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(54) **ABOVE-BED PORTION OF FOLDING BALL HITCH**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an above-bed portion of a folding ball hitch, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

Other ornamental aspects of the folding ball hitch are described and claimed in U.S. patent application Ser. No.

29/376,938, filed on even date herewith, incorporated herein by reference. Utilitarian aspects of the folding ball hitch are described and claimed in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/904,479, filed on even date herewith, incorporated herein by reference.

FIGS. 1 and 2 are top perspective views of an above-bed portion of a folding ball hitch showing my new design, both shown in the extended position, with FIG. 2 being enlarged by showing less of the environment of use.

FIG. 3 is a left side view showing the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch of FIGS. 1 and 2.

FIG. 4 is rear view of the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch of FIGS. 1-3. The front view of the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch is a mirror image of FIG. 4.

FIG. 5 is a right side view of the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch of FIGS. 1-4.

FIG. 6 is a bottom view of the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch of FIGS. 1-5.

FIG. 7 is a top view of the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch of FIGS. 1-6.

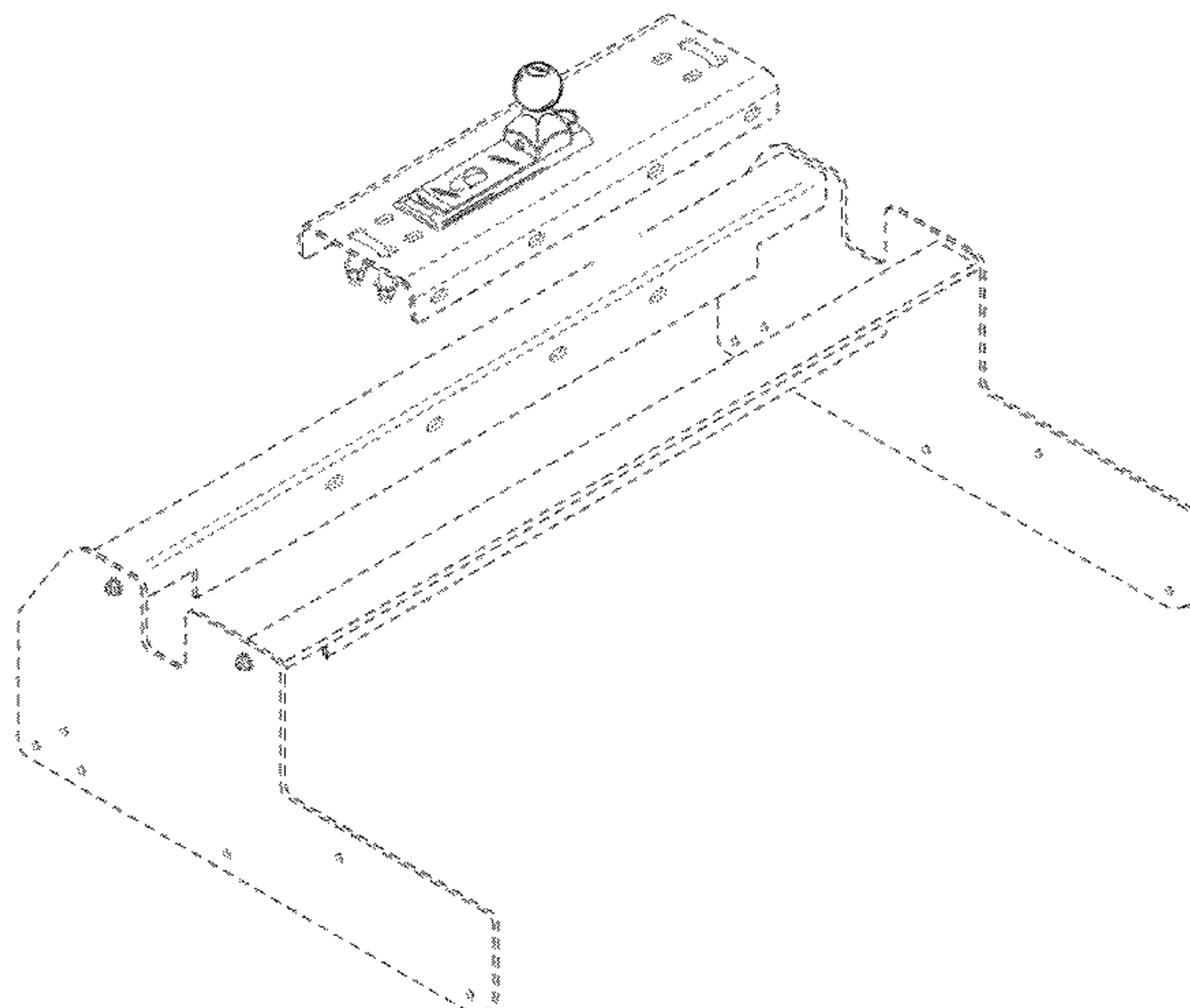
FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch, taken along lines 8-8 in FIG. 7.

