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- (54) **SLEEP APNEA DEVICE**
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(57) **CLAIM**
The ornamental design for a sleep apnea device, as shown and
described herein.

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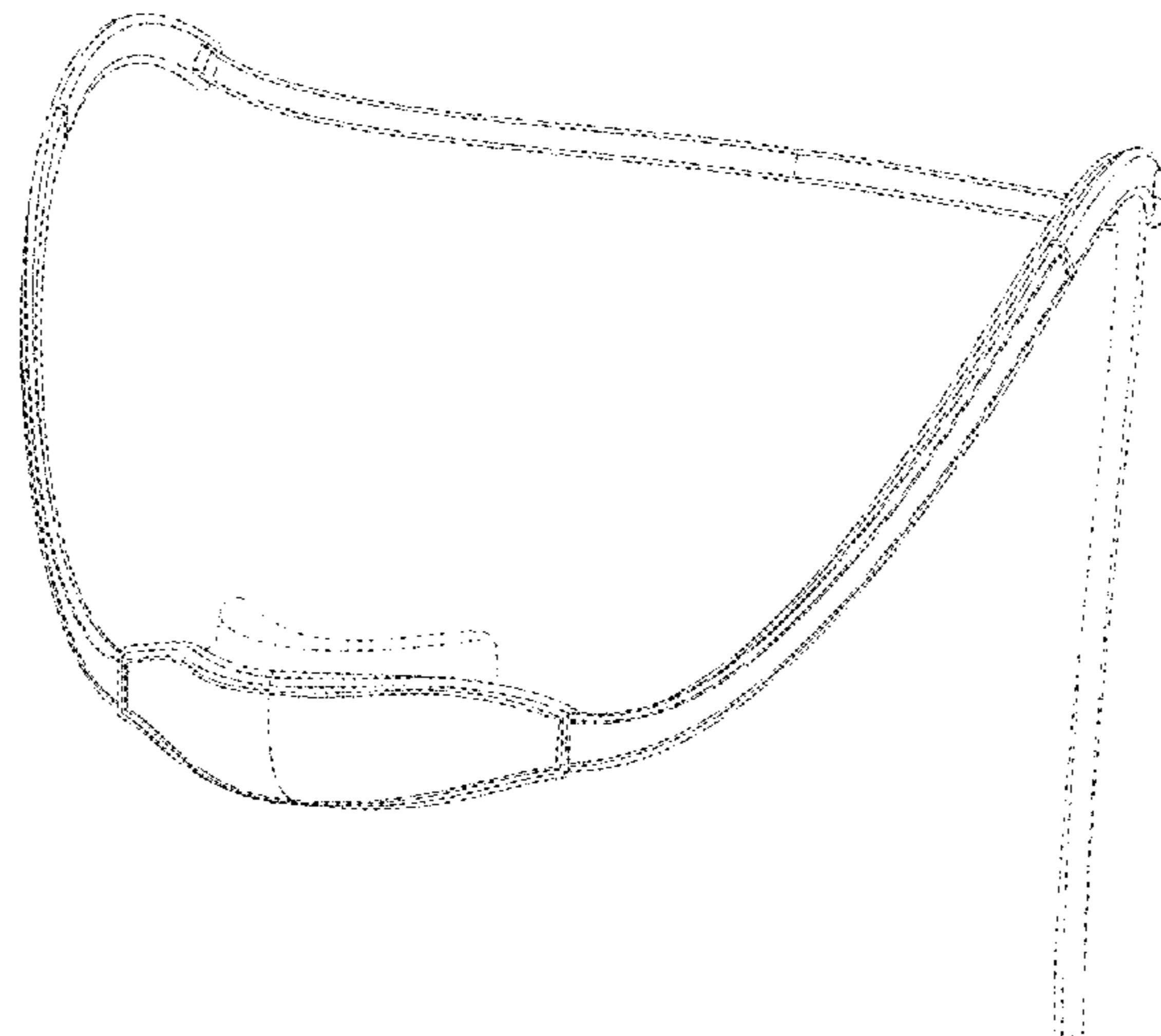
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DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a sleep apnea device according
to the present design;
FIG. 2 is a front elevation view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a rear elevation view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a left-side elevation view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a right-side elevation view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof; and,
FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof.

