

US00D645805S

(12) **United States Design Patent**
Vukel

(10) **Patent No.:** **US D645,805 S**
(45) **Date of Patent:** **** Sep. 27, 2011**

(54) **HITCH STEP**

(76) Inventor: **Ken Vukel**, Garfield, NJ (US)

(**) Term: **14 Years**

(21) Appl. No.: **29/387,103**

(22) Filed: **Mar. 9, 2011**

Related U.S. Application Data

(63) Continuation of application No. 29/375,927, filed on Sep. 29, 2010, now Pat. No. Des. 634,687.

(51) **LOC (9) Cl.** **12-16**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** **D12/203; D12/162**

(58) **Field of Classification Search** D12/203,
D12/162; 224/521; 182/90-92, 150; 280/163-165,
280/770, 507; D25/68-69, 62; 293/117
See application file for complete search history.

(56) **References Cited**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,829,774	A	*	11/1998	Klemp	.....	280/507
D444,754	S	*	7/2001	Storer	.....	D12/203
D463,345	S	*	9/2002	Cipolla	.....	D12/203
D494,914	S	*	8/2004	Elwell et al.	.....	D12/203
D495,646	S	*	9/2004	Elwell et al.	.....	D12/203
D505,901	S	*	6/2005	Wang	.....	D12/203
D511,319	S	*	11/2005	Wang	.....	D12/203

D513,217	S	*	12/2005	Daws et al.	.....	D12/203
D513,398	S	*	1/2006	Kozak et al.	.....	D12/203
D527,323	S	*	8/2006	Storer	.....	D12/203
D532,354	S	*	11/2006	Storer	.....	D12/203
D535,928	S	*	1/2007	Crandall	.....	D12/203
D634,687	S	*	3/2011	Vukel	.....	D12/203

