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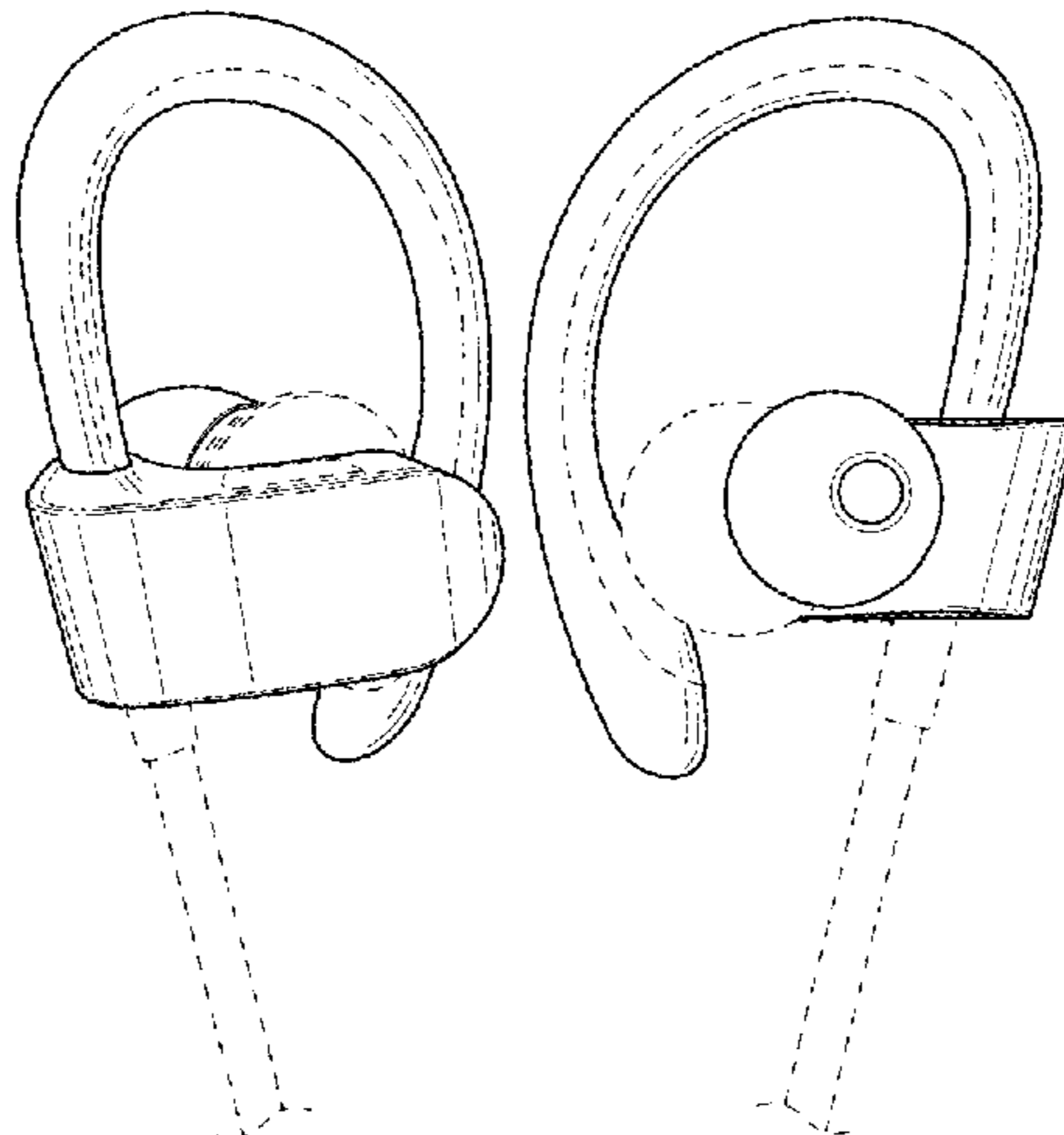
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an earpiece, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an earpiece showing the claimed design;
FIG. 2 is a front view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a rear view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a right side view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a left side view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a top view thereof; and,
FIG. 7 is a bottom view thereof.
The dashed broken lines in the figures show portions of the earpiece that form no part of the claimed design.

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The dot-dash broken lines in the figures show boundaries that form no part of the claimed design.

