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(54) **WEIGHT-BEARING LOWER EXTREMITY BRACE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a weight-bearing lower extremity brace, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

This application is related to U.S. application Ser. No. 12/502, 893 filed Jul. 14, 2009 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 12/404,104 filed Mar. 13, 2009, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 12/324, 185 filed Nov. 26, 2008. This application is also related to International PCT Application No. PCT/US09/37171 filed Mar. 13, 2009. The contents of each of the foregoing applications in their entirety are incorporated herein by reference. FIG. 1 illustrates a generally isometric view of a weight-bearing lower extremity brace, with the lower extremity shown;

FIG. 2 illustrates a generally isometric view of a weight-bearing lower extremity brace as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 illustrates an interior side view of a weight-bearing lower extremity brace as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 illustrates a front view of a weight-bearing lower extremity brace as shown in FIG. 1;

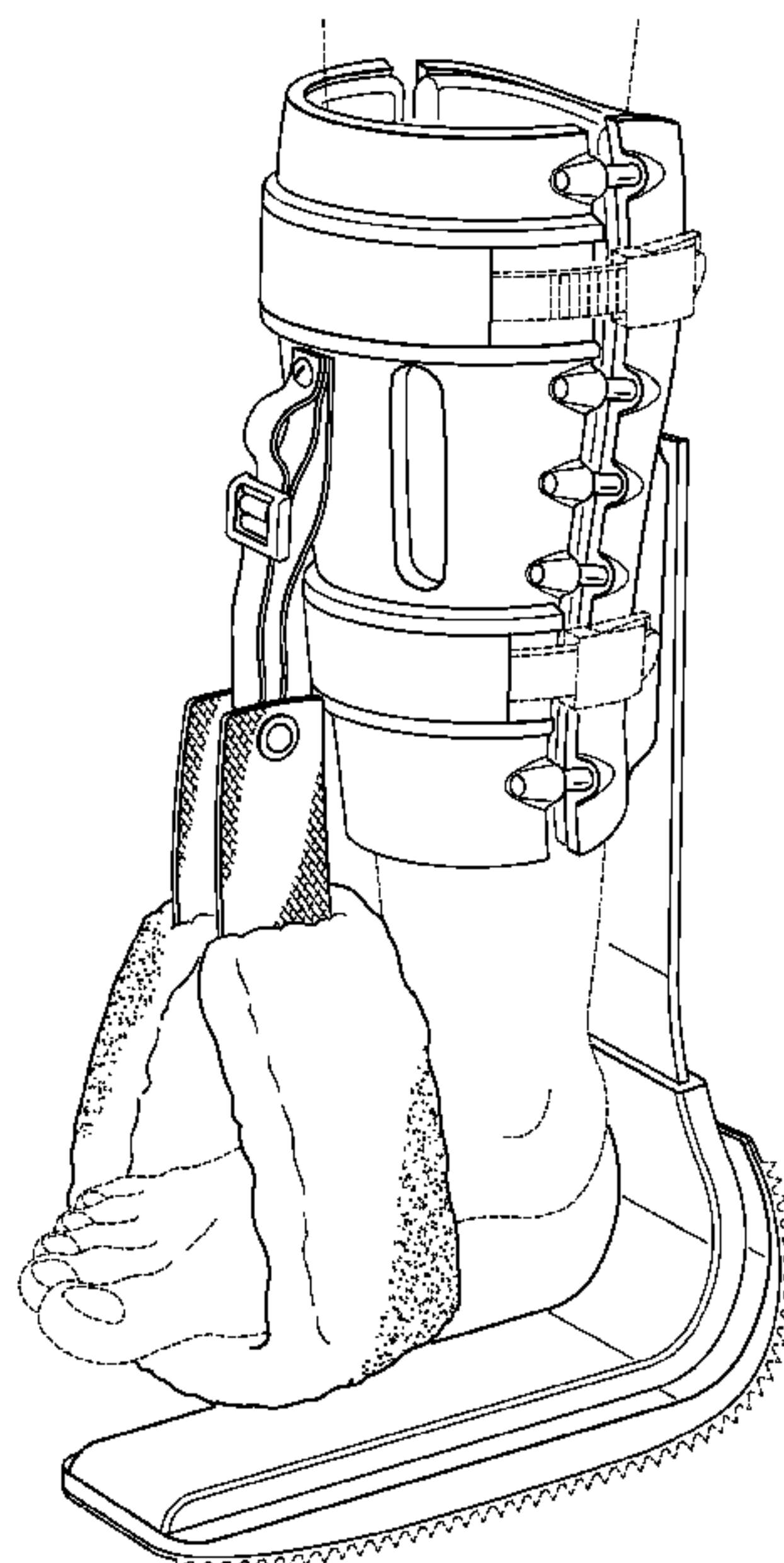
FIG. 5 illustrates an exterior side view of a weight-bearing lower extremity brace as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 6 illustrates a rear view of a weight-bearing lower extremity brace as shown in FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 7 illustrates a top view of a weight-bearing lower extremity brace as shown in FIG. 1.

