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(54) **STRINGED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT BRIDGE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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What is claimed is the ornamental design for a stringed musical instrument bridge, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the front of the stringed musical instrument bridge;  
FIG. 2 is a front view of the stringed musical instrument bridge;  
FIG. 3 is a back view of the stringed musical instrument bridge;  
FIG. 4 is a left side view of the stringed musical instrument bridge;  
FIG. 5 is a right side view of the stringed musical instrument bridge;  
FIG. 6 is a top view of the stringed musical instrument bridge;  
FIG. 7 is a bottom view of the stringed musical instrument bridge; and,  
FIG. 8 is an alternative perspective view of the front of the stringed musical instrument bridge shown with environmental features depicted in broken lines forming no part of the claimed design.

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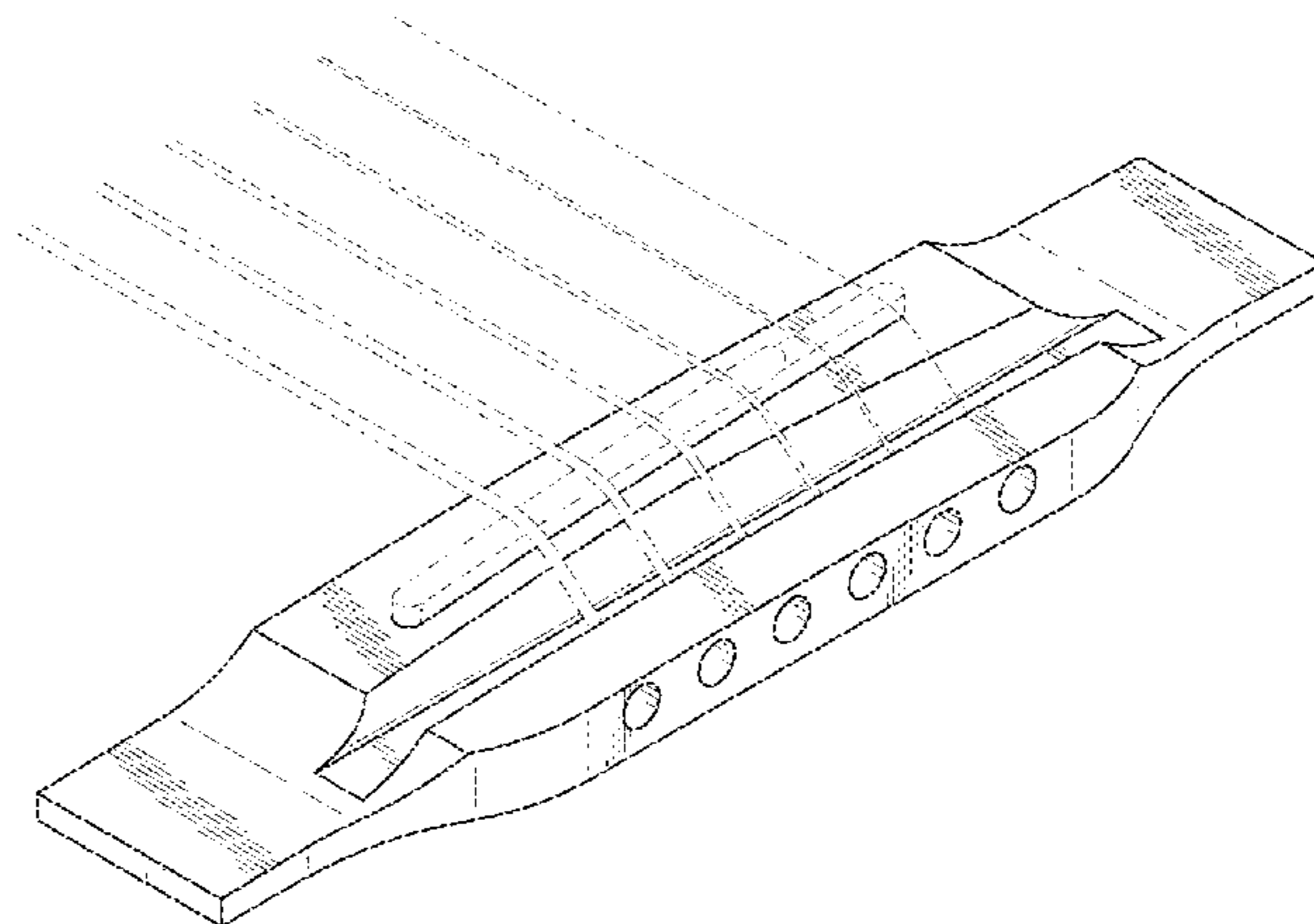
The broken lines, where present, in the FIGS. illustrate environment of the stringed musical instrument bridge that forms no part of the claimed design.

