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(54) **SUTURE NEEDLE HAVING A ROTATABLE JOINT**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a suture needle having a rotatable joint, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a suture needle having a rotatable joint, showing our new design;

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FIG. 2 is a left side view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

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FIG. 3 is a right side view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

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FIG. 4 is a proximal end view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

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FIG. 5 is a distal end view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

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FIG. 6 is a top plan view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

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FIG. 7 is a bottom view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

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FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a suture needle having a rotatable joint, showing another embodiment of our new design;

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FIG. 9 is a left side view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 8;

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FIG. 10 is a right side view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 8;

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FIG. 11 is a proximal end view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 8;

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FIG. 12 is a distal end view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 8;

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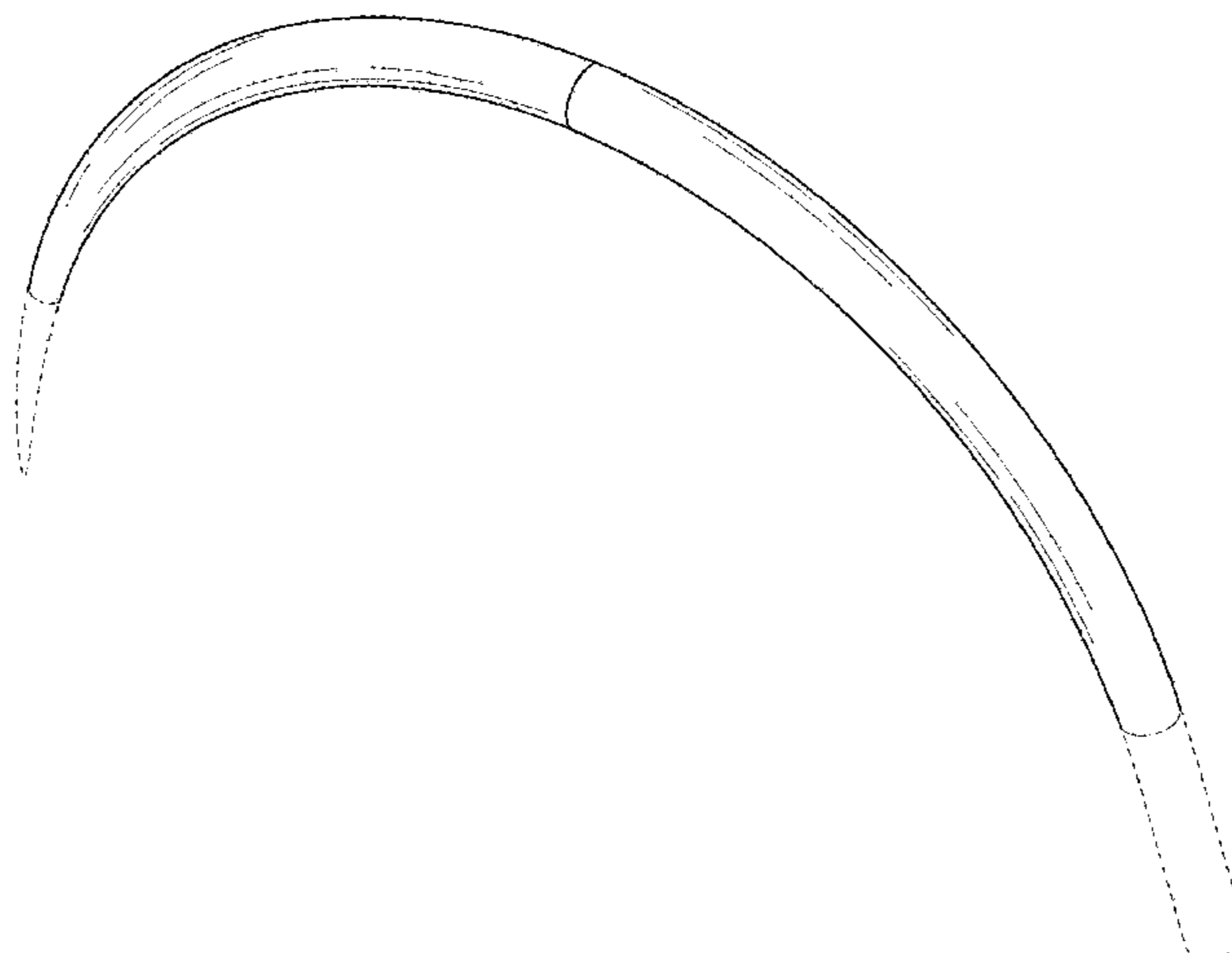
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FIG. 13 is a top plan view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 8; and,