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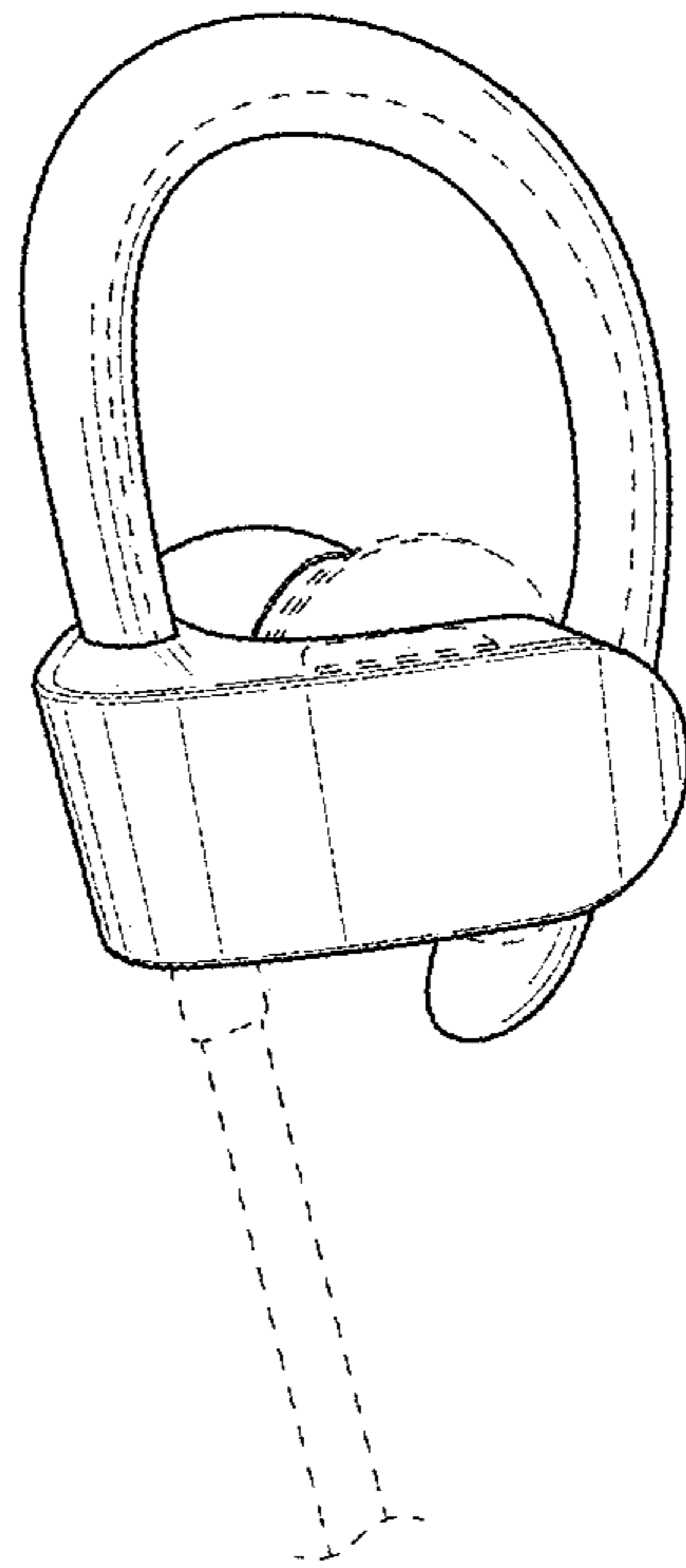


FIG. 1

