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(54) **HAND OPERATED REACHING DEVICE FOR REMOVING TICKS FROM ANIMALS OR HUMANS**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hand operated reaching device for removing ticks from animals or humans, as shown.

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DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a rear, right side perspective view of the new design for a hand operated reaching device for removing ticks from animals or humans.

FIG. 2 is a right side plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a left side plan view of FIG. 1.

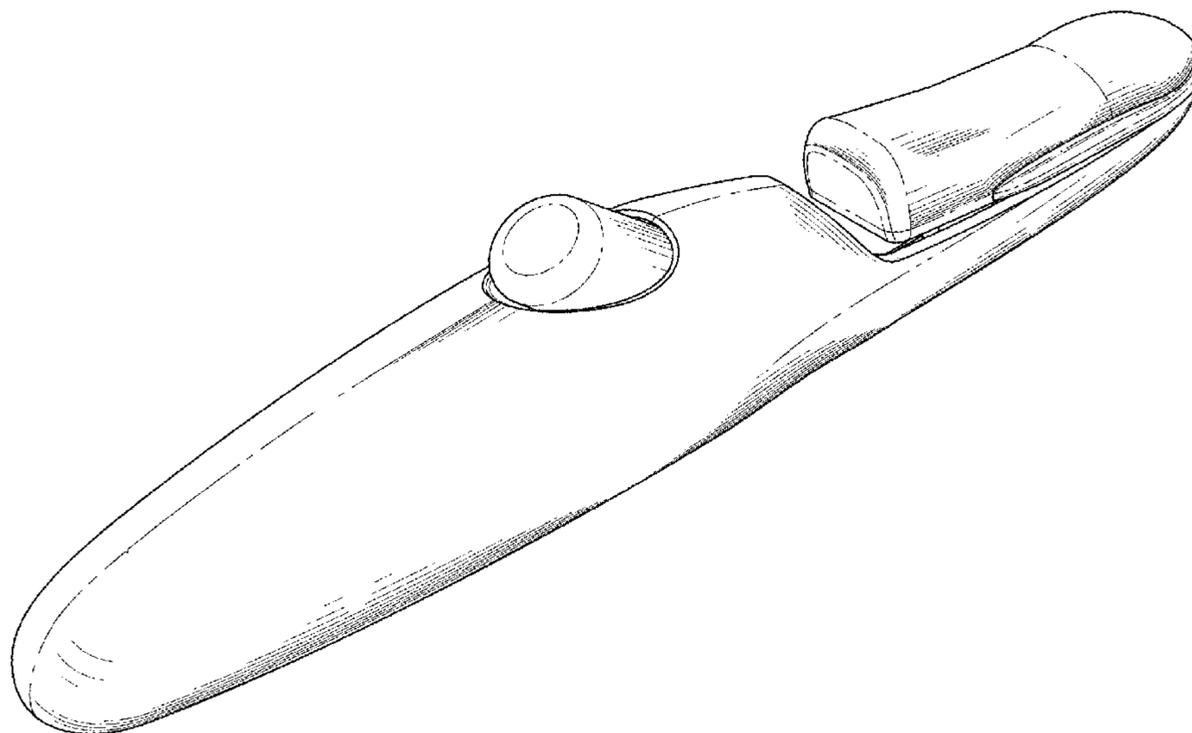
FIG. 4 is a rear end plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a front end plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 6 is a top plan view of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of the embodiment of FIG. 1.