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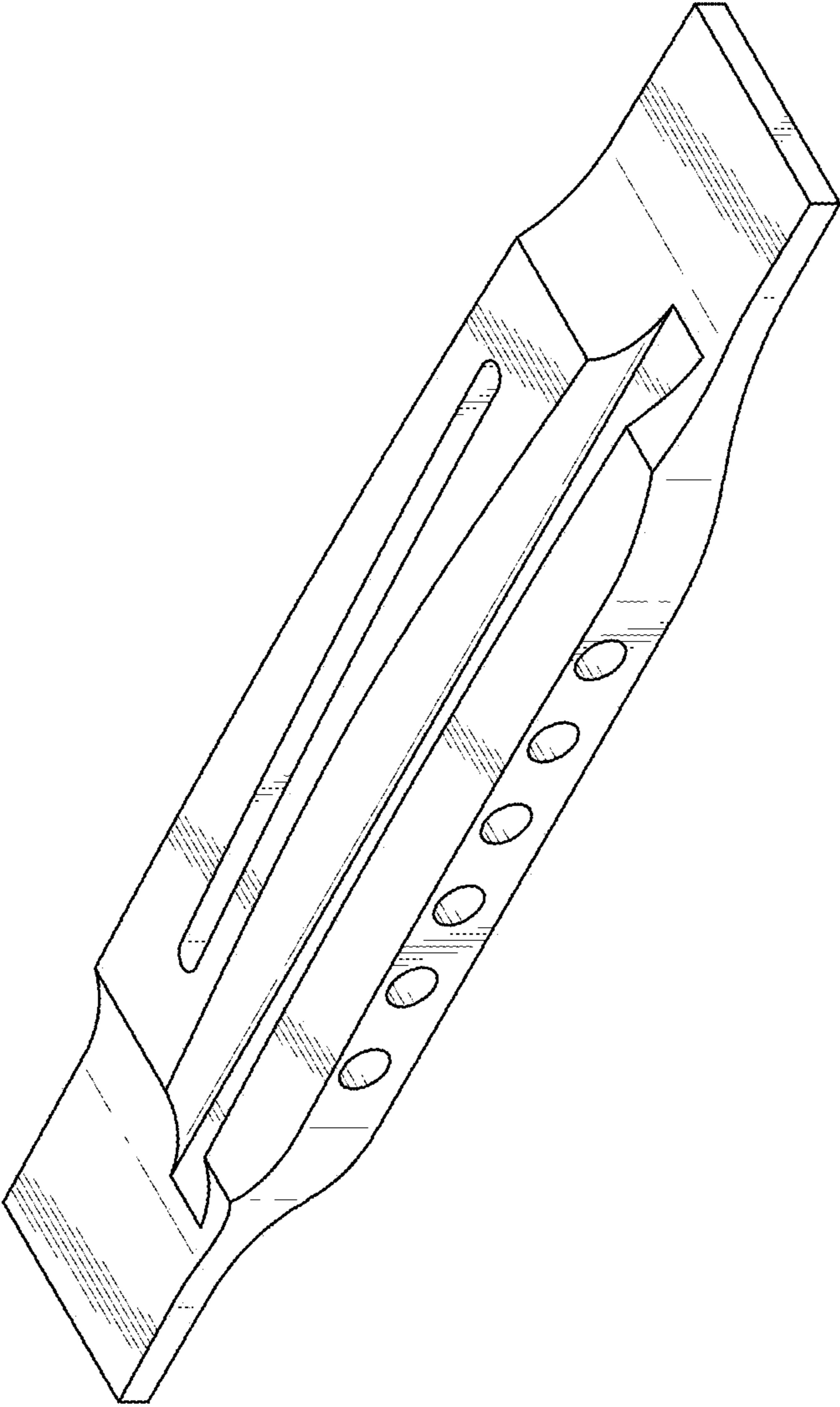


