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(54) **LEADING EDGE OF A FAN BLADE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a leading edge of a fan blade, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

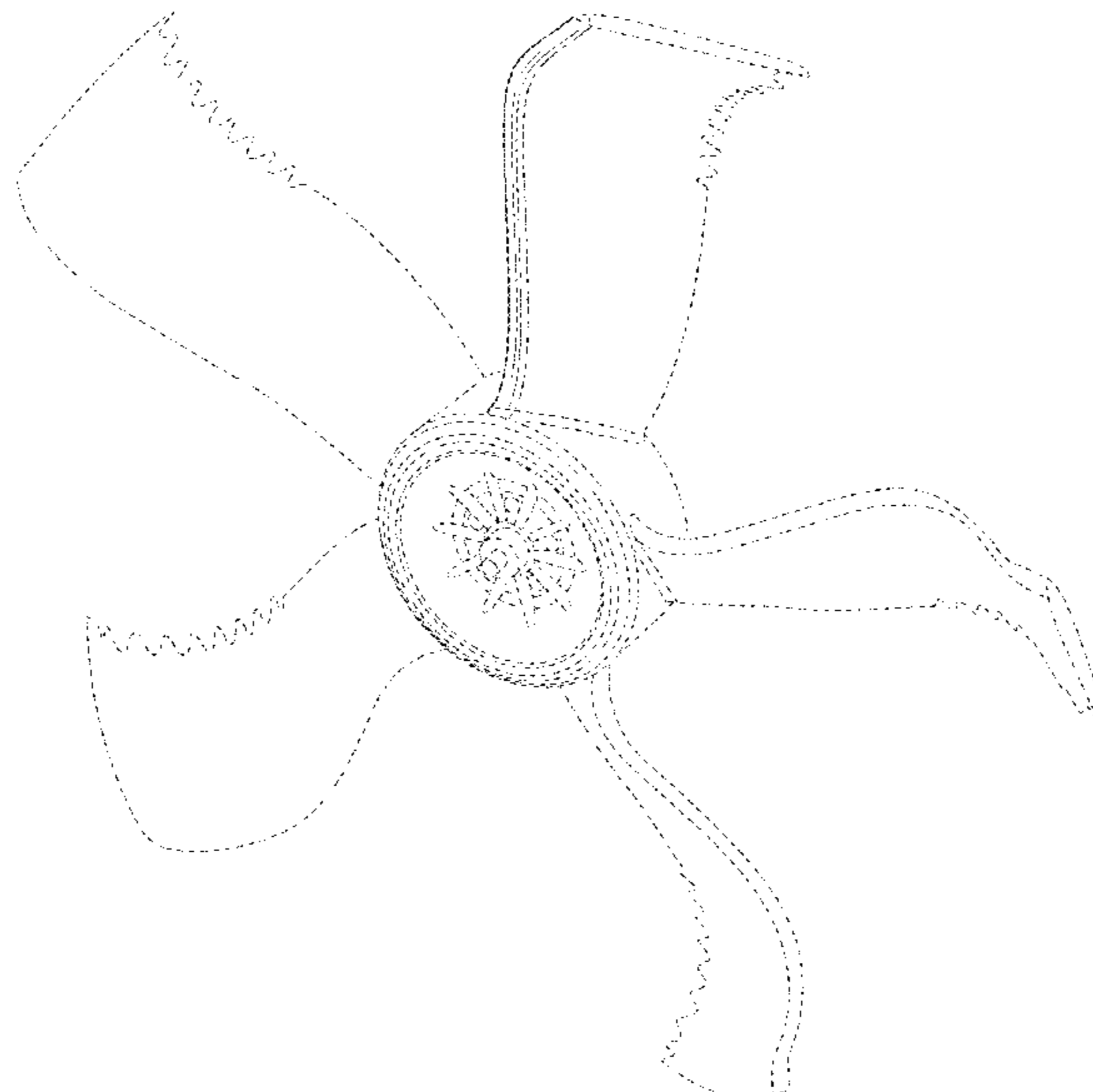
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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a leading edge of a fan blade, shown in its environment;  
FIG. 2 is a front view of the leading edge of the fan blade of FIG. 1;  
FIG. 3 is a front perspective view of the leading edge of the fan blade of FIG. 1;  
FIG. 4 is another front perspective view of the leading edge of the fan blade of FIG. 1;  
FIG. 5 is a first side view of the leading edge of the fan blade of FIG. 1; and,  
FIG. 6 is a second side view of the leading edge of the fan blade of FIG. 1.  
The dash-dash broken lines illustrate portions of the leading edge of the fan blade and environment. The dash-dot broken lines define the bounds of the claimed design. None of the broken lines form part of the claimed design.

