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(54) **BIODEGRADABLE, COMPOSTABLE FOOD CONTAINER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for biodegradable, compostable food container, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of a biodegradable, compostable food container showing the lower, pan portion of my new design, separately, for clarity of detail;

FIG. 2 is a front elevation view thereof, the rear, right and left elevations being mirror images thereto;

FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a bottom perspective view thereof;

FIG. 6 is cross-section view thereof taken along line 6—6 in FIG. 3;

FIG. 7 is an enlarged portion of the cross-section isolated within the dot-dash circle labeled “7” as shown in FIG. 6;

FIG. 8 is a top perspective view of a biodegradable, compostable food container showing the upper, lid portion of my new design, separately, for clarity of detail;

FIG. 9 is a front elevation view thereof, the rear, right and left elevations being mirror images thereto;;

FIG. 10 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 11 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 12 is a bottom perspective view thereof;

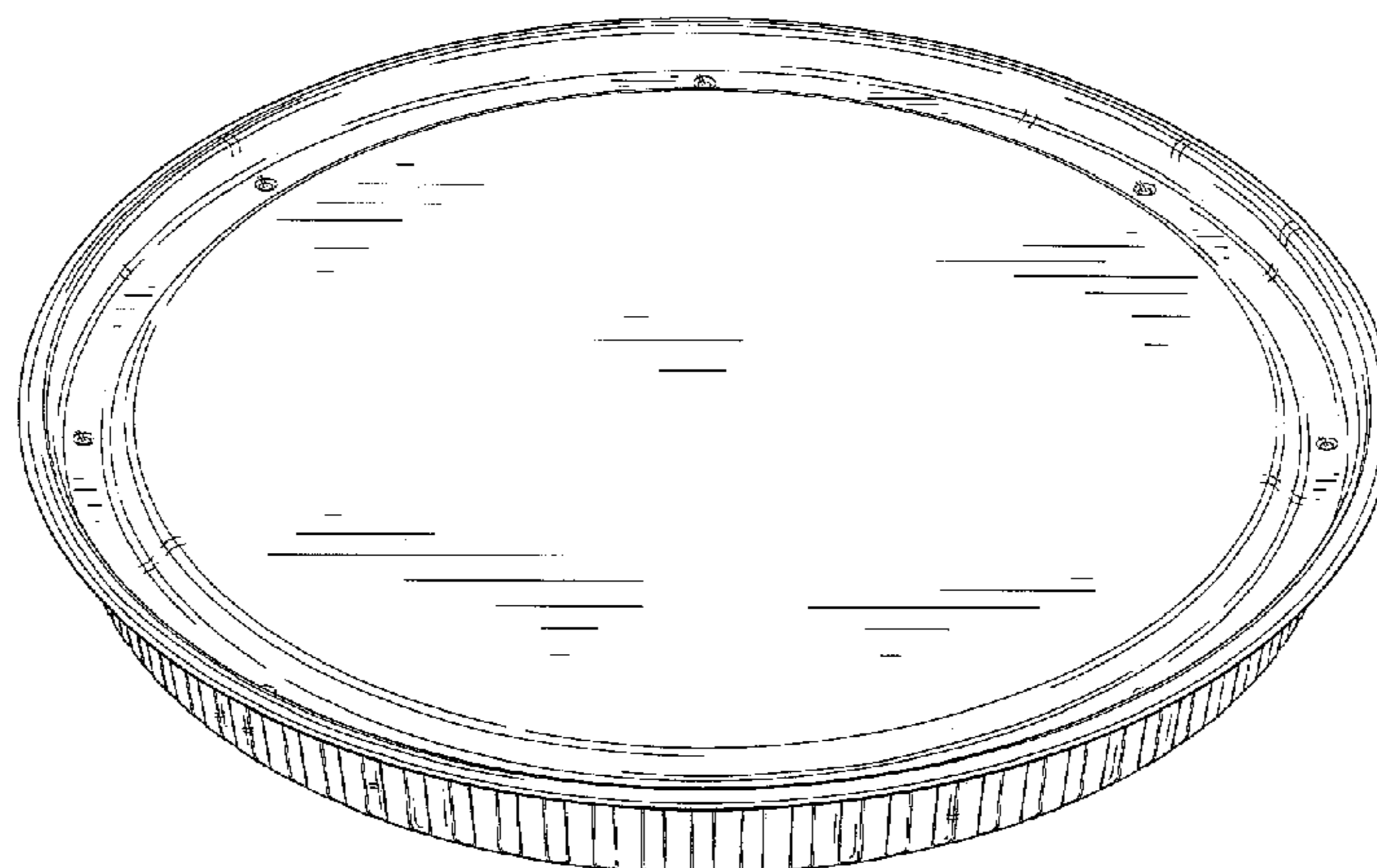
FIG. 13 is cross-section view thereof taken along line 13—13 in FIG. 10;

FIG. 14 is an enlarged portion of the cross-section isolated within the dot-dash circle labeled “14” as shown in FIG. 13; and,

FIG. 15 is a top perspective view of a biodegradable, compostable food container showing the combined pan and lid portions of my new design.

The special dot-dash circles isolate and identify portions of the design to be magnified and shown separately in subsequent figures.