FIG. 14 is a bottom view of the suture needle shown in FIG. 8.

The dash-dot-dash type broken lines define the boundaries of the claimed design. The dash-dash-dash-dash type broken

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lines in the drawings depict portions of the suture needle having a rotatable joint and form no part of the claimed design.

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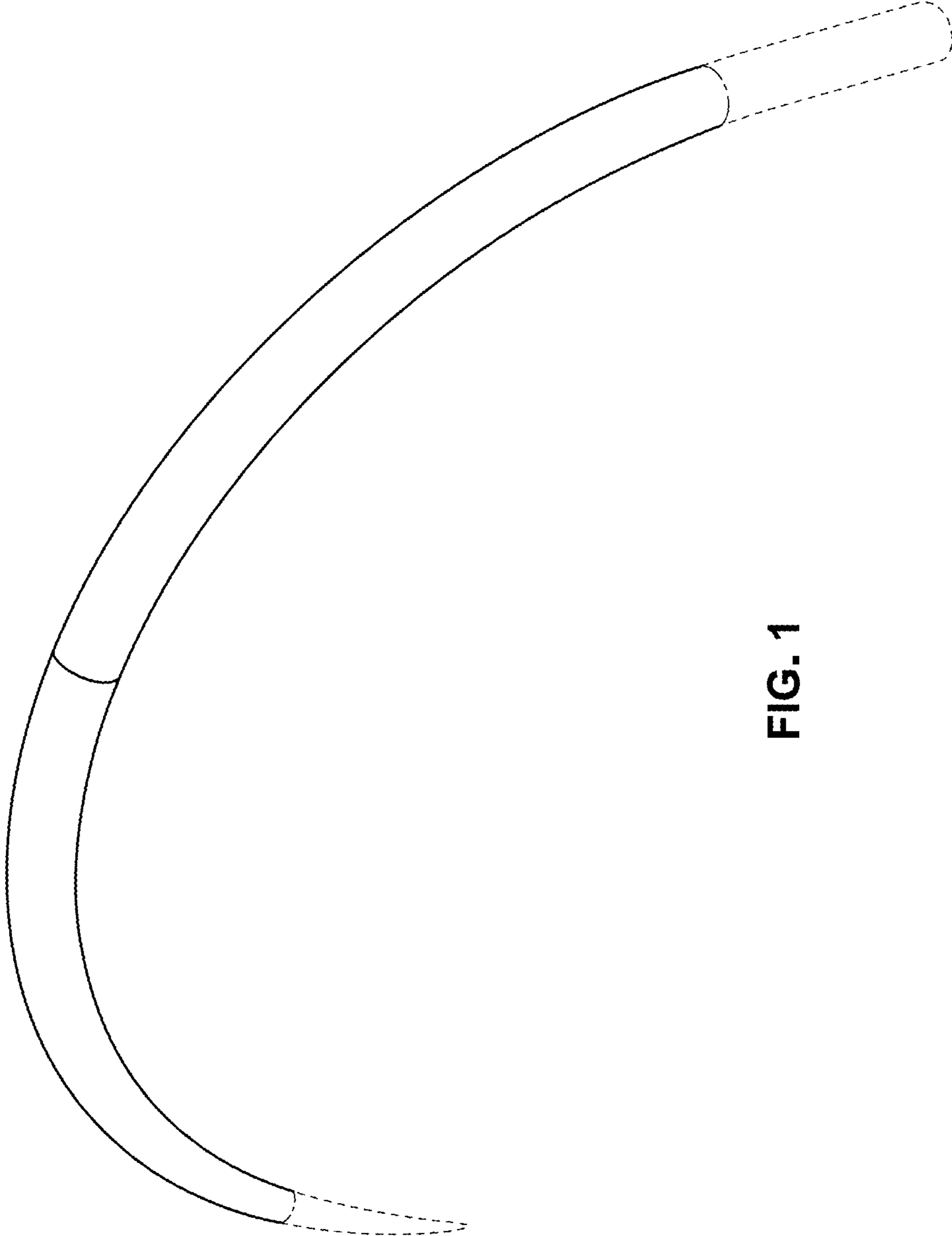