FIG. 9 is a top view of the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch of FIGS. 1-8, shown in the folded position; and,

FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch in folded position, taken along lines 10-10 in FIG. 9.

The dashed lines are intended to show the environment of use of the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch and do not form a part of the claimed design, which dashed lines portions reside lower than the bed of the towing vehicle in which the hitch is used, with the above-bed portion of the folding ball hitch being visible to the user during use of the folding ball hitch.

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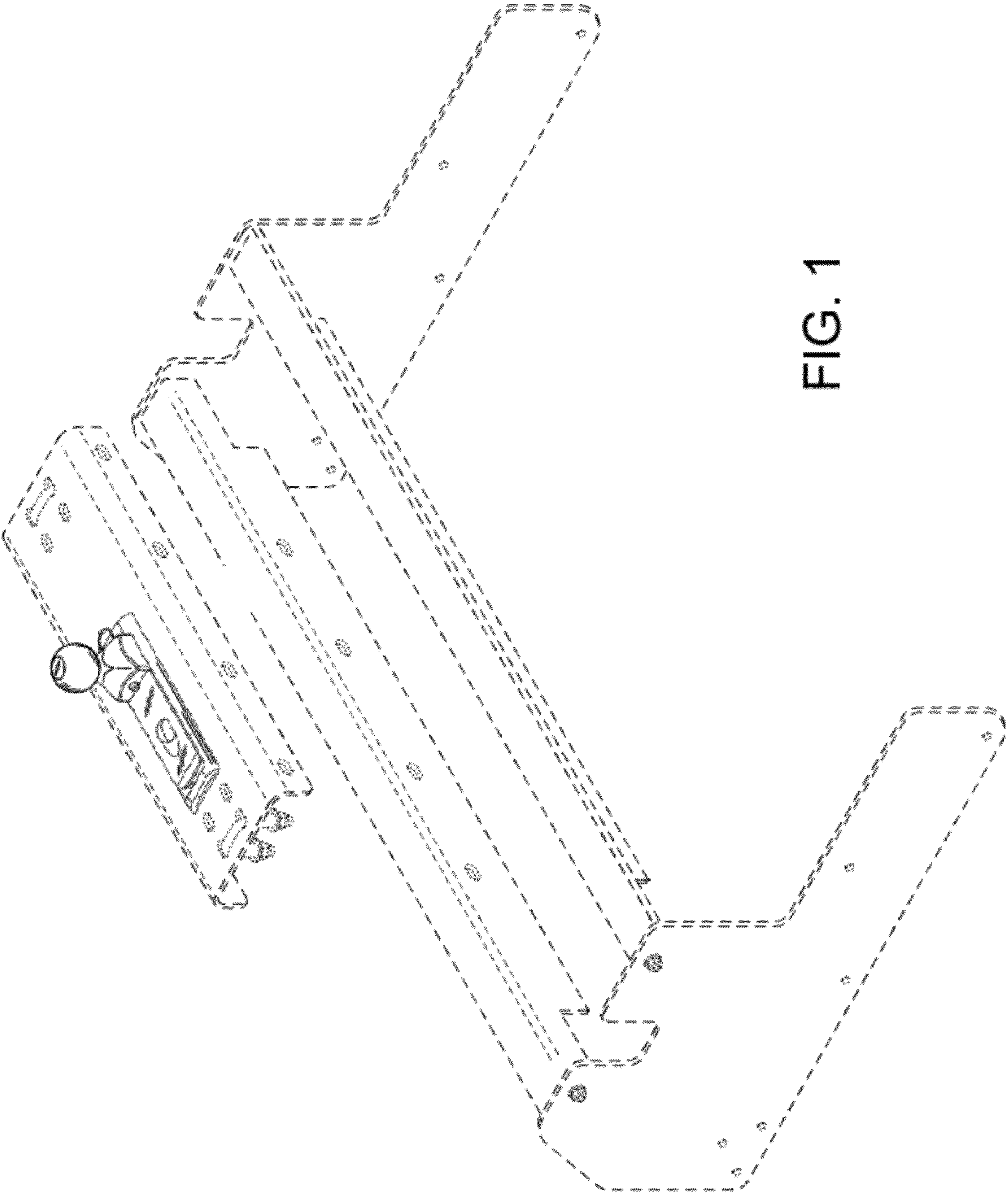