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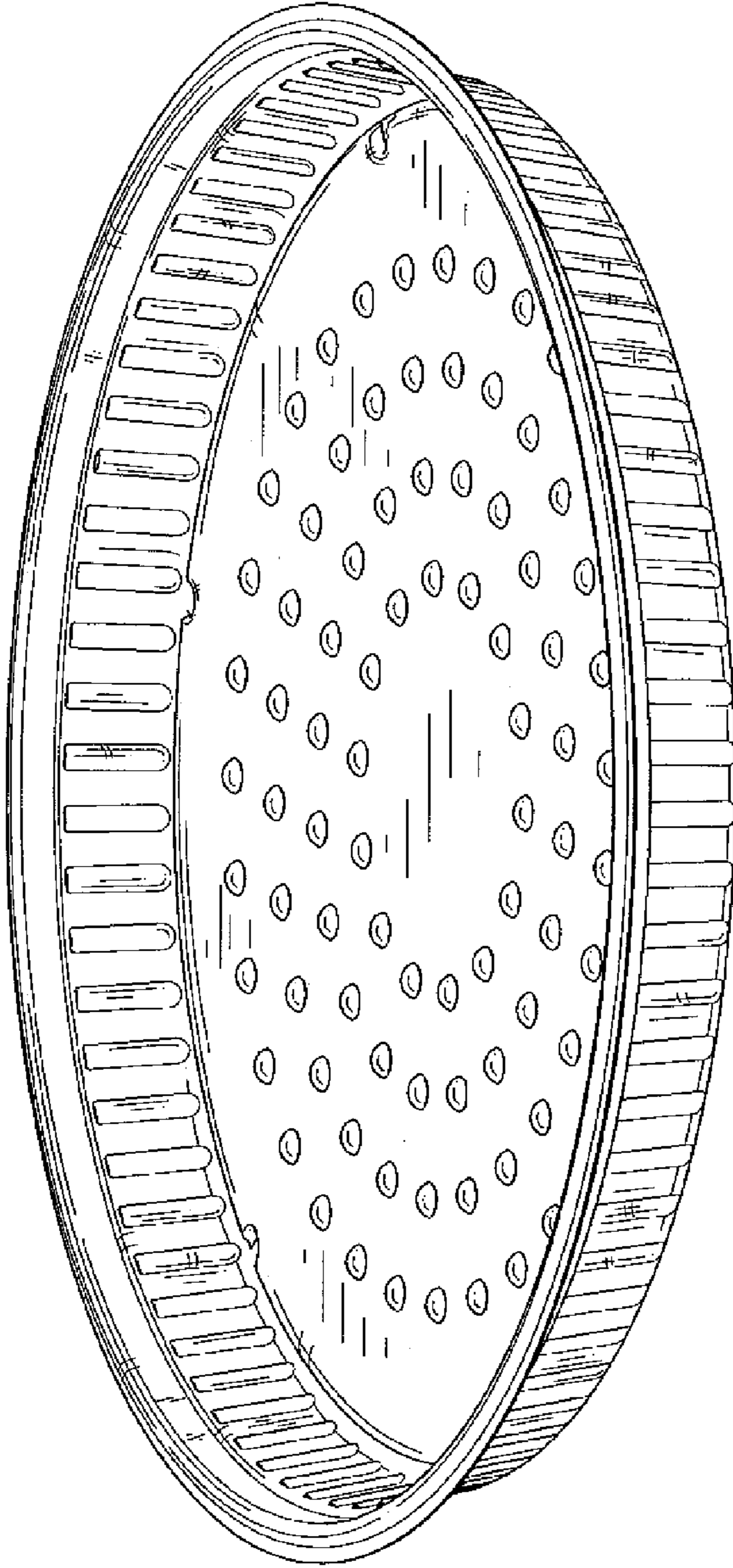


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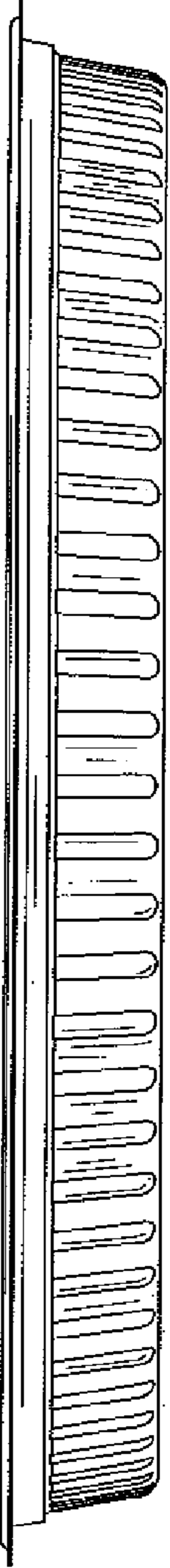


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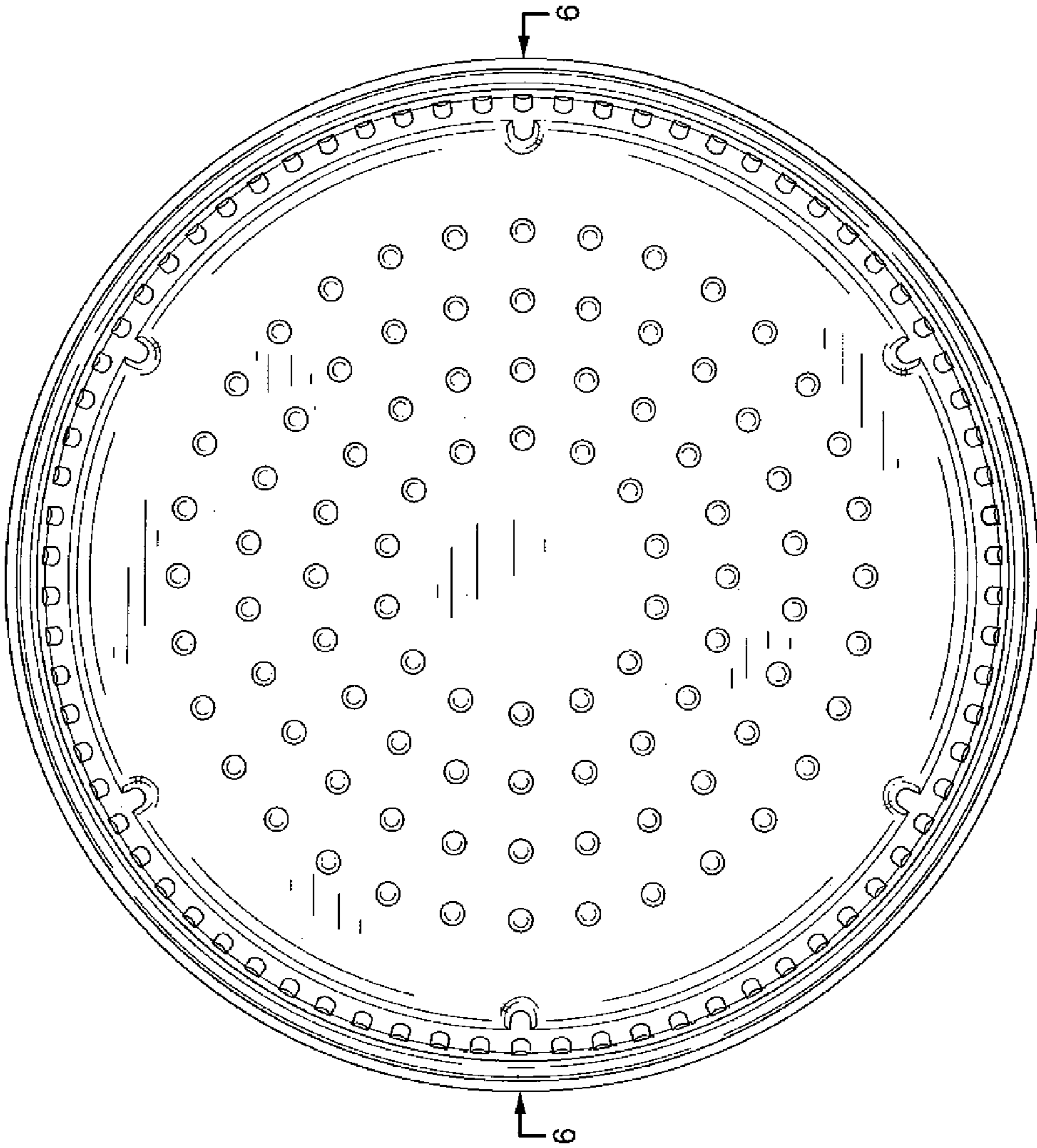


