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(54) **SIGN HOLDER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

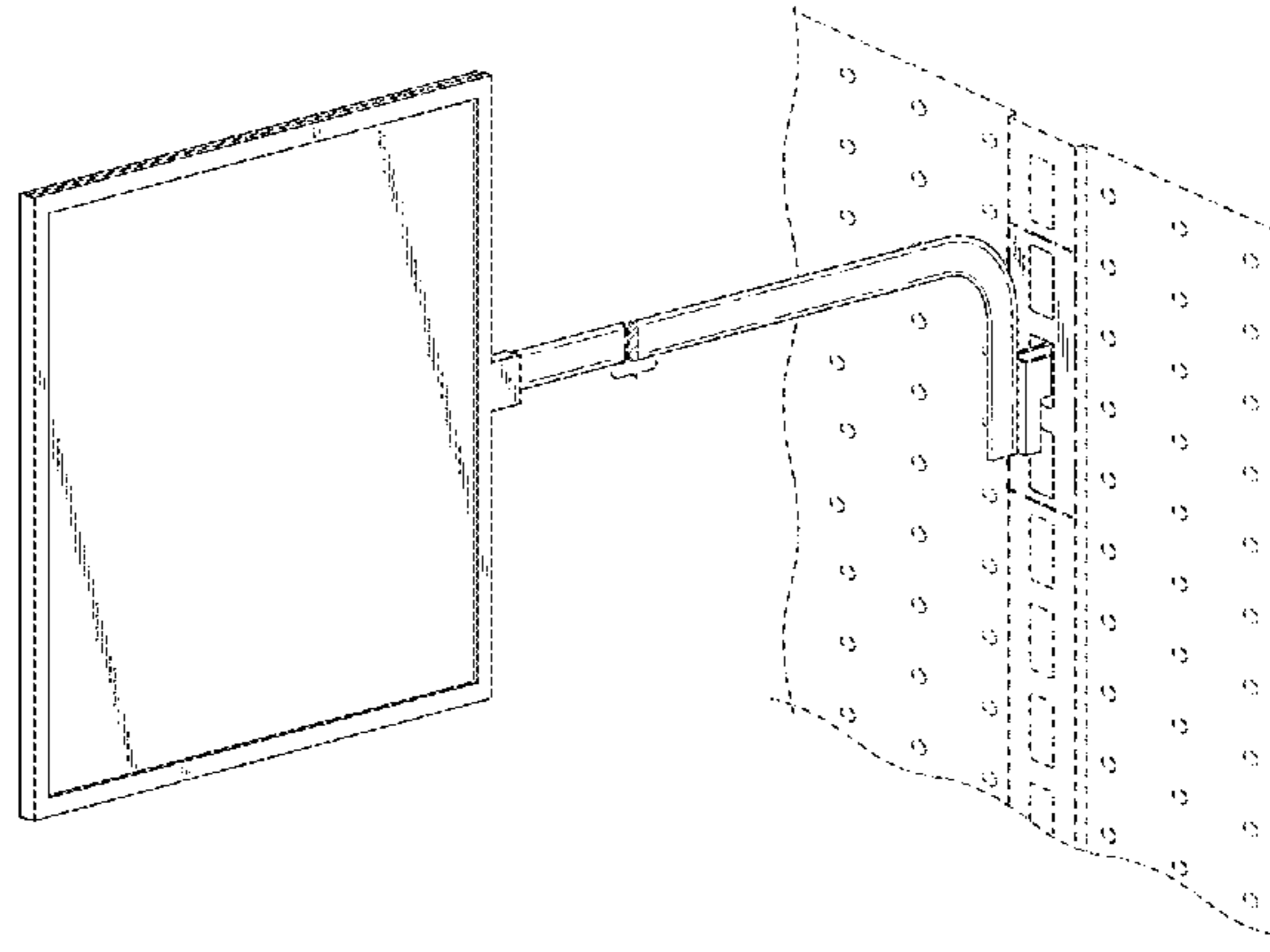
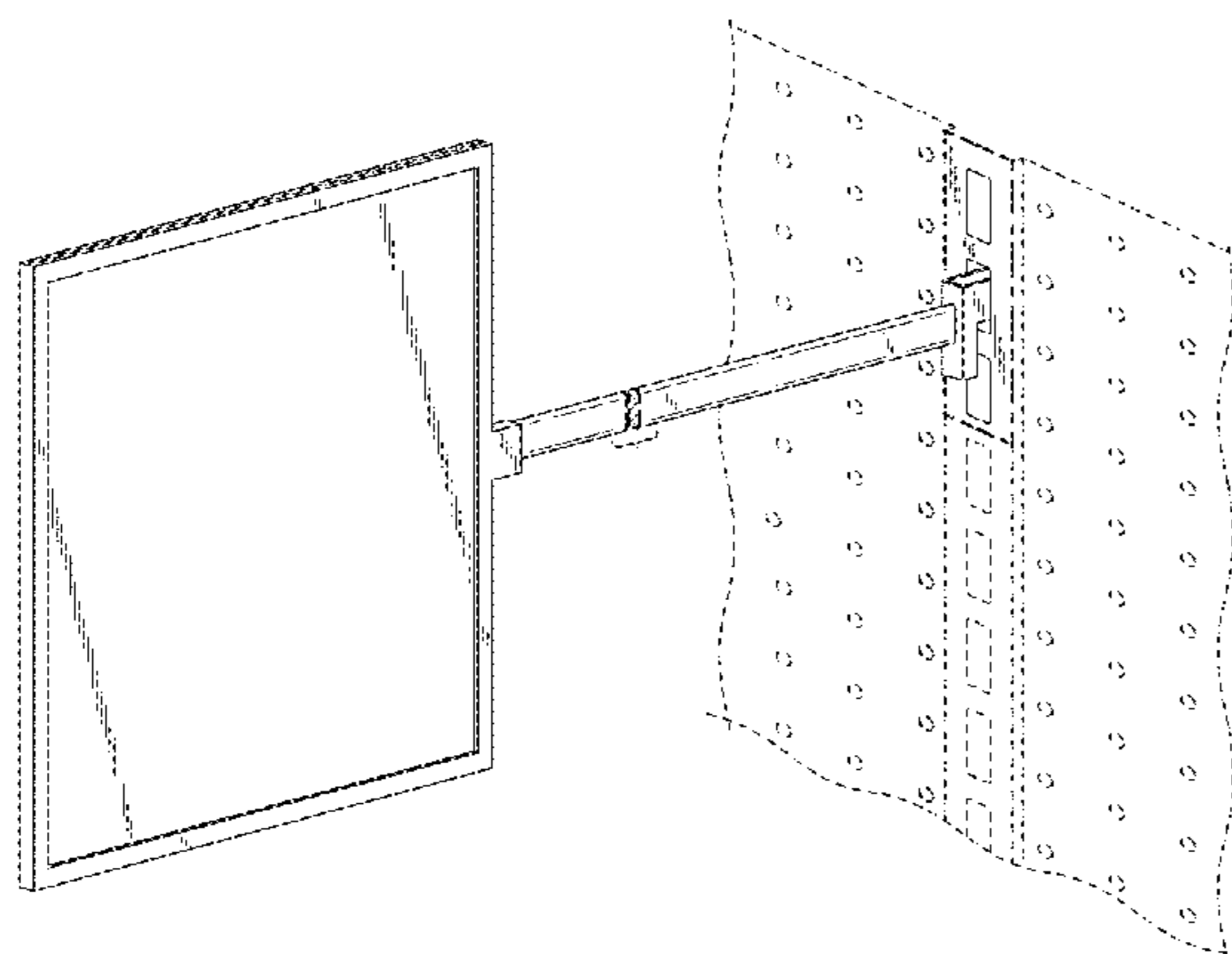
The ornamental design for a sign holder, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front, perspective view of a sign holder showing a first embodiment of our new design;  
FIG. 2 is a right side view thereof; the left side view being identical to the right side view;  
FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional rear view taken along the line 3-3 in FIG. 2; it being understood that any rear surfaces not illustrated in FIGS. 1-6 are unclaimed;  
FIG. 4 is a front view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a top view thereof; and  
FIG. 6 is a bottom view thereof.  
FIG. 7 is a front, perspective view of a sign holder showing a second embodiment of our new design;  
FIG. 8 is a right side view thereof; the left side view being identical to the right side view;  
FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional rear view taken along the line 9-9 in FIG. 8; it being understood that any rear surfaces not illustrated in FIGS. 7-12 are unclaimed;  
FIG. 10 is a front view thereof;  
FIG. 11 is a top view thereof; and  
FIG. 12 is a bottom view thereof.