FIG. 1

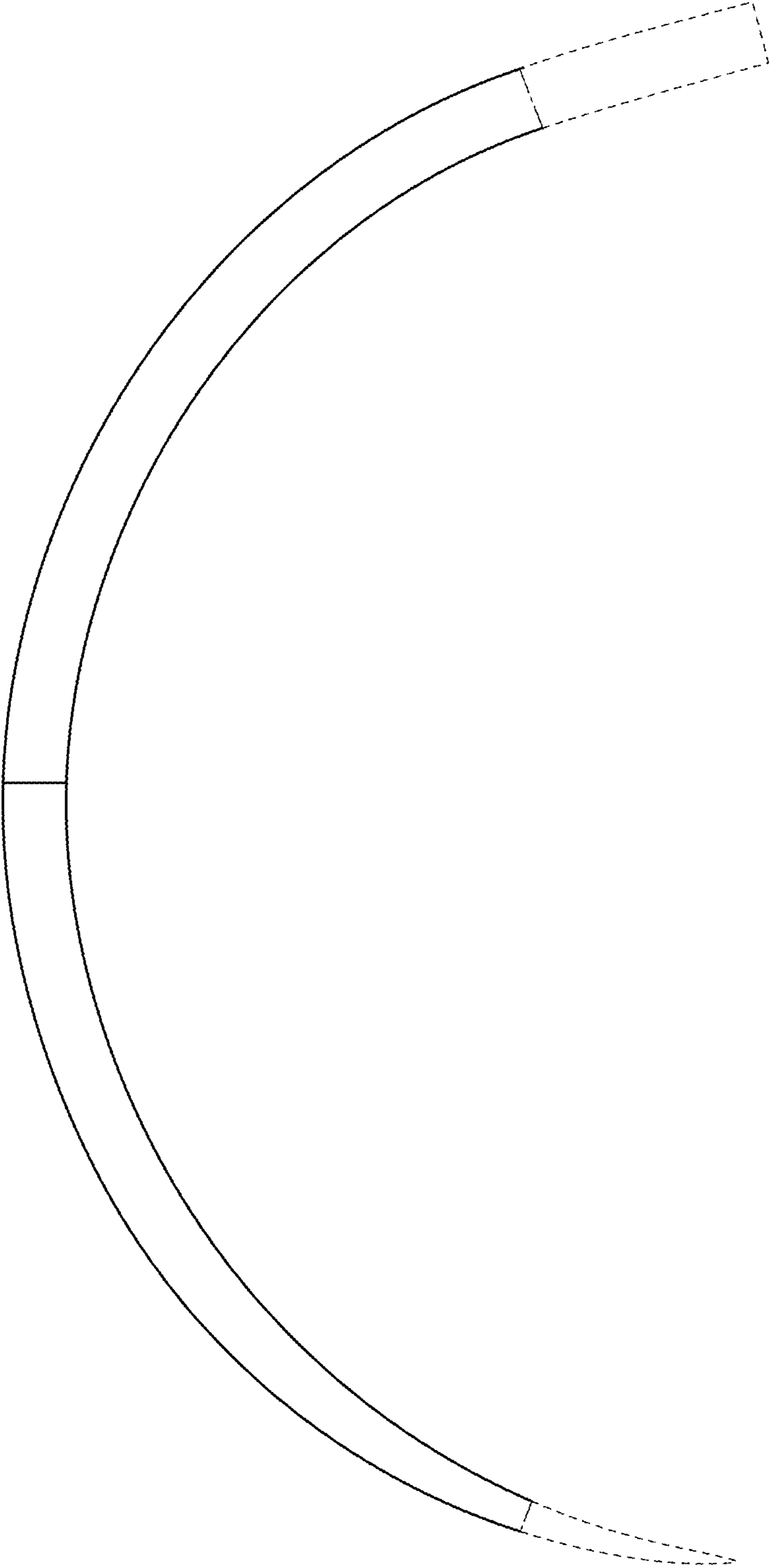


FIG. 2

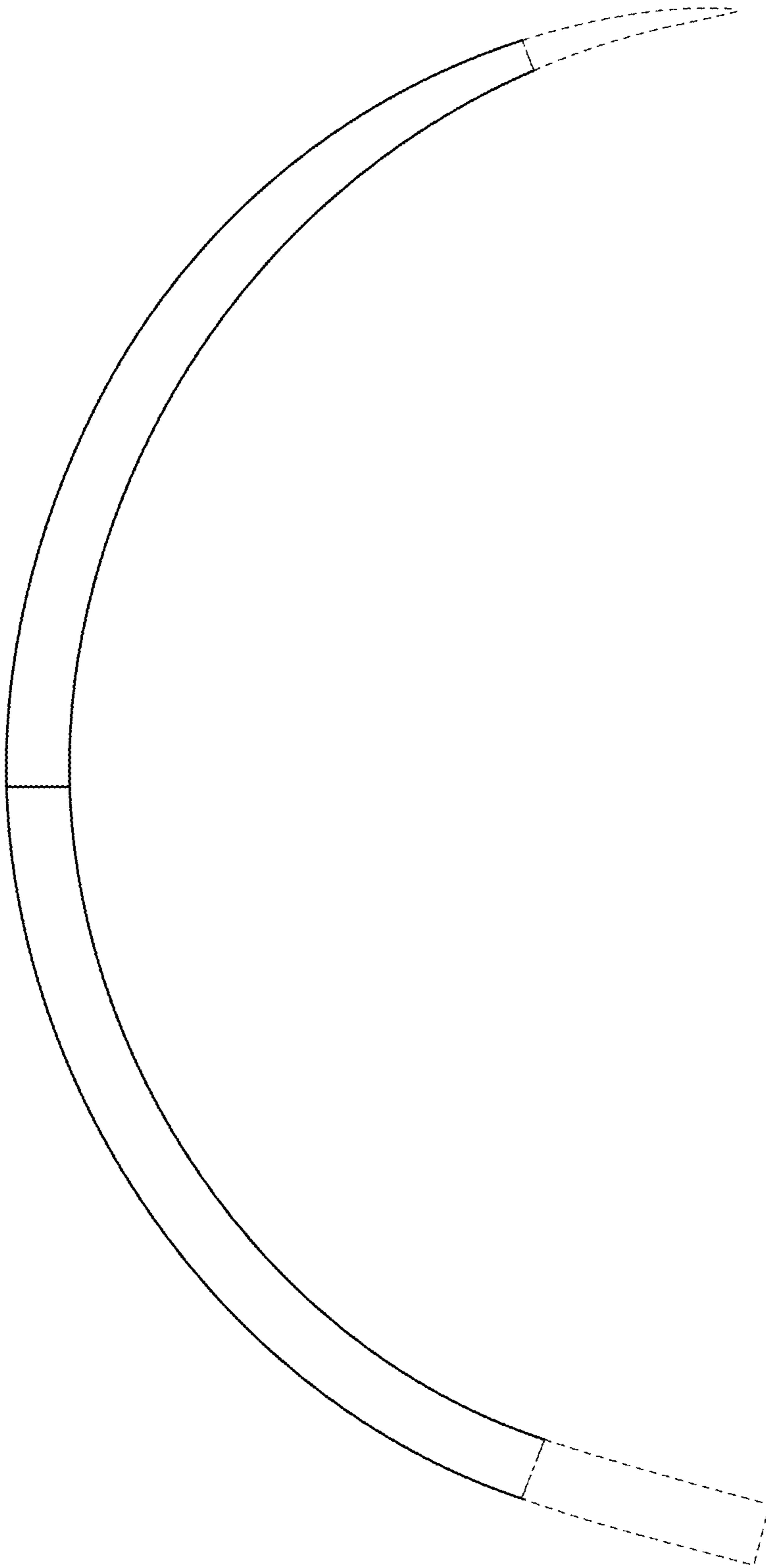