The broken lines illustrate environmental structure and portions of the weight-bearing lower extremity brace which form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets**



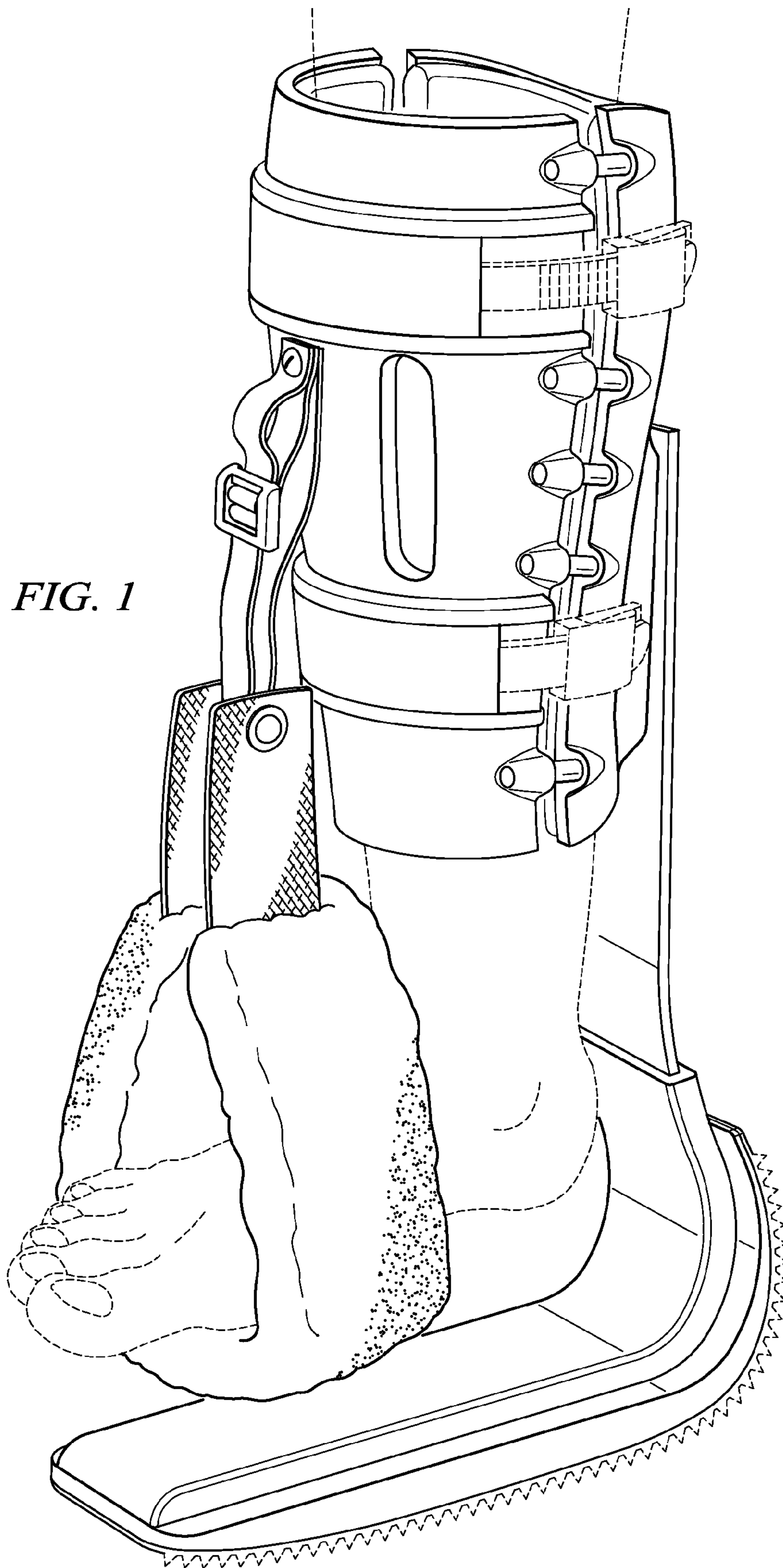
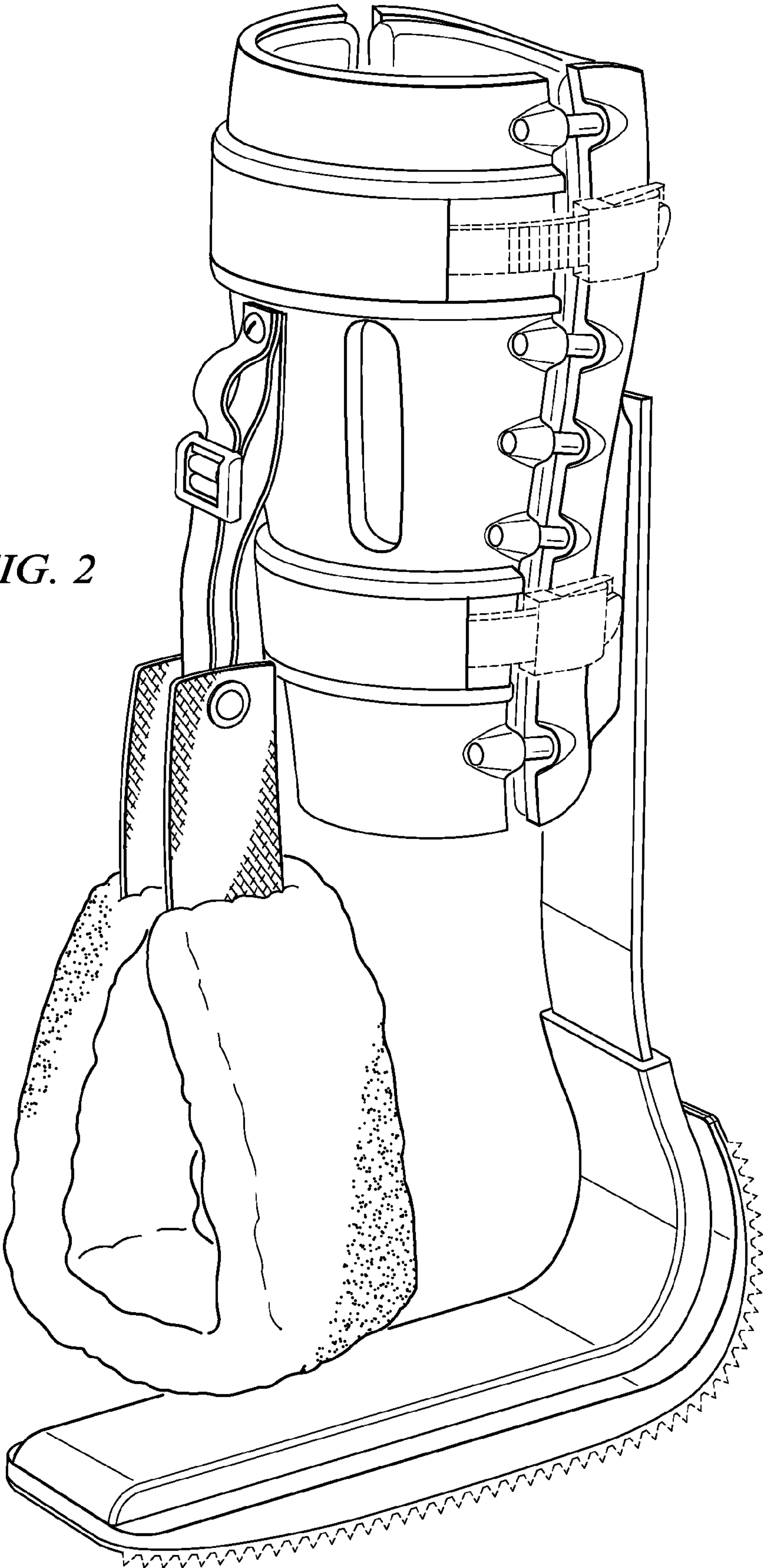


