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(54) **TREE STEP INCLUDING AN INTEGRATED SHANK**

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(57) **CLAIM**

I claim the ornamental design for a tree step including an integrated shank, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a top front left perspective view of one embodiment of a tree step including an integrated shank of my new design, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 2 is another top front left perspective view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 1, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 3 is a front side elevational view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 1, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only. The rear side elevational view of the tree step of my new design is a mirror image of the front side elevational view shown.

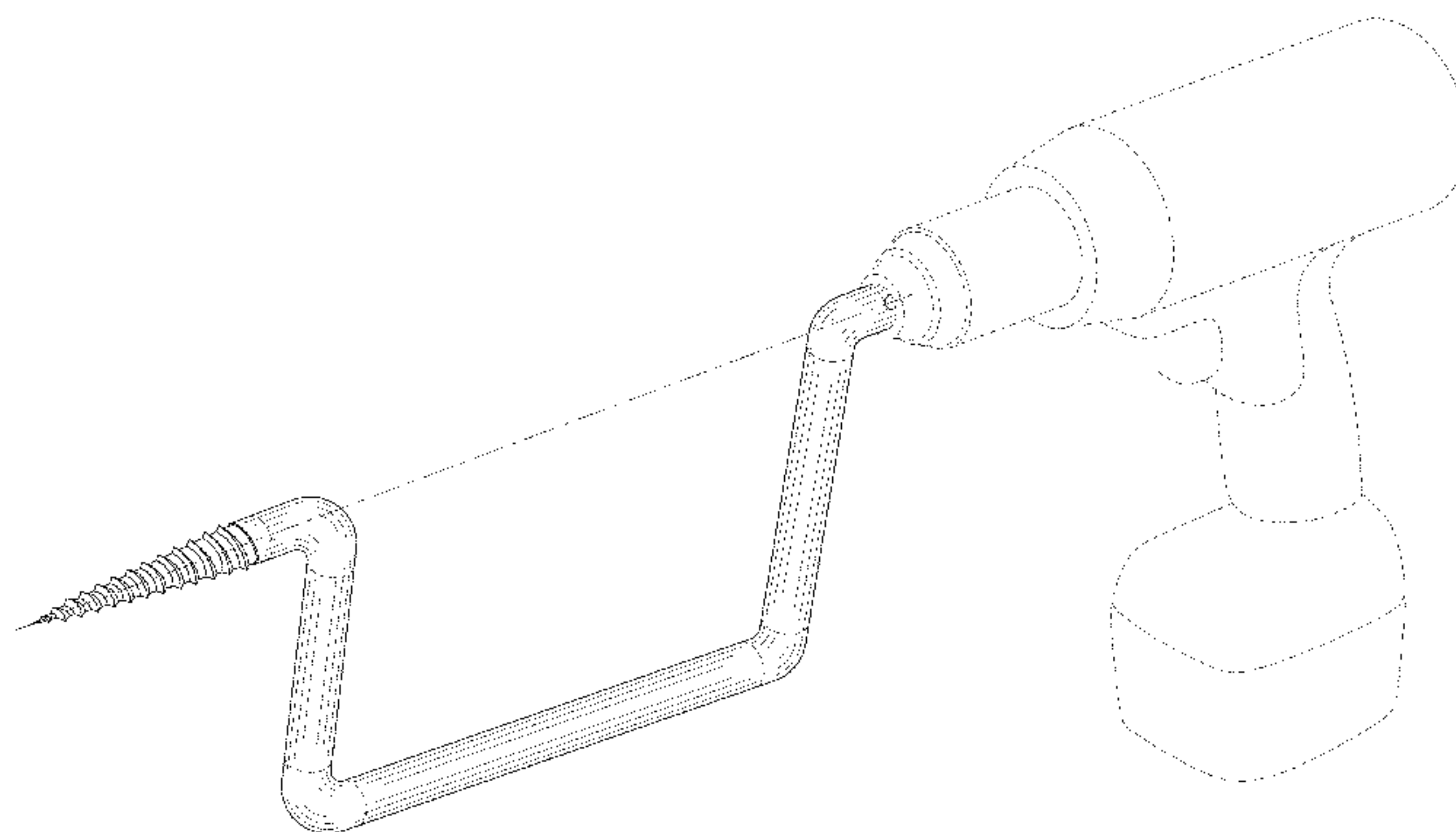


FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 1, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 1, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only,