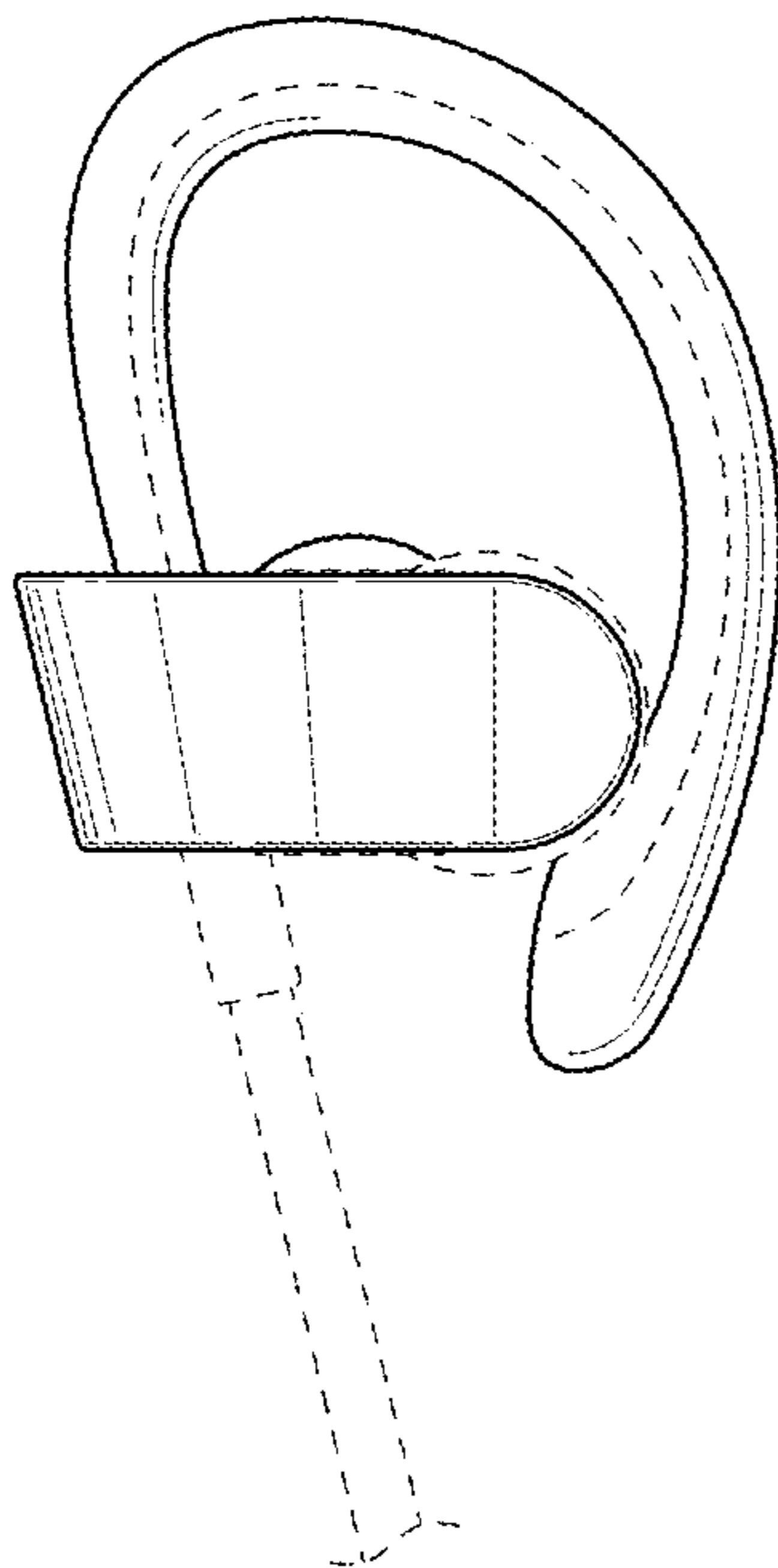


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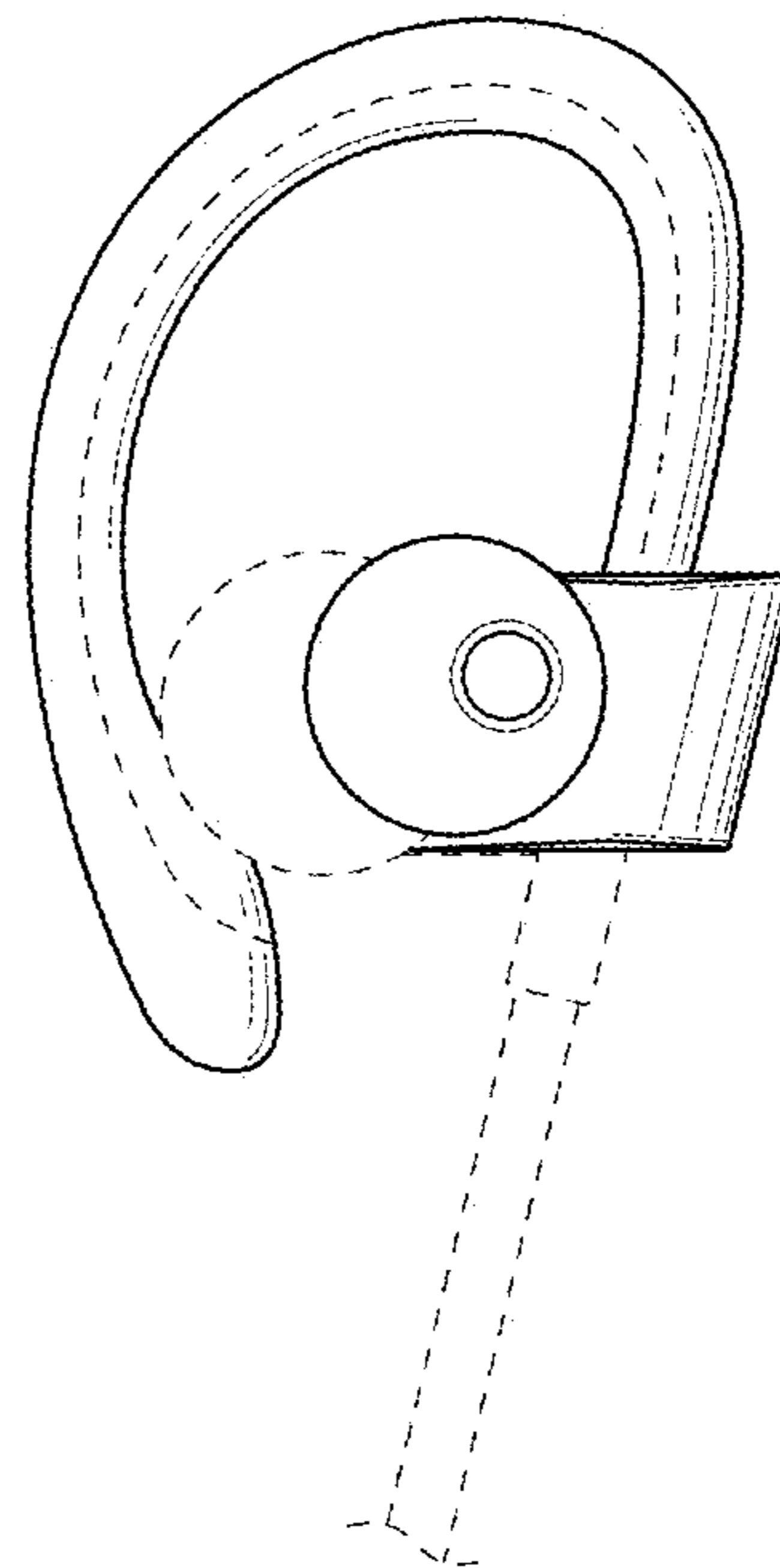


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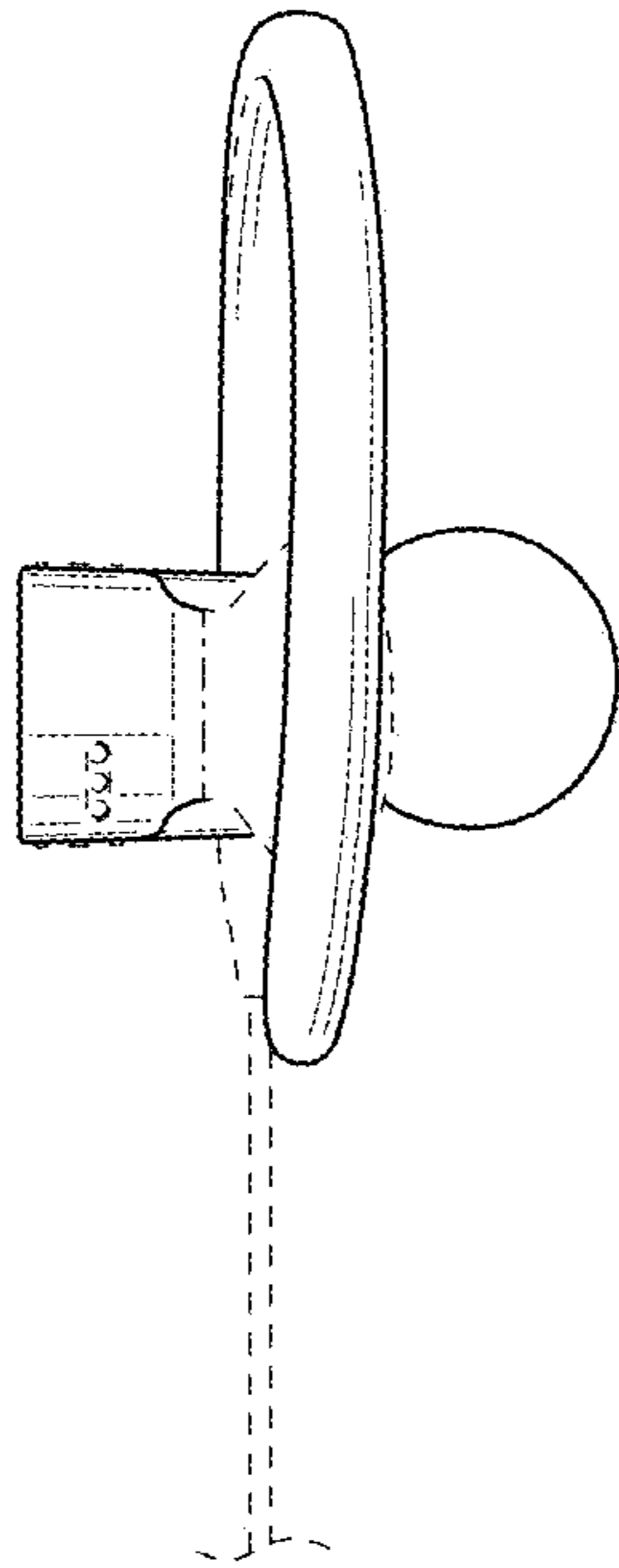


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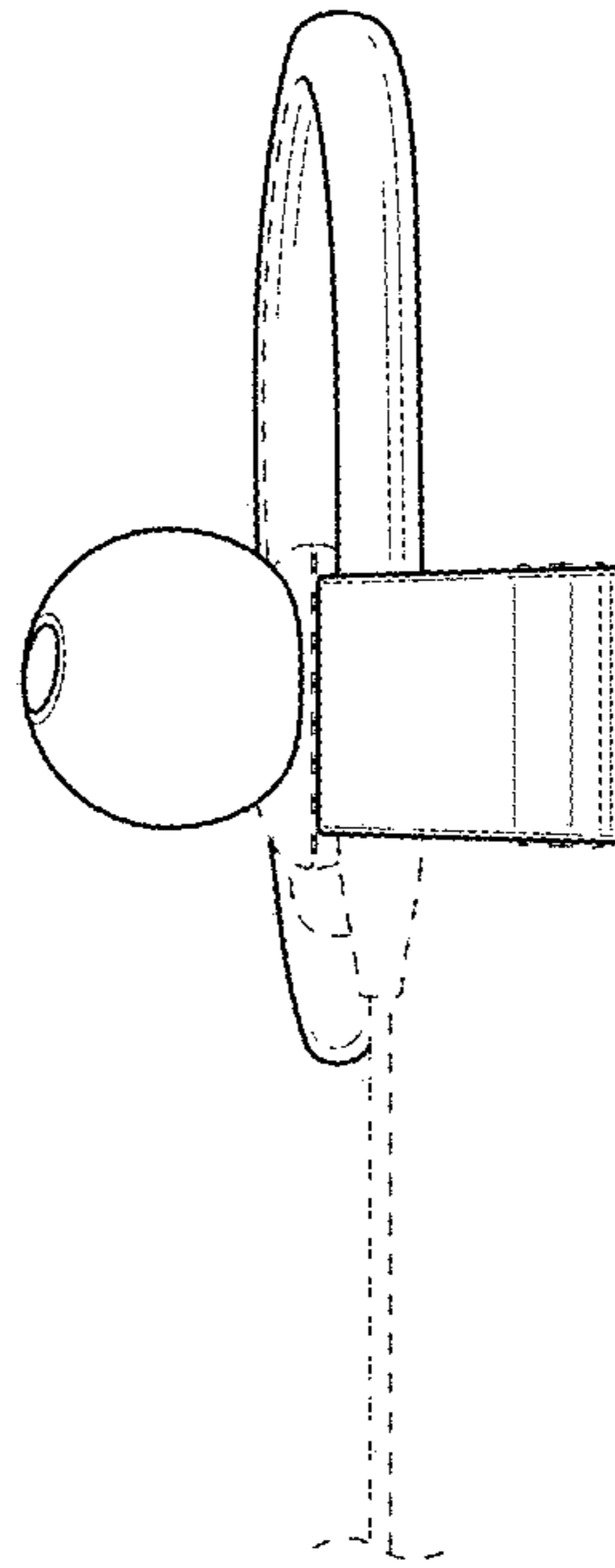


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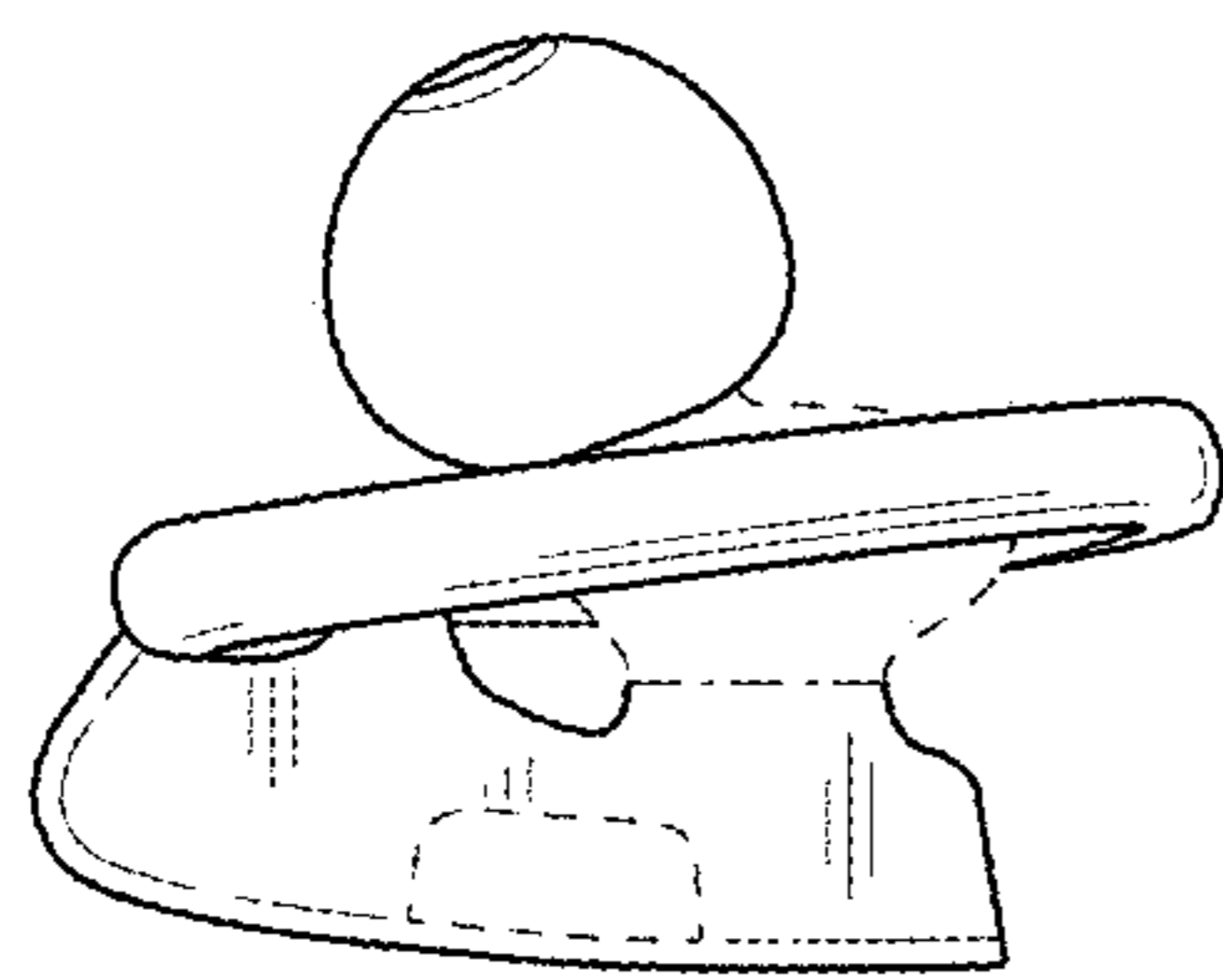


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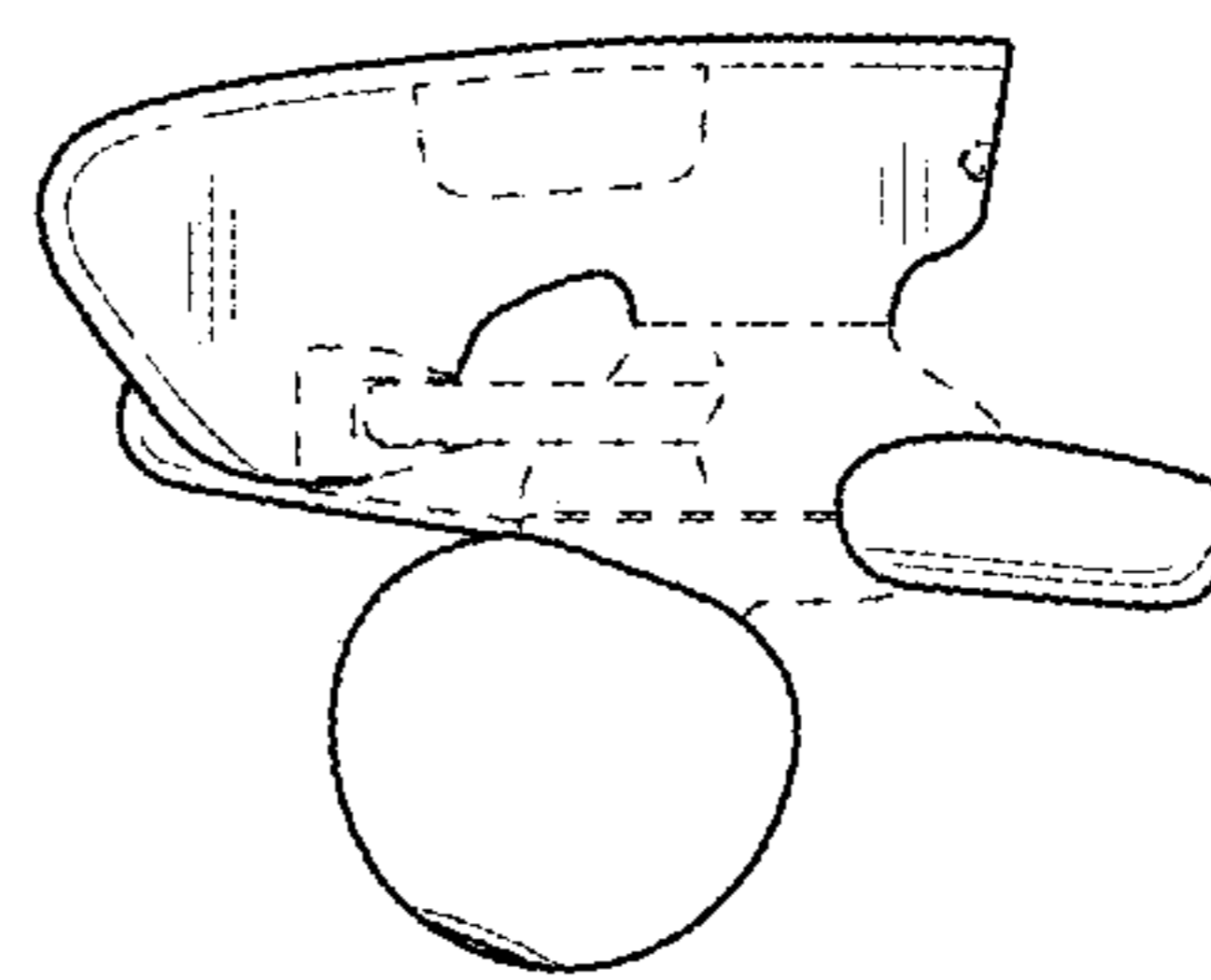


FIG. 7

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