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(54) **FLEXIBLE PACKAGE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

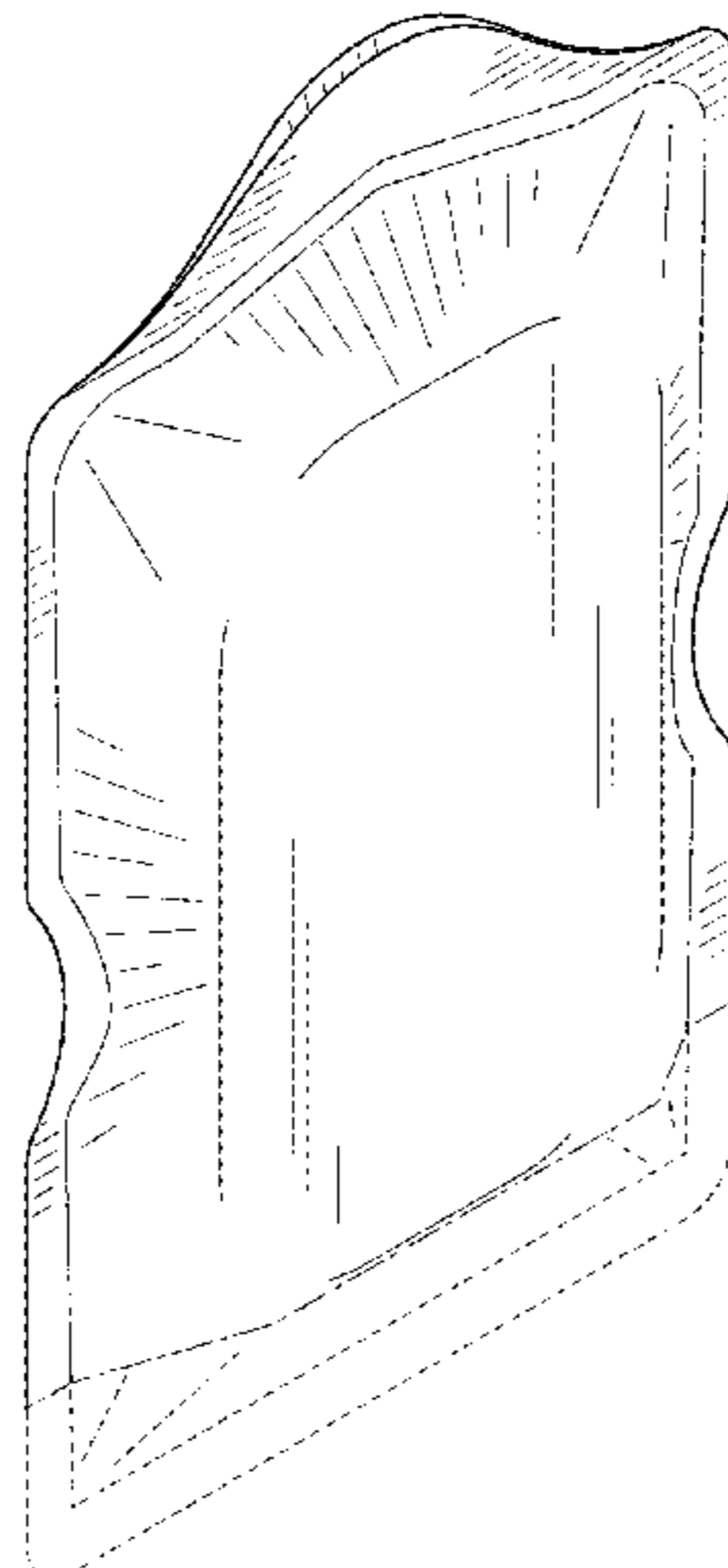
The ornamental design for a flexible package, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of an embodiment of a flexible package showing our new design;
FIG. 2 is a front elevation view of the flexible package shown in FIG. 1; the rear elevation view is a mirror image thereof;
FIG. 3 is a right side view of the flexible package shown in FIG. 1; the left side view is a mirror image thereof;
FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the flexible package shown in FIG. 1; and,
FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view of the flexible package shown in FIG. 1.

The broken lines of the flexible package are included to show features that form no part of the claimed design. The dash-dot-dash lines of the flexible package are included to define the boundaries of the claim that form no part of the claimed design.

