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(54) **CONNECTING END PORTION OF A KNITTING NEEDLE**  
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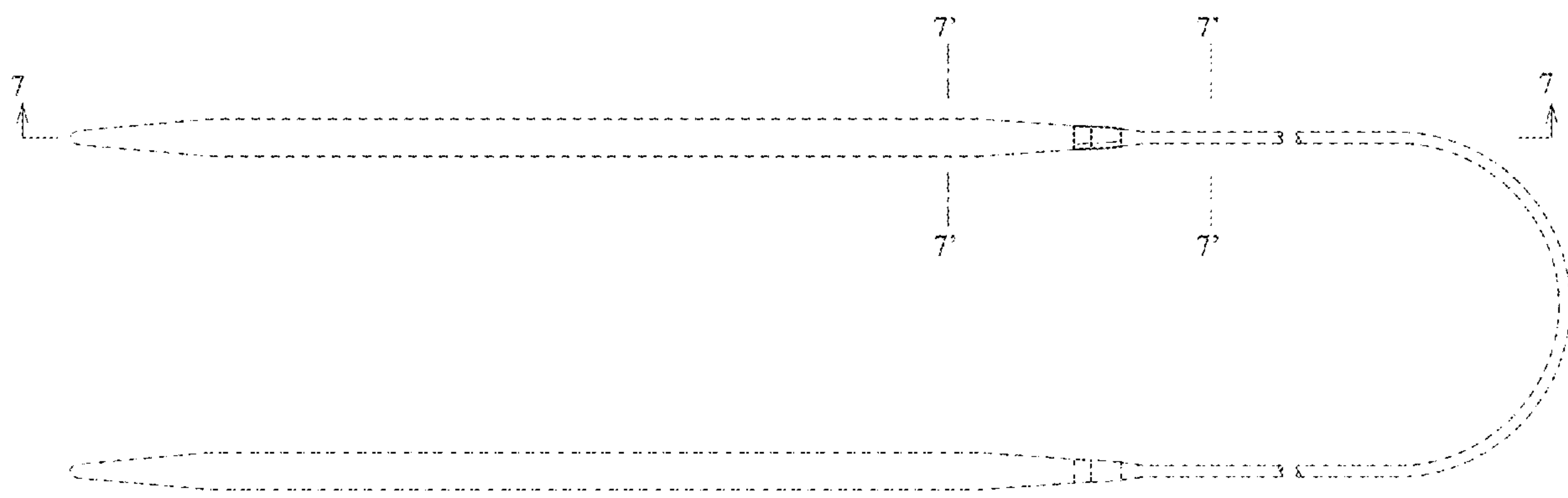
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(57) **CLAIM**  
We claim the ornamental design for a connecting end portion of a knitting needle, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**  
FIG. 1 is a front view showing a connecting end portion of a knitting needle according to our design;  
FIG. 2 is a rear view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a left side view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a right side view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof; and,  
FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view taken along arrow lines 7-7 between chain lines 7'-7' in FIG. 1.  
The broken lines depict portions of the article that form no part of the claimed design.

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FIG. 1

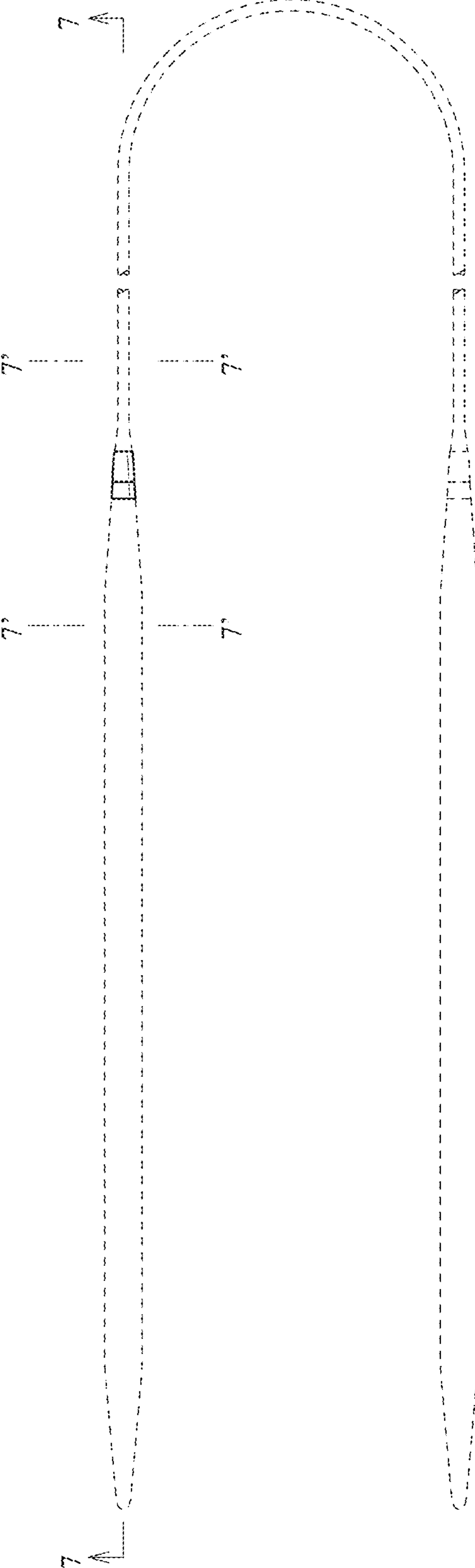


FIG. 2

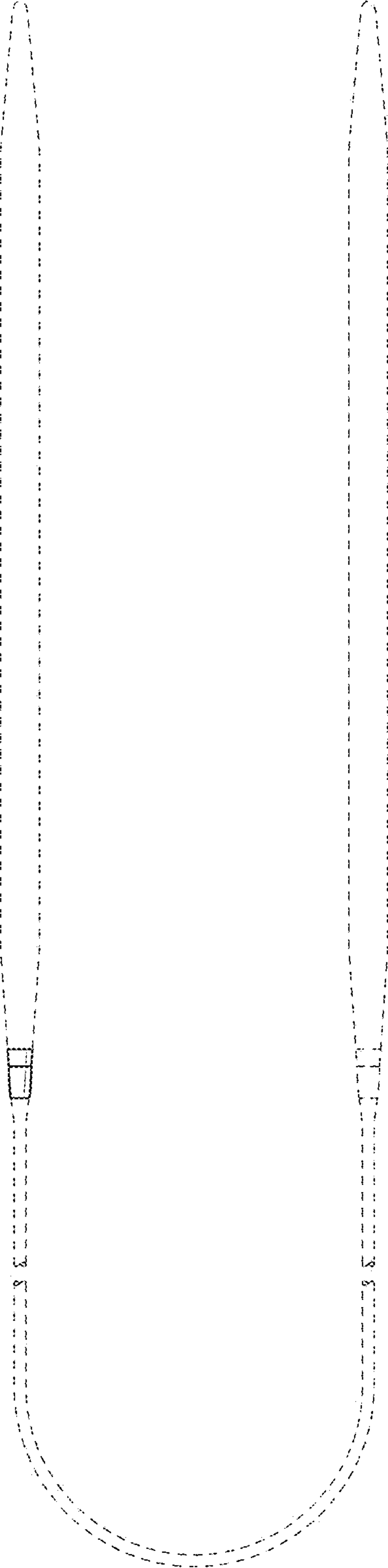


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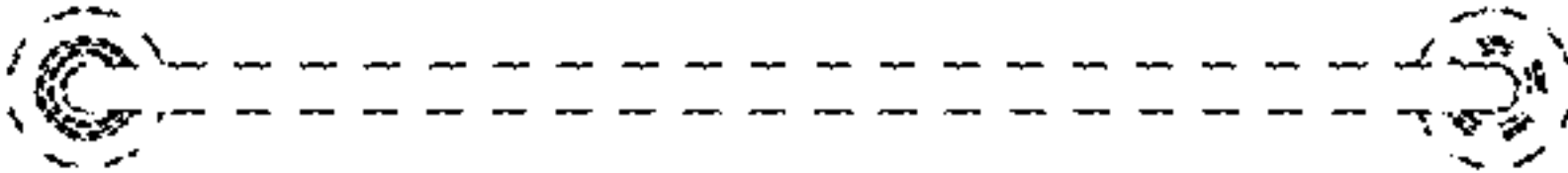


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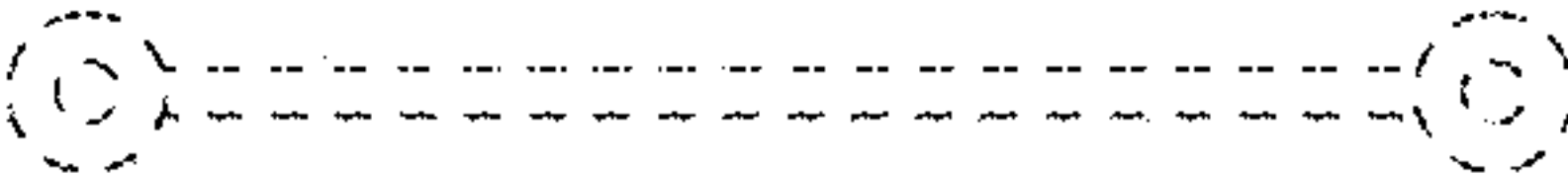


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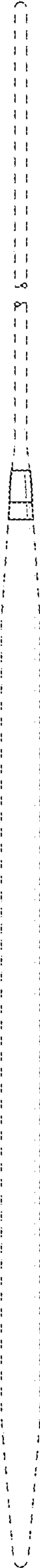


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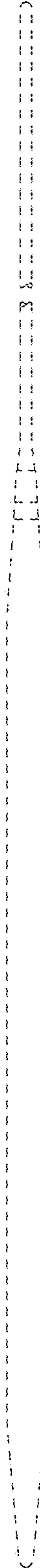


FIG. 7