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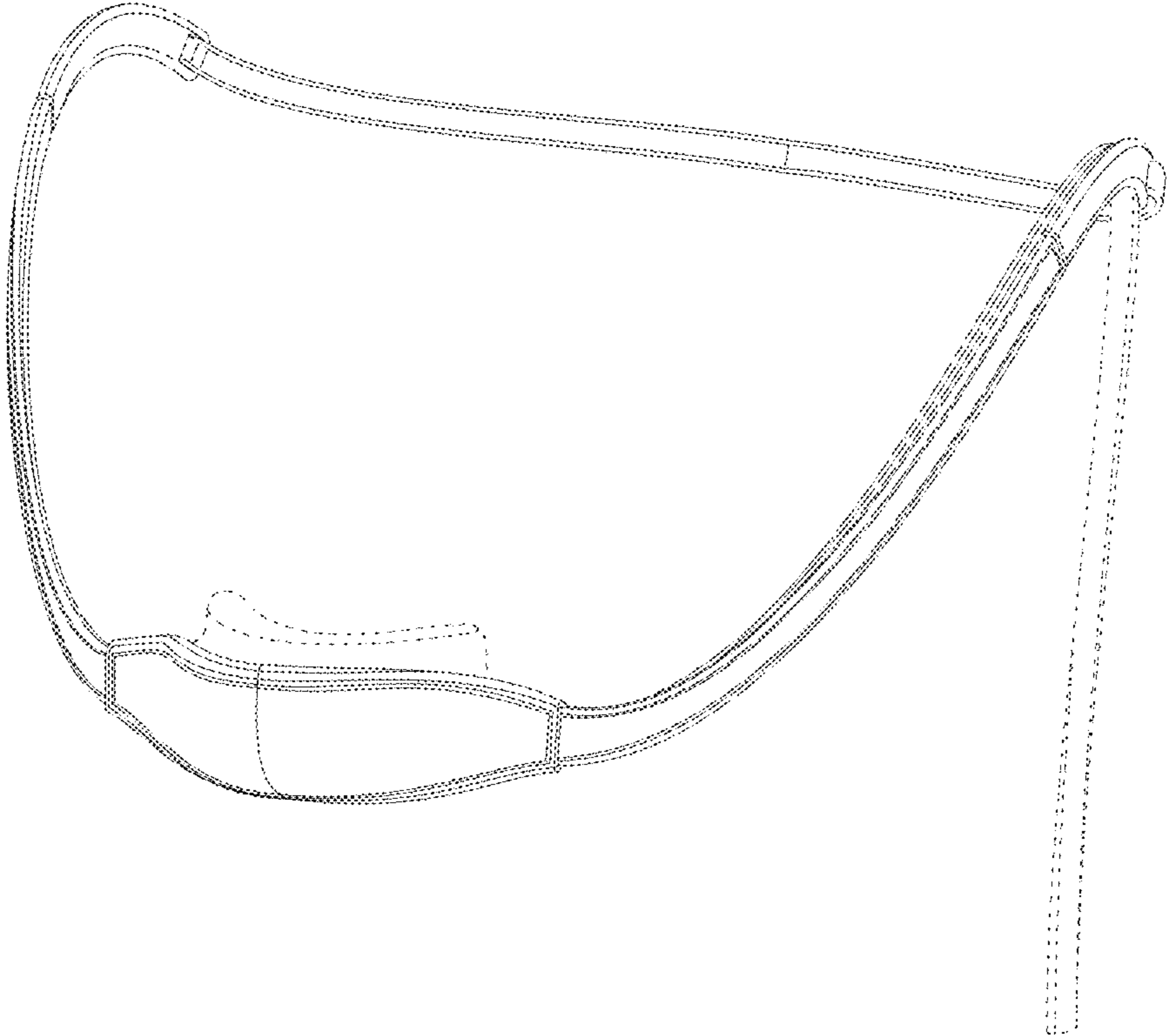