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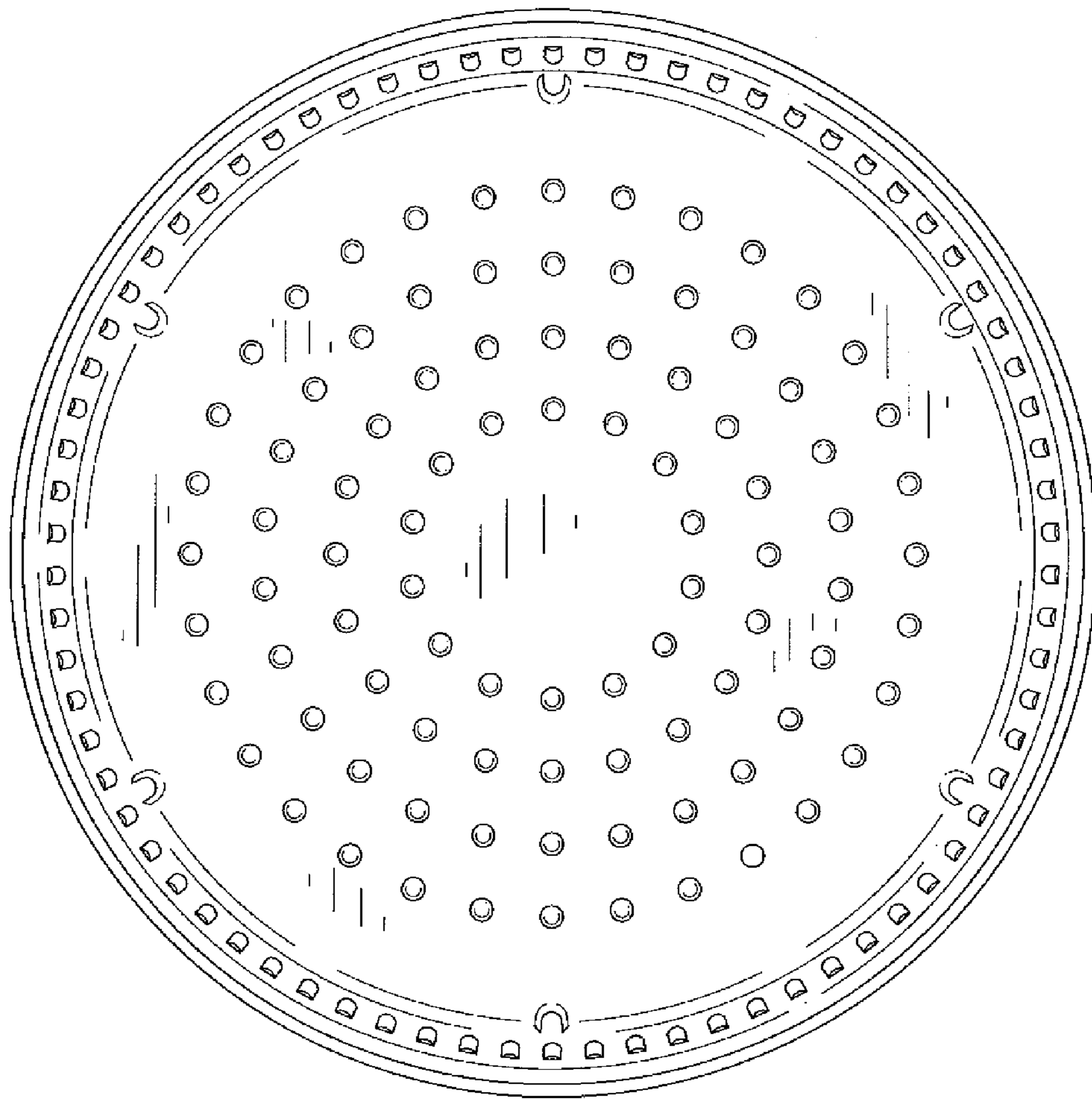