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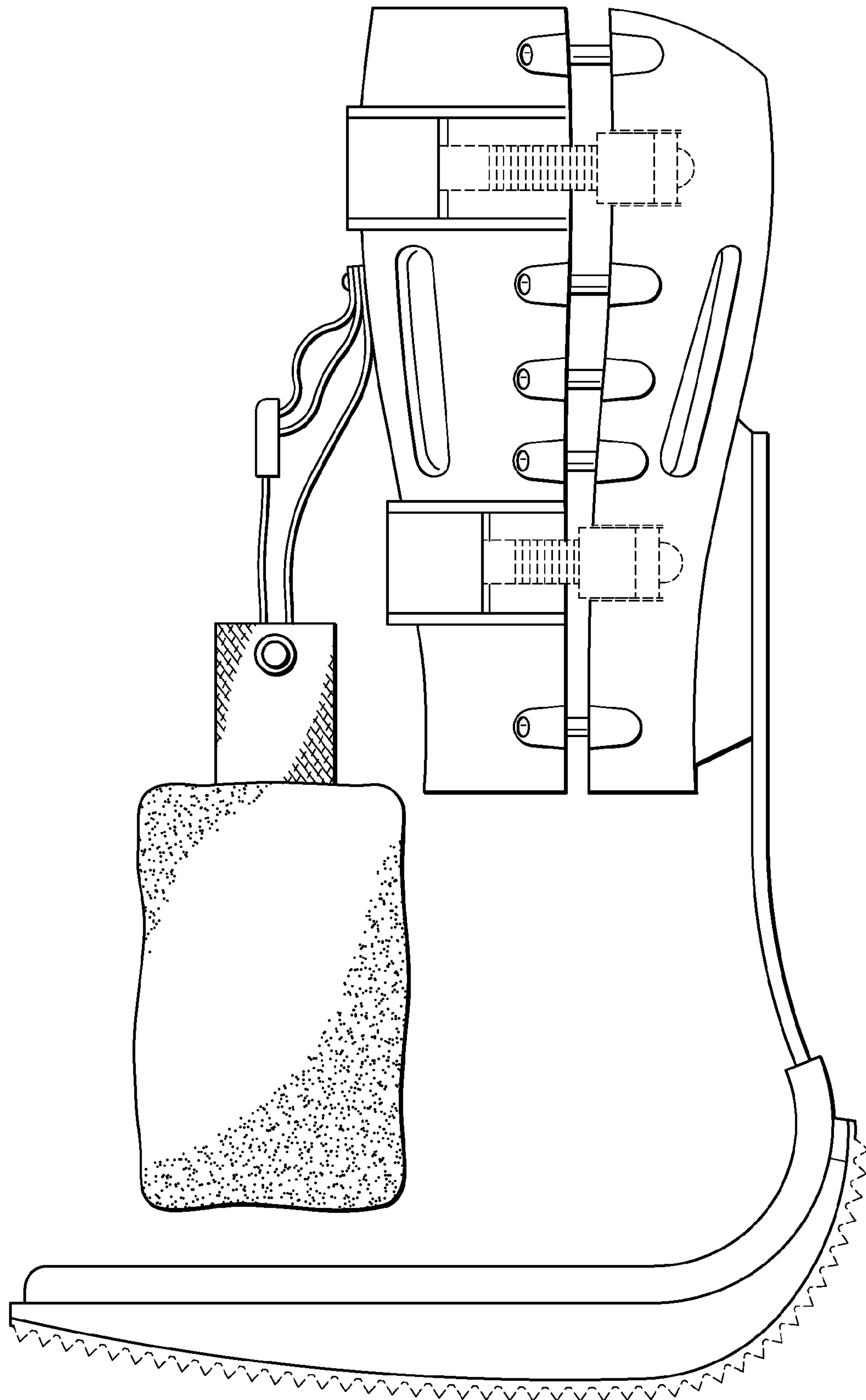


