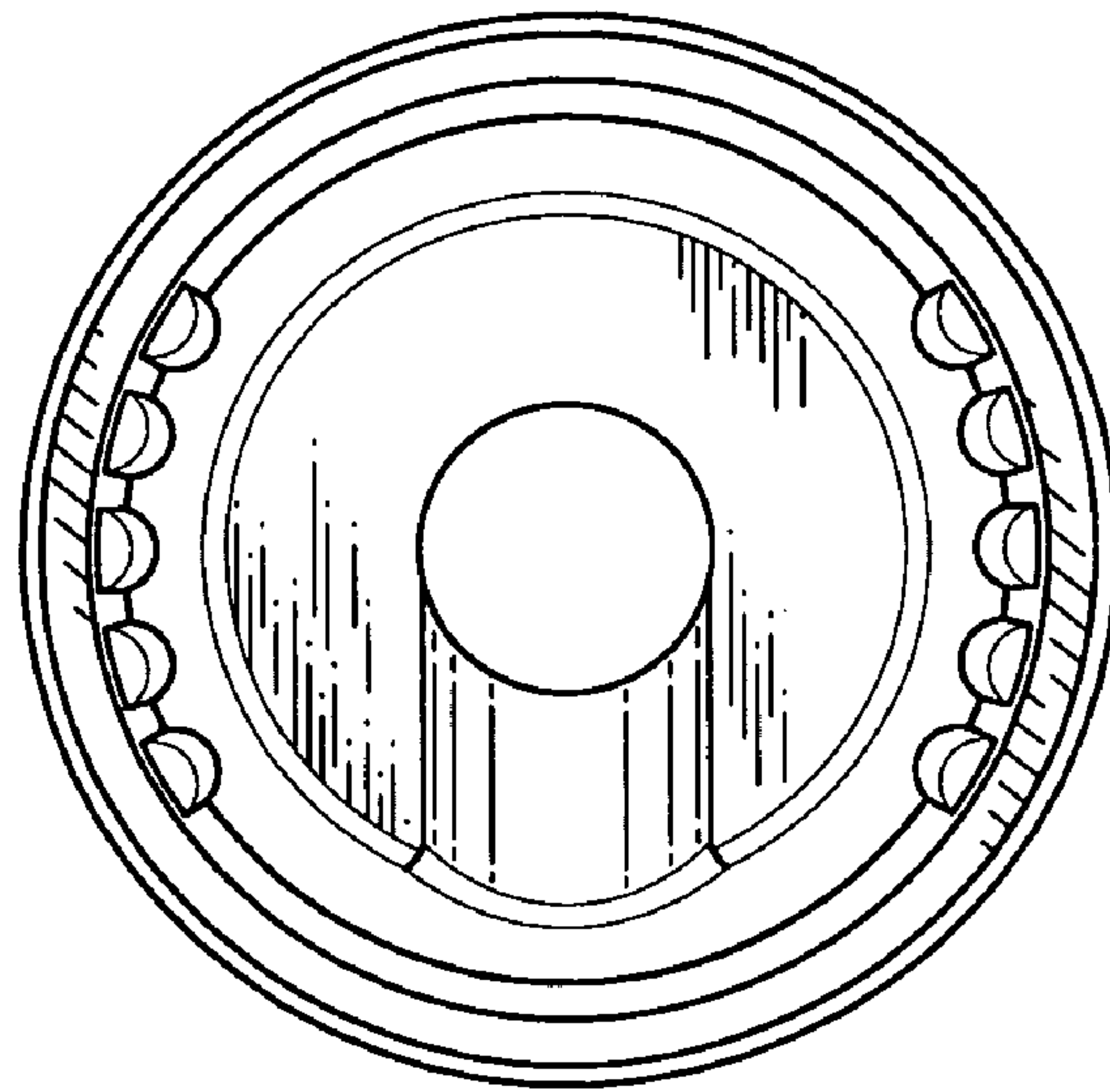
***Fig. 3***



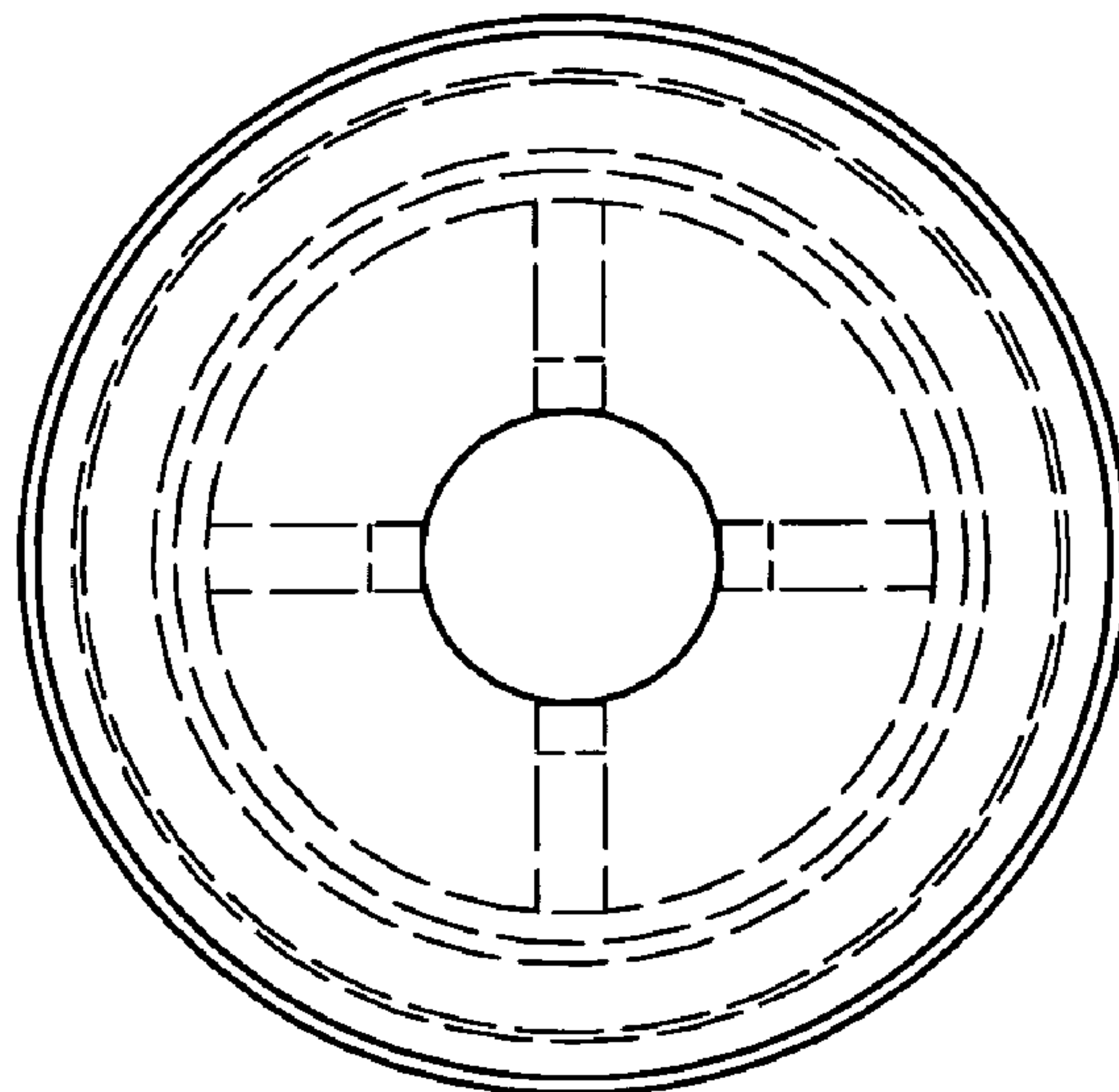
***Fig. 4***



***Fig. 5***



***Fig. 6***



***Fig. 7***