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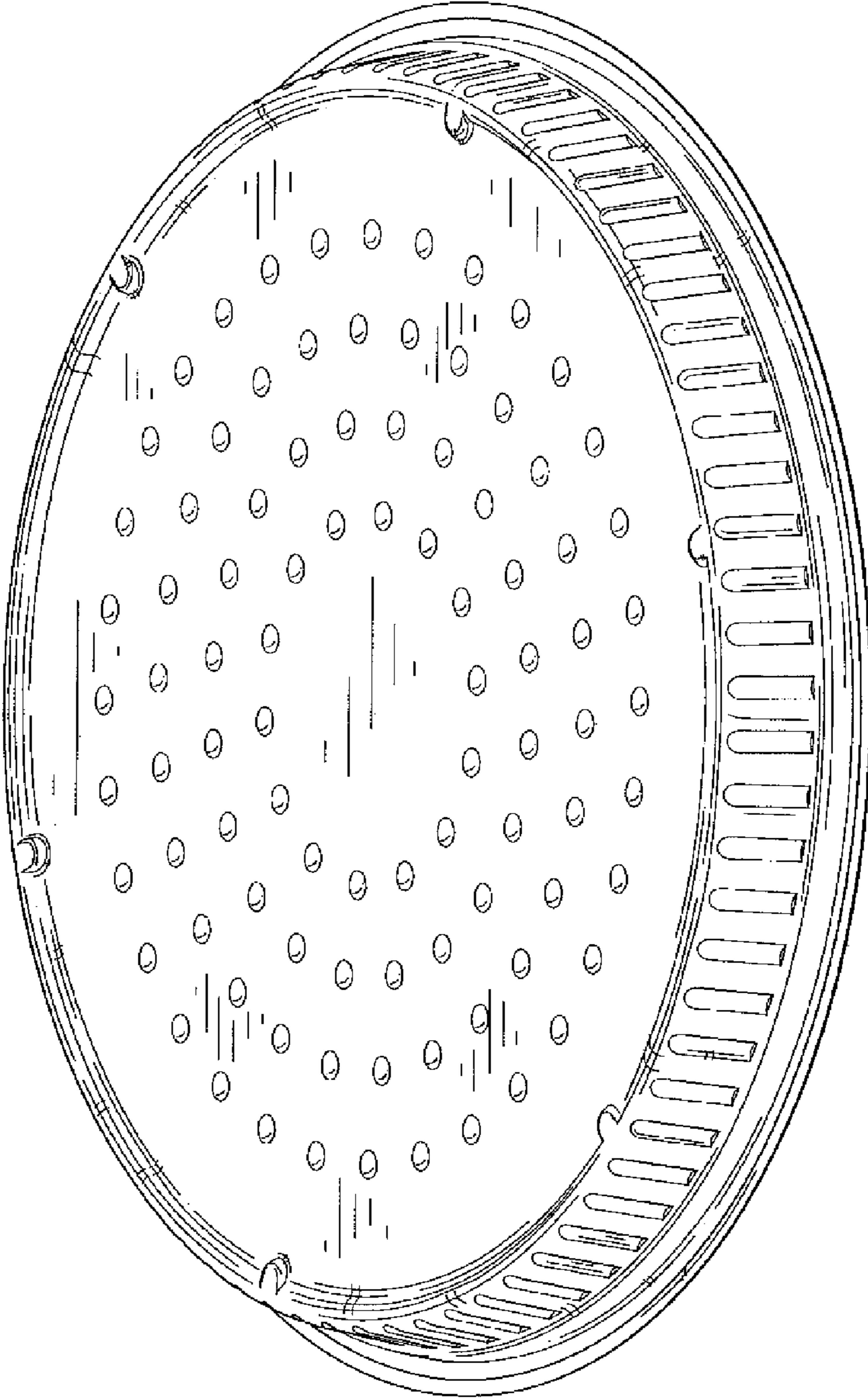
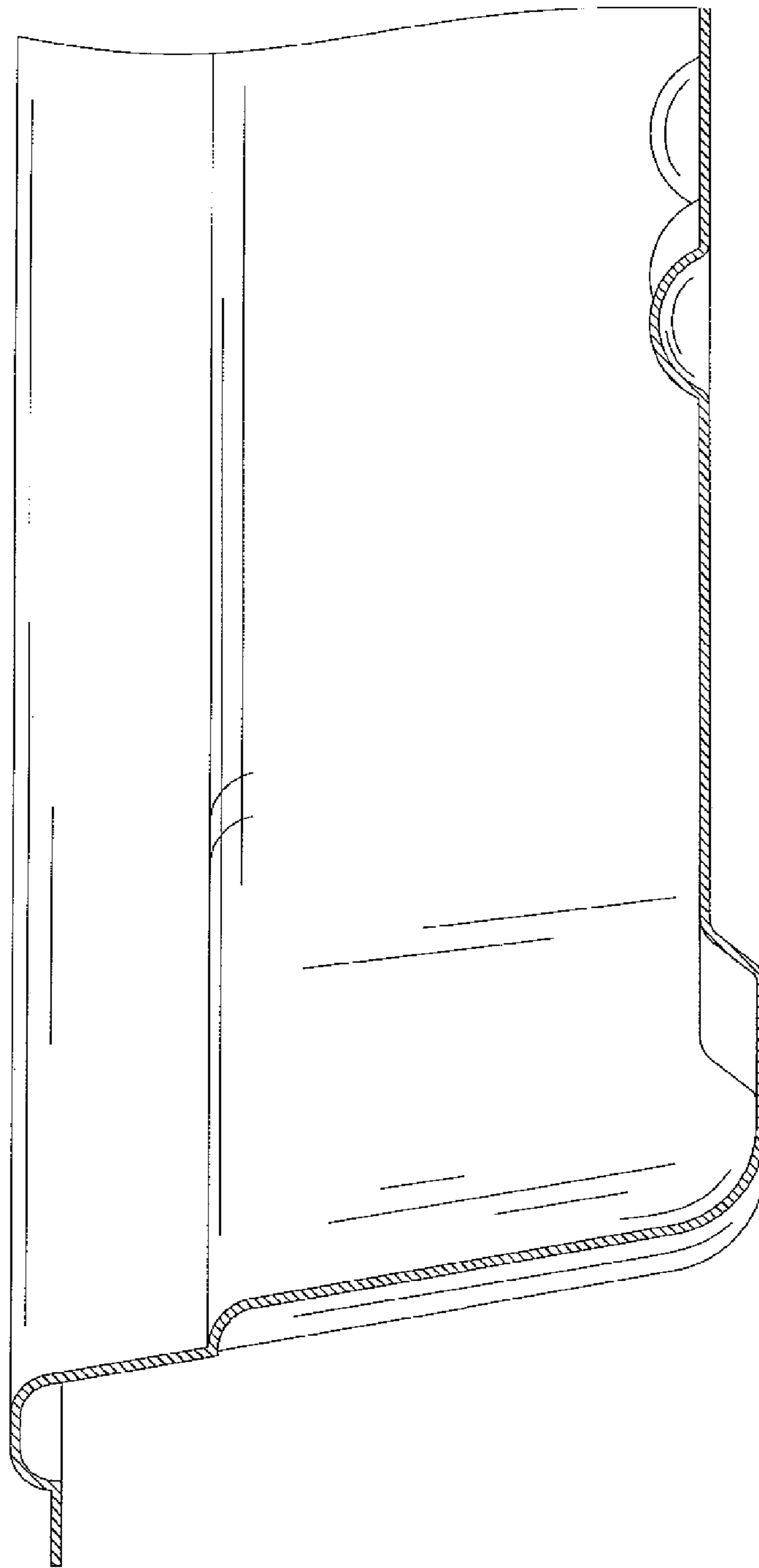
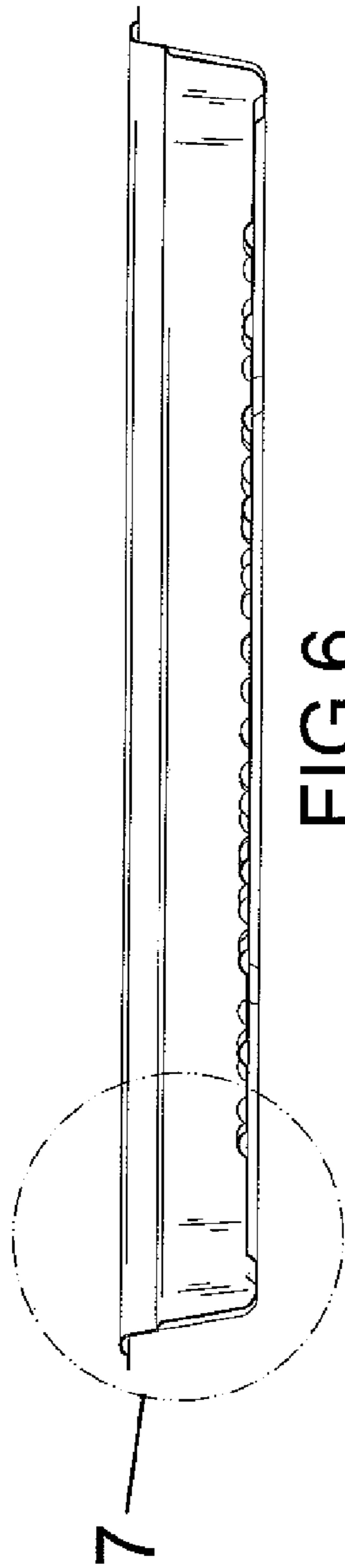