FIG. 1

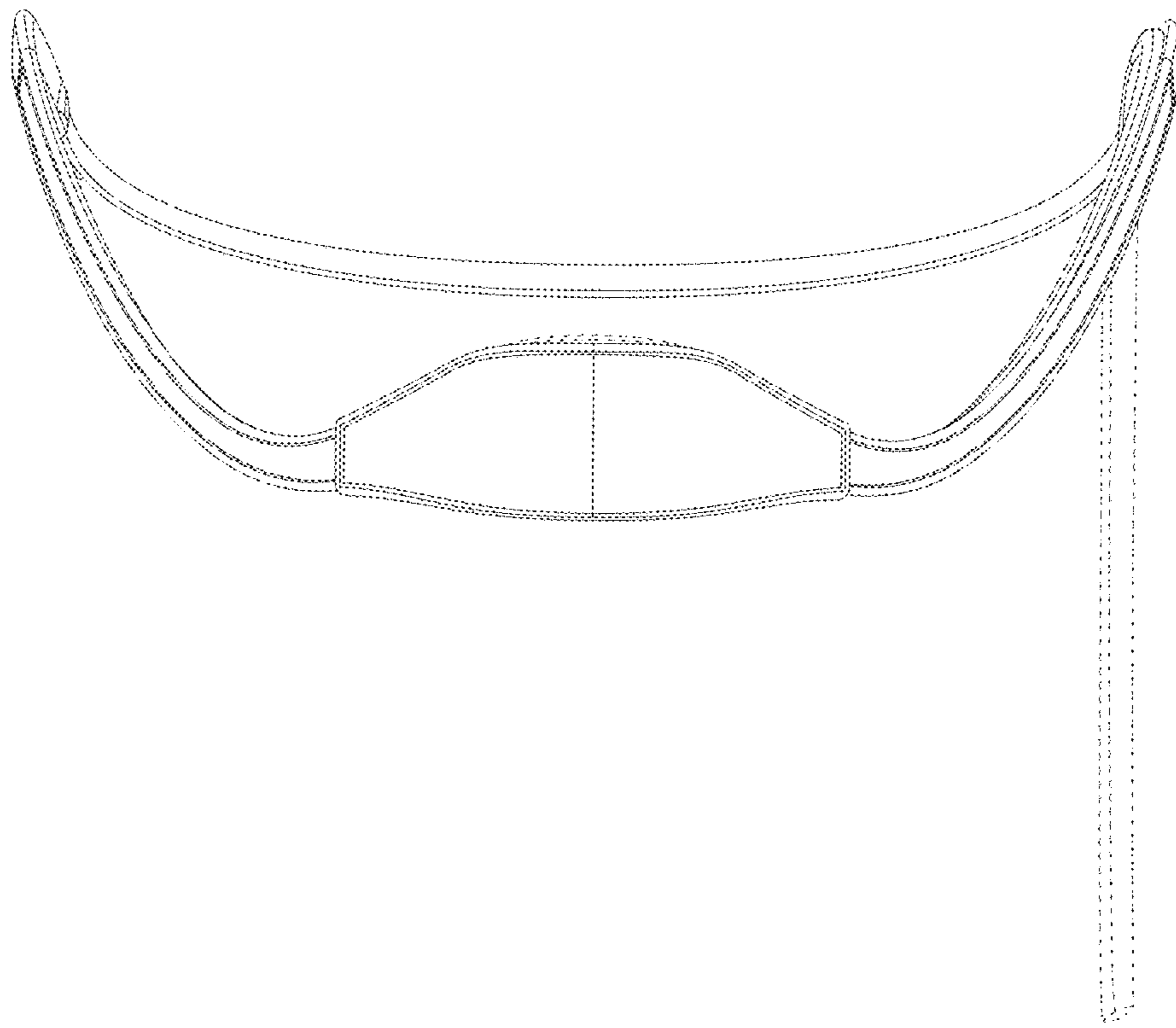


FIG. 2

