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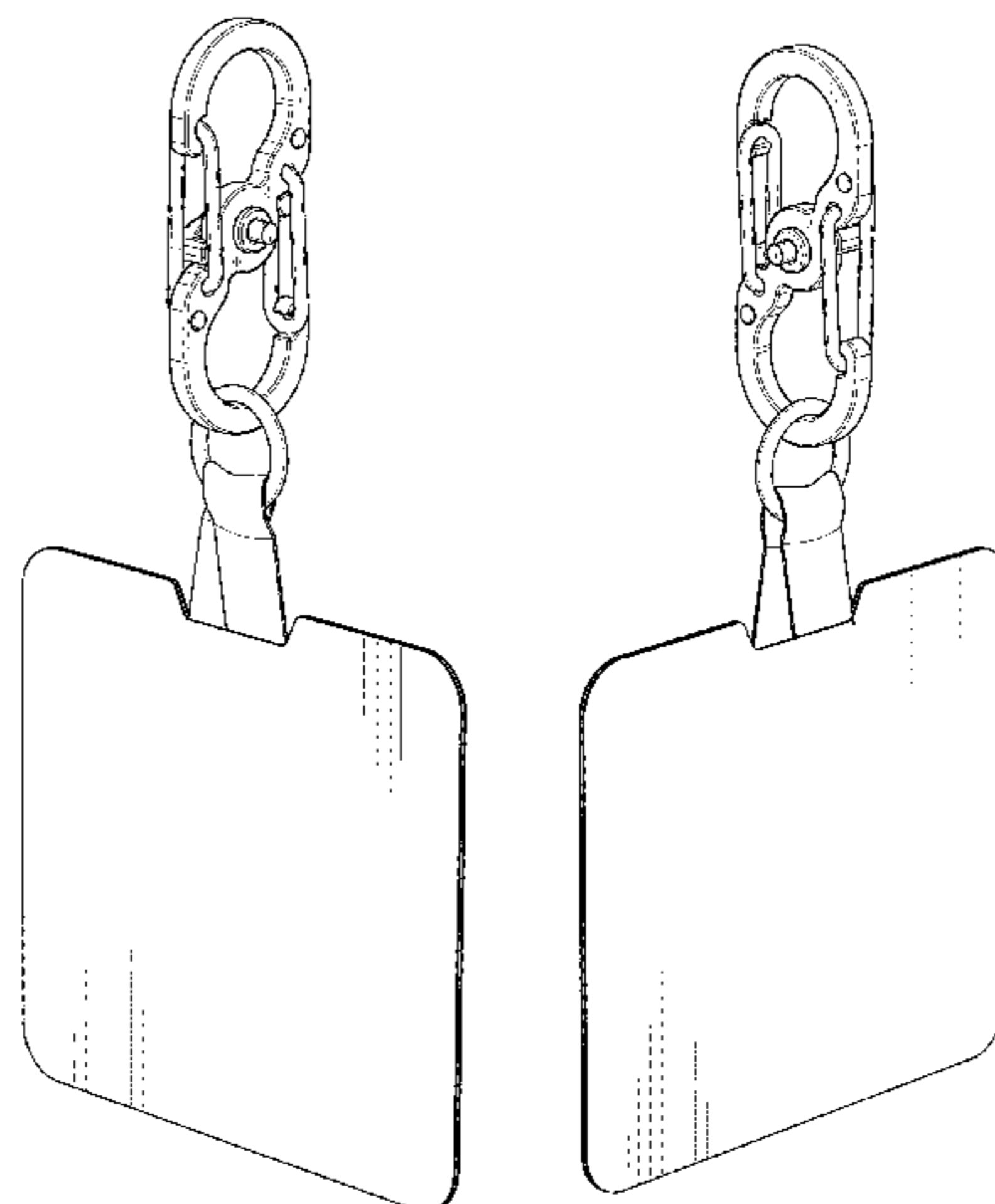
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for the tether, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 shows a front perspective view of a tether;
FIG. 2 shows a rear perspective view of the tether;
FIG. 3 shows a rear view of the tether of FIG. 1;
FIG. 4 shows a front view of the tether of FIG. 1;
FIG. 5 shows a right side view of the tether of FIG. 1;
FIG. 6 shows a left side view of the tether of FIG. 1;
FIG. 7 shows the top view of the tether of FIG. 1; and,
FIG. 8 shows the bottom view of the tether of FIG. 1.