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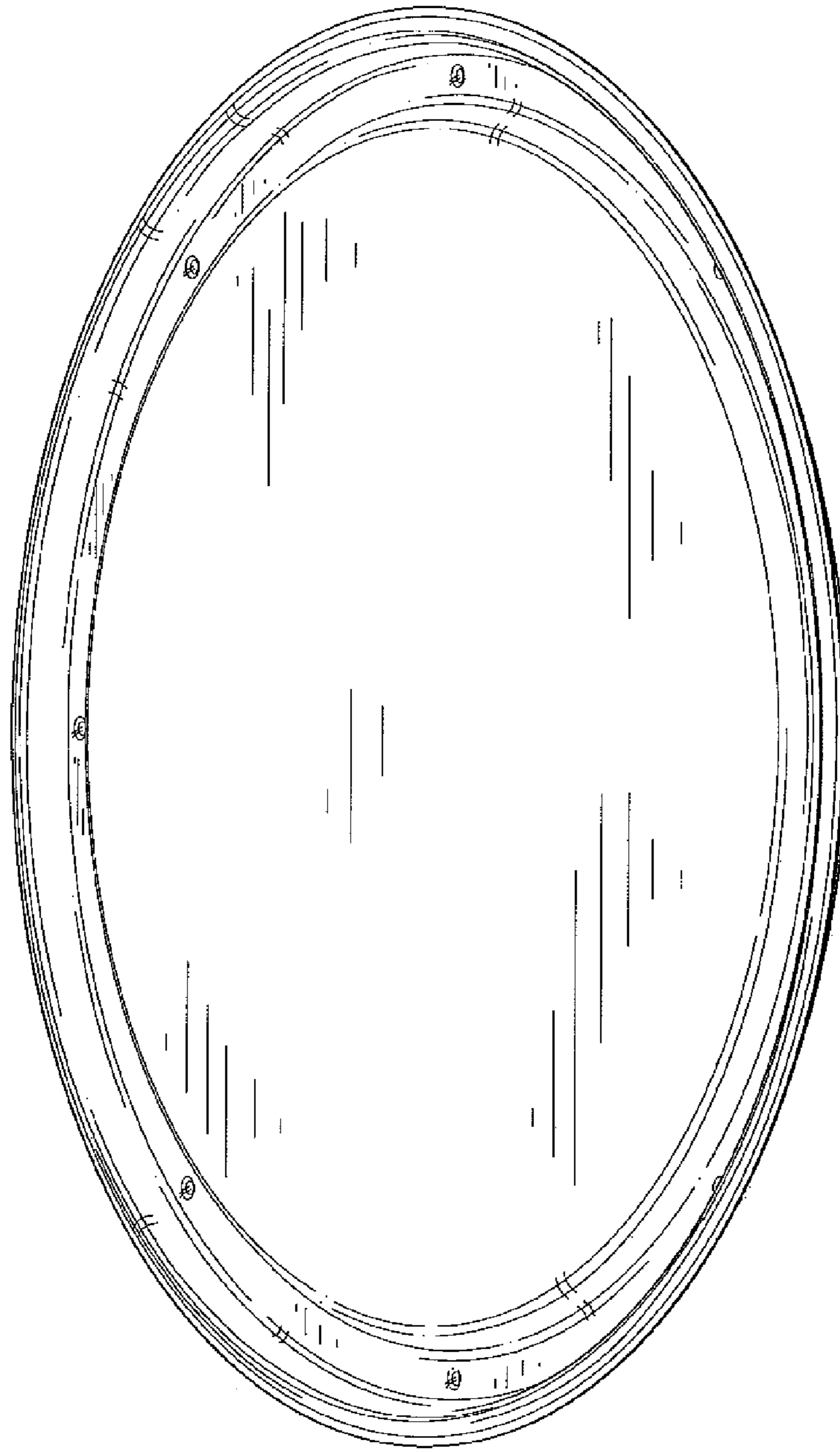