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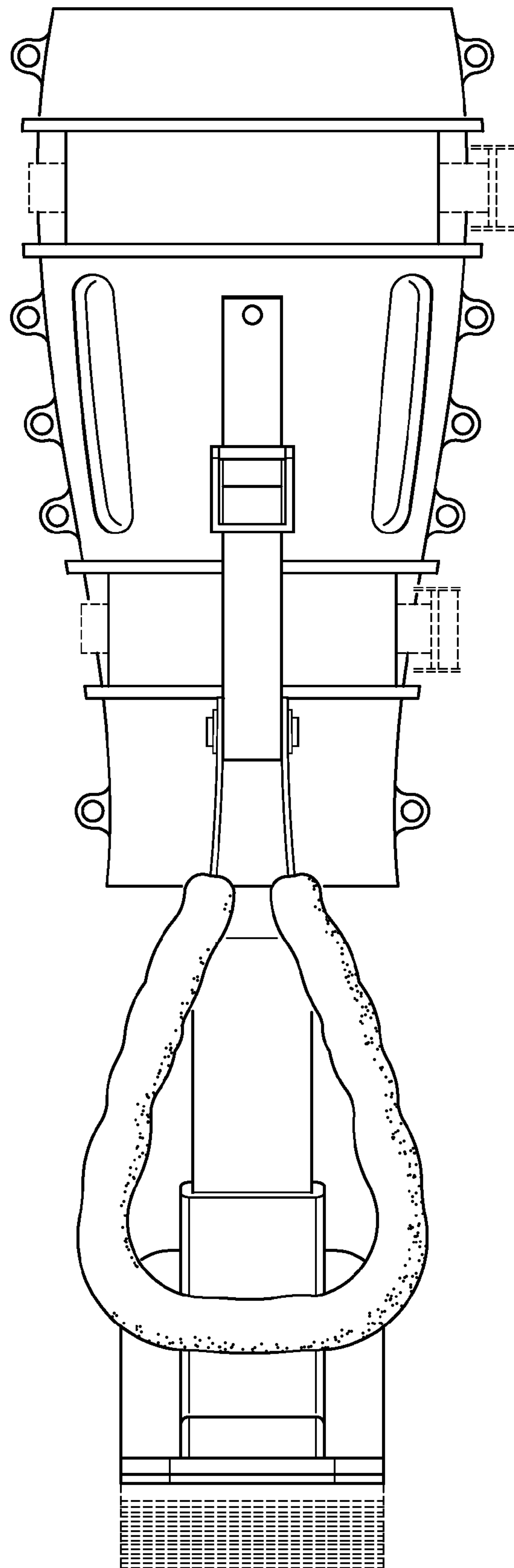


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