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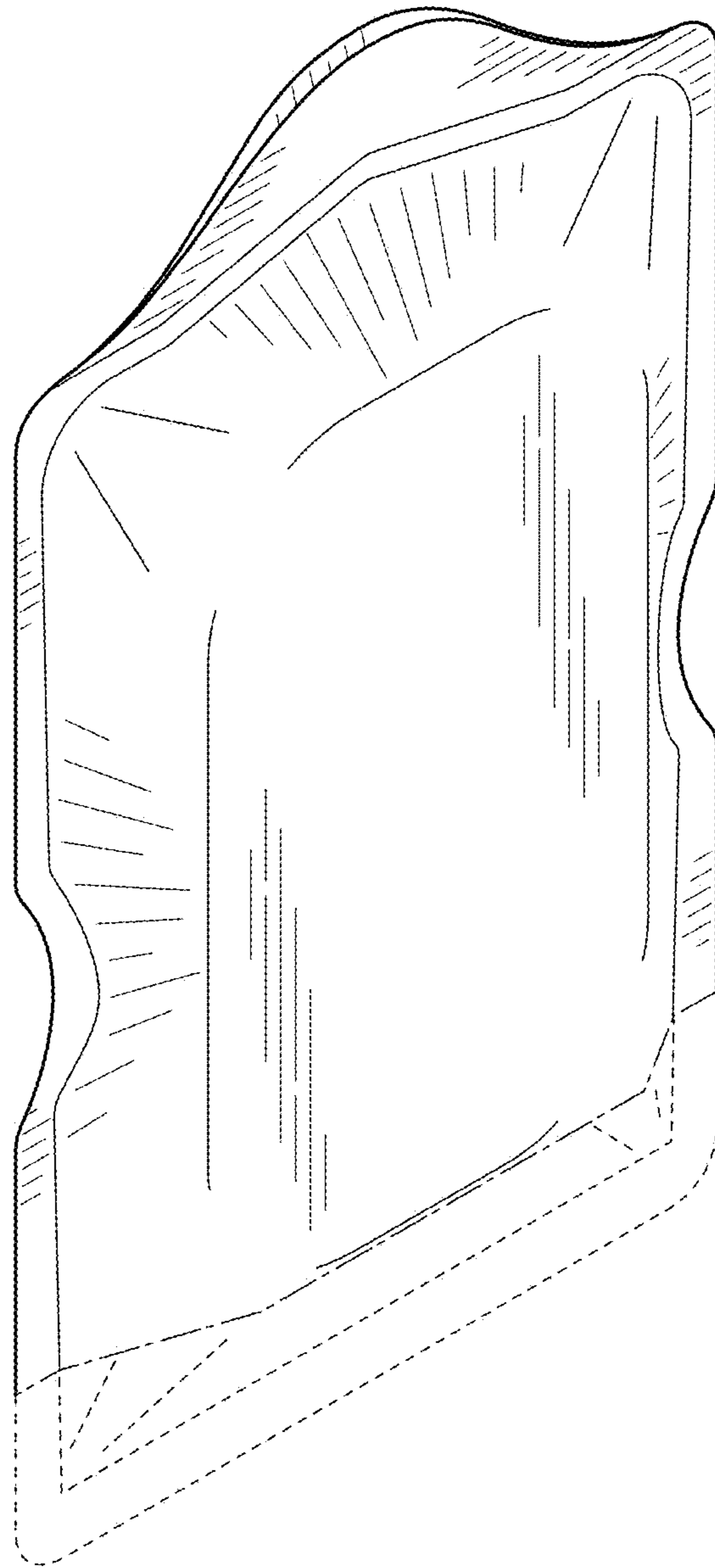