FIG. 6 is a left side elevational view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 1, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 7 is a right side elevational view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 1, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 8 is a top front left perspective view of another embodiment of a tree step including an integrated shank of my new design, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 9 is another top front tell perspective view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 8, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 10 is a front side elevational view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 8, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only. The rear side elevational view of the tree step of my new design is a mirror image of the front side elevational view shown.

FIG. 11 is a top plan view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 8, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 12 is a bottom plan view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 8, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

FIG. 13 is a left side elevational view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 8, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only; and,

FIG. 14 is a right side elevational view of the tree step of my new design illustrated in FIG. 8, that portion shown in phantom is not part of the design sought to be patented and is provided for environmental purposes only.

**1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets**

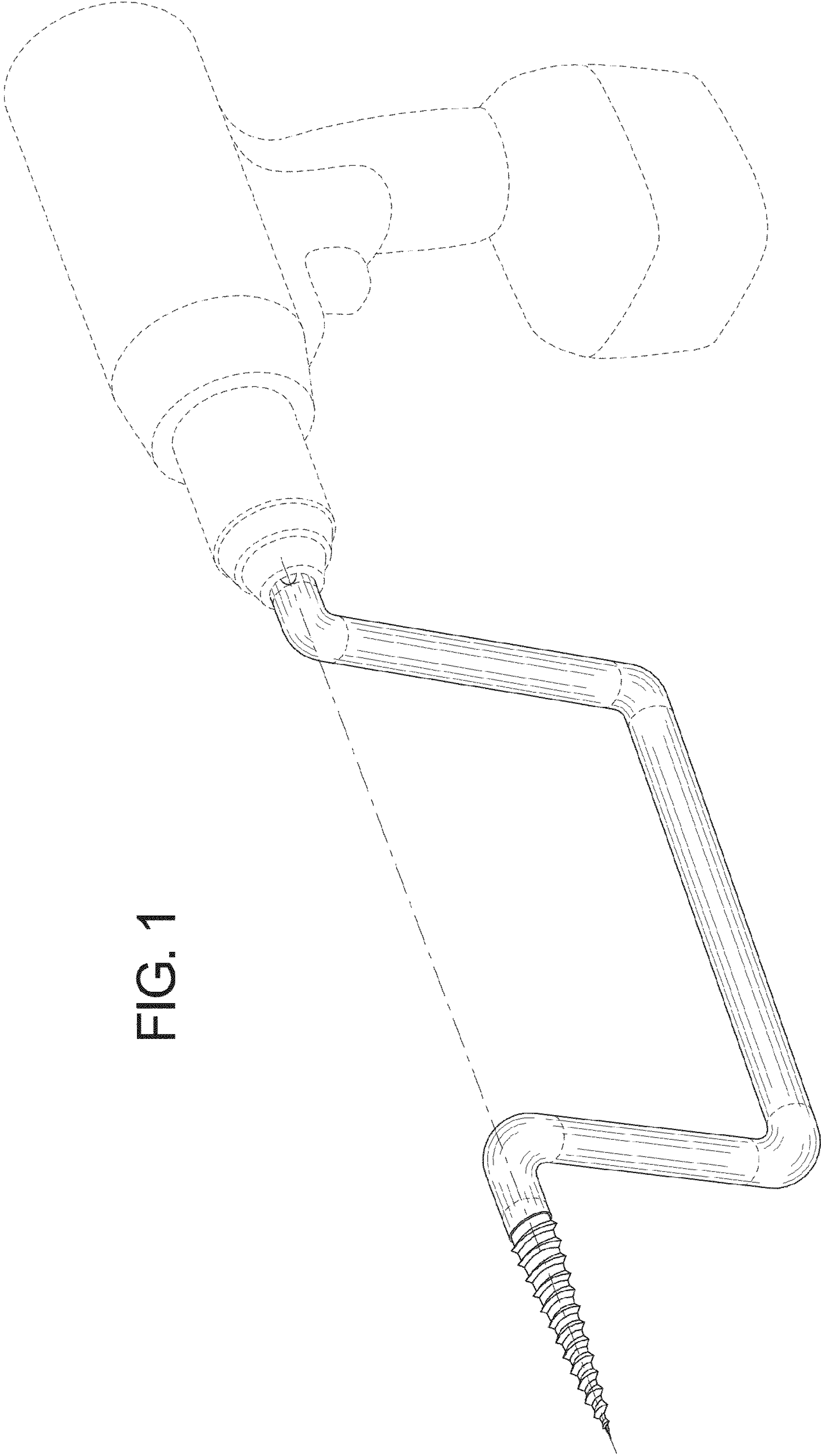


FIG. 1



FIG. 2

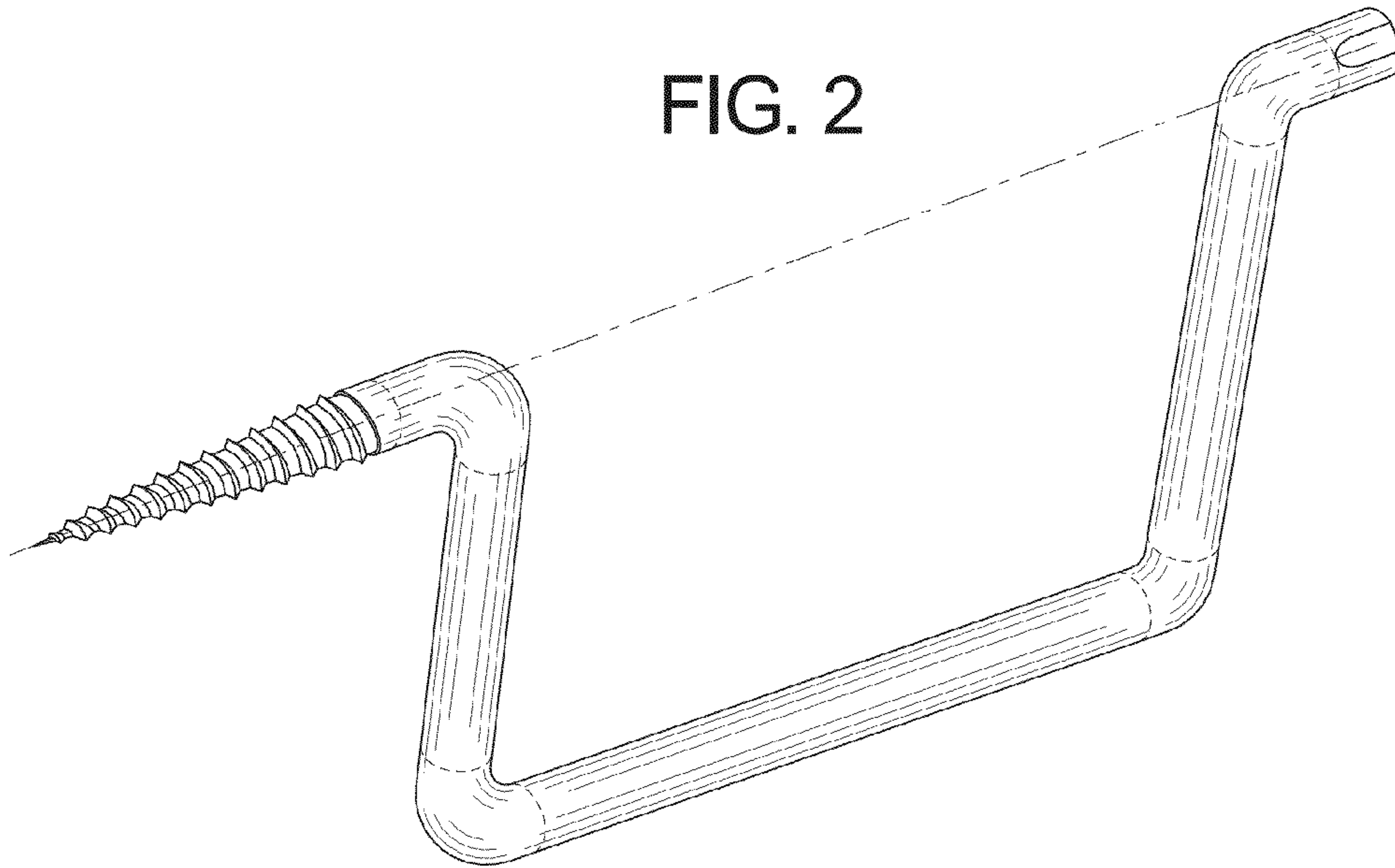


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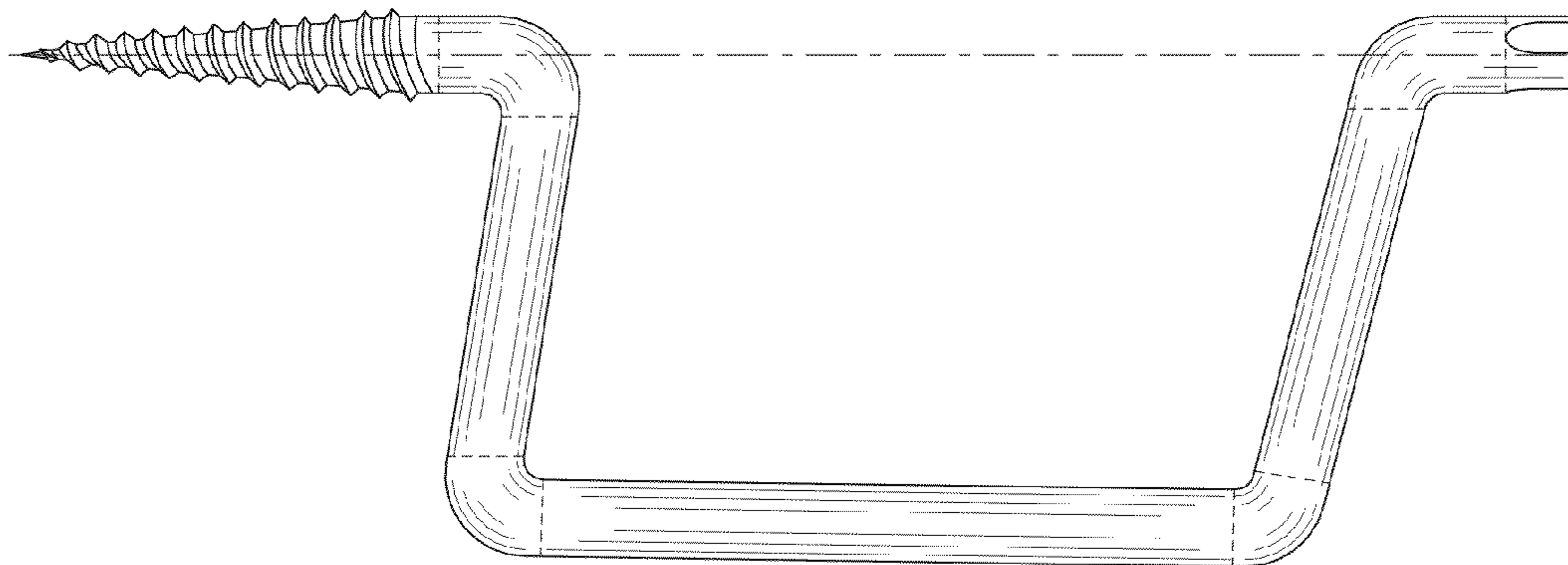


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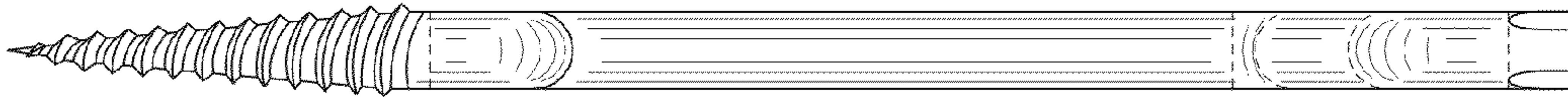