The broken away and bracketed portions shown in the Figures represent no specific length for those portions. The features shown in broken lines depict environmental subject matter only and form no part of the claimed design. Bolded, long dash-short dash lines indicate the boundaries of the claimed subject matter and otherwise form no part of the claimed design.

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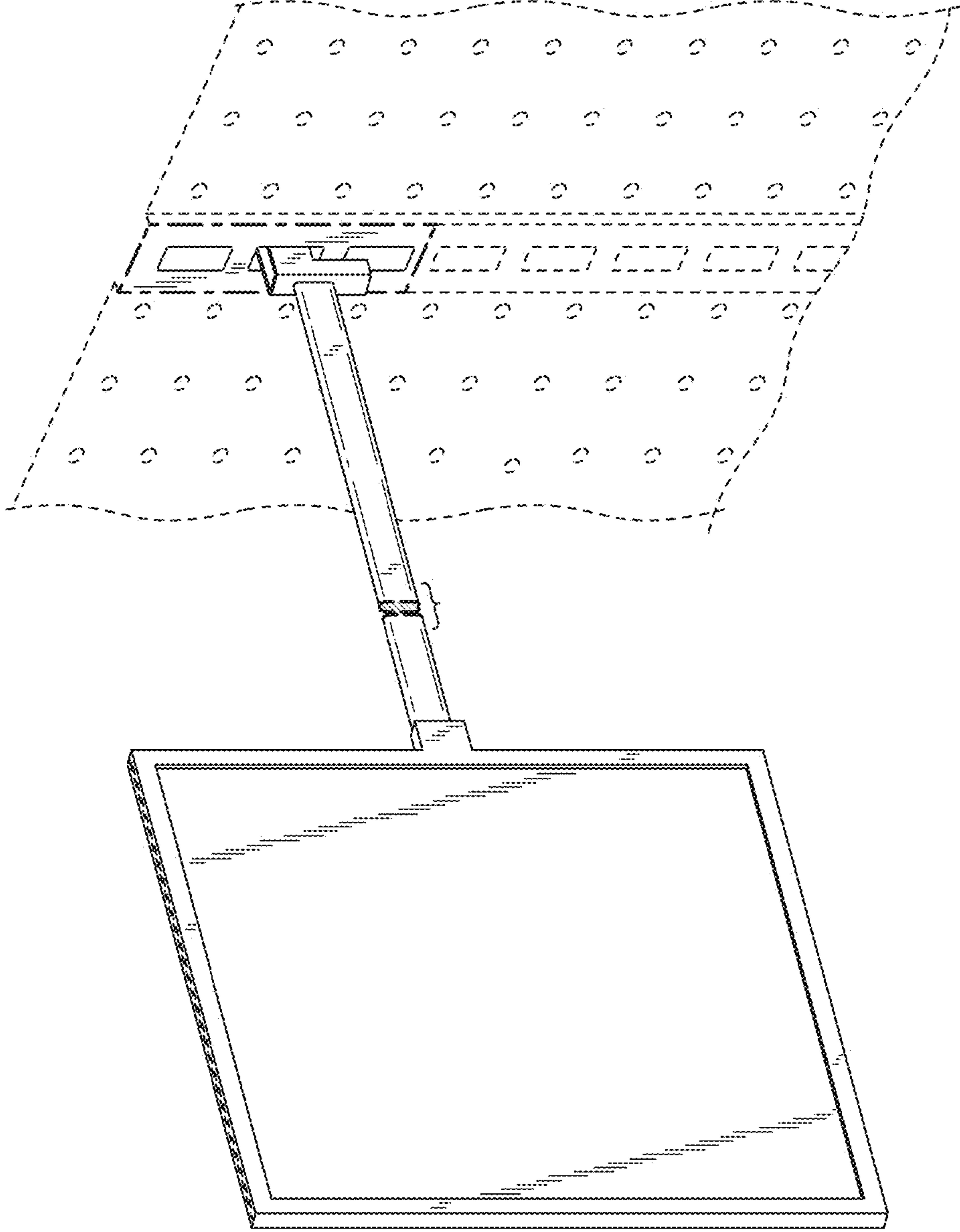