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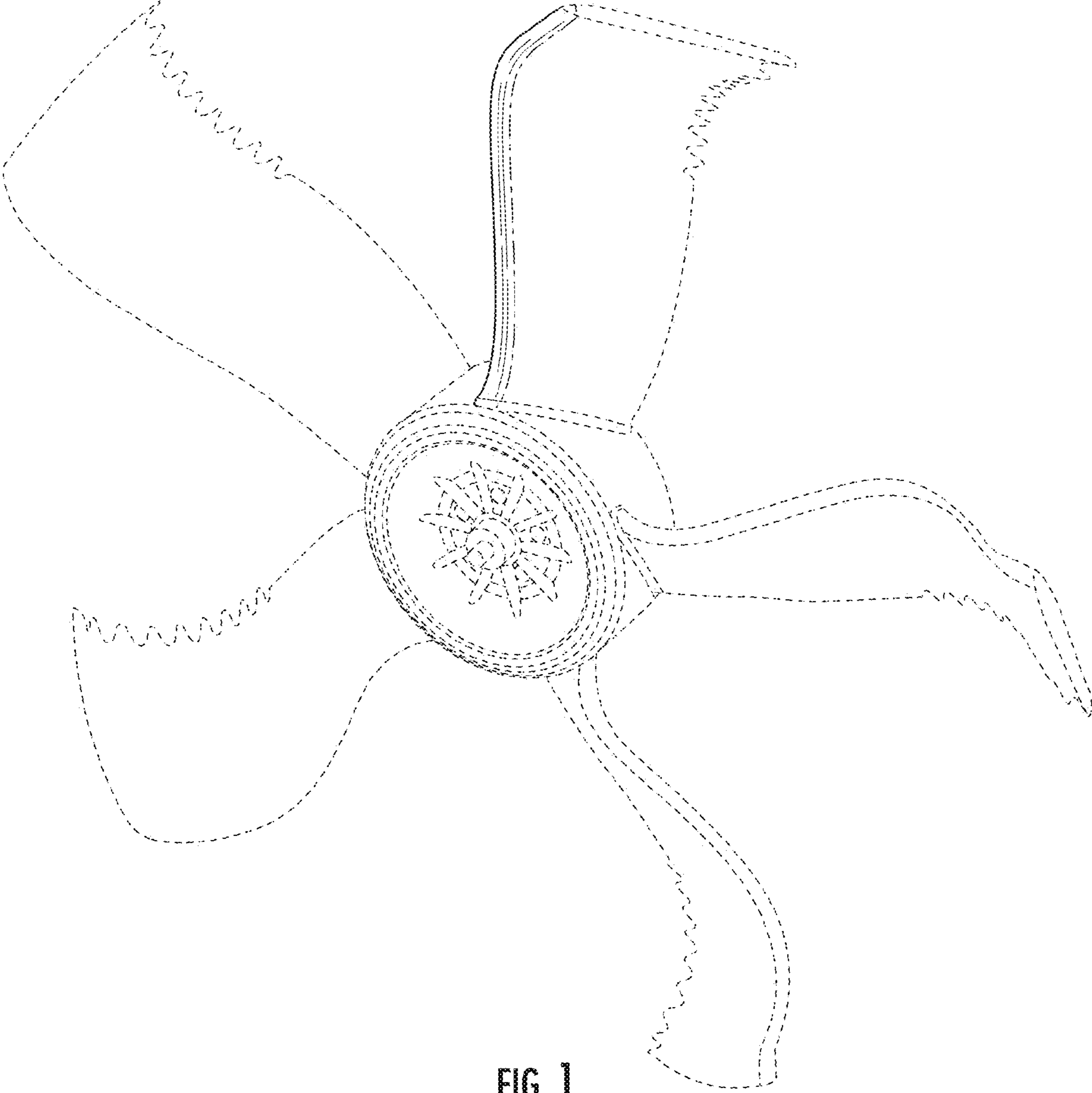