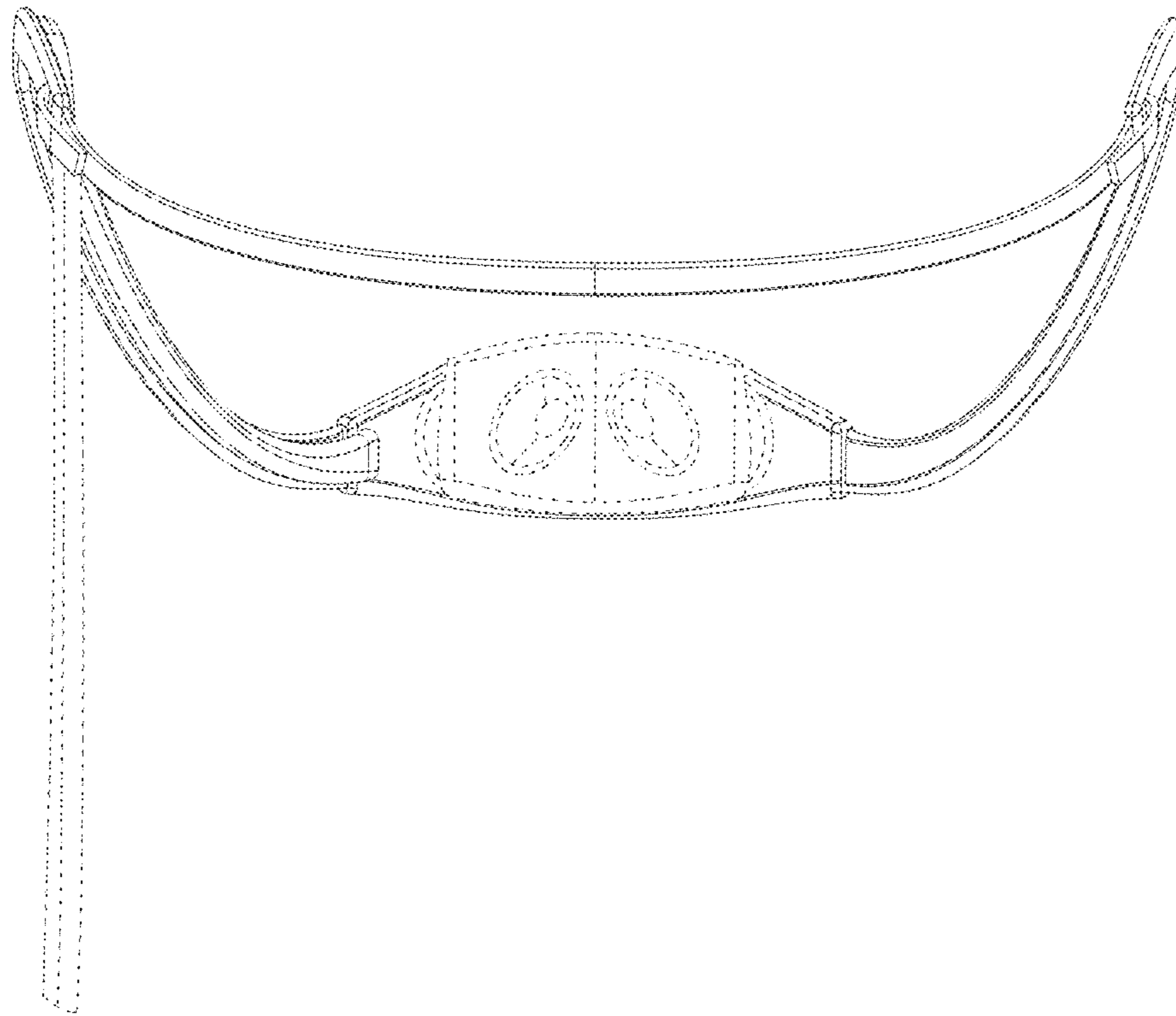


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