FIG. 1

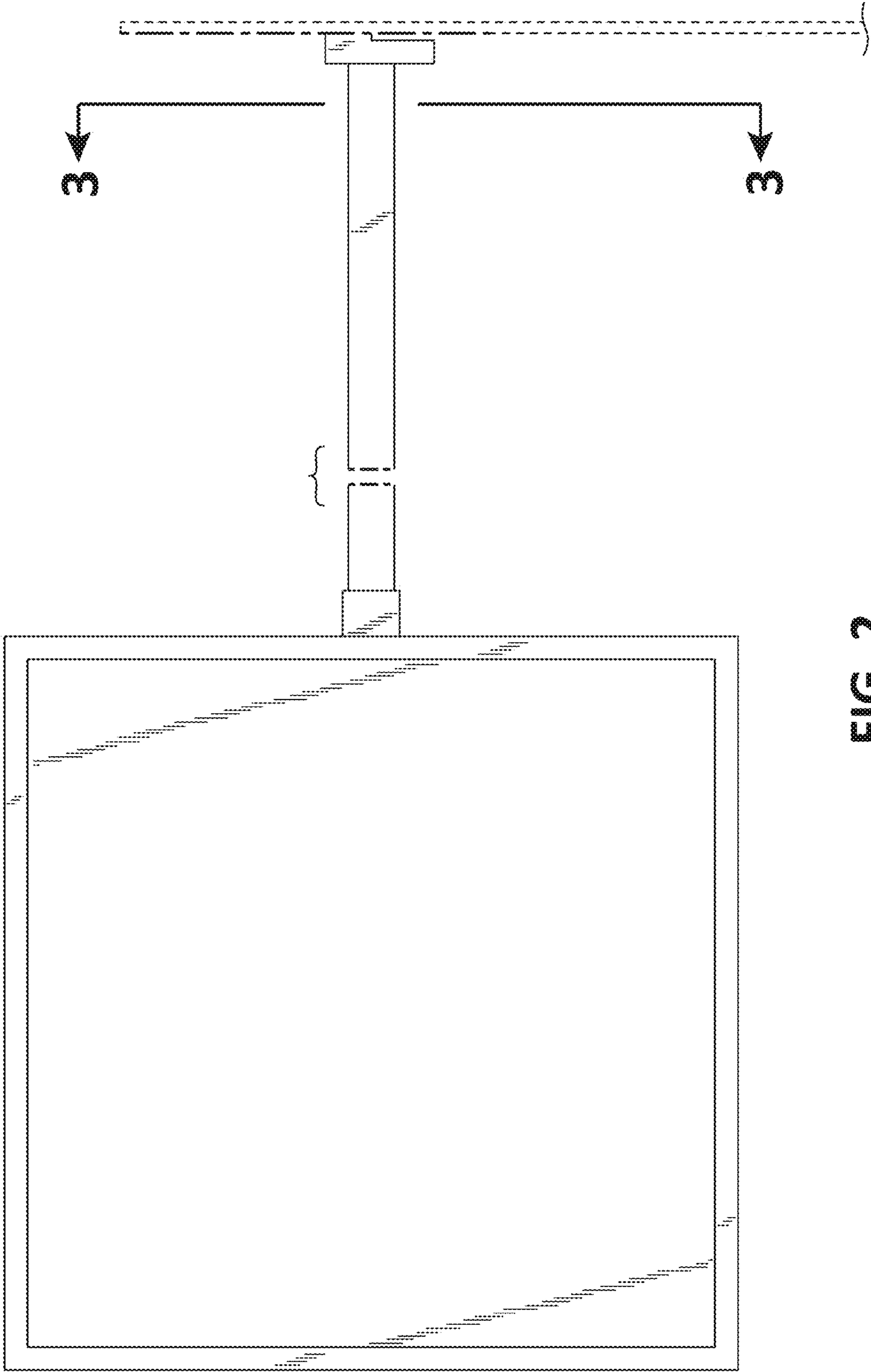


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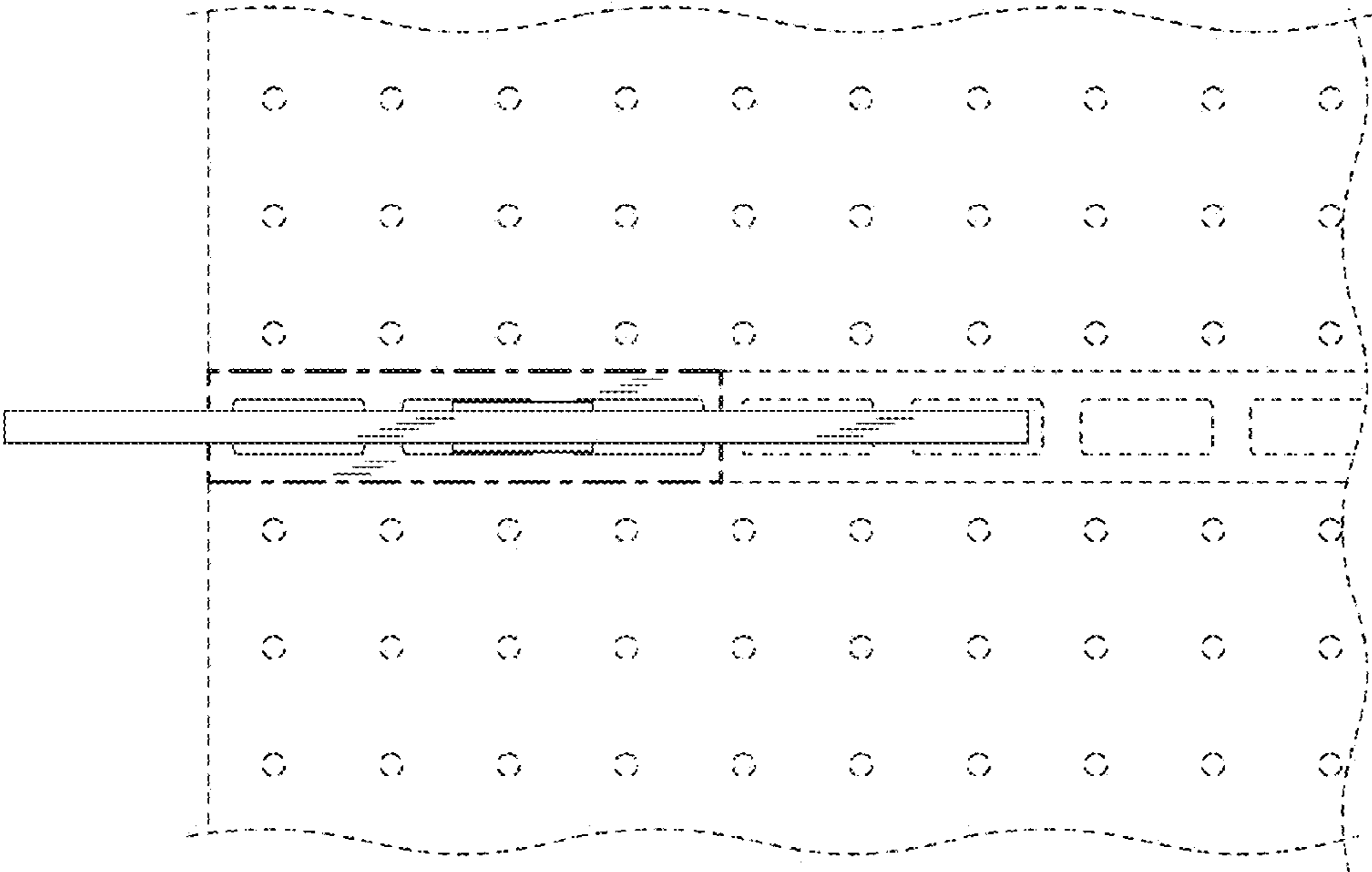