* cited by examiner

Primary Examiner — Stacia Cadmus

(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm* — McGuireWoods LLP

(57) **CLAIM**

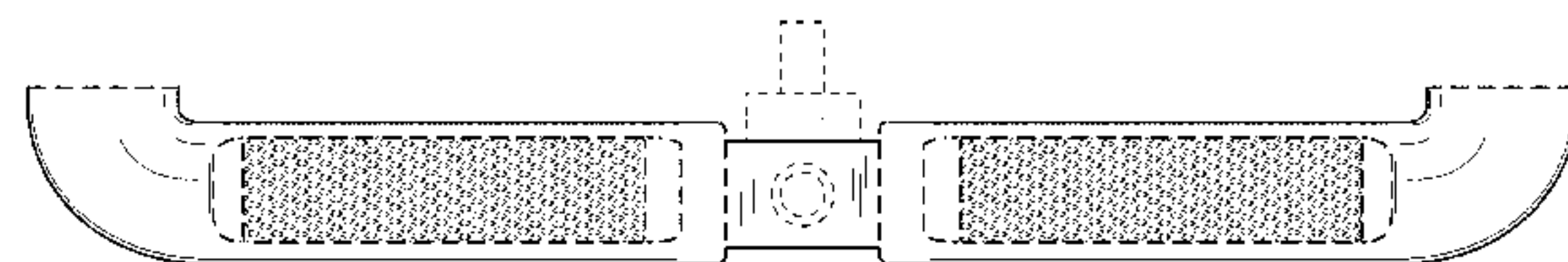
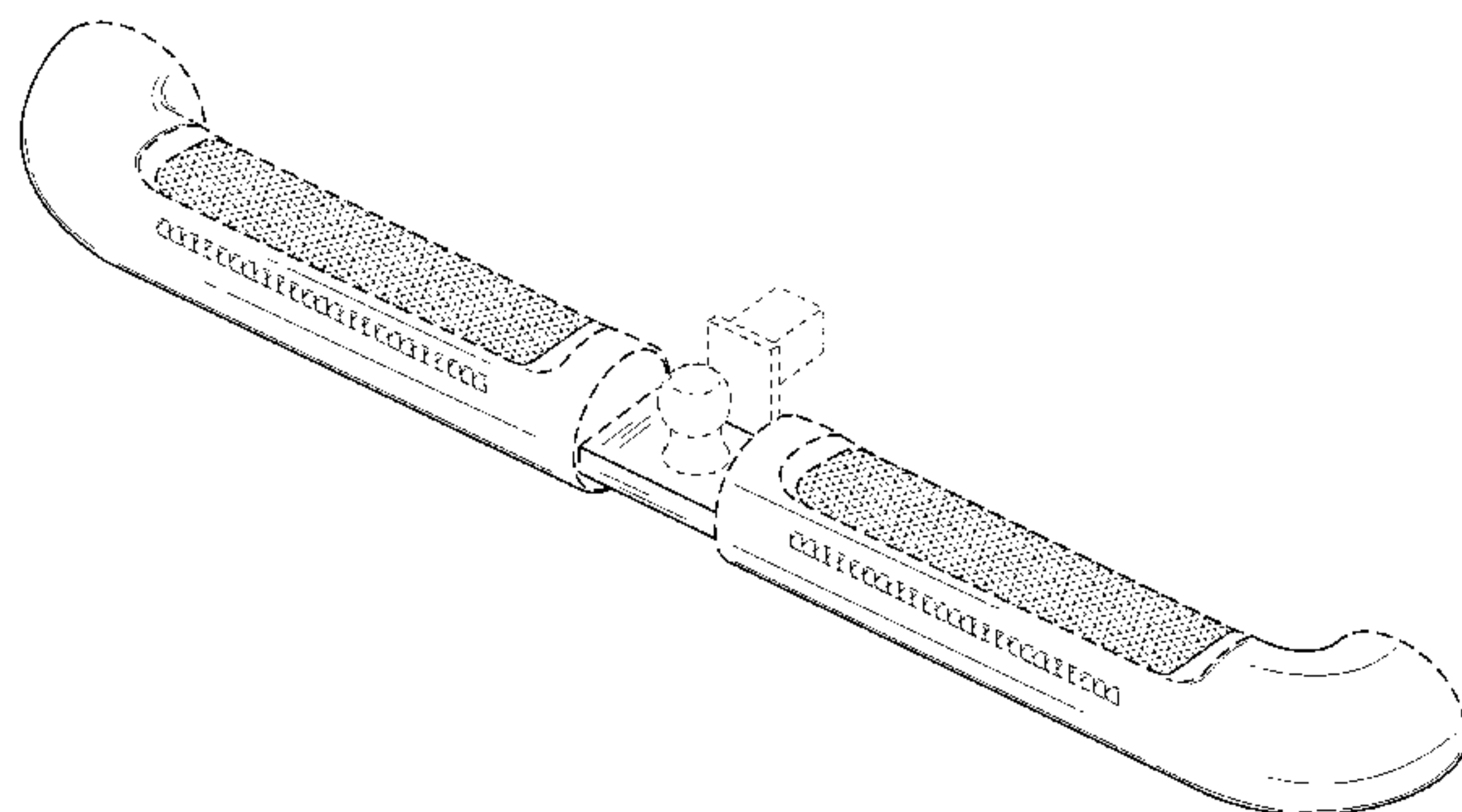
The ornamental design for a hitch step, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a left front side perspective view of the hitch step; FIG. 2 is a front side view of the design embodiment shown in FIG. 1; FIG. 3 is a left side view of the design embodiment shown in FIG. 1; FIG. 4 is a top view of the design embodiment shown in FIG. 1; and, FIG. 5 is a bottom view of the design embodiment shown in FIG. 1.

The subject matter shown in dashed lines, and any surfaces of the design not shown, including interior surfaces, form no part of the claimed invention.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