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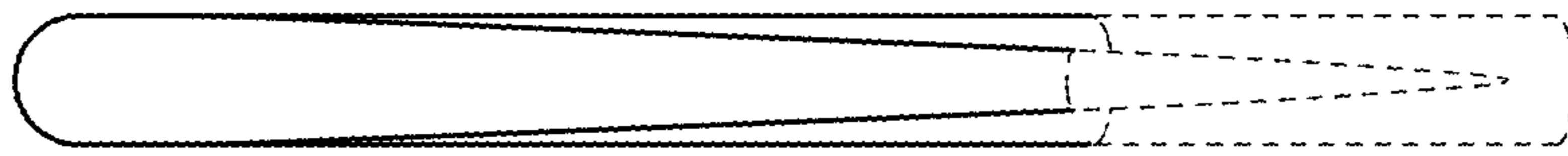


FIG. 5



FIG. 4

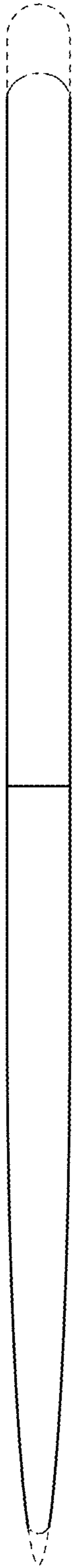


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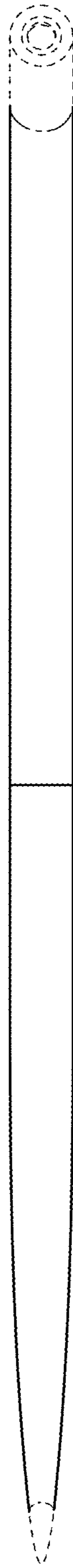