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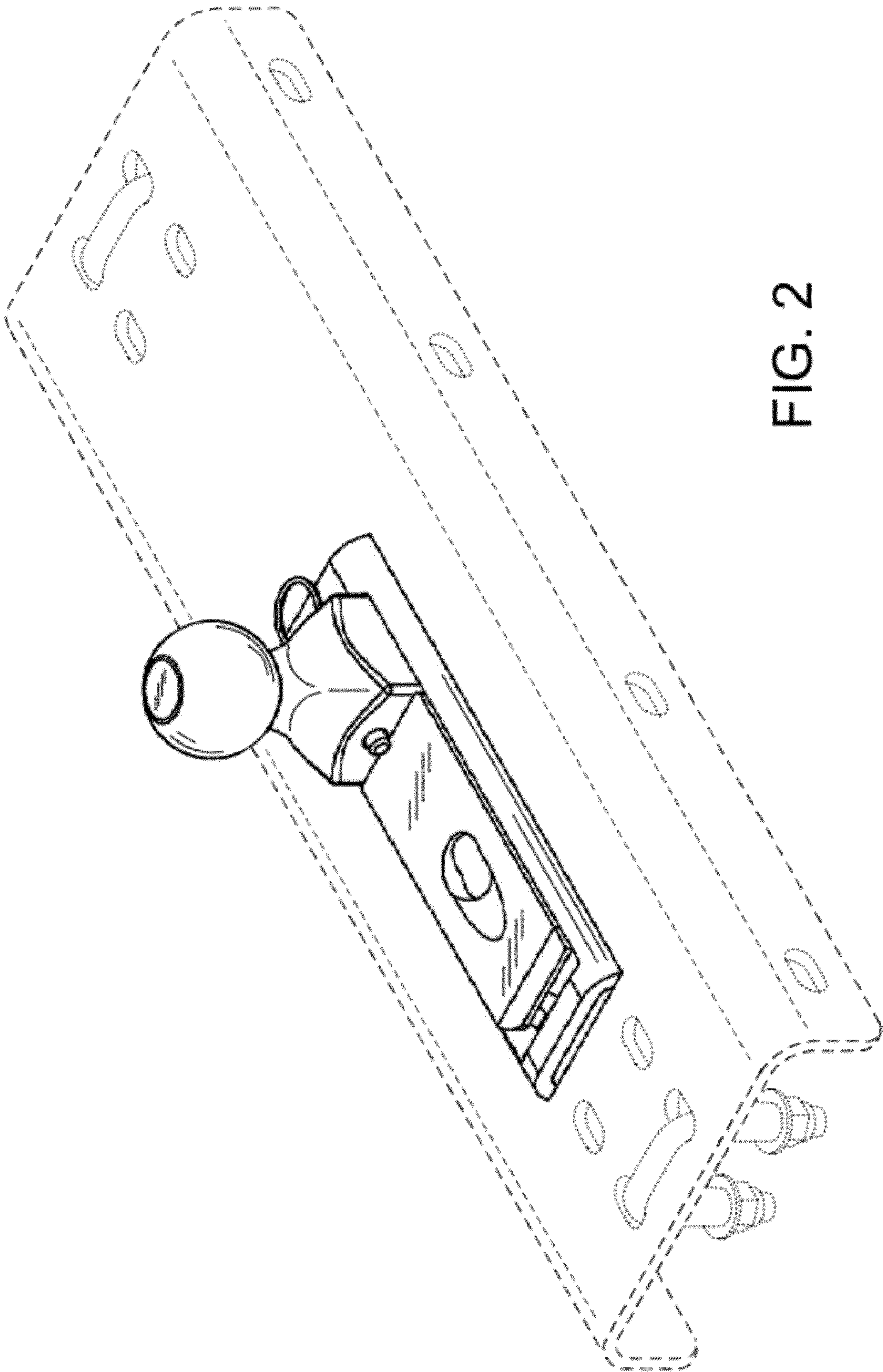