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FIG. 1

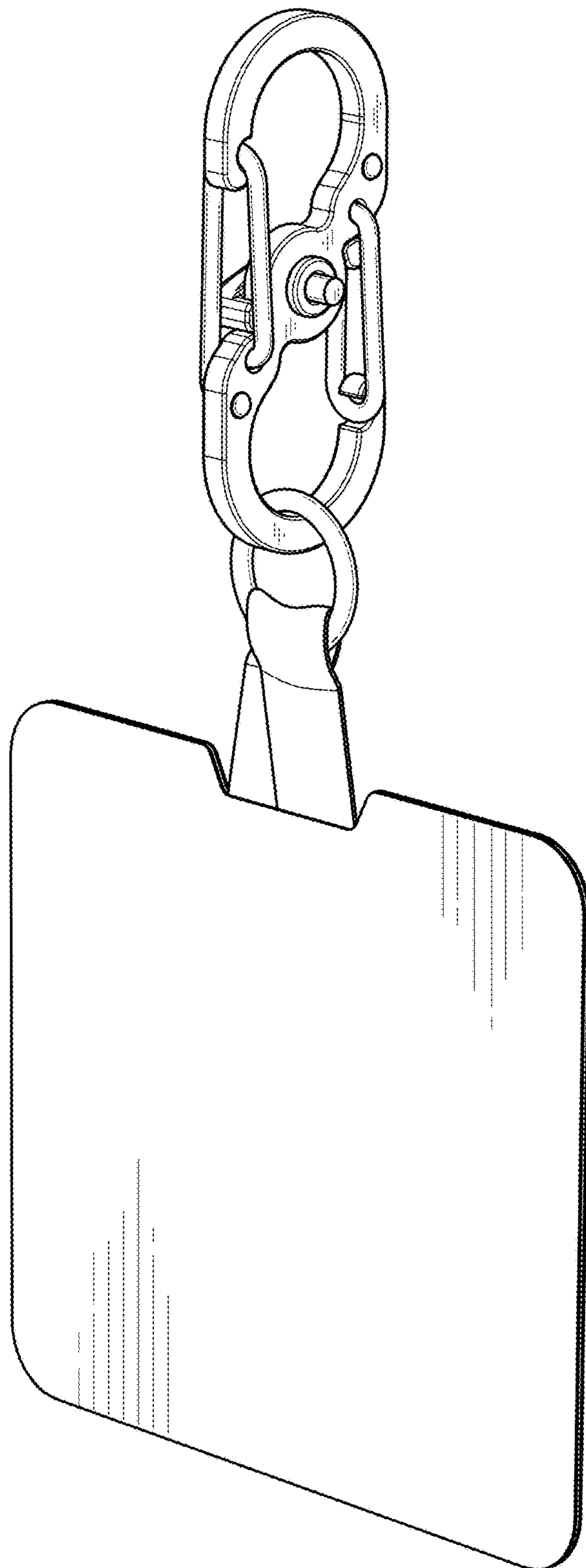


FIG. 2