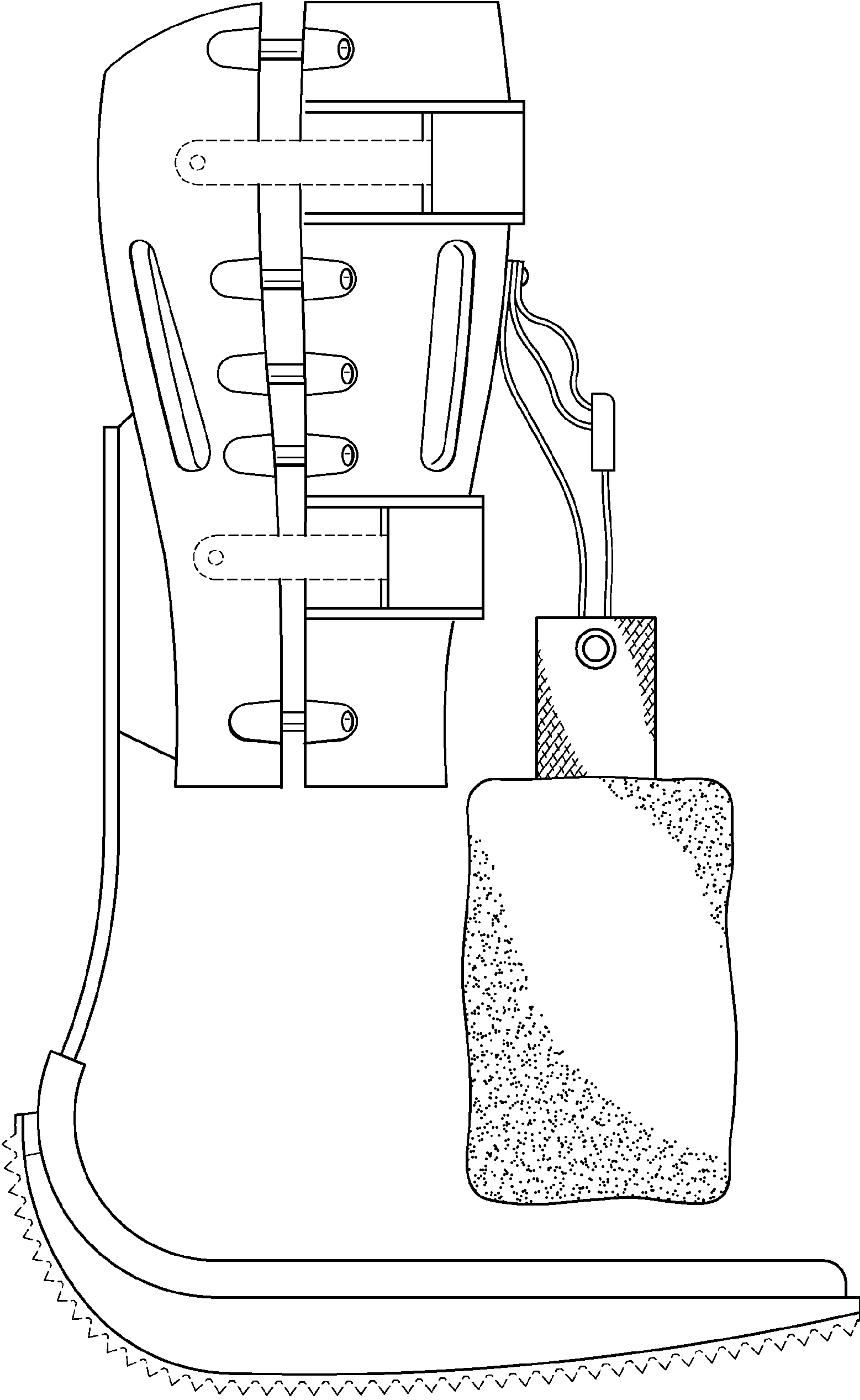


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