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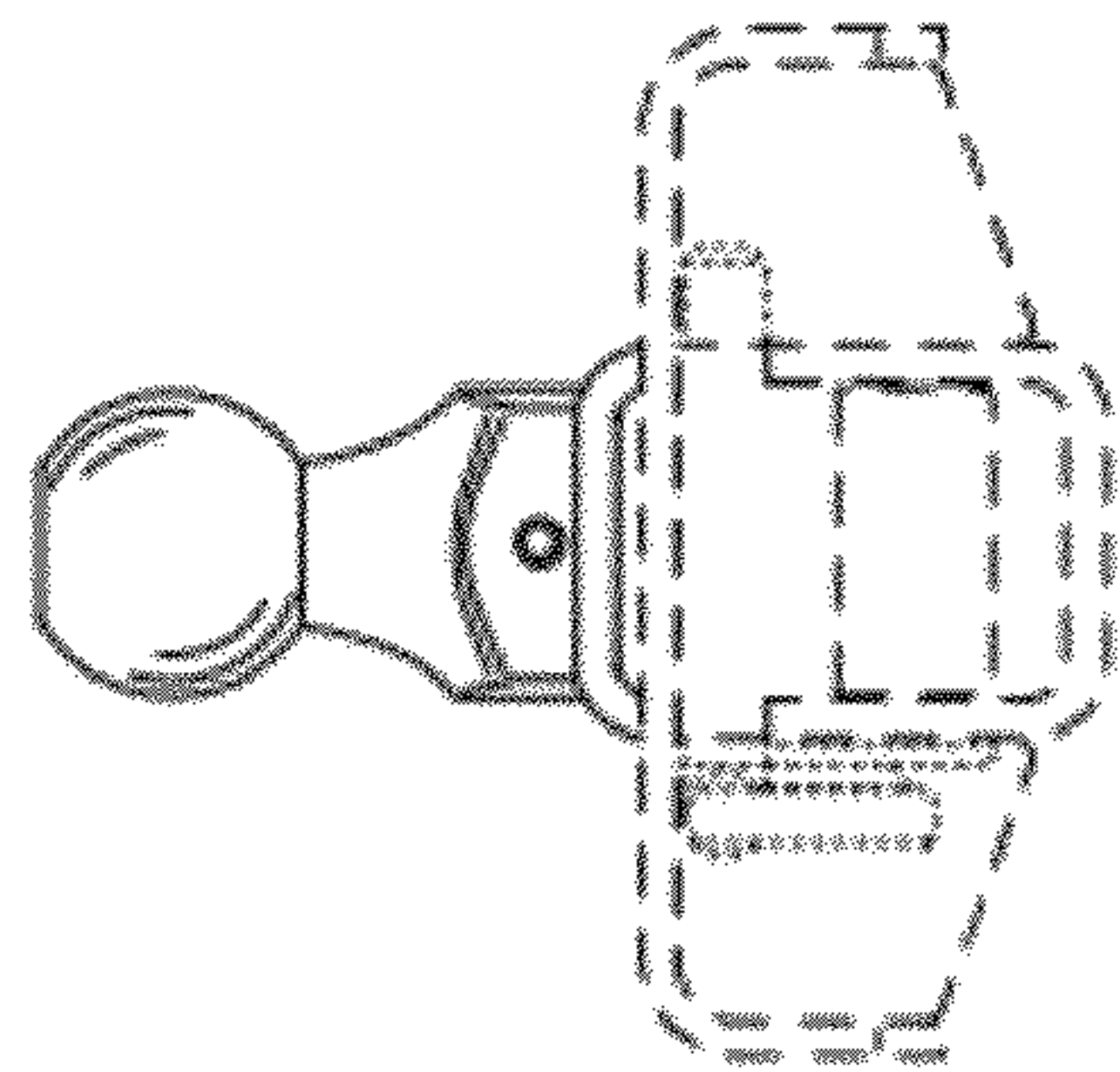