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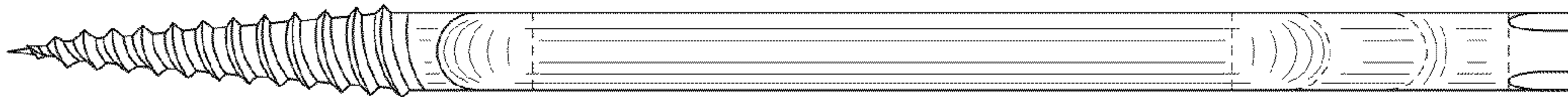


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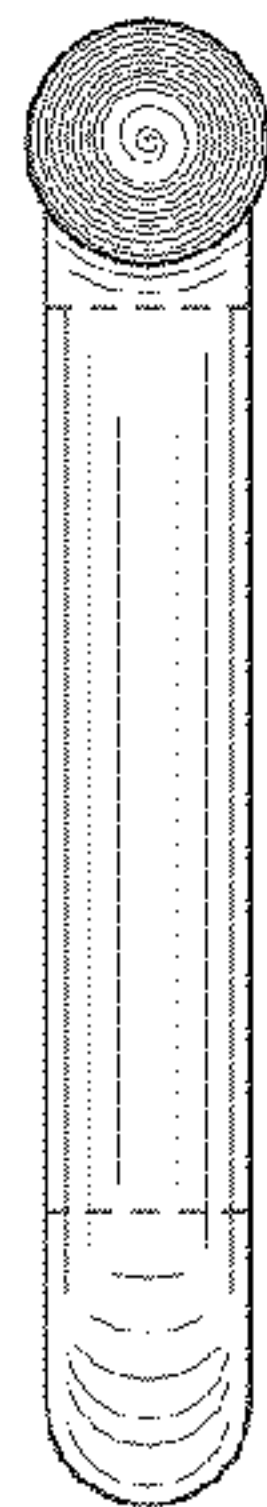
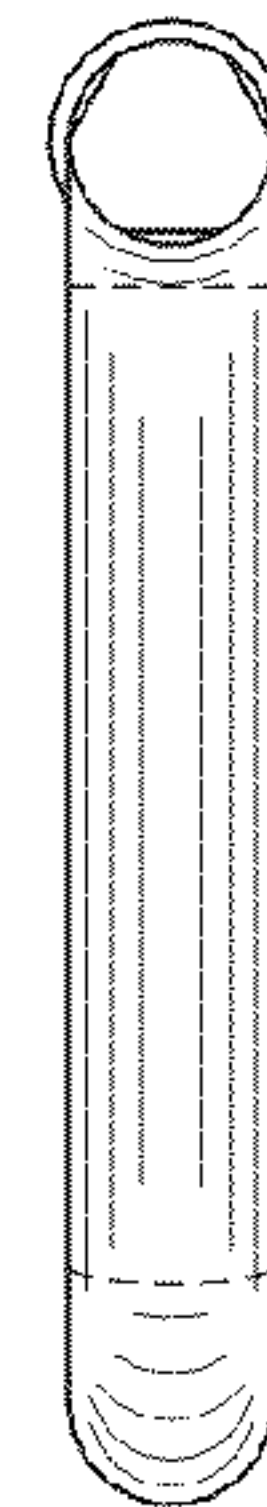