FIG. 1

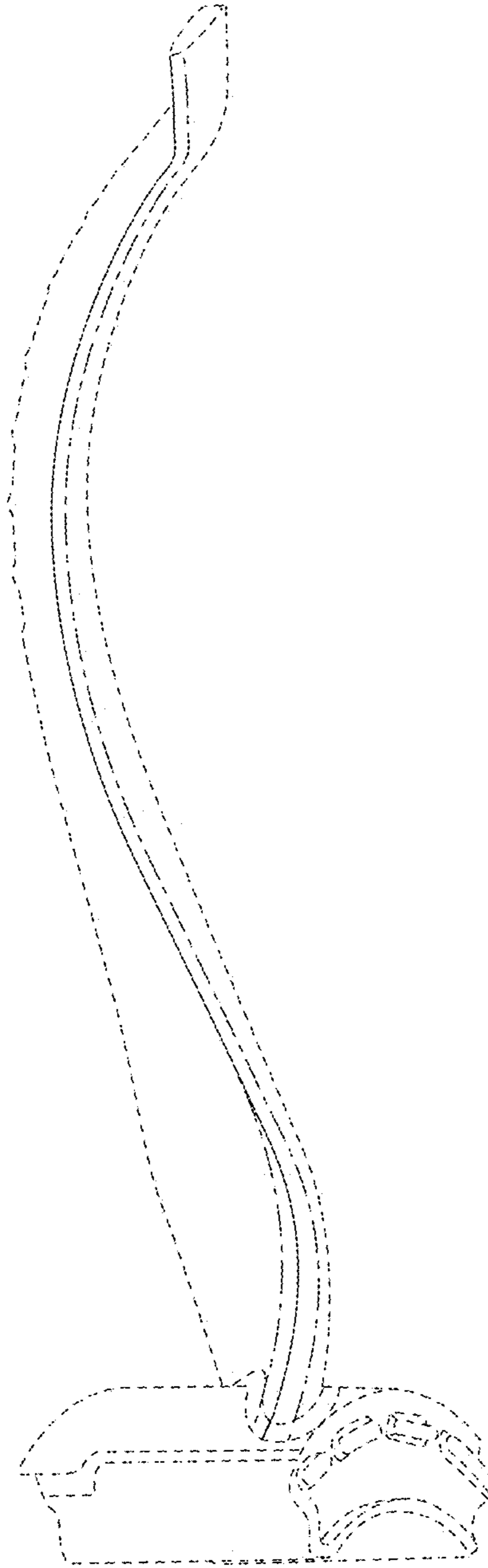


FIG. 2

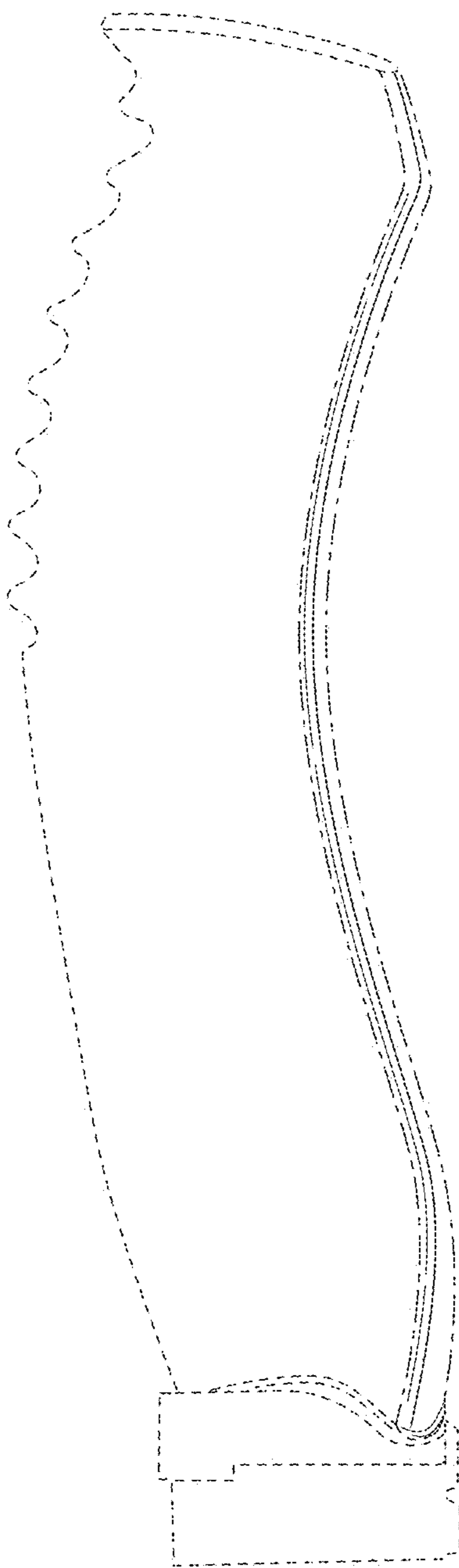