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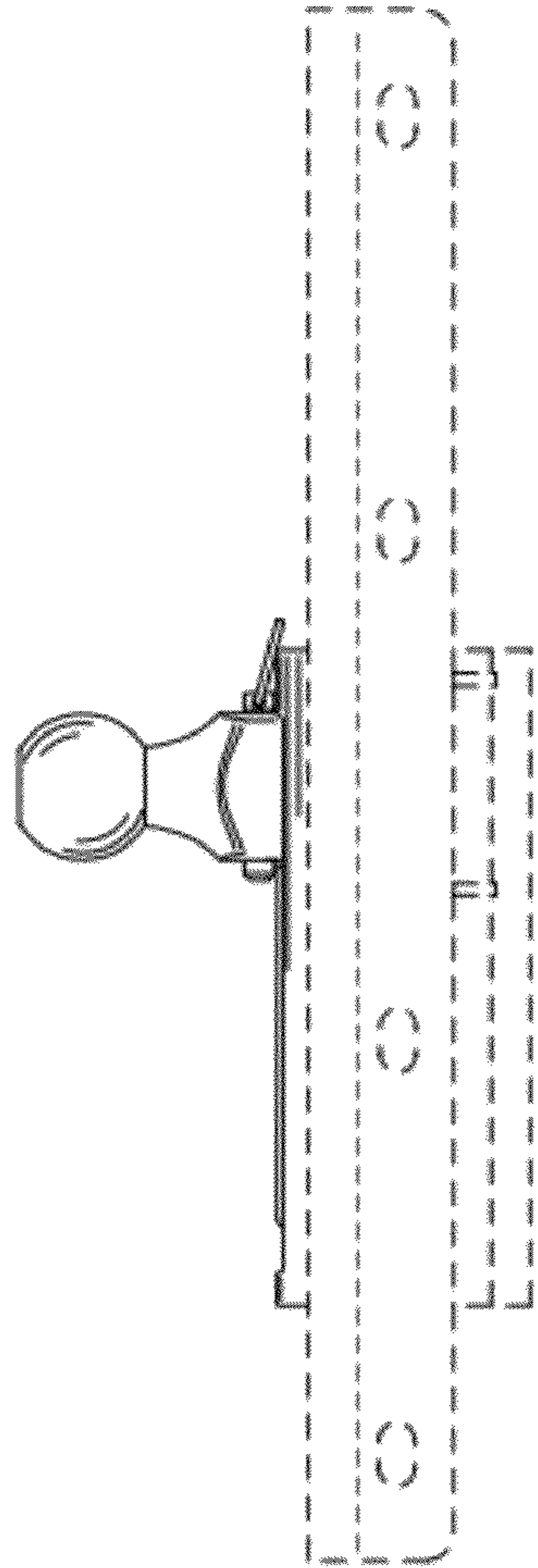


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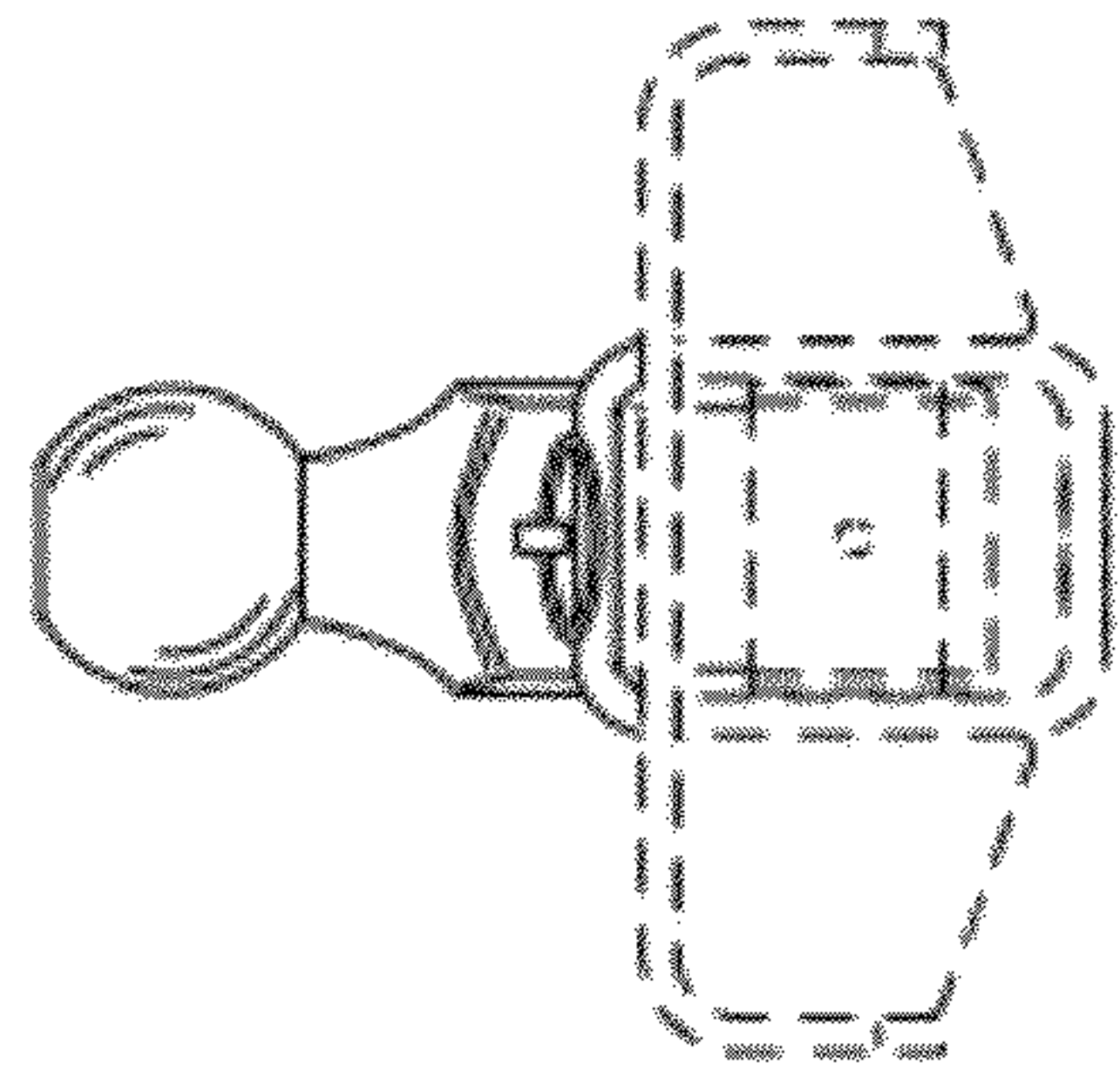