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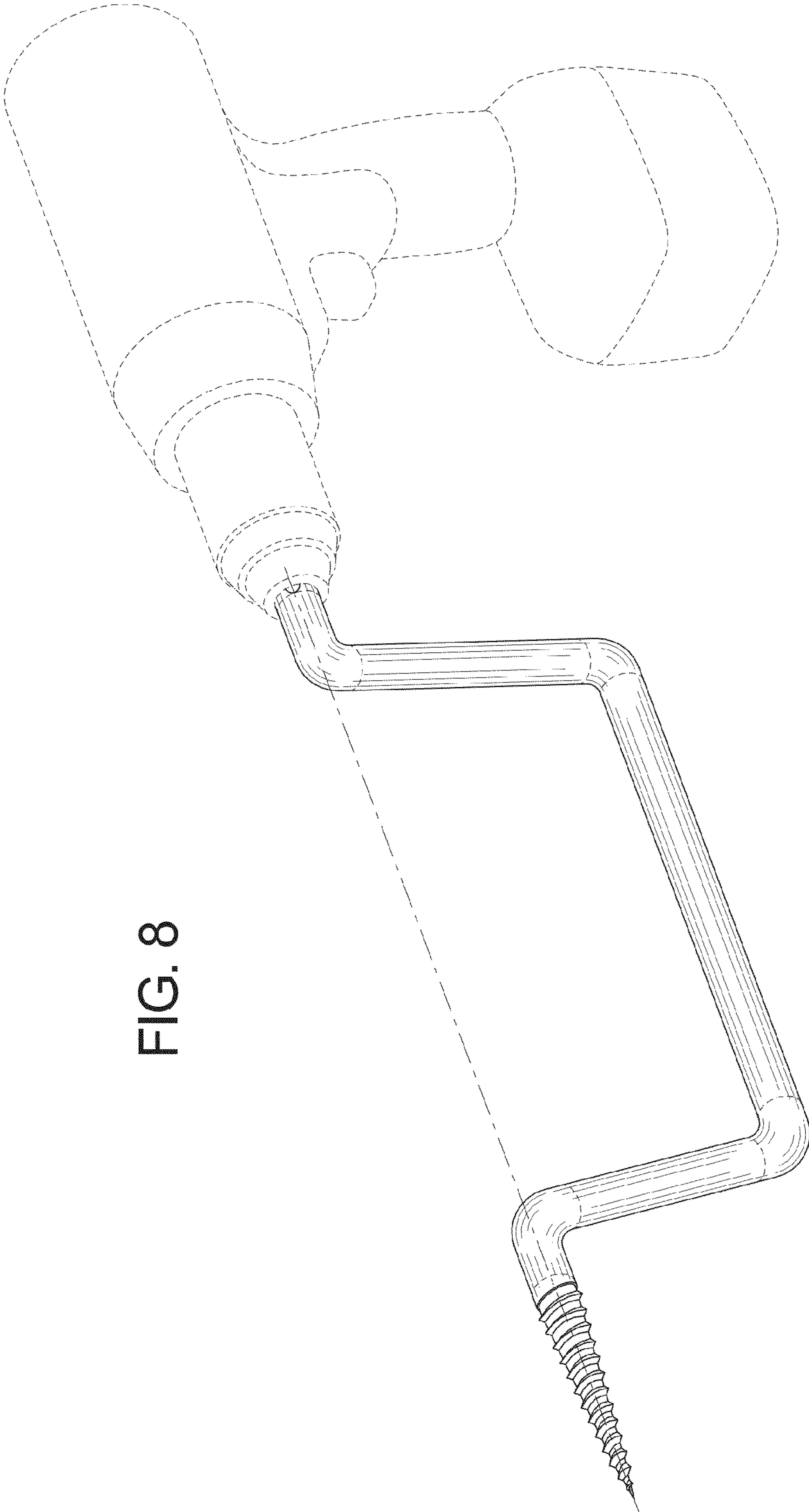