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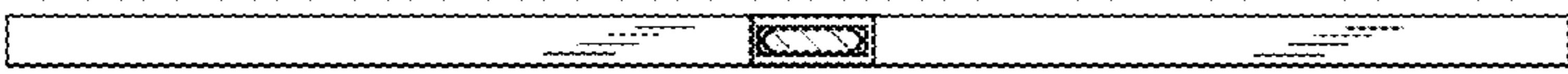


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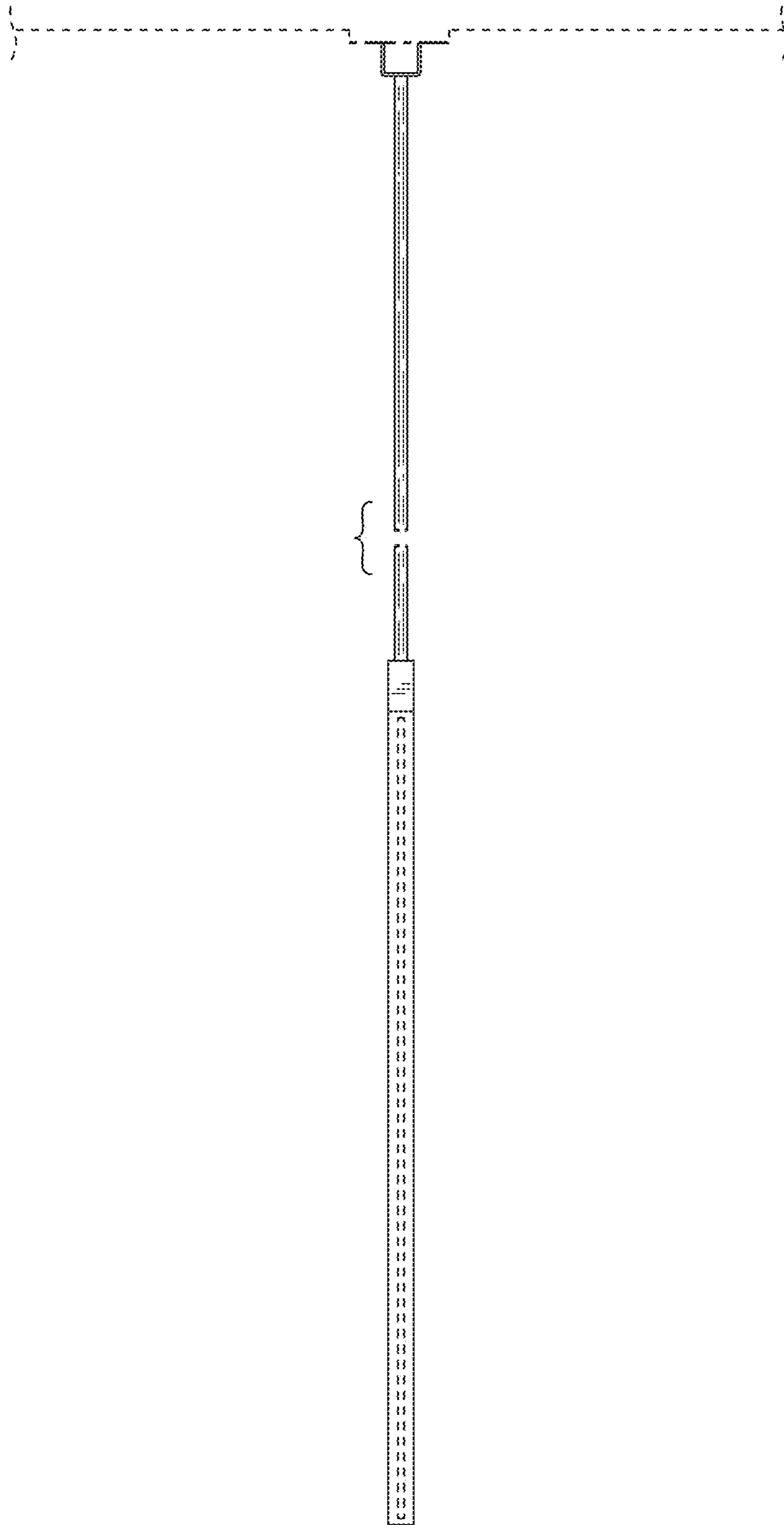