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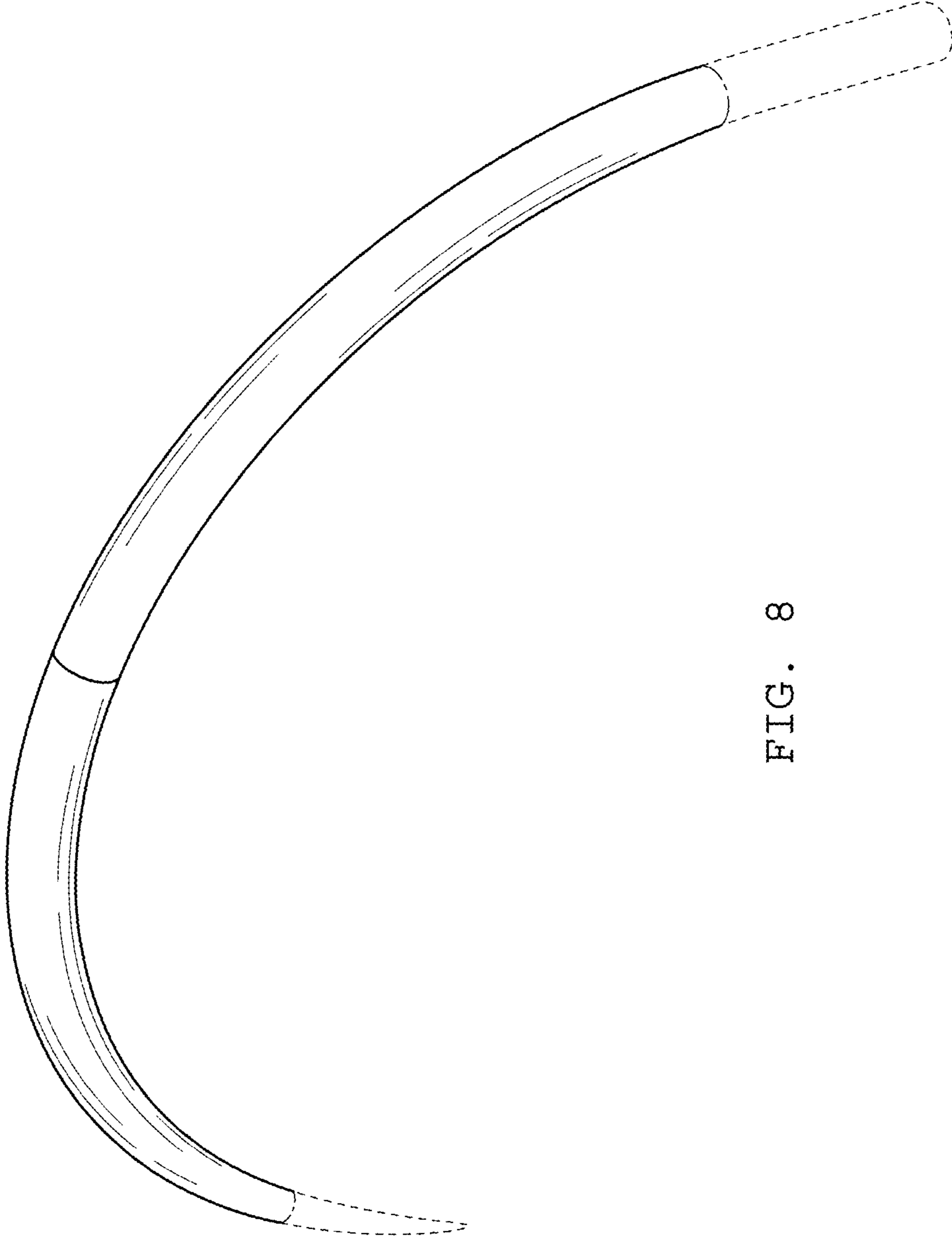