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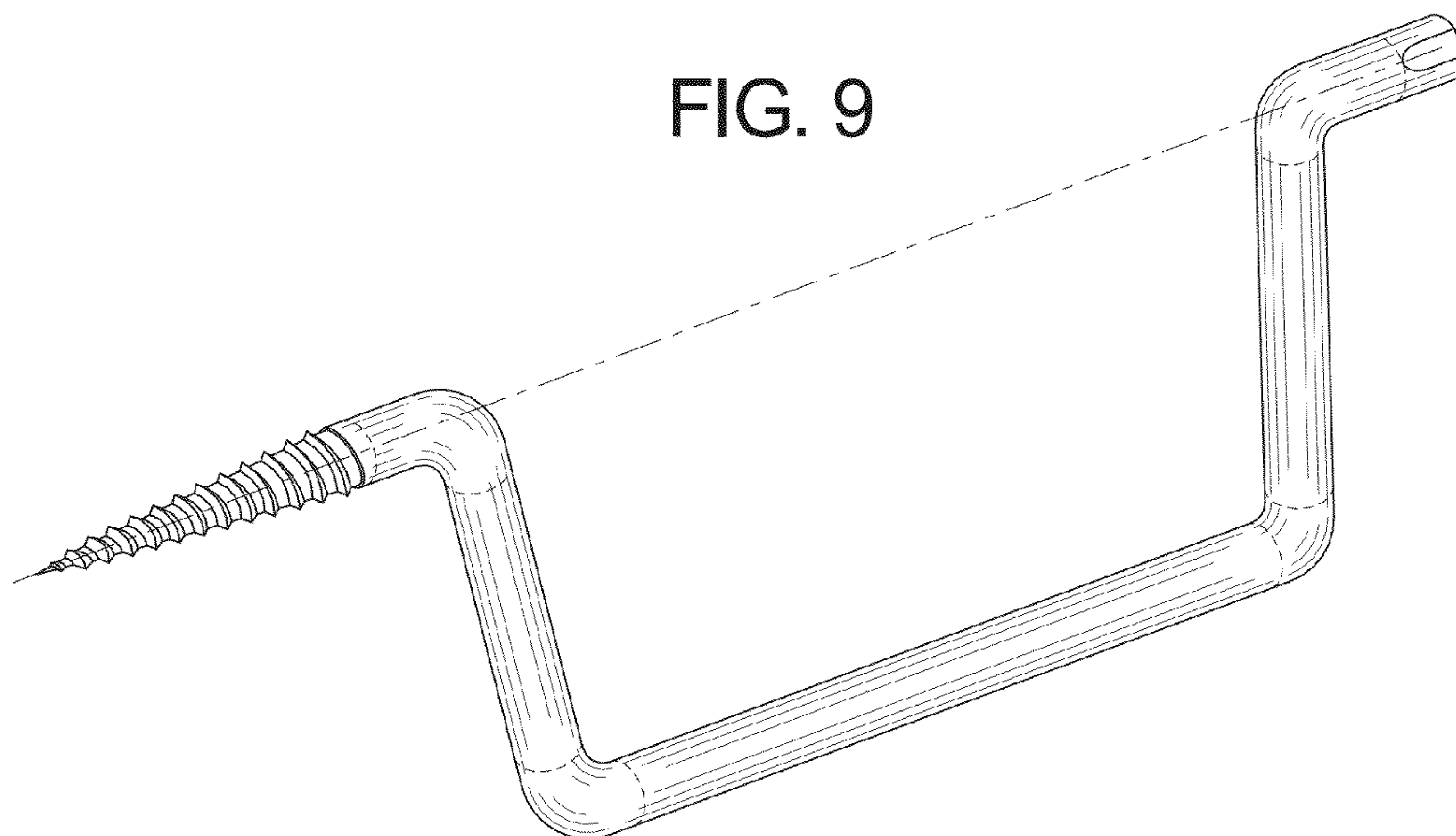