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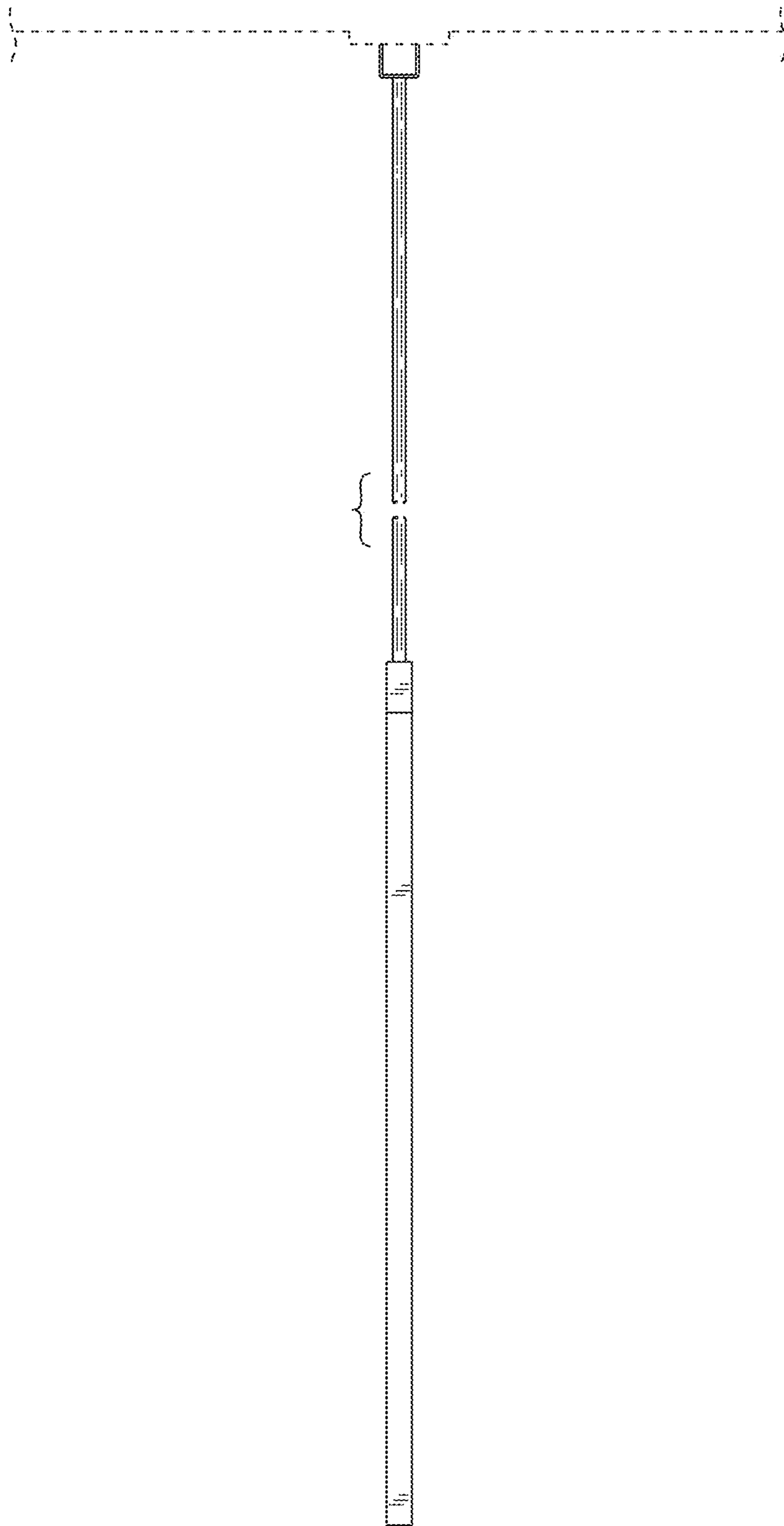