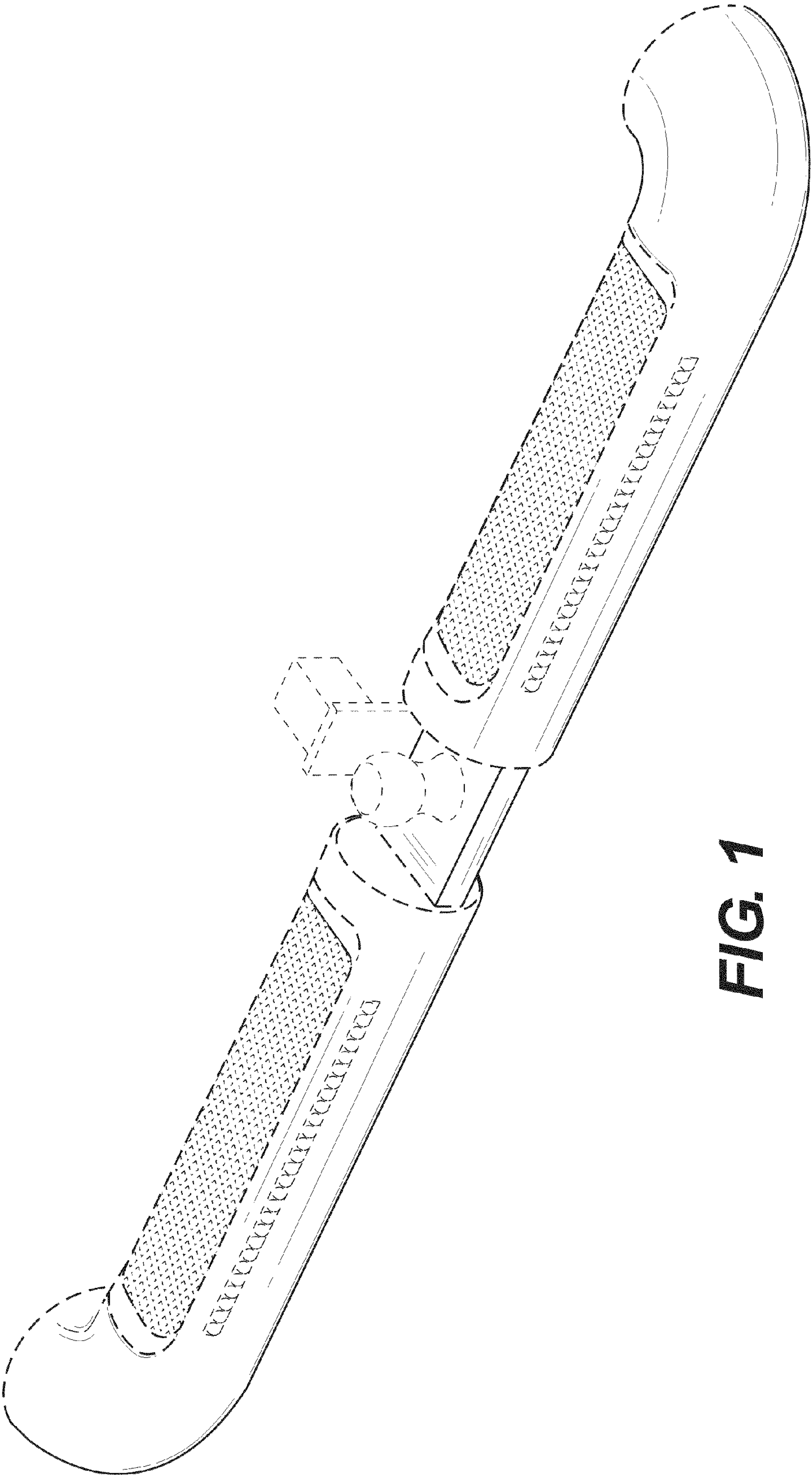


FIG. 1

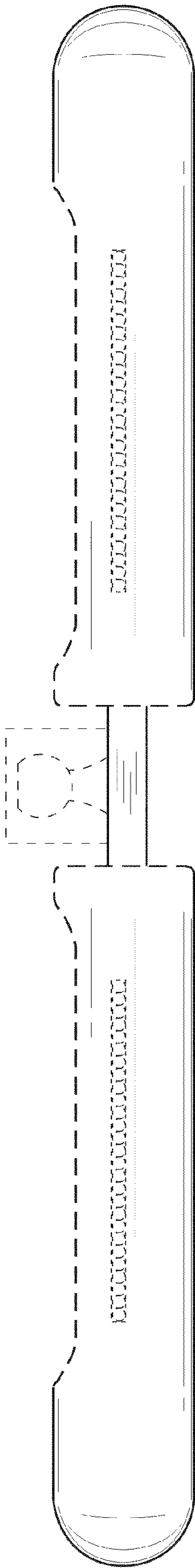


FIG. 2

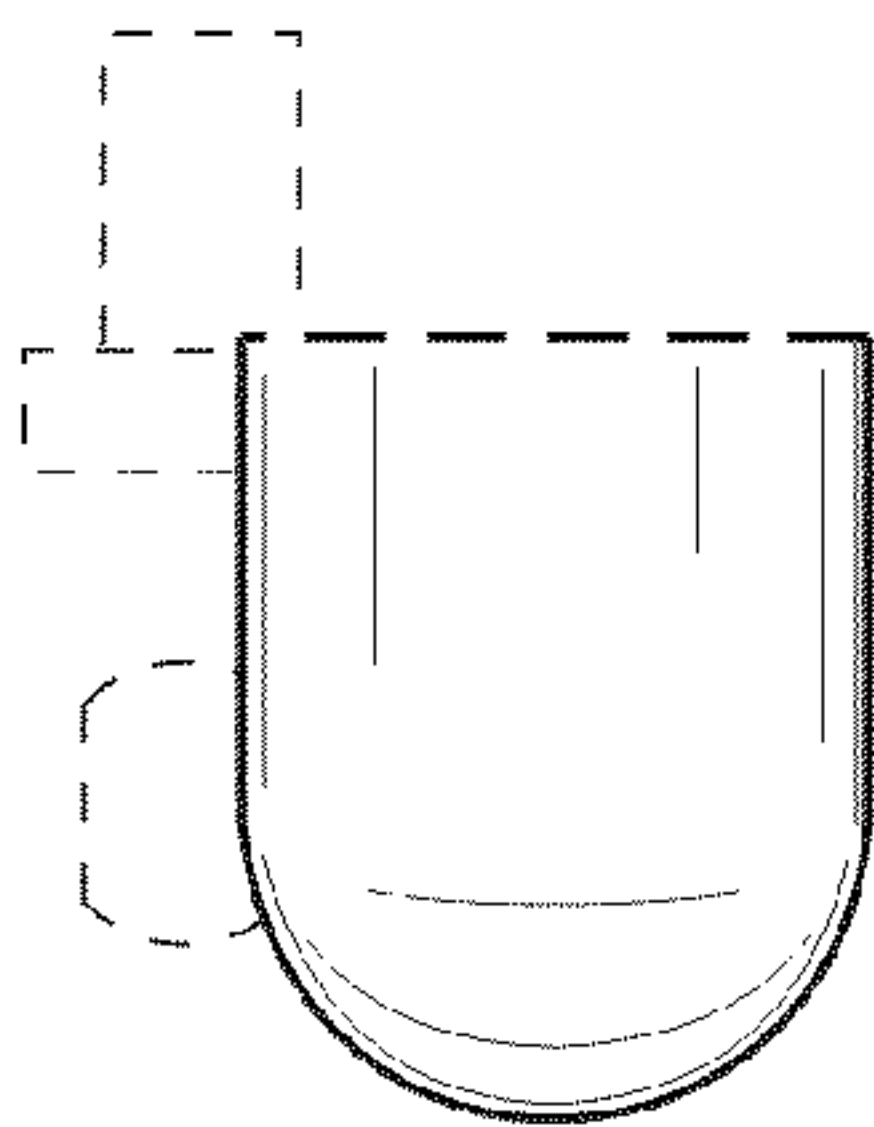


FIG. 3

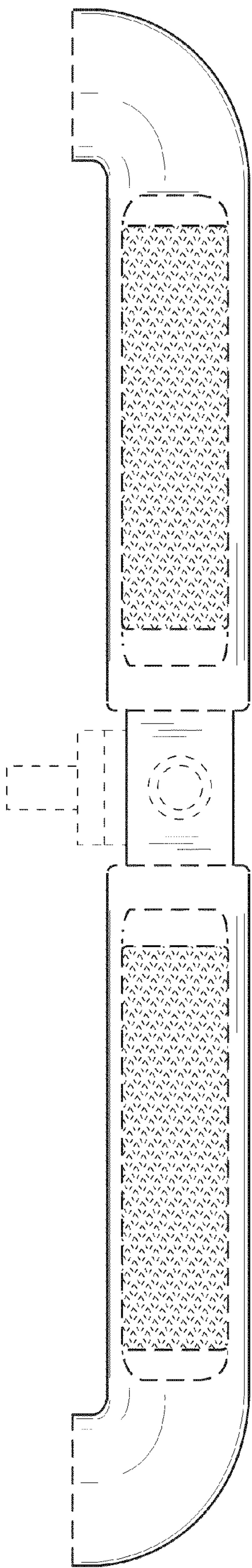


FIG. 4

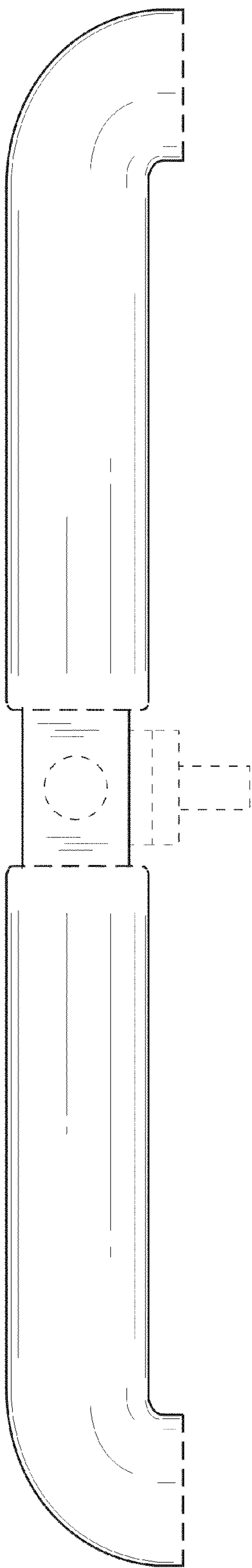


FIG. 5

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