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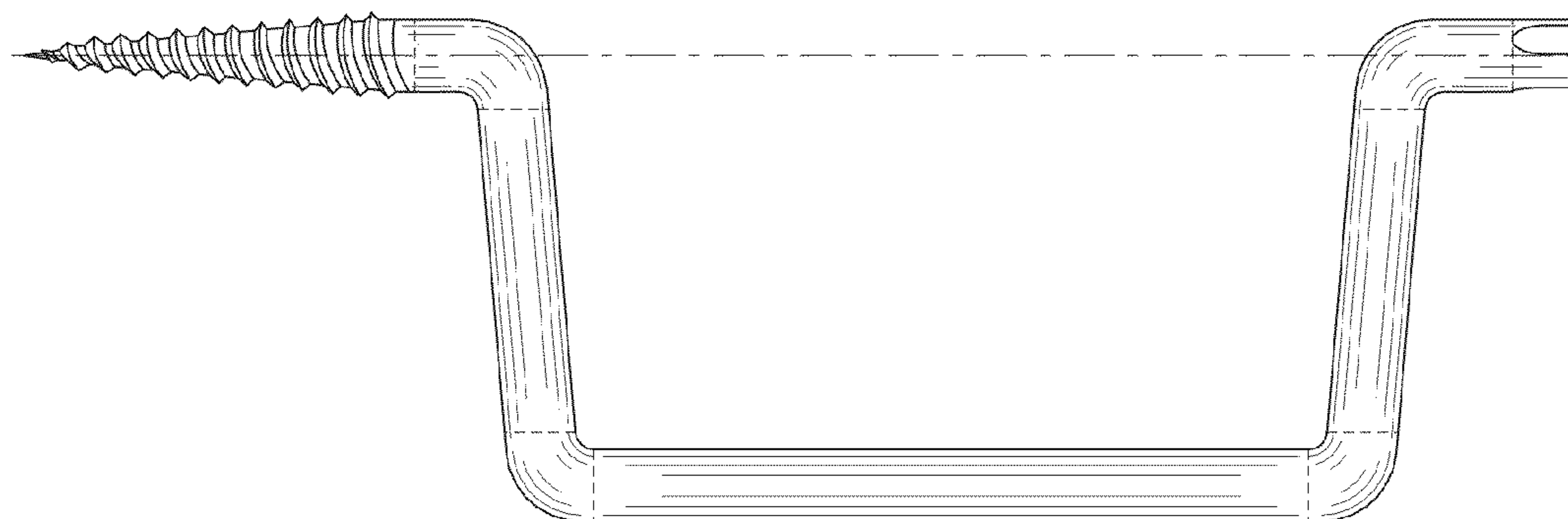


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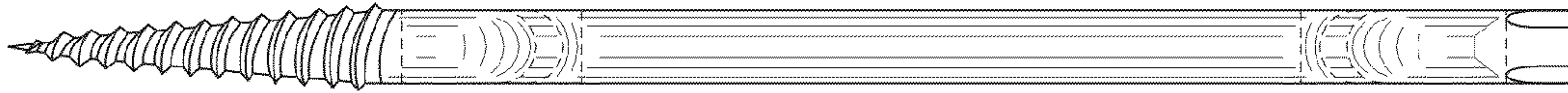


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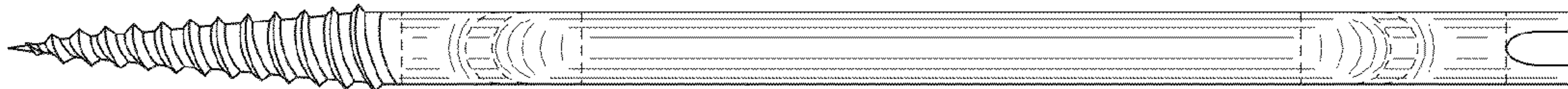


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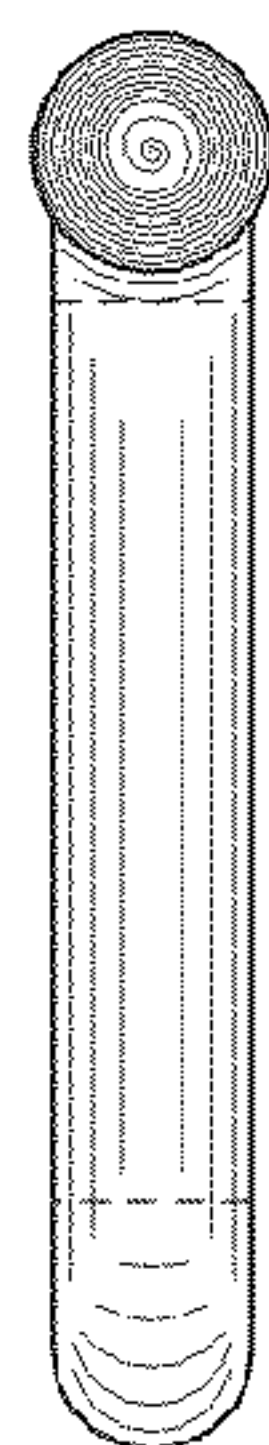


FIG. 14