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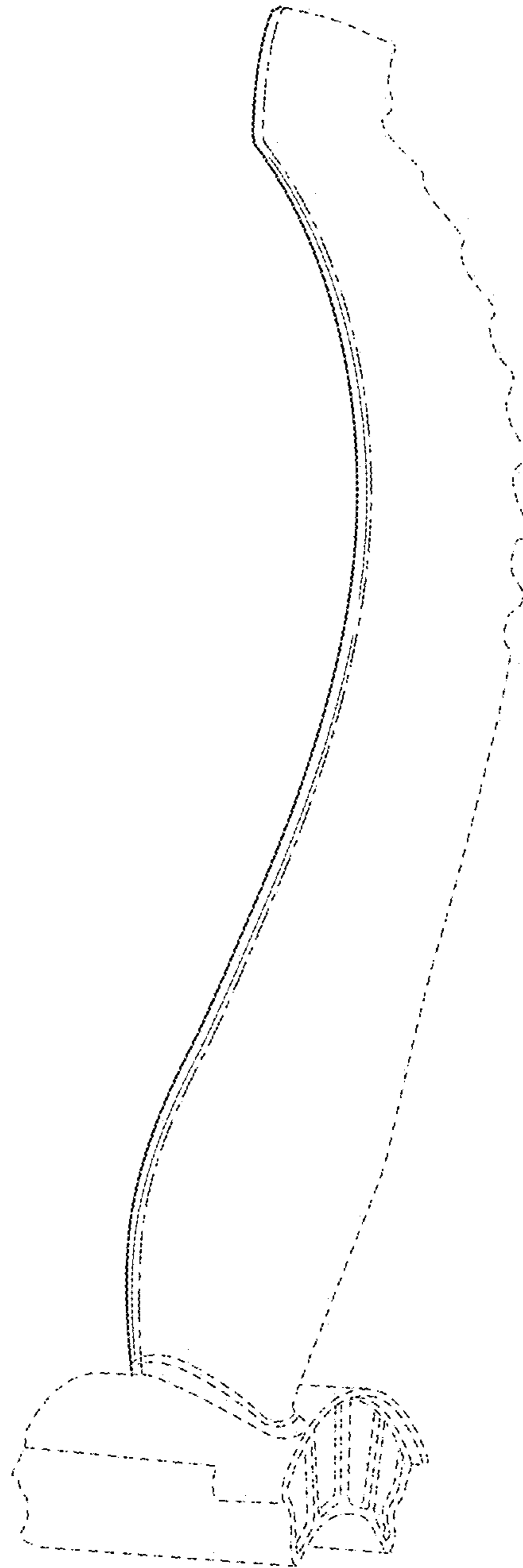