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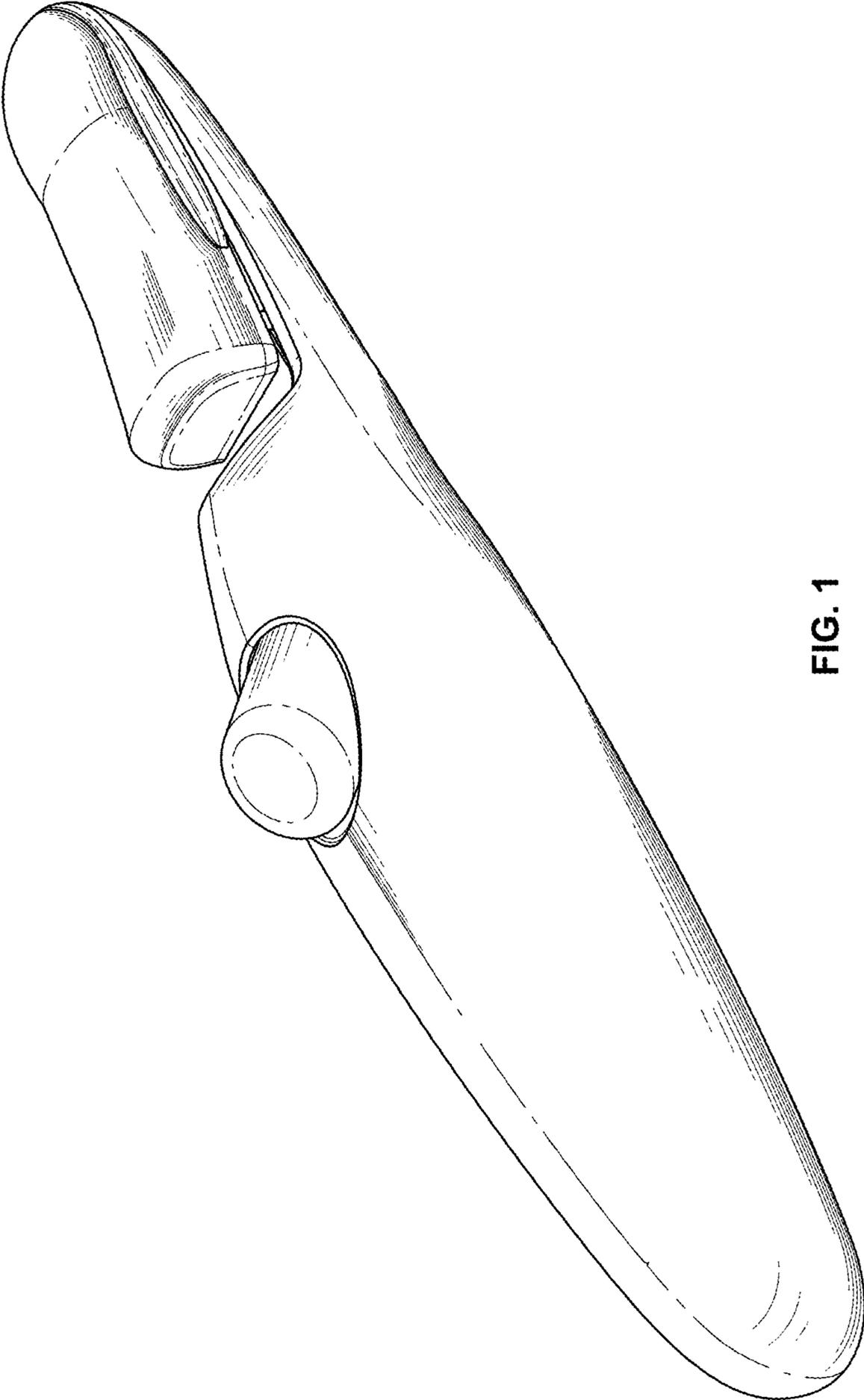


