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I claim the ornamental design for a staple, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

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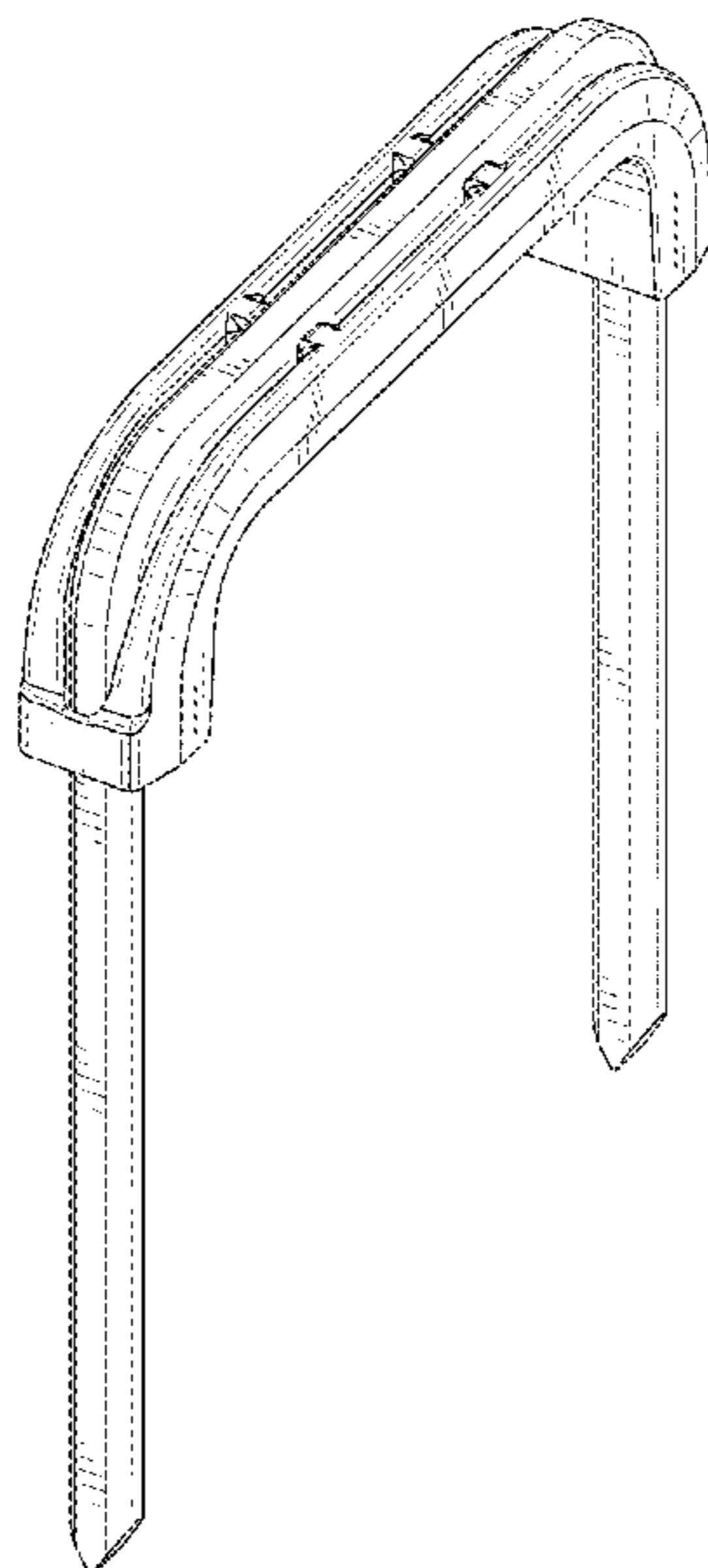
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FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a staple in accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 2 is a front view of the staple of FIG. 1. FIG. 3 is a rear view of the staple of FIG. 1. FIG. 4 is a left-side view of the staple of FIG. 1. FIG. 5 is a right-side view of the staple of FIG. 1. FIG. 6 is a top view of the staple of FIG. 1. FIG. 7 is a bottom view of the staple of FIG. 1. FIG. 8 is a front perspective view of a staple in accordance with a second embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 9 is a front view of the staple of FIG. 8. FIG. 10 is a rear view of the staple of FIG. 8. FIG. 11 is a left-side view of the staple of FIG. 8. FIG. 12 is a right-side view of the staple of FIG. 8. FIG. 13 is a top view of the staple of FIG. 8; and, FIG. 14 is a bottom view of the staple of FIG. 8.