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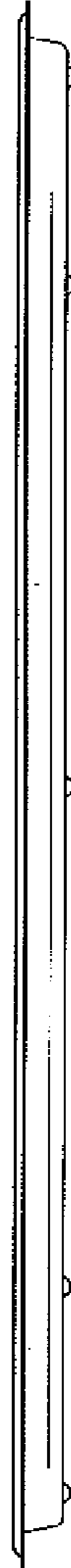


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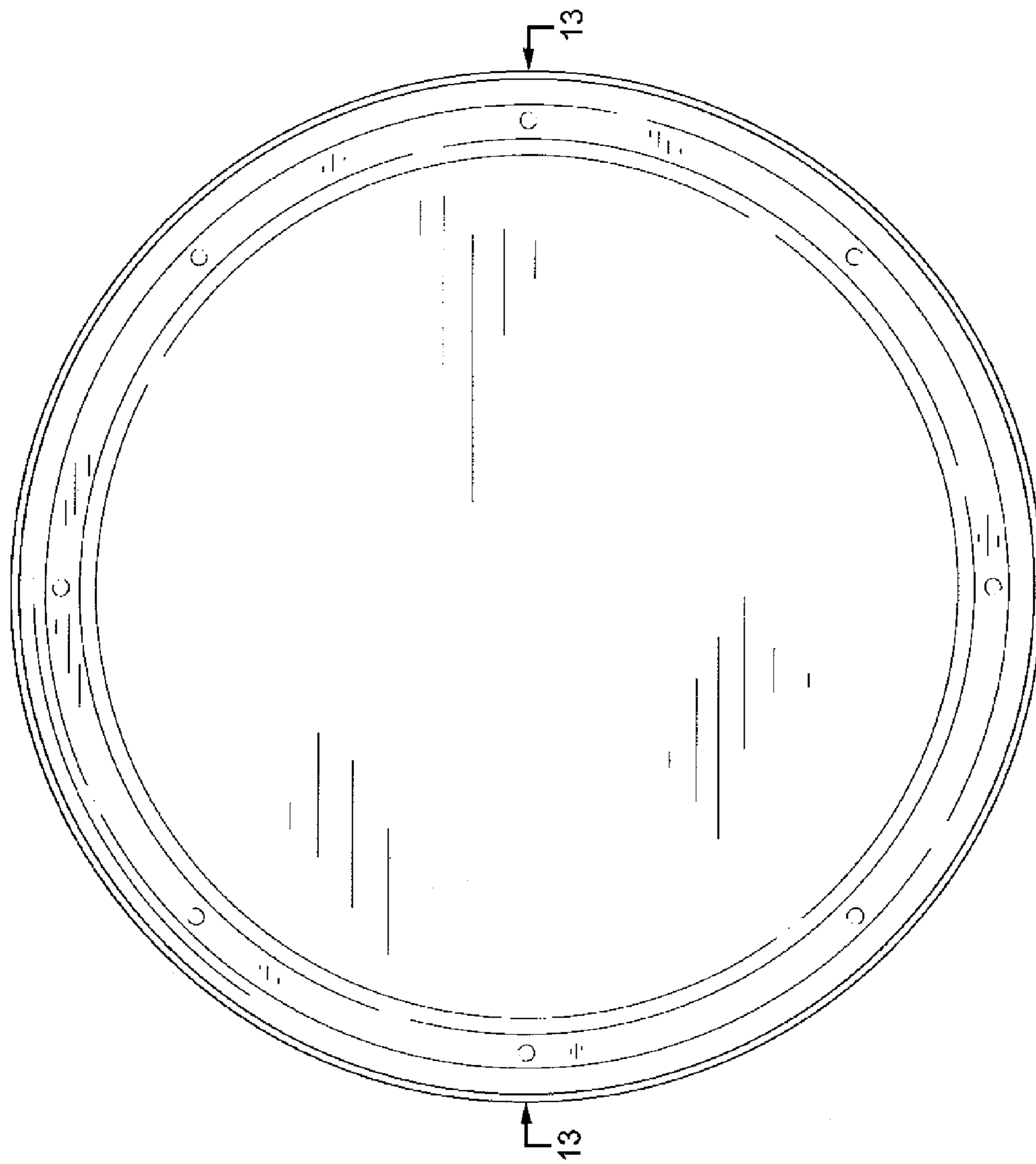


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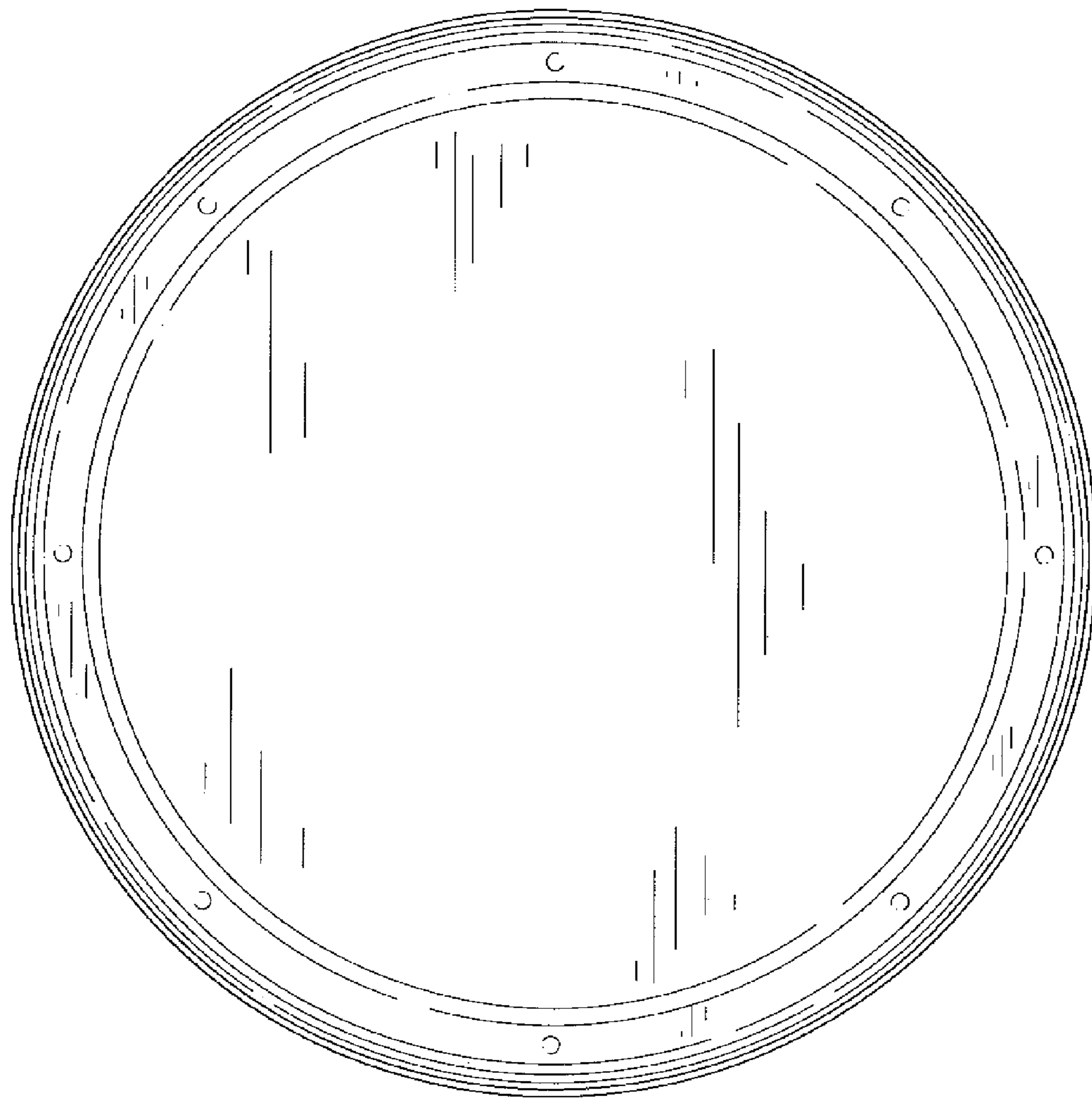