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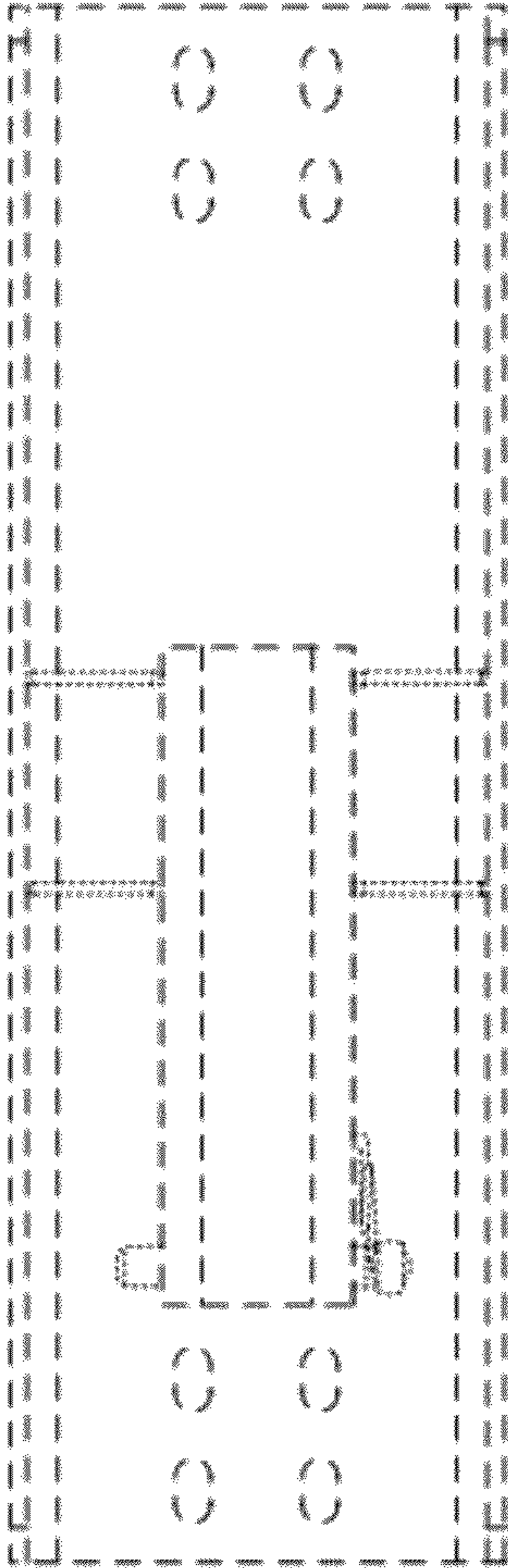