FIG. 1



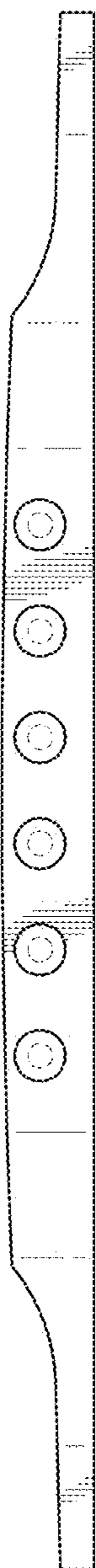


FIG. 2



FIG. 3

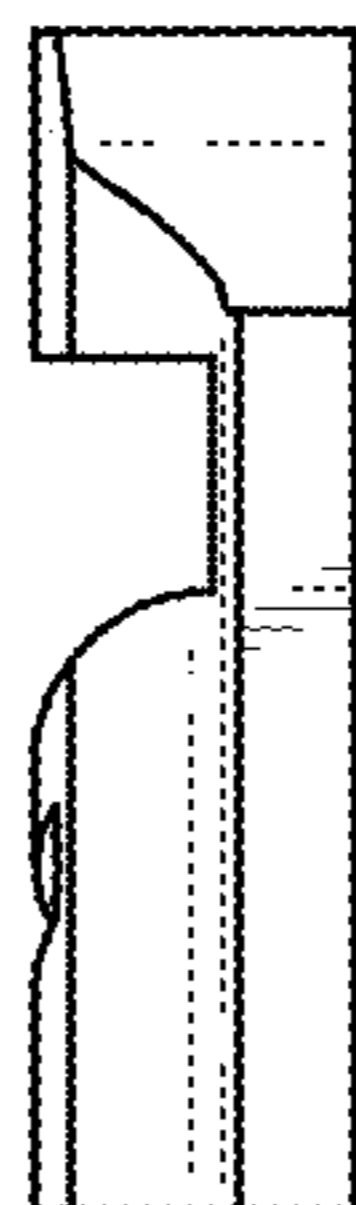


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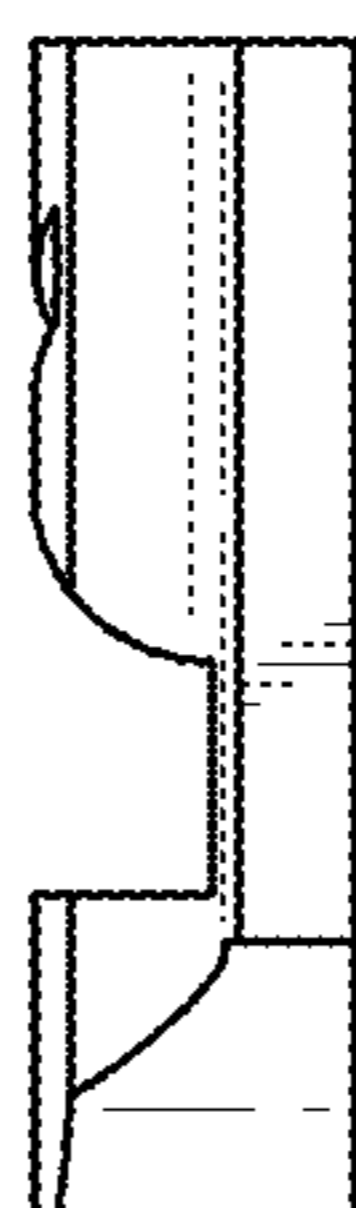