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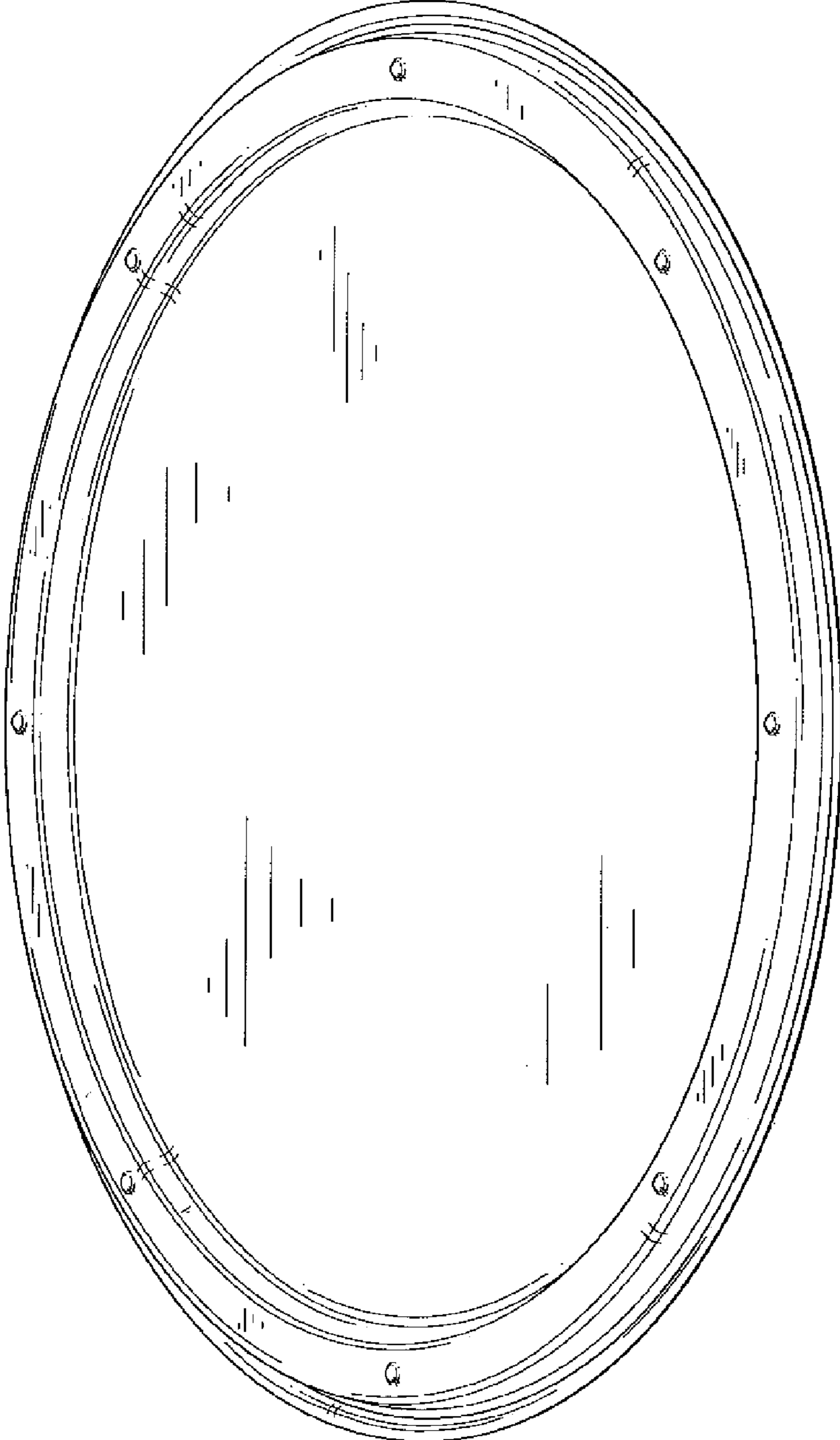
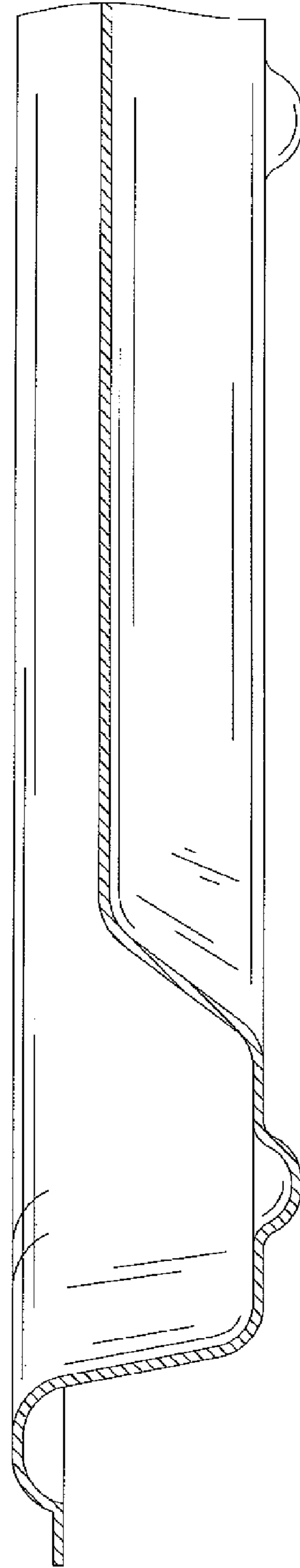
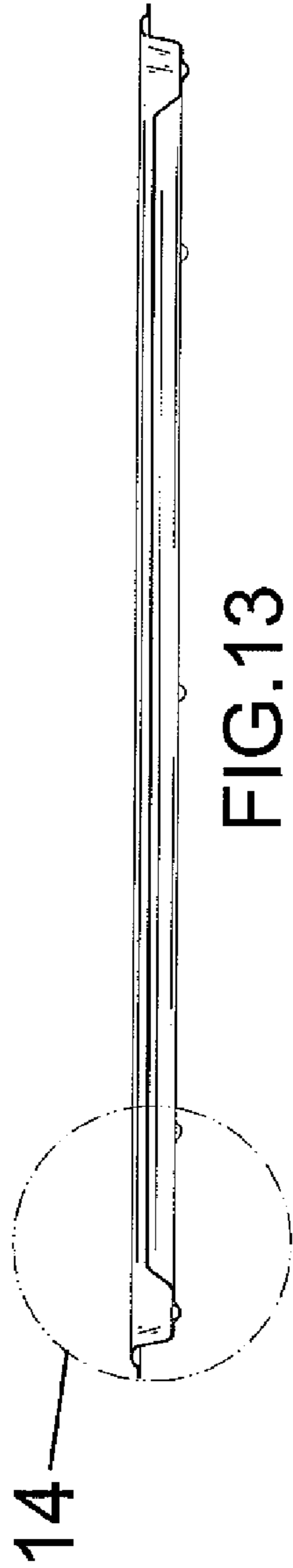