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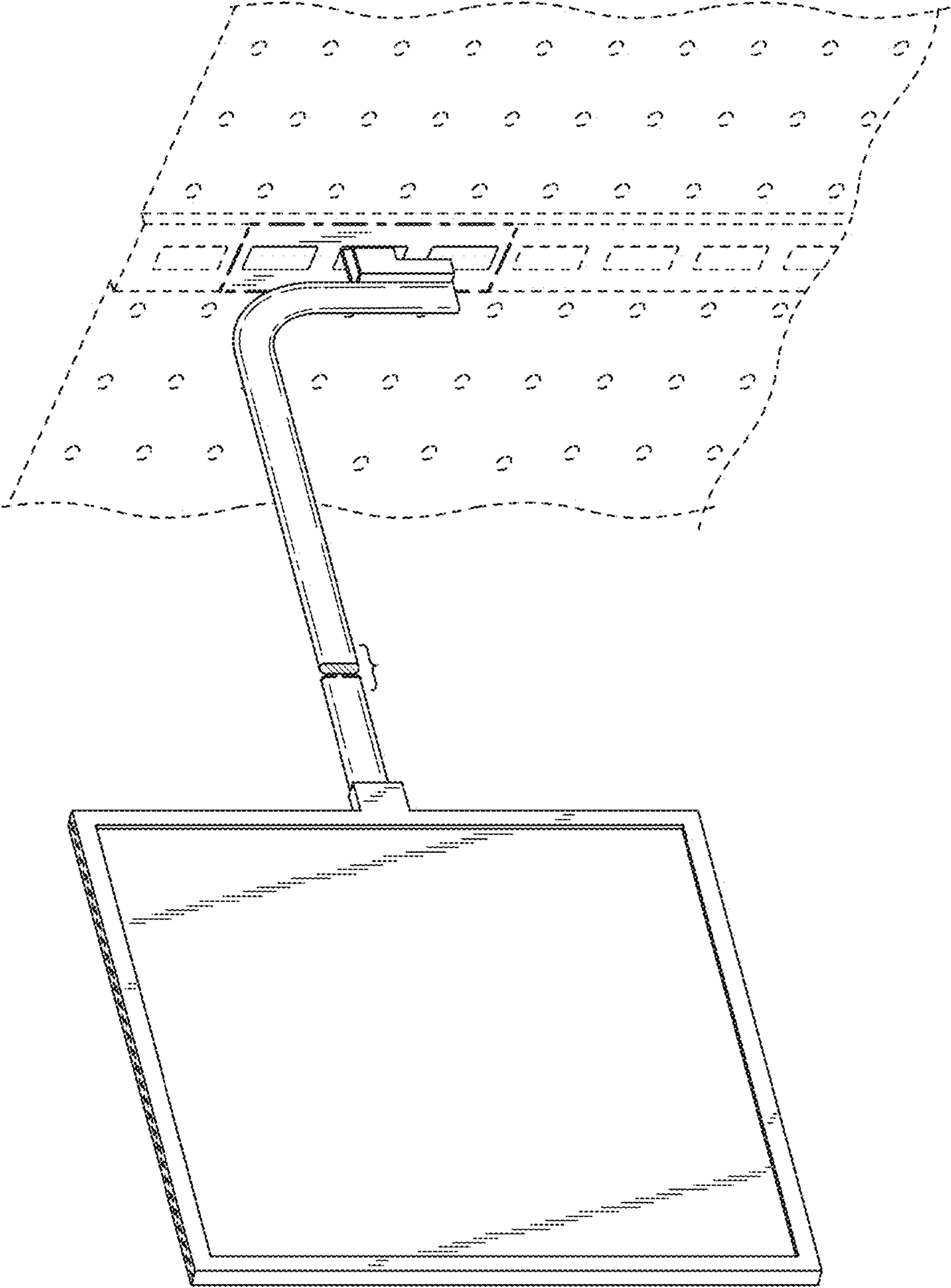


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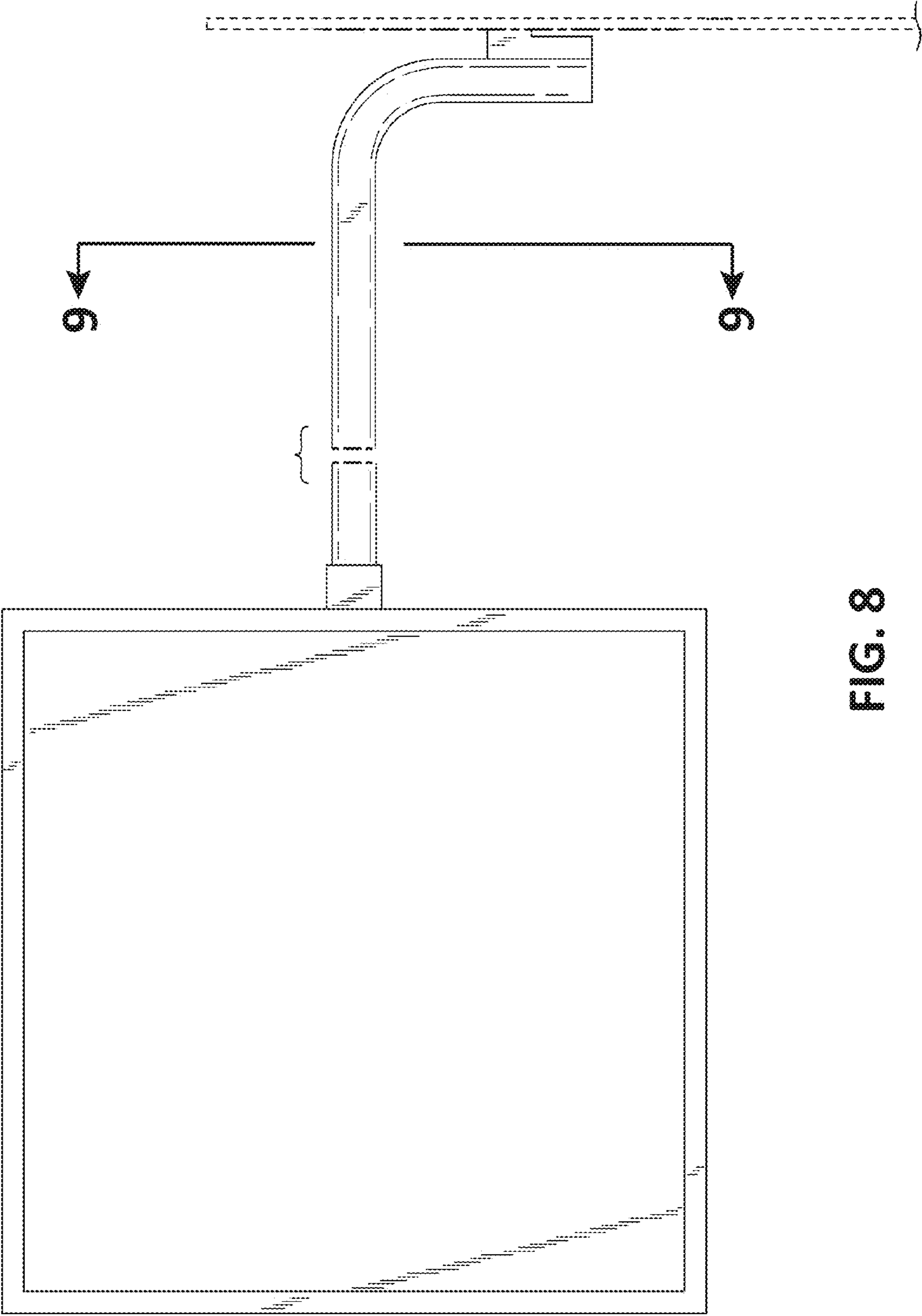