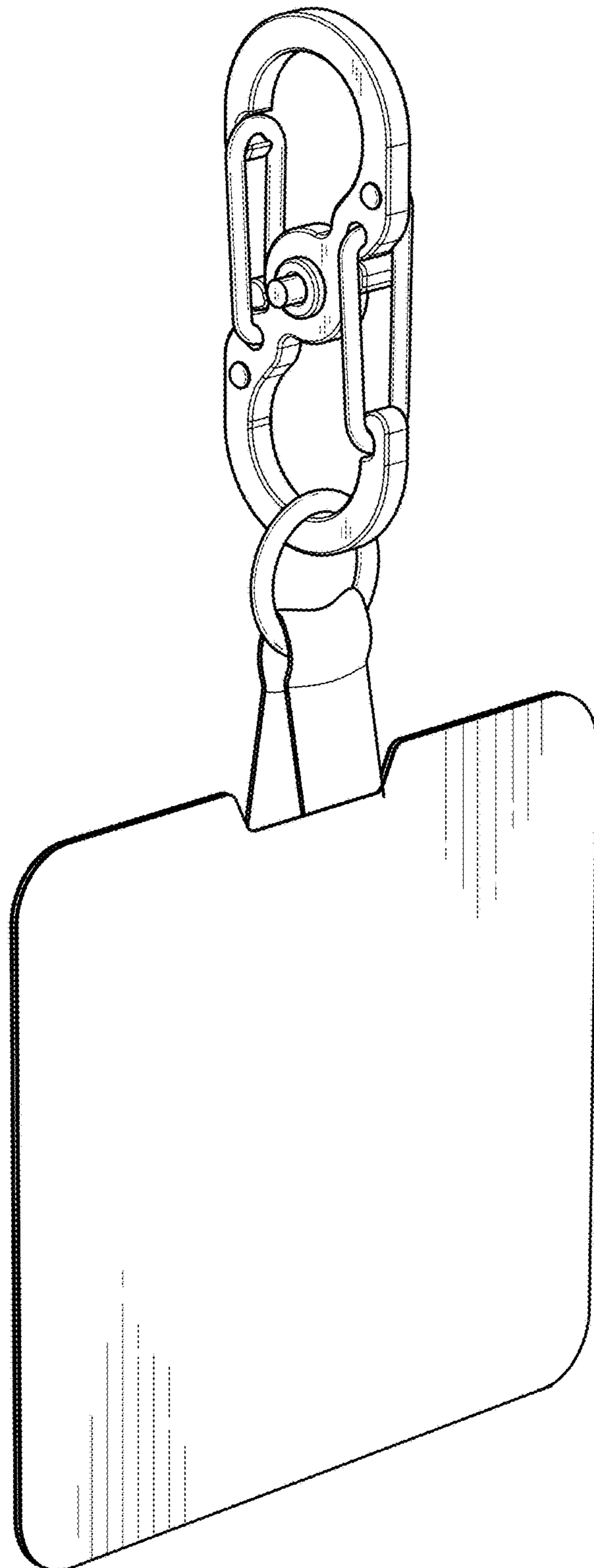


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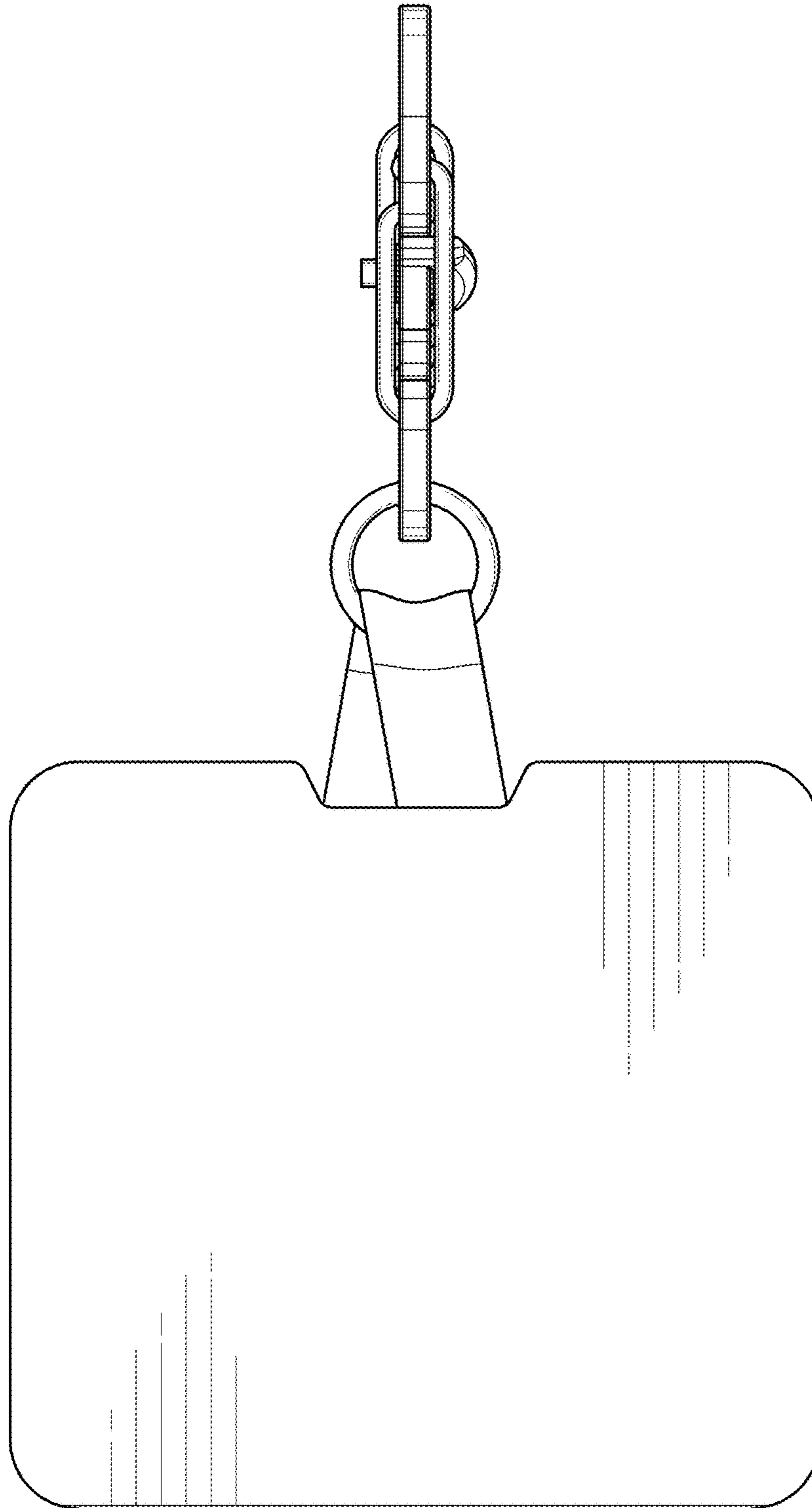