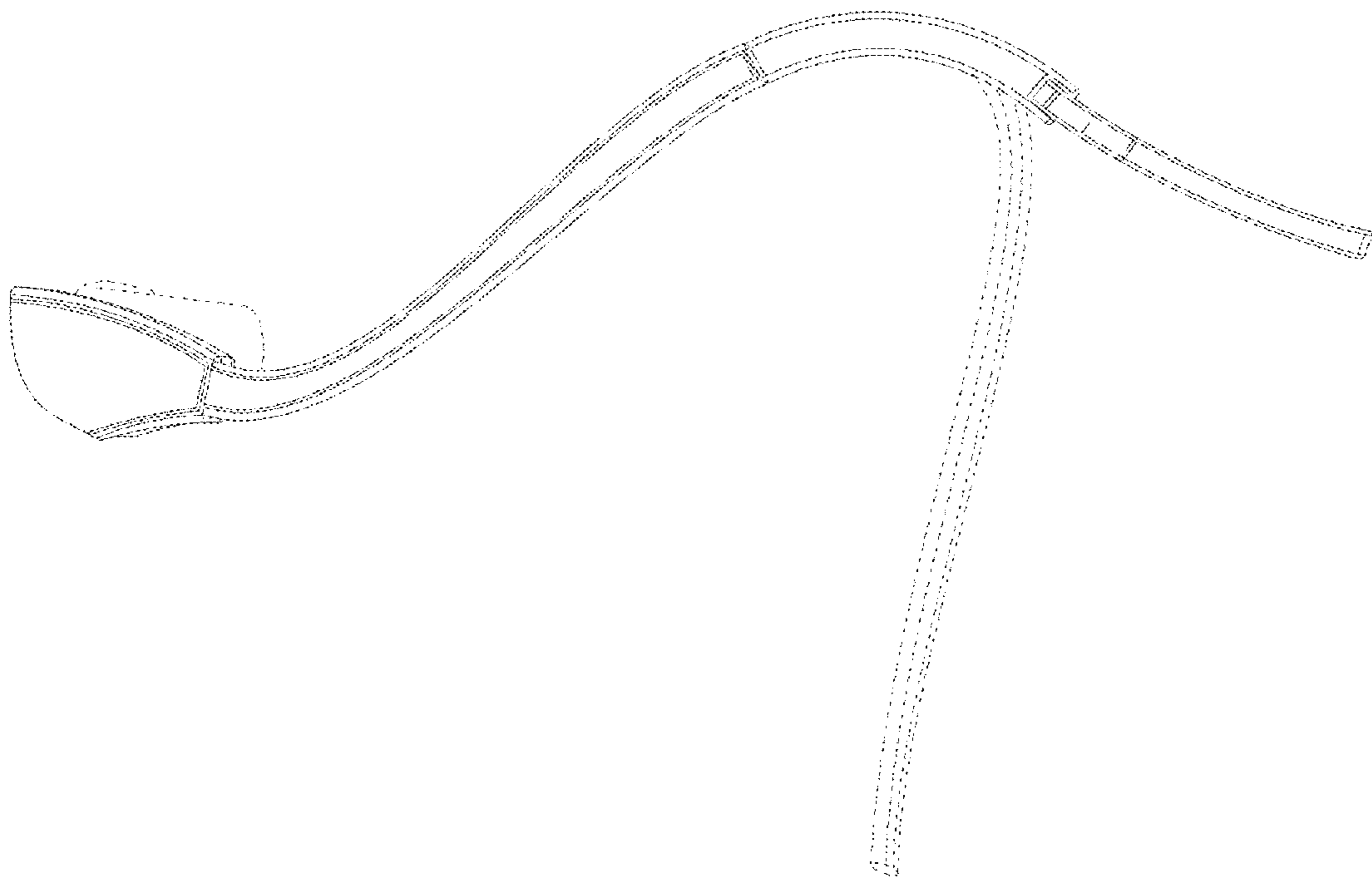