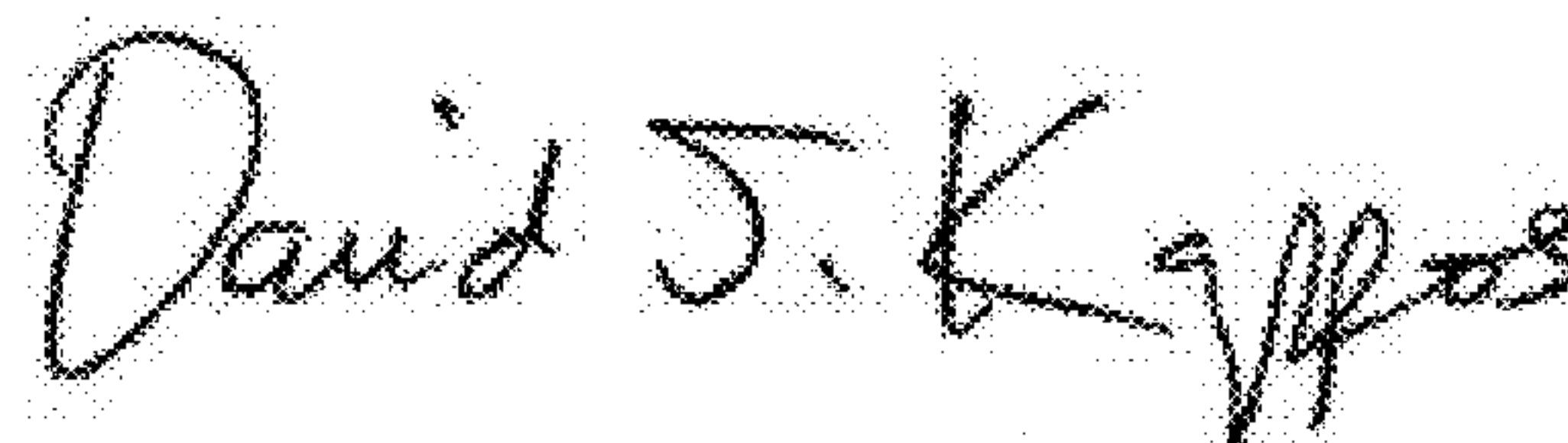
PATENT NO. : D645,805 S
APPLICATION NO. : 29/387103
DATED : September 27, 2011
INVENTOR(S) : Ken Vukel

Page 1 of 1

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page, Item (74) Attorney, Agent or Firm, which is listed as “McGiureWoods LLP”, should read --McGuireWoods LLP--.

Signed and Sealed this
Twentieth Day of December, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David J. Kappos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D' and 'K'.

David J. Kappos
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office