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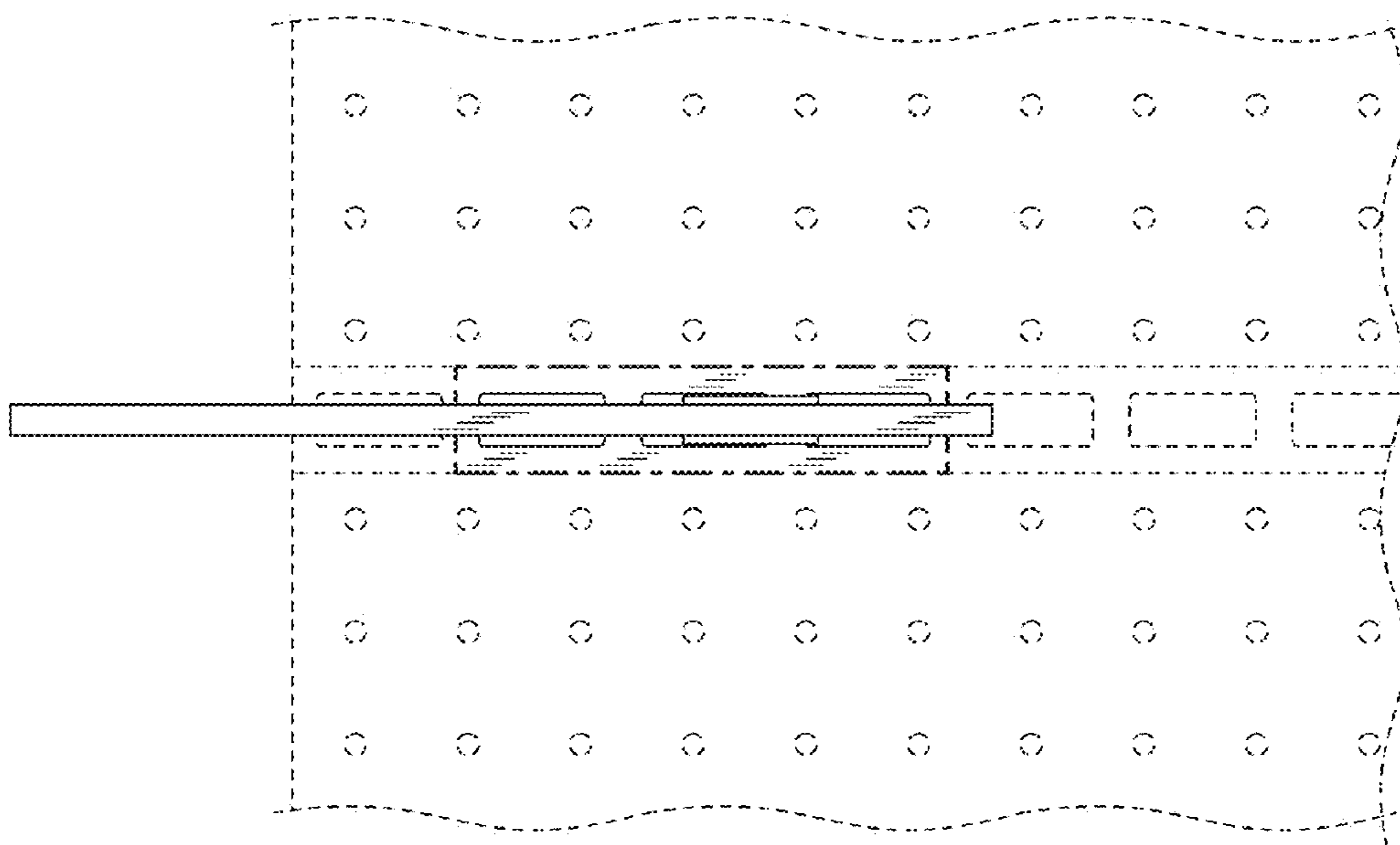