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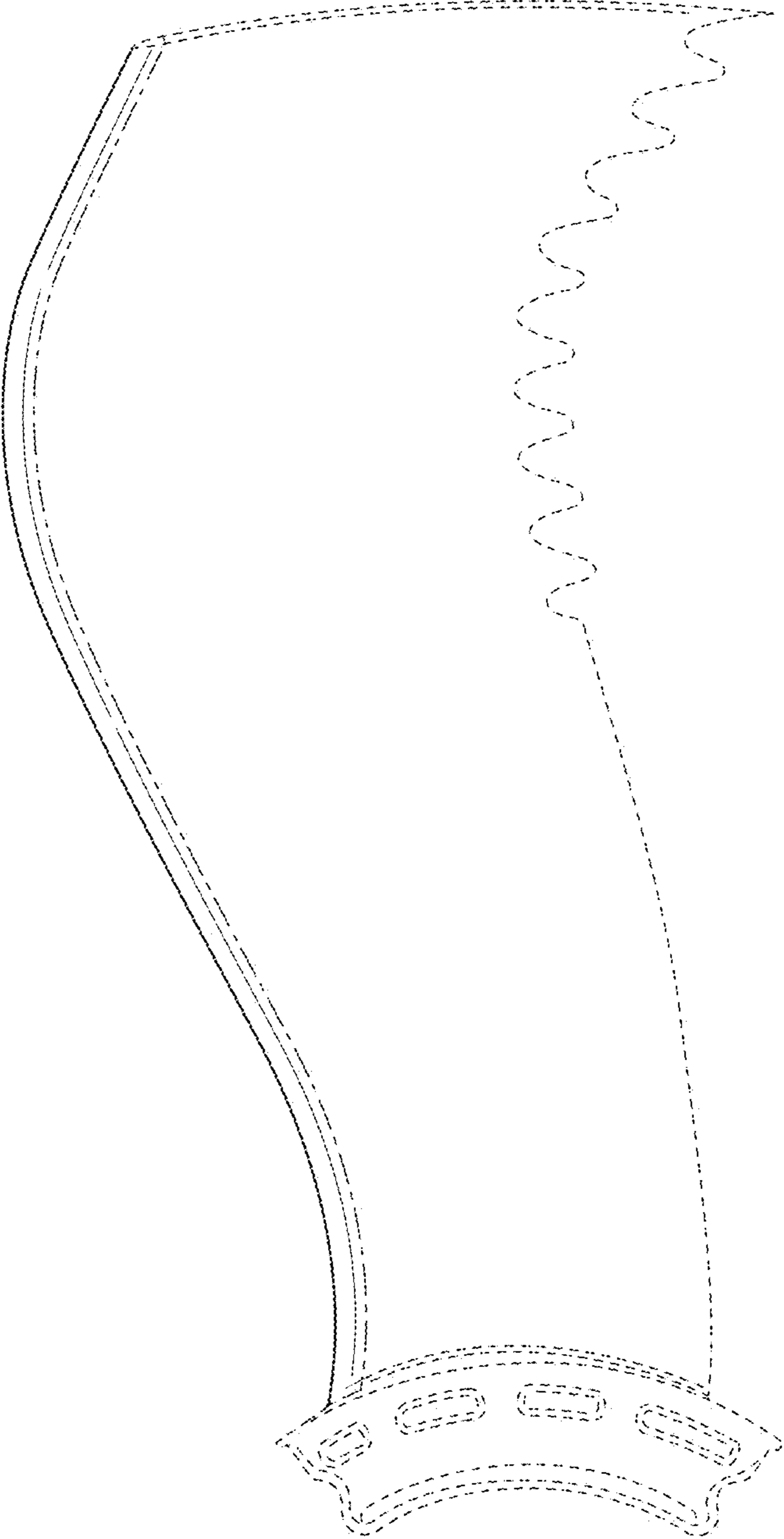


FIG. 5