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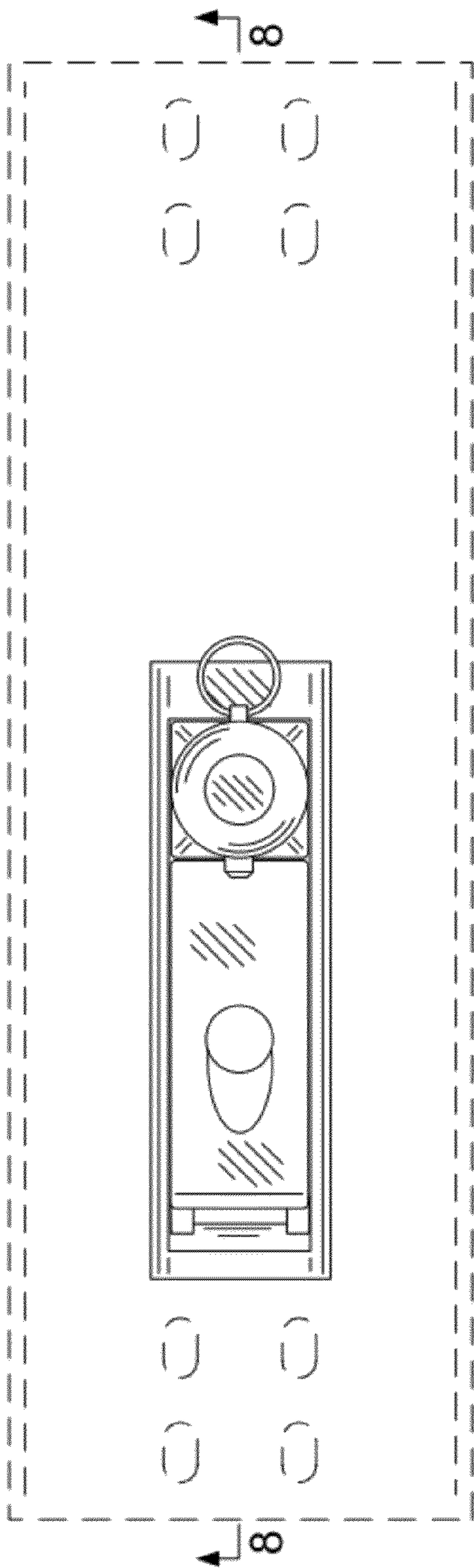


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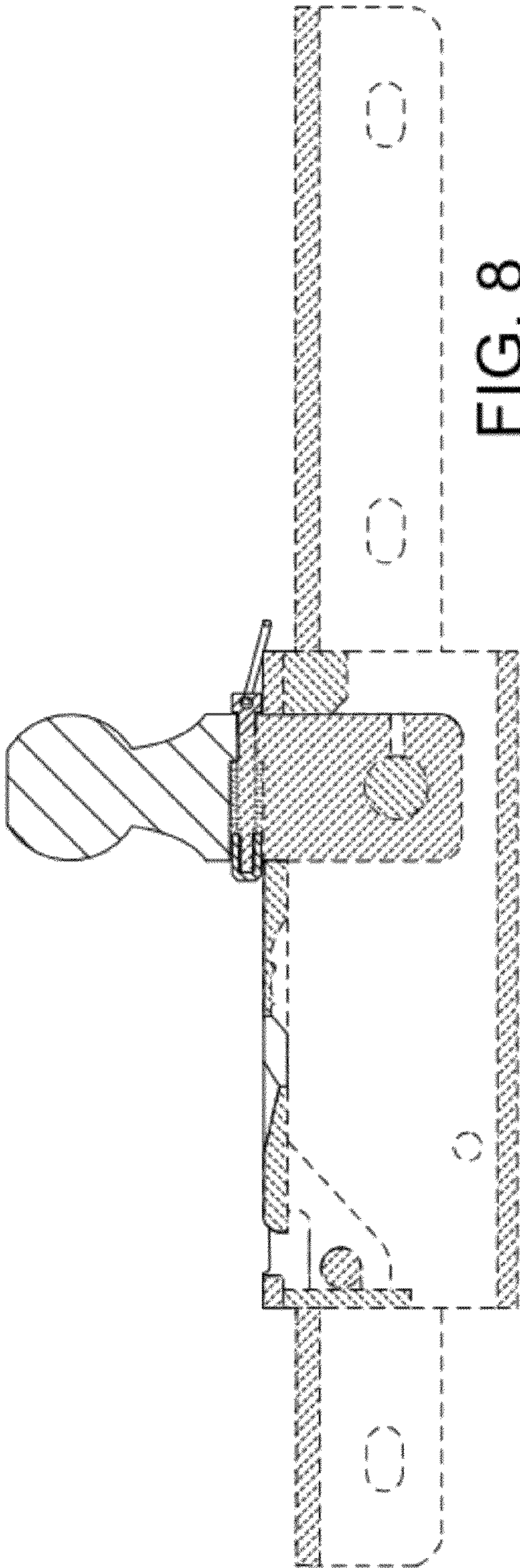