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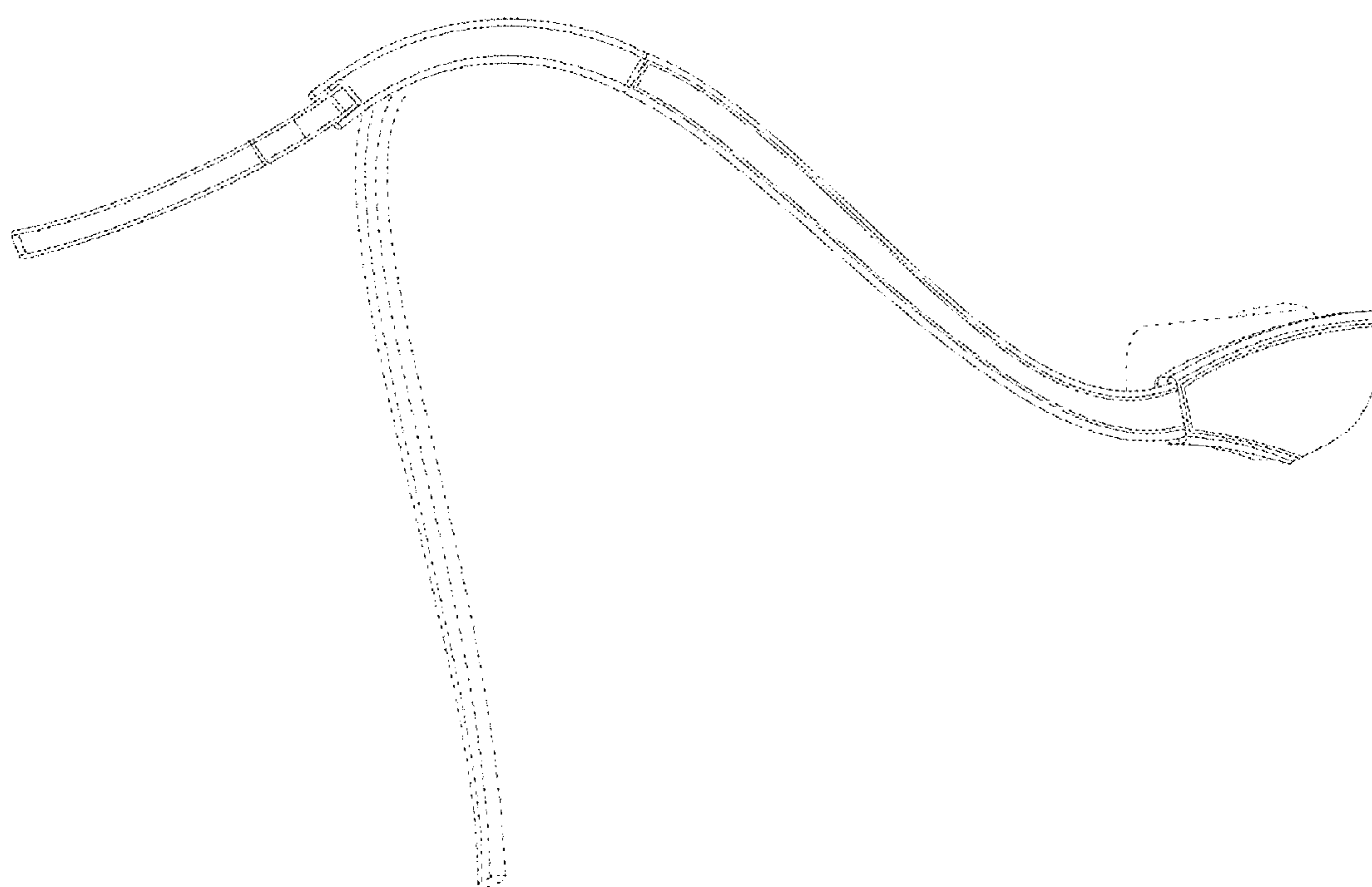


FIG. 5



FIG. 6



FIG. 7