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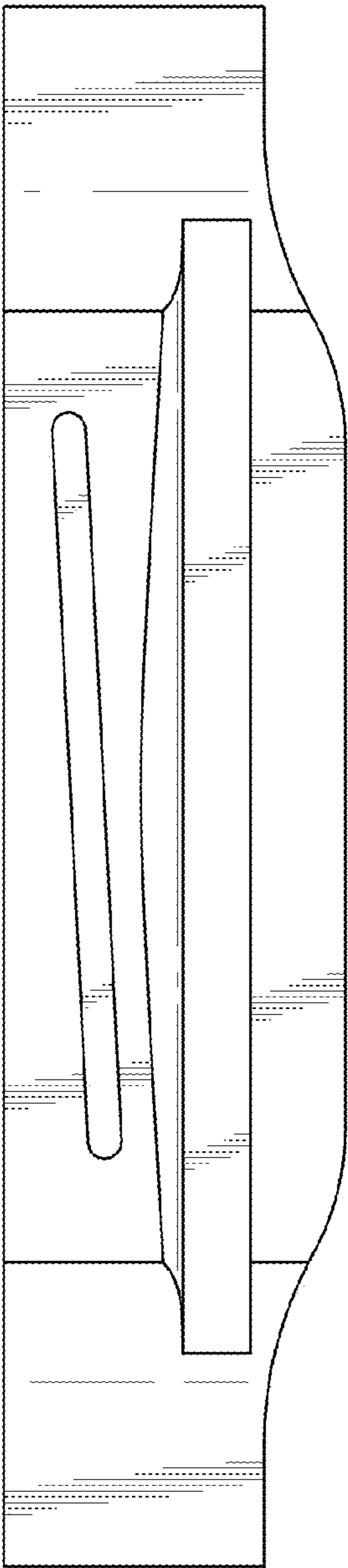


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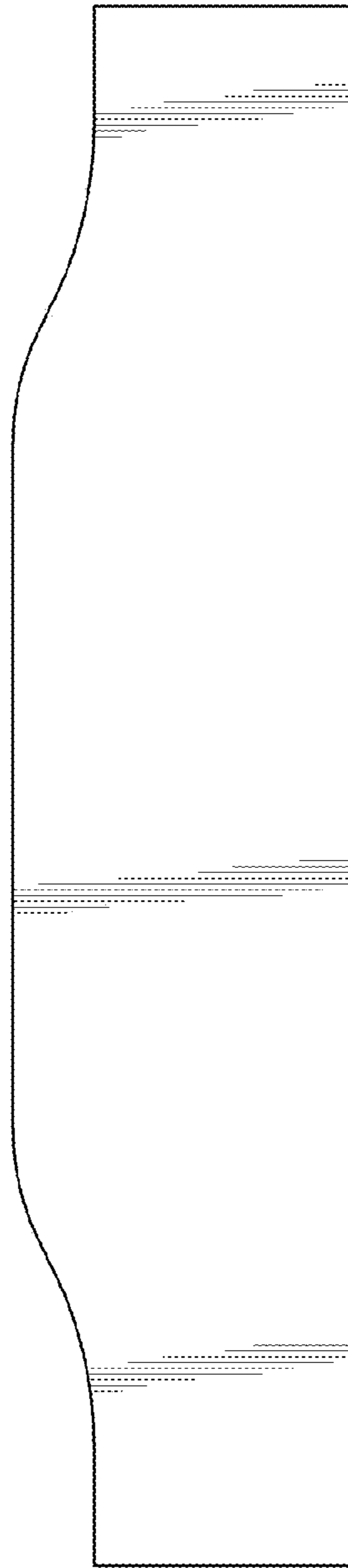