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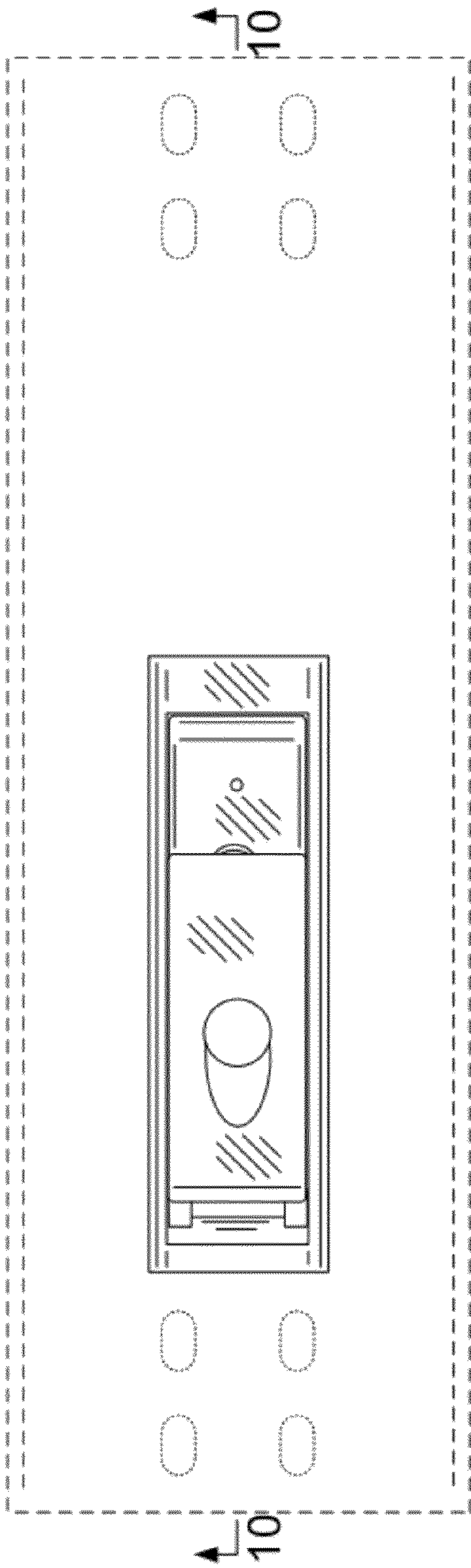


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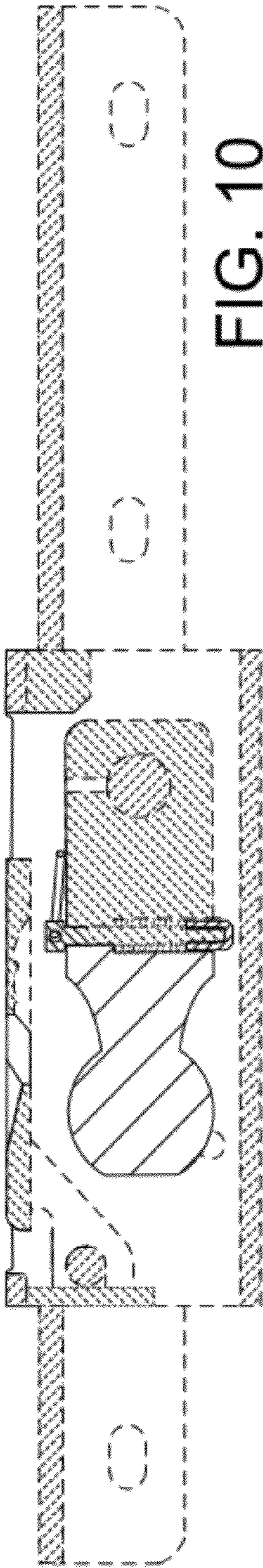


FIG. 10