FIG. 1

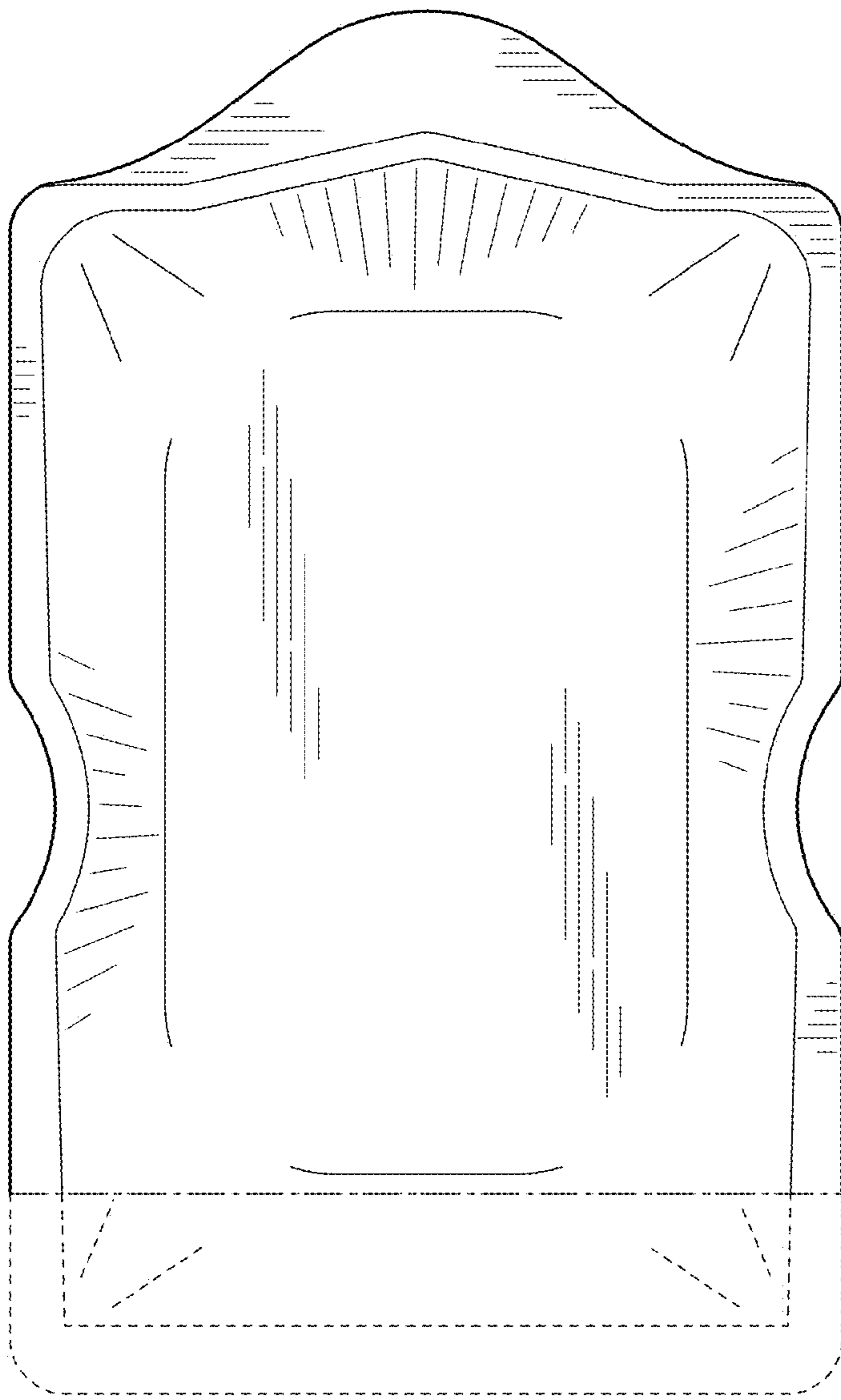


FIG. 2

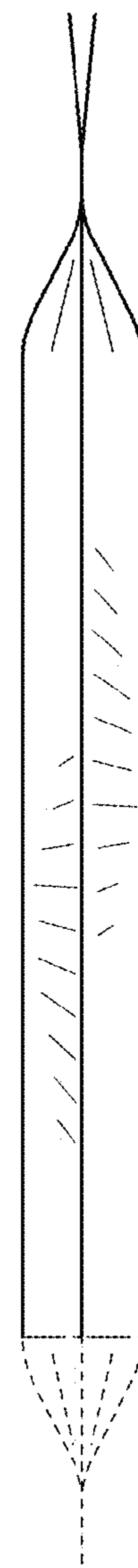


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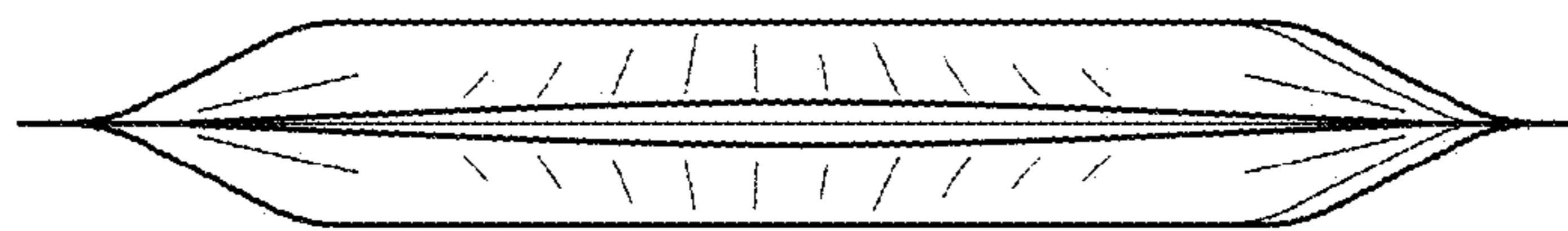


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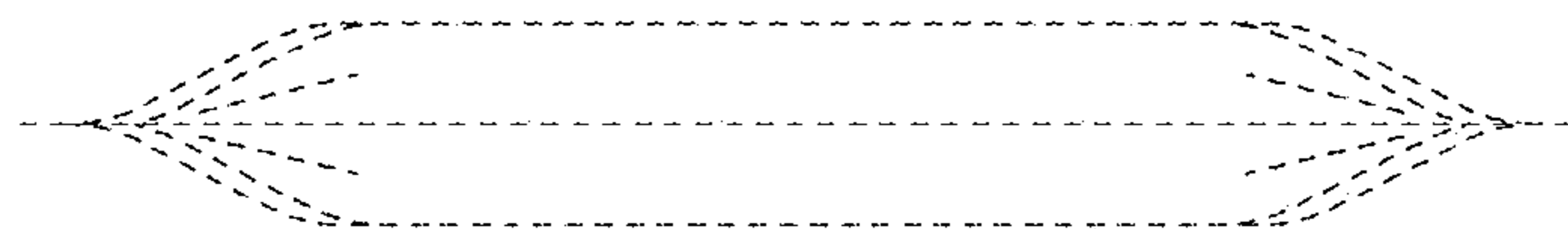


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