FIG. 7

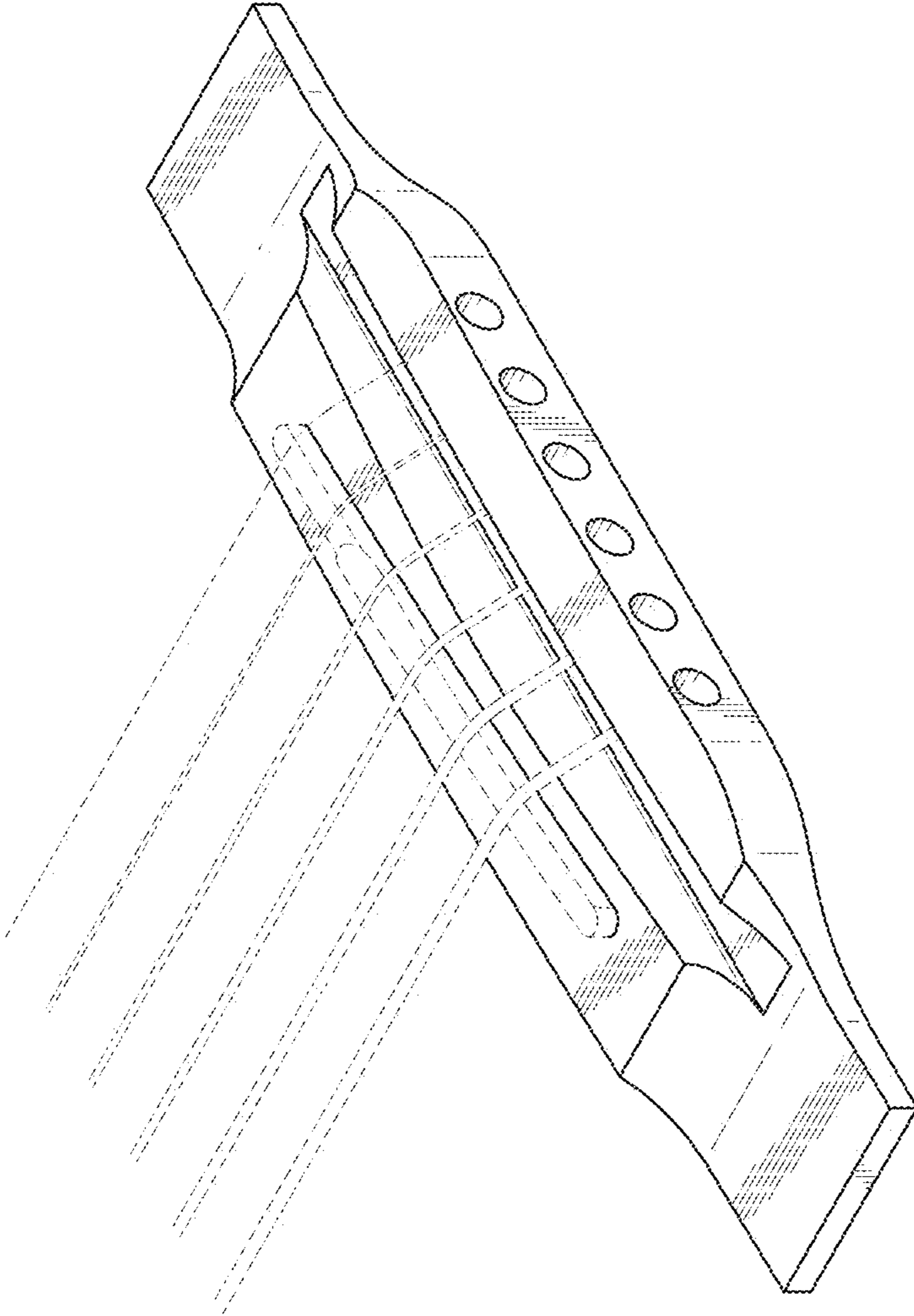


FIG. 8