FIG.12



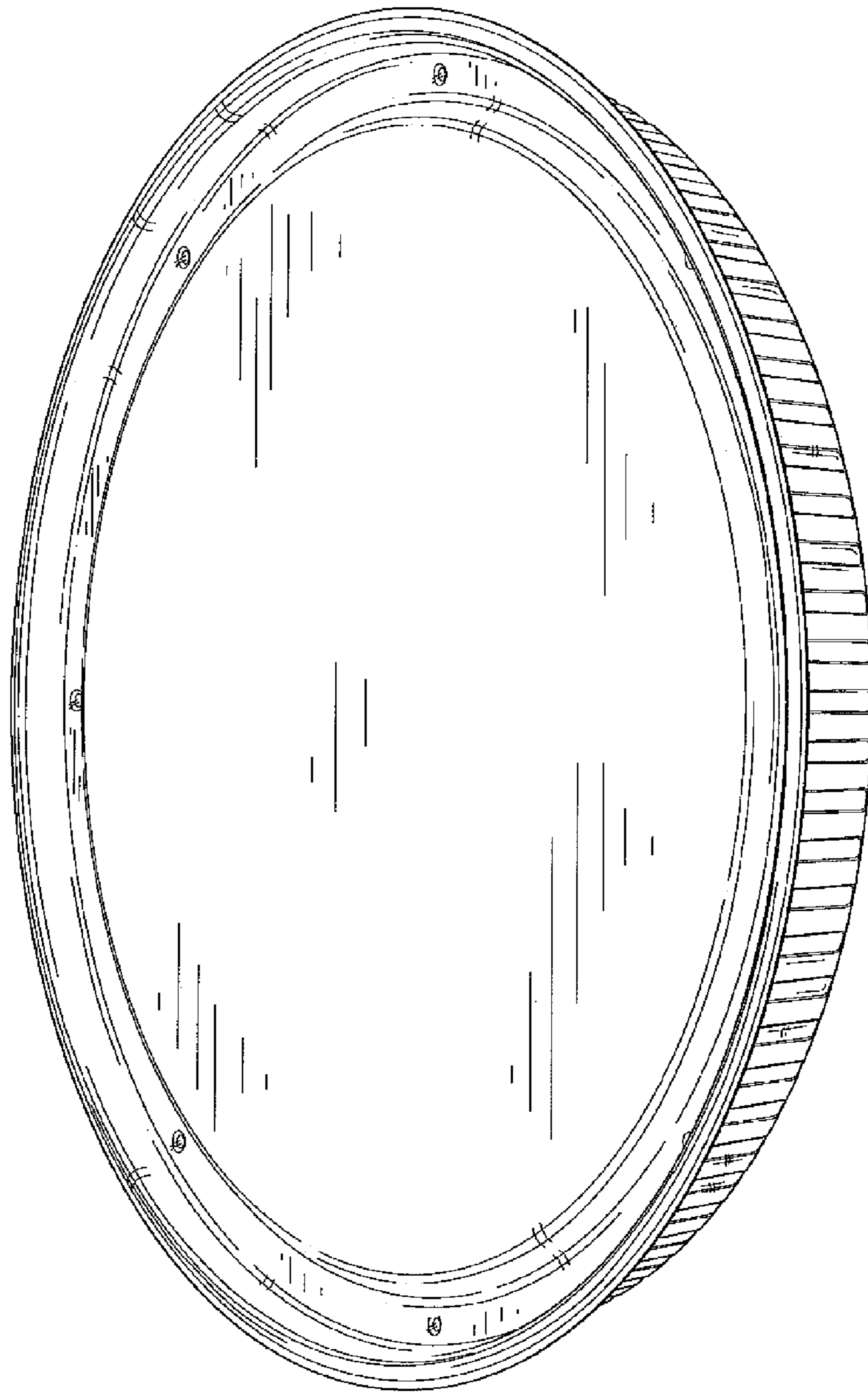


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