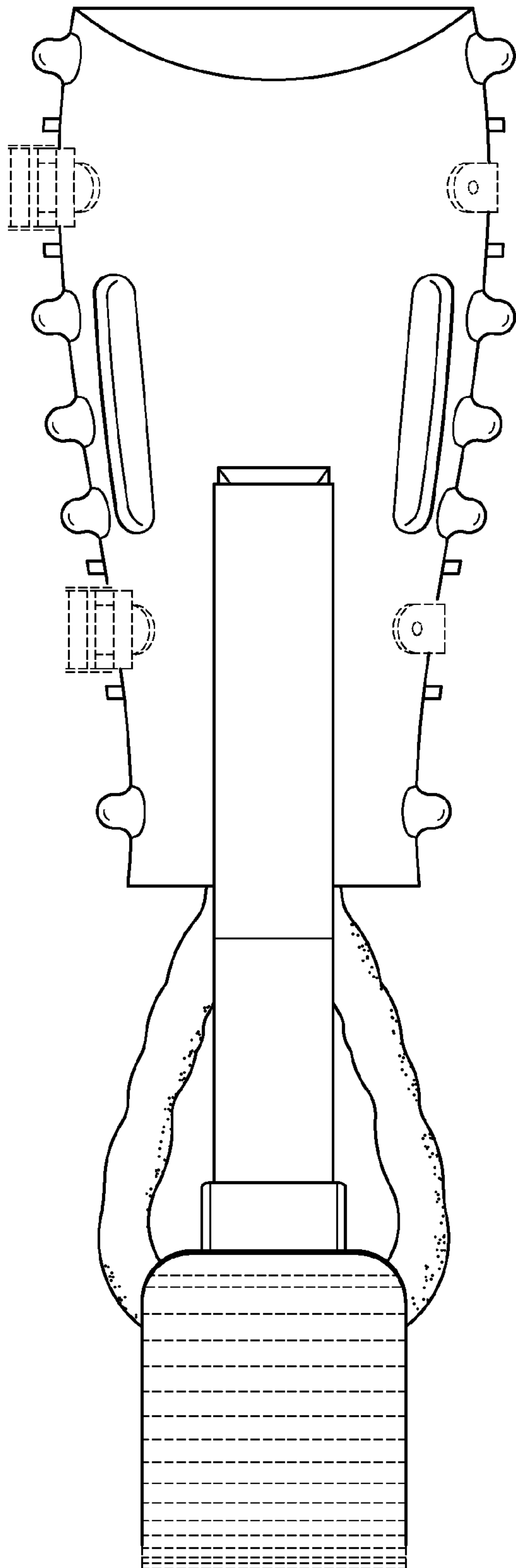


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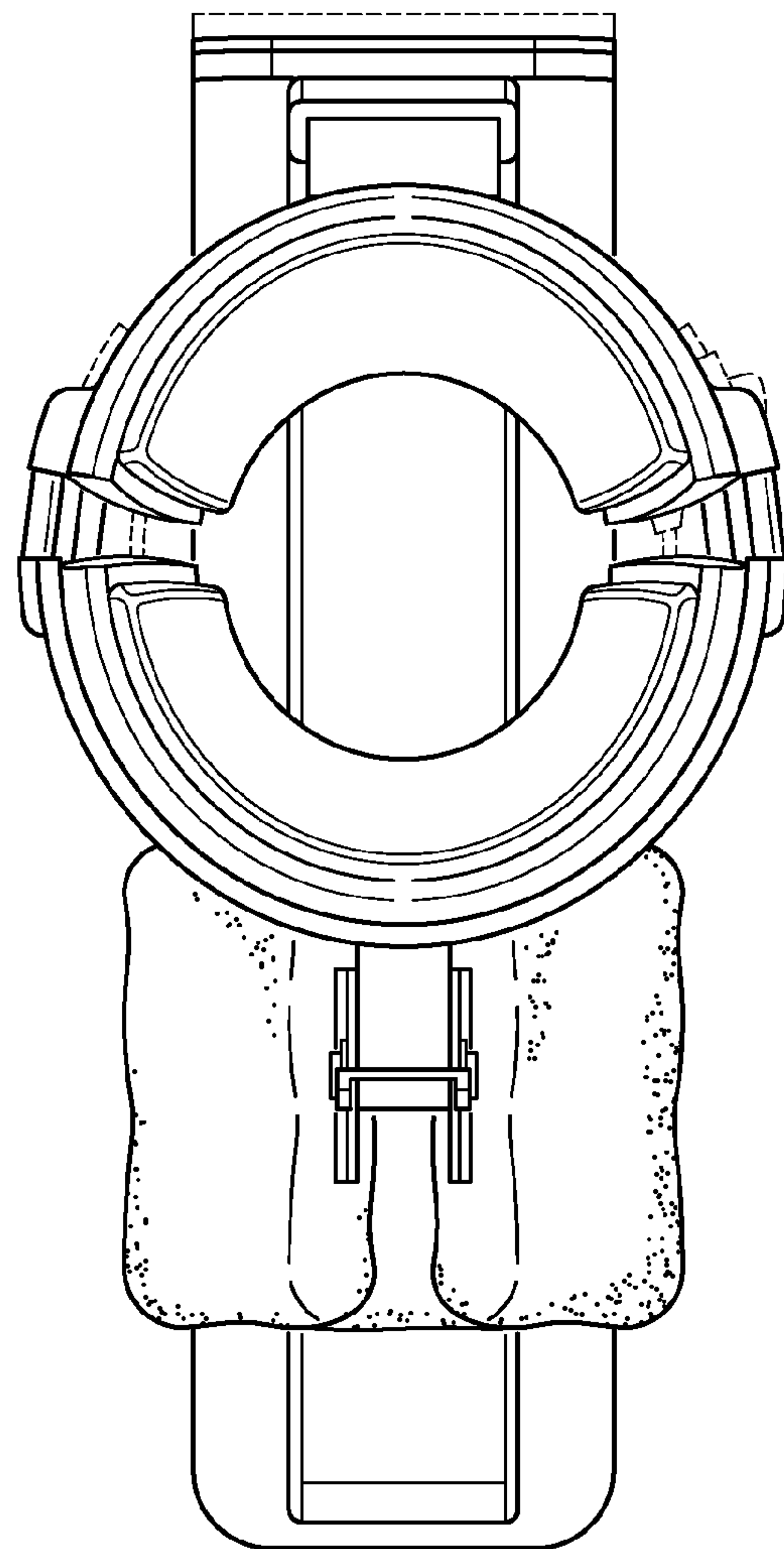


FIG. 7