FIG. 8



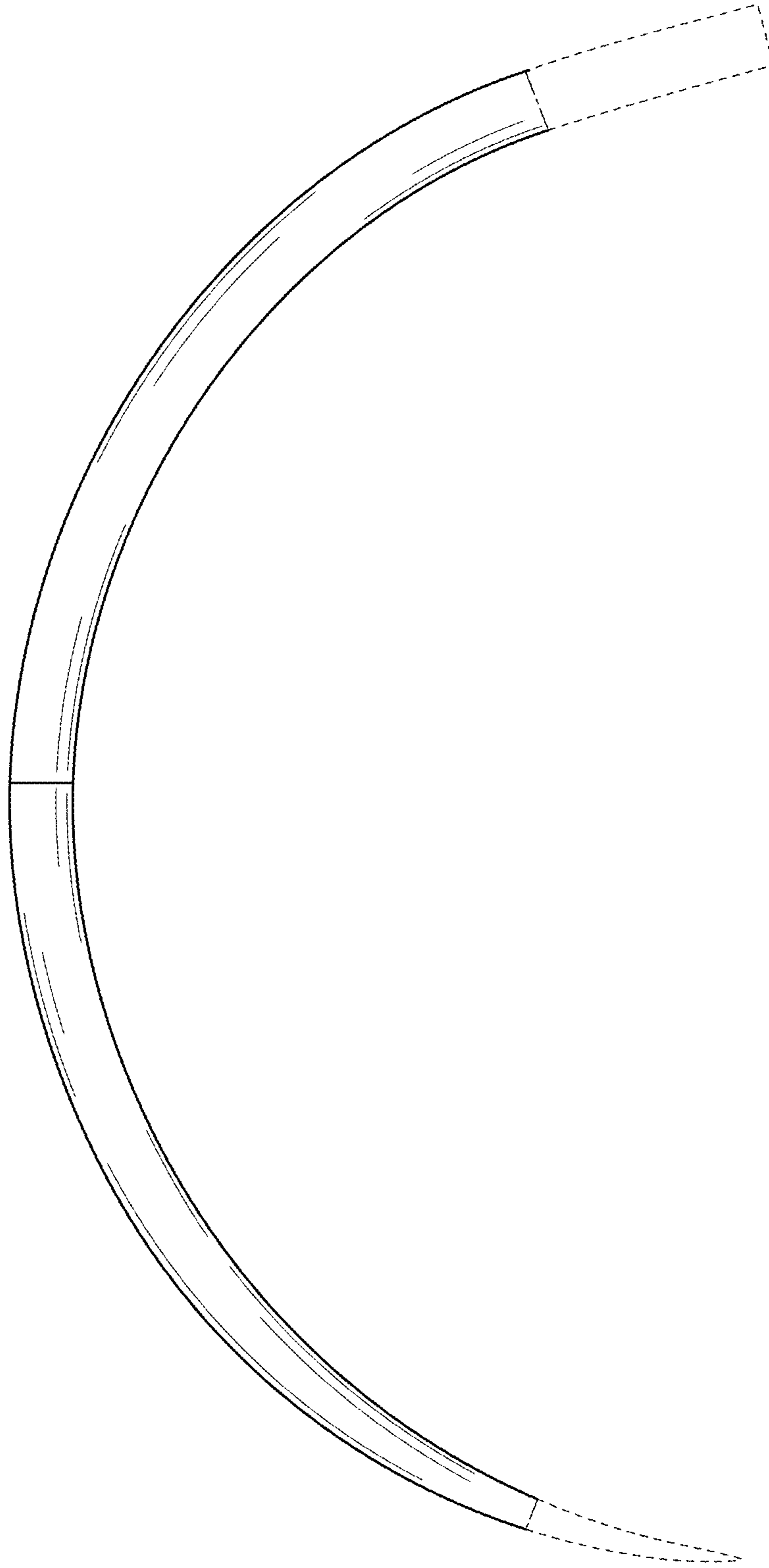


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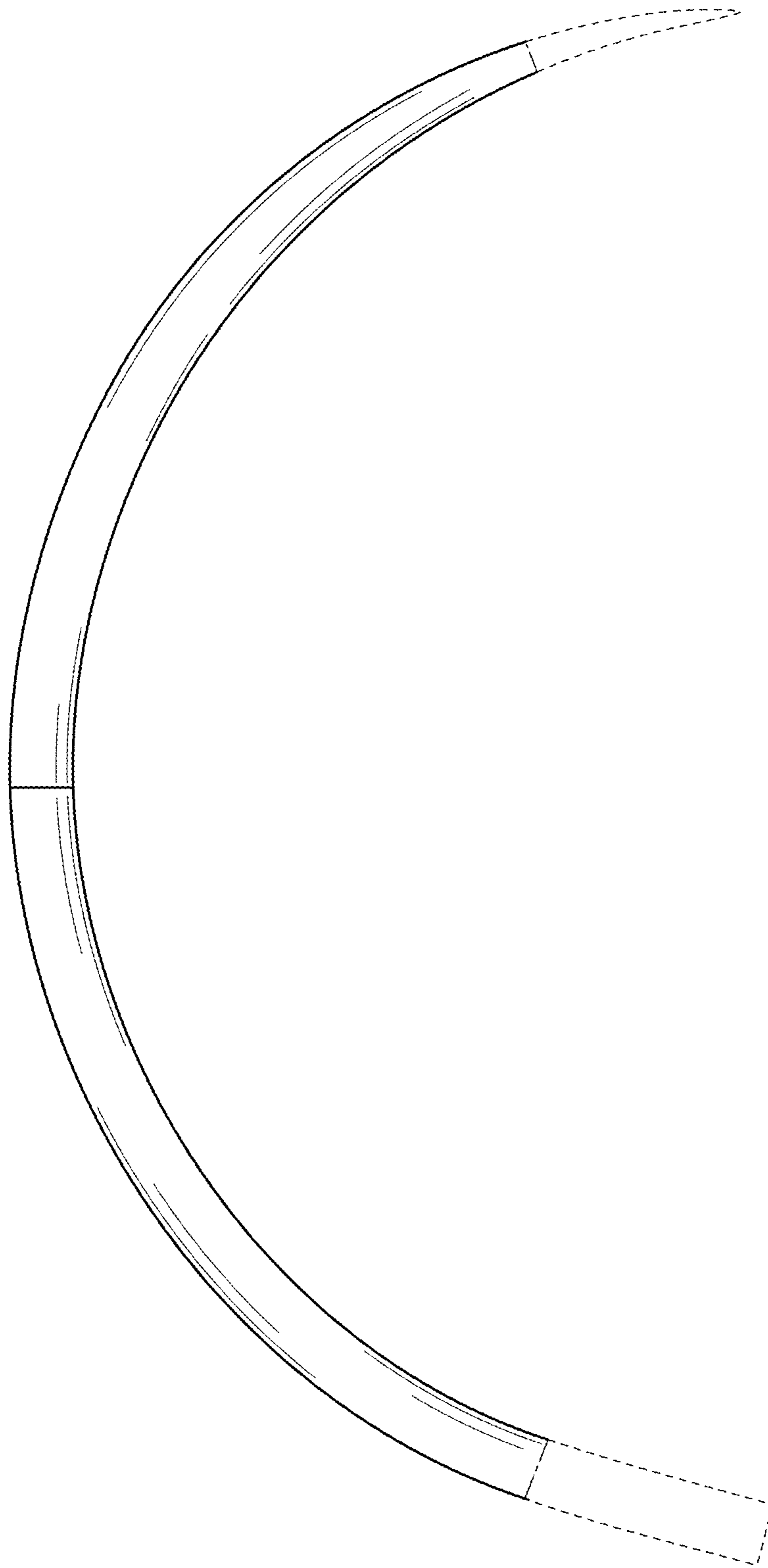


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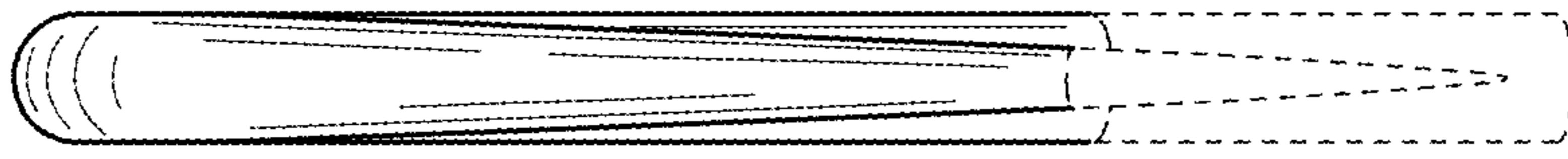


FIG. 11



FIG. 12



FIG. 13



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