FIG. 1

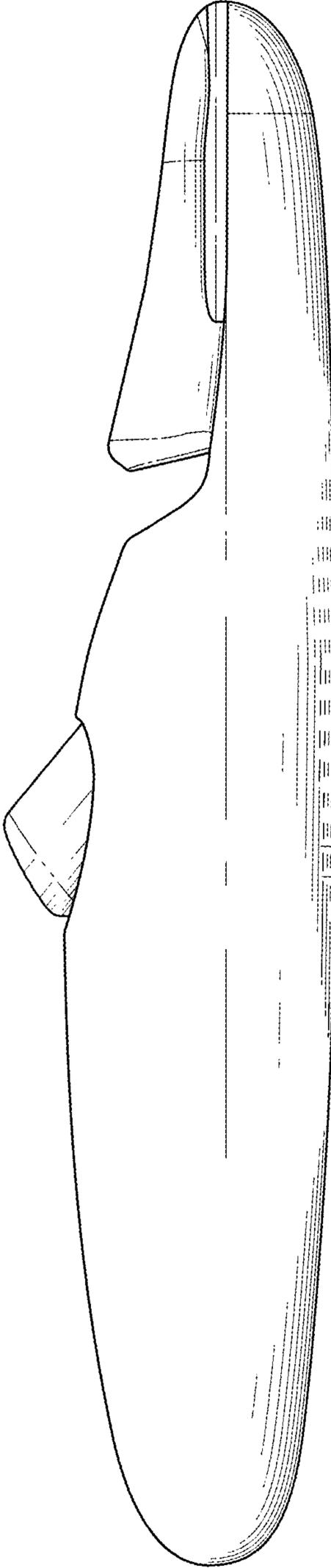


FIG. 2

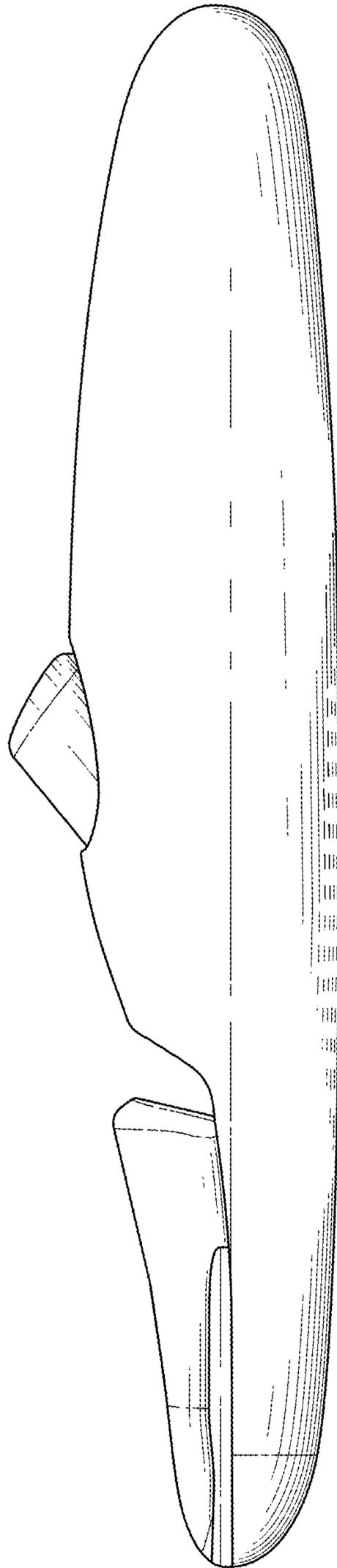


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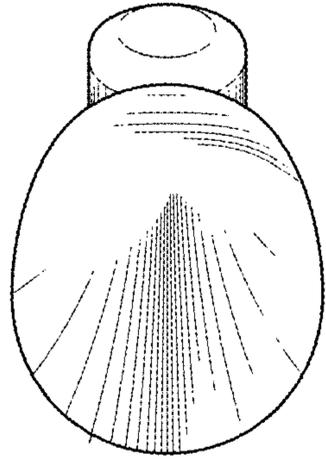


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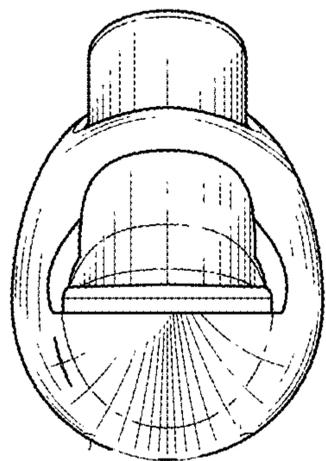


FIG. 5

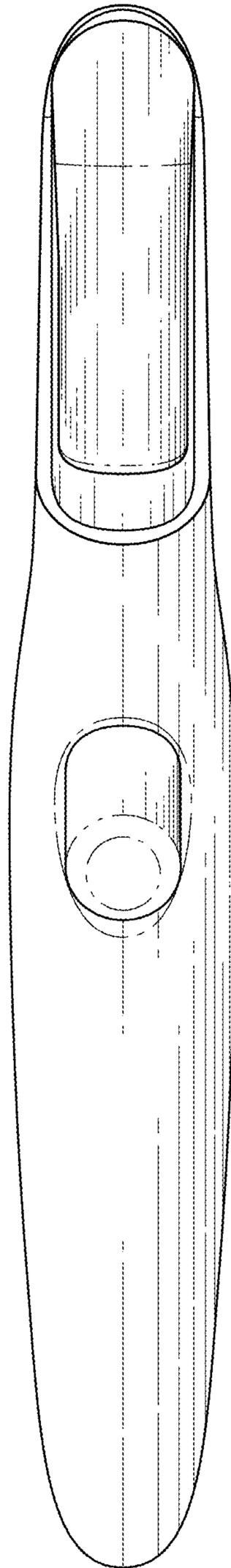


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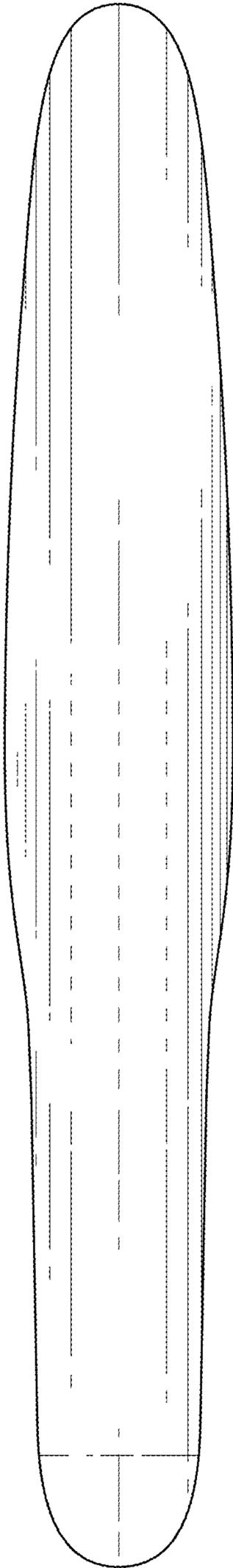


FIG. 7