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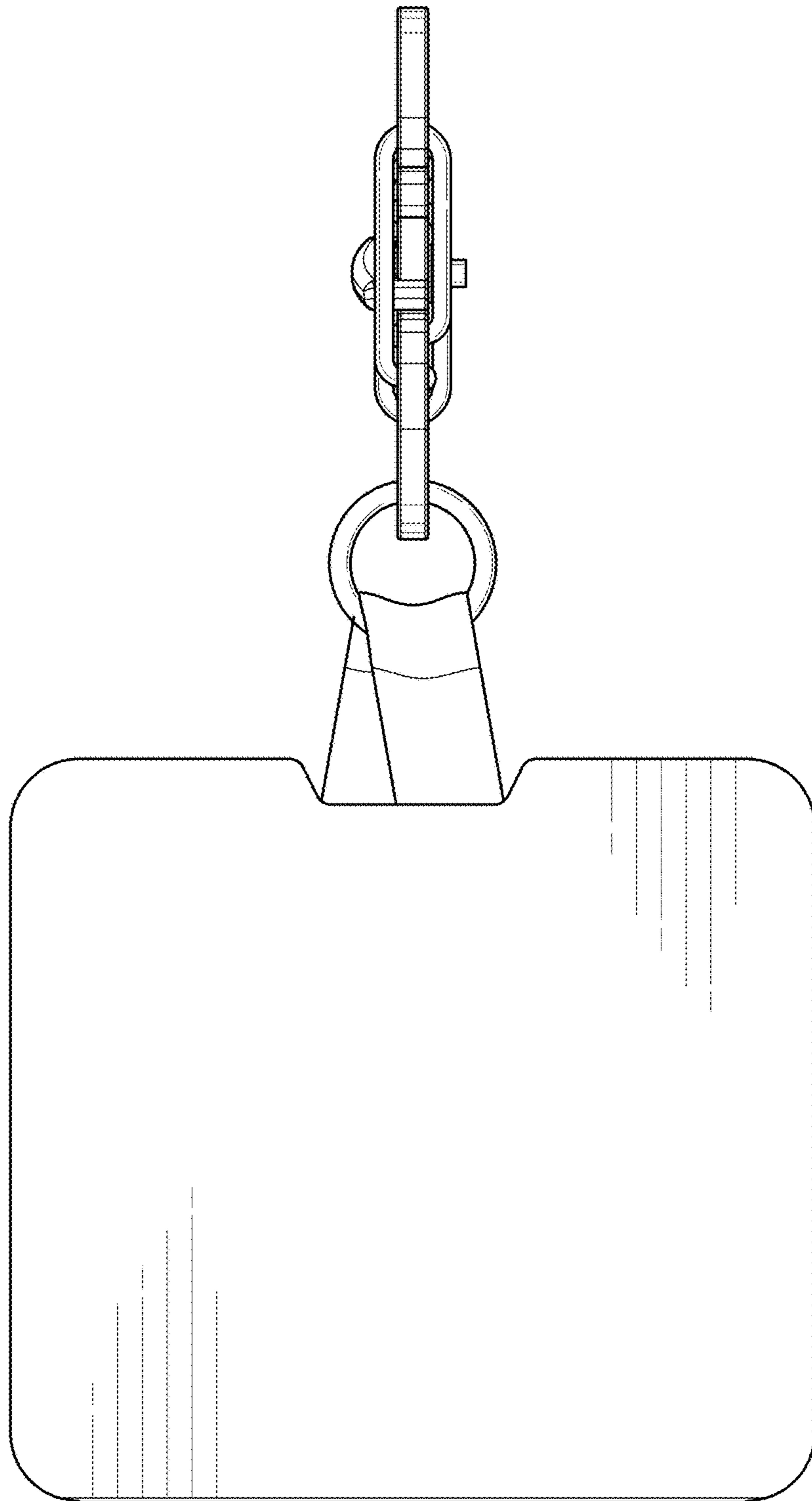


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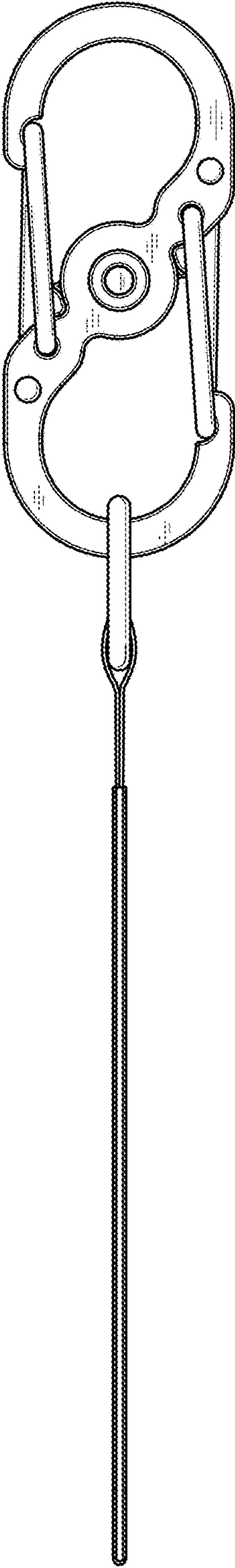


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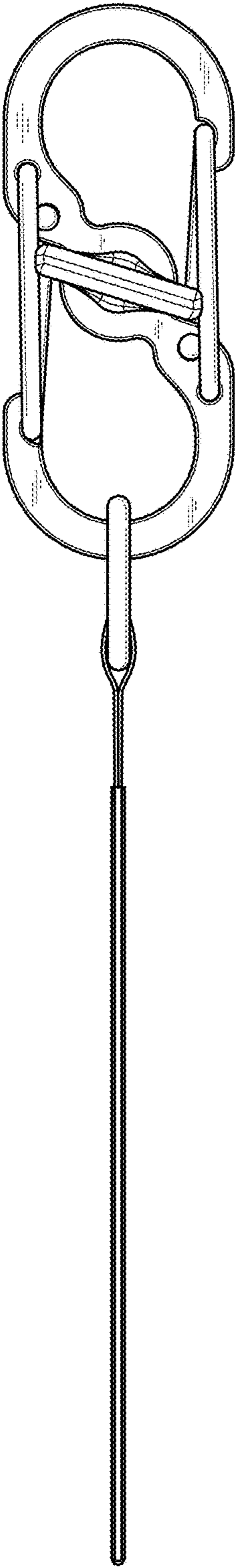


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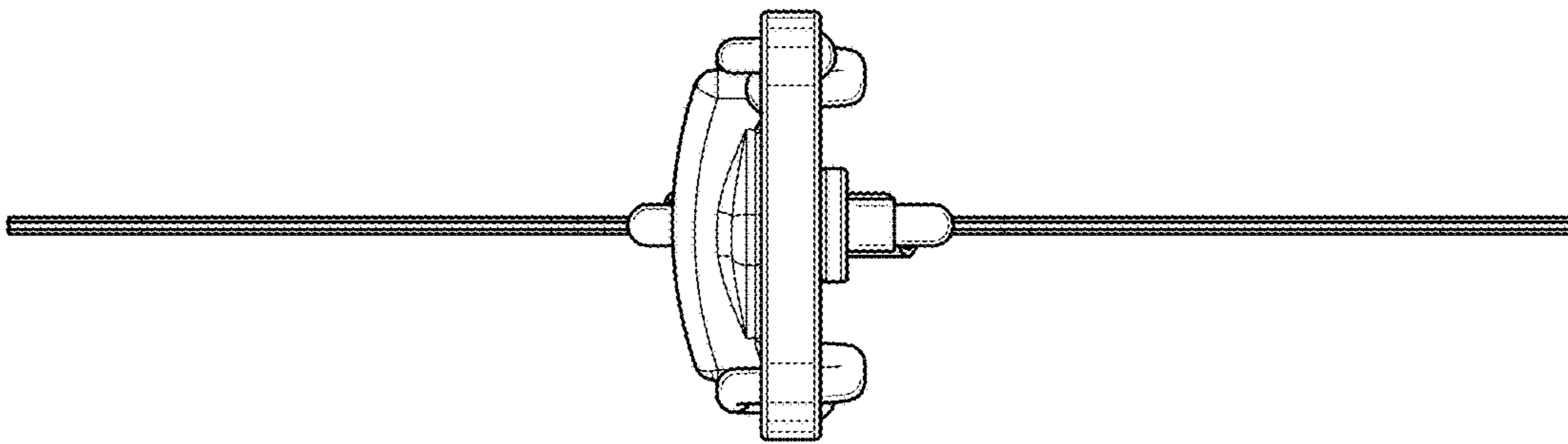


FIG. 8