FIG. 10



FIG. 9

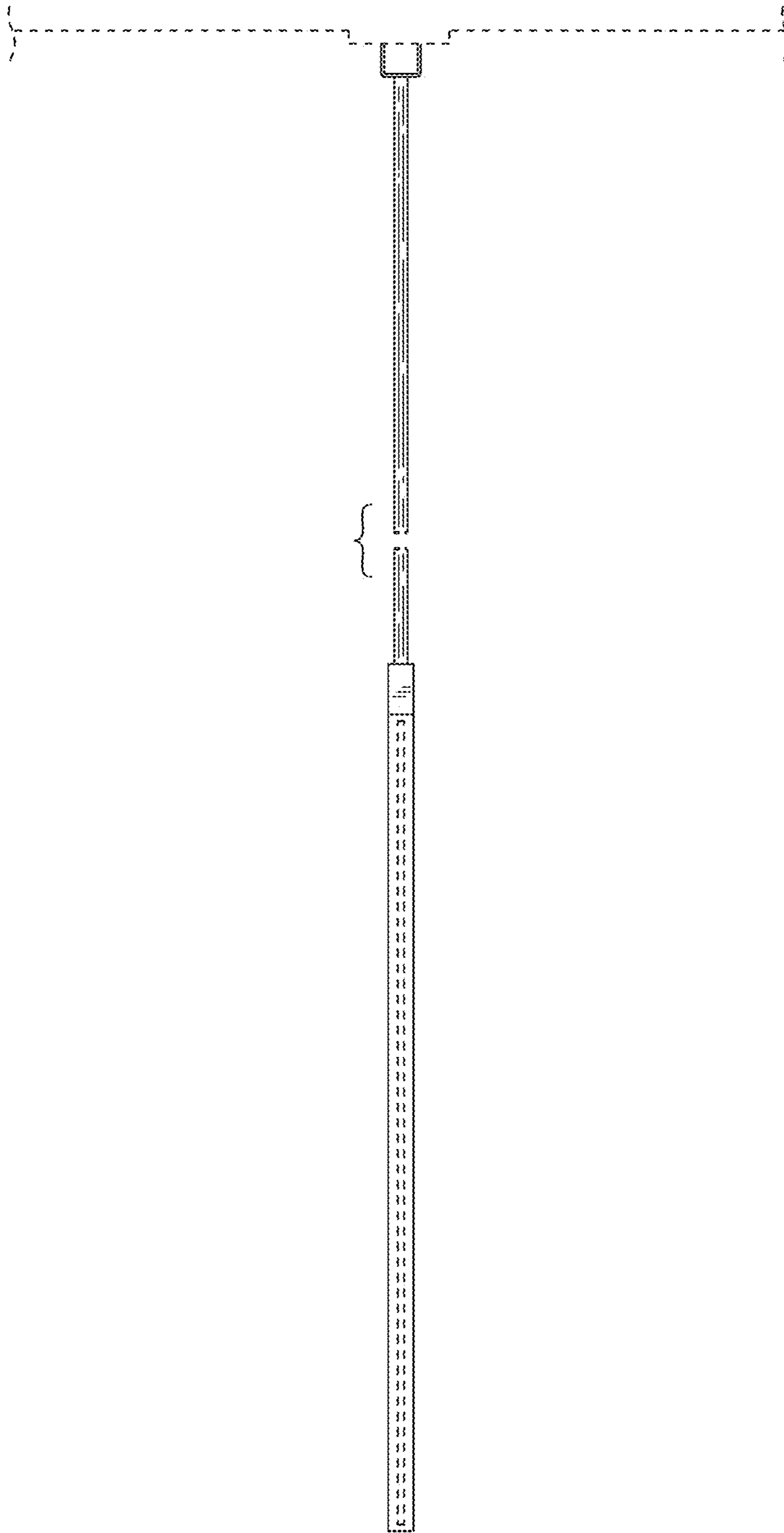


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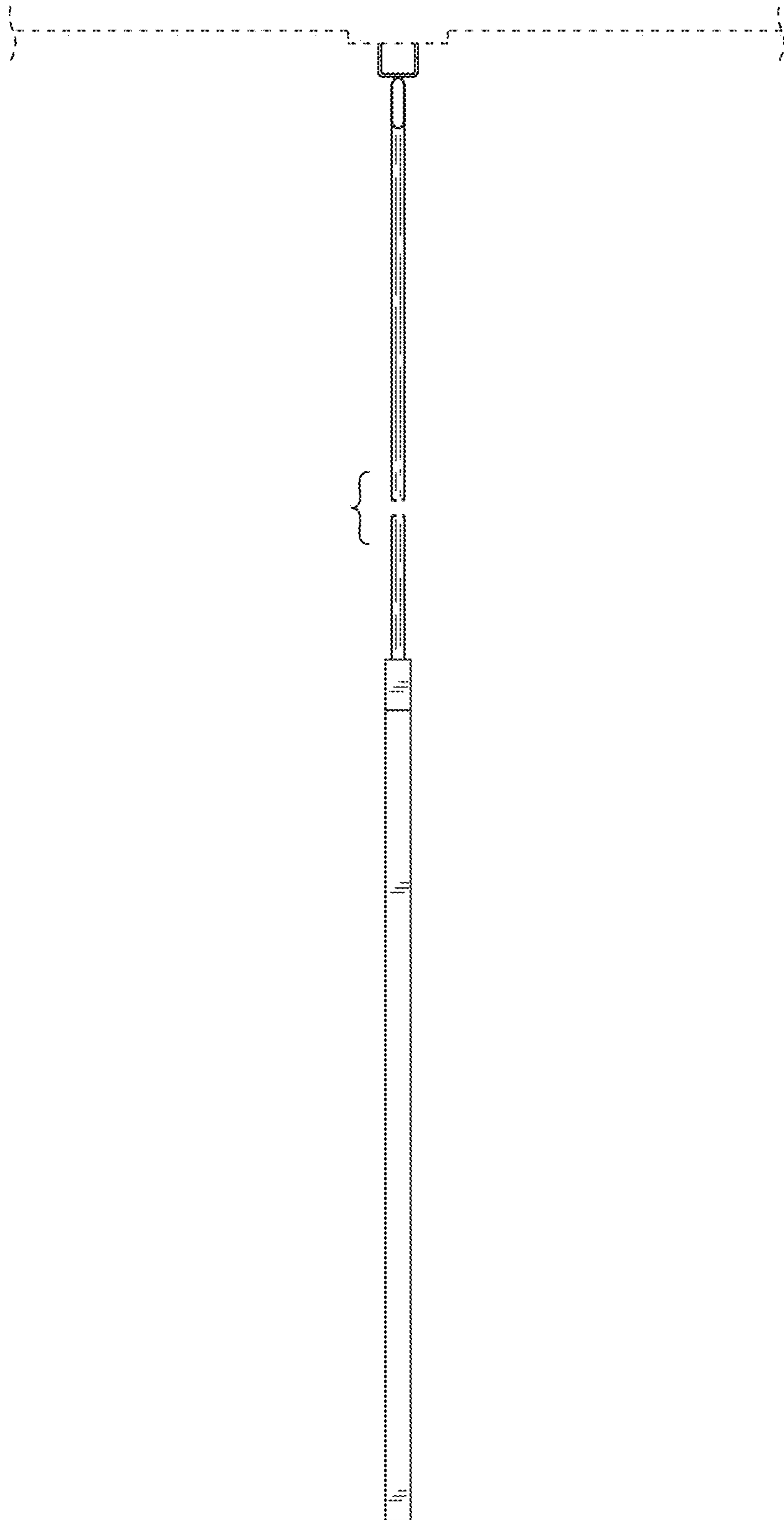


FIG. 12