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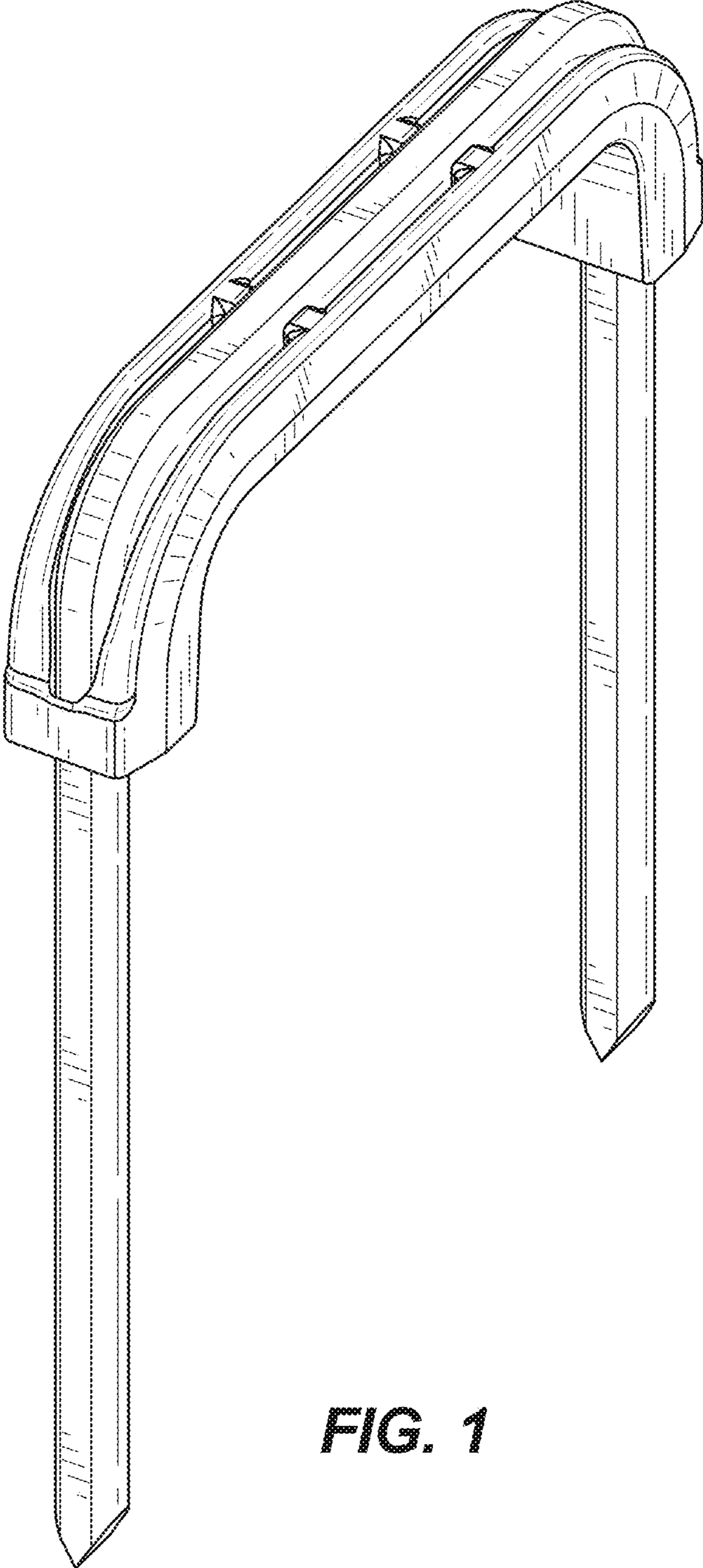
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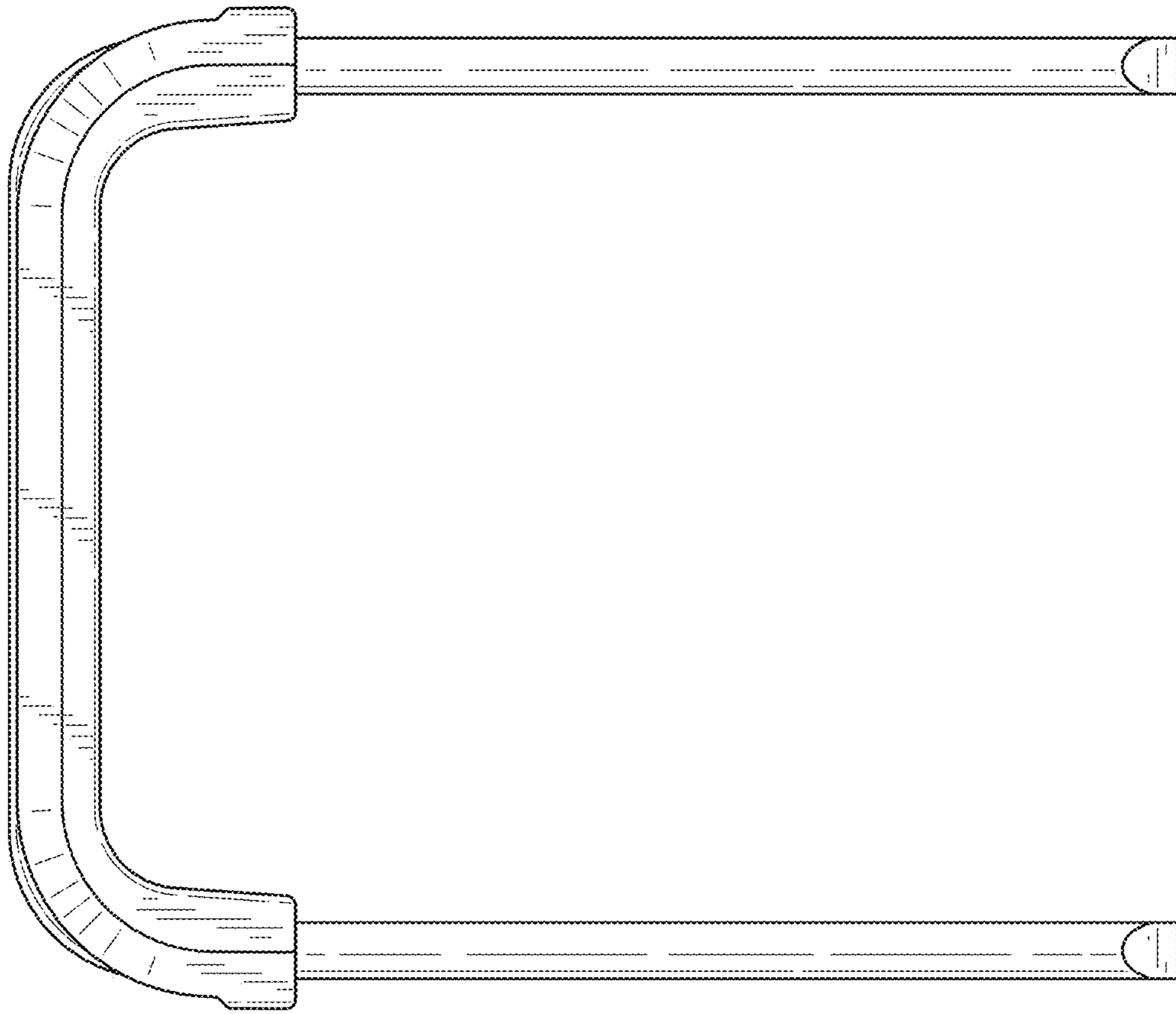
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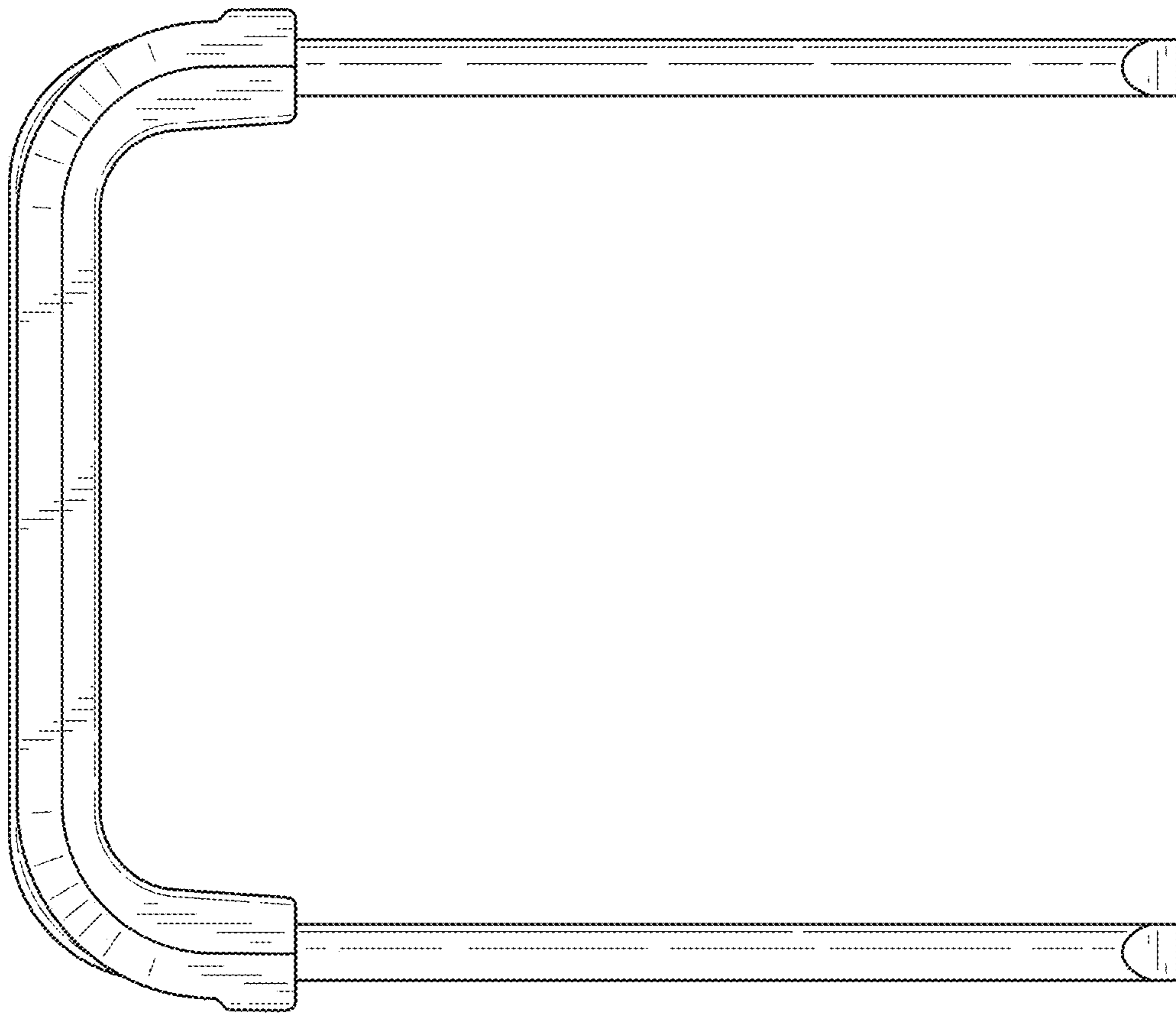
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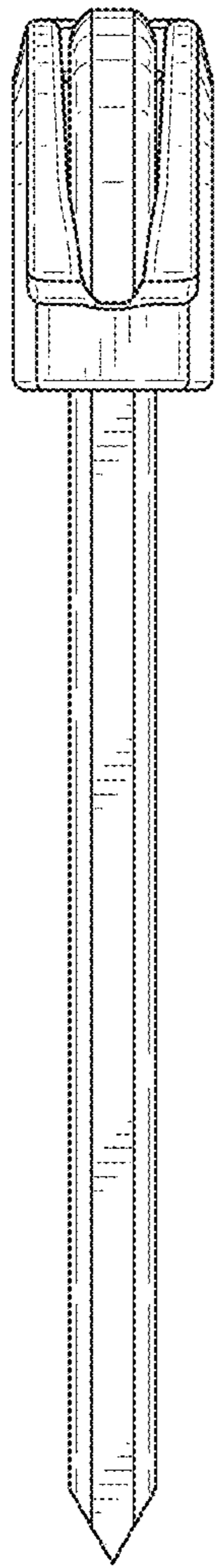
**FIG. 1**



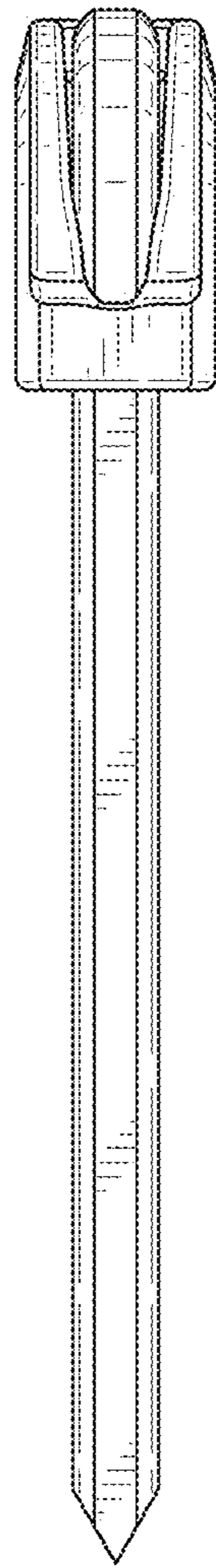
**FIG. 2**



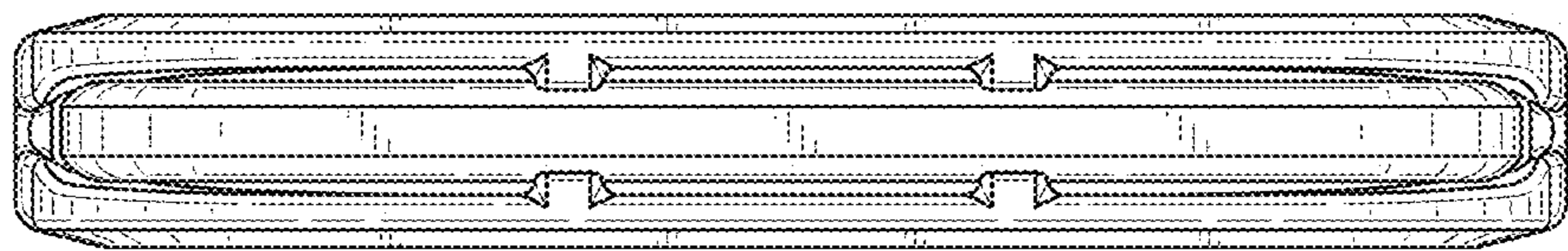
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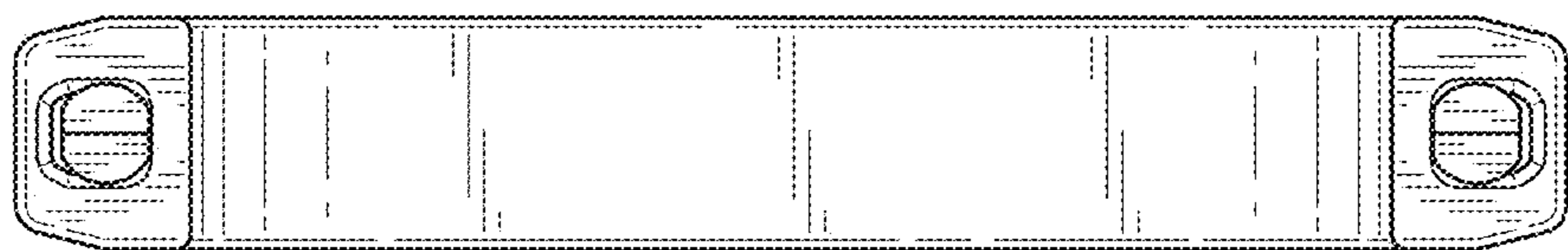
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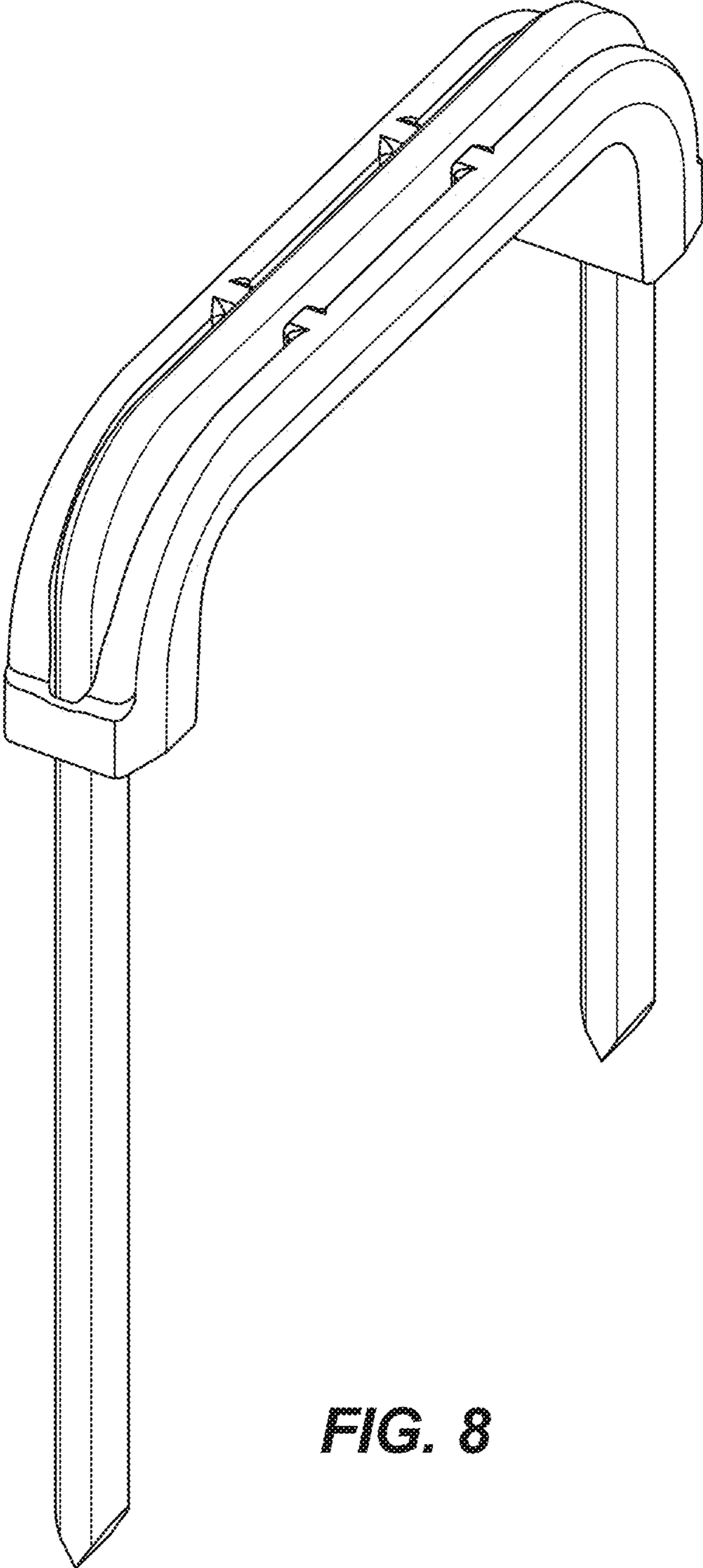
**FIG. 5**



**FIG. 6**



**FIG. 7**



**FIG. 8**

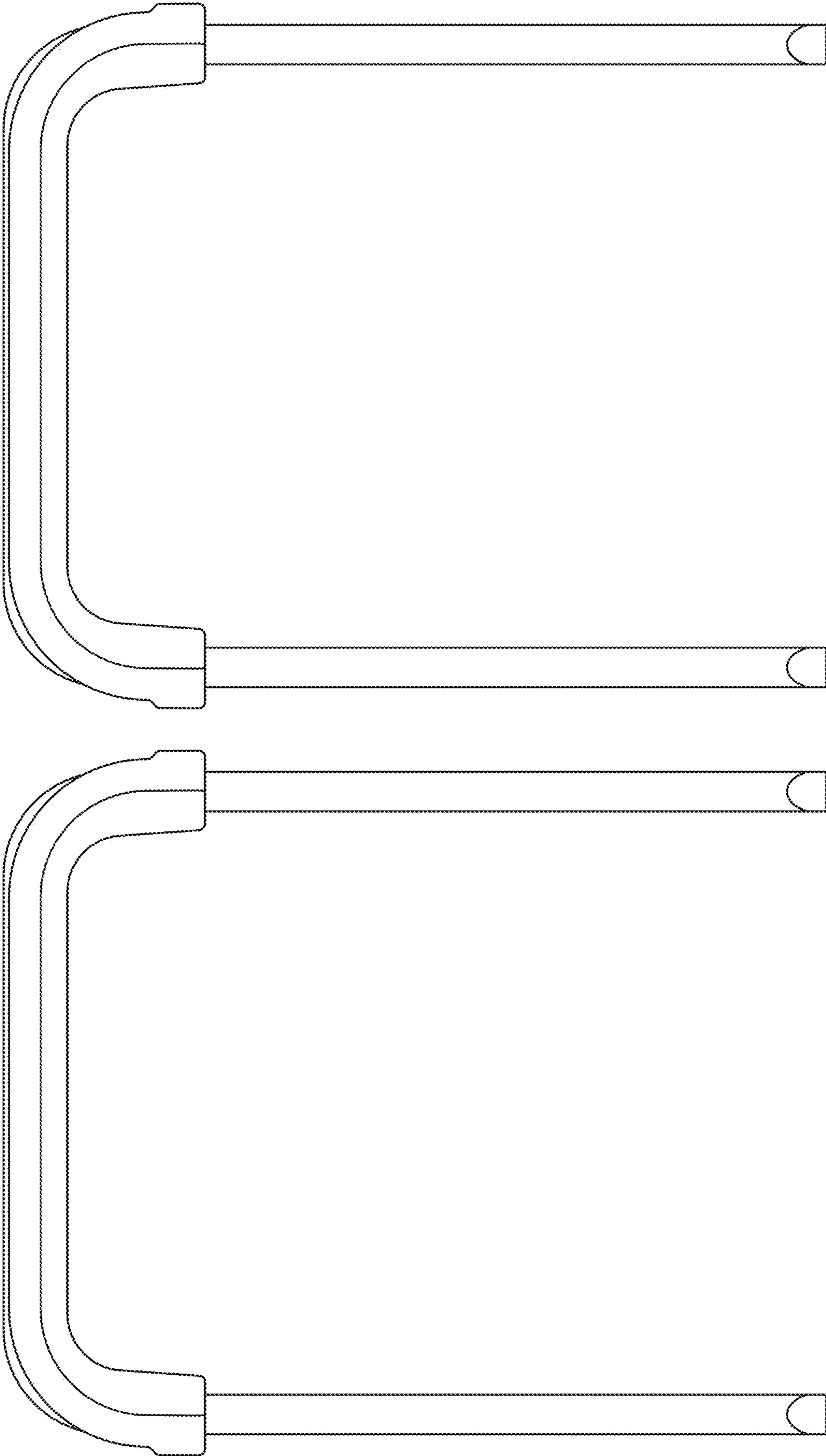
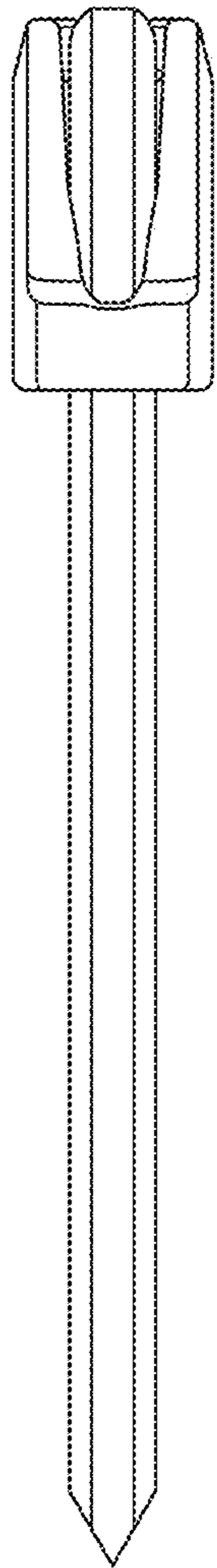
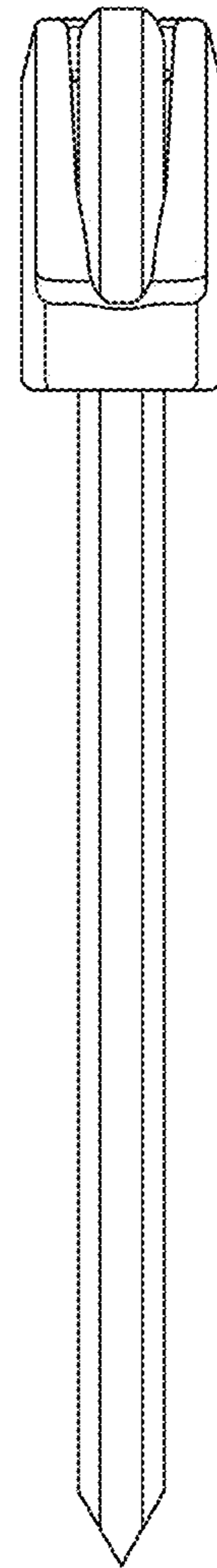


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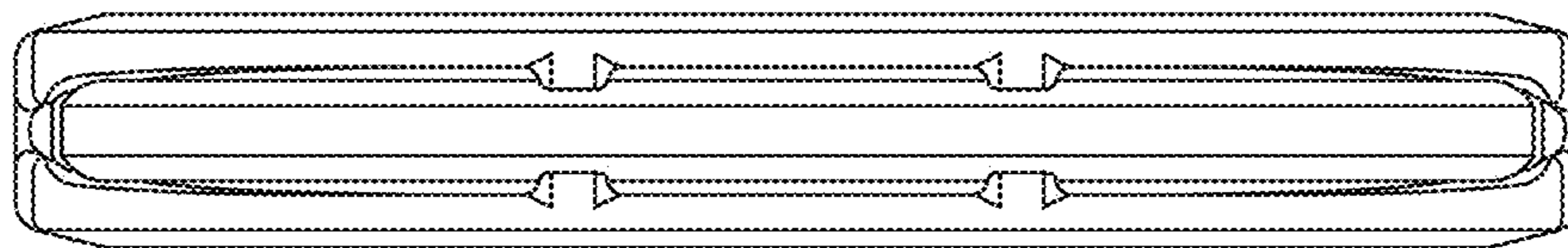
FIG. 9



**FIG. 11**



**FIG. 12**



**FIG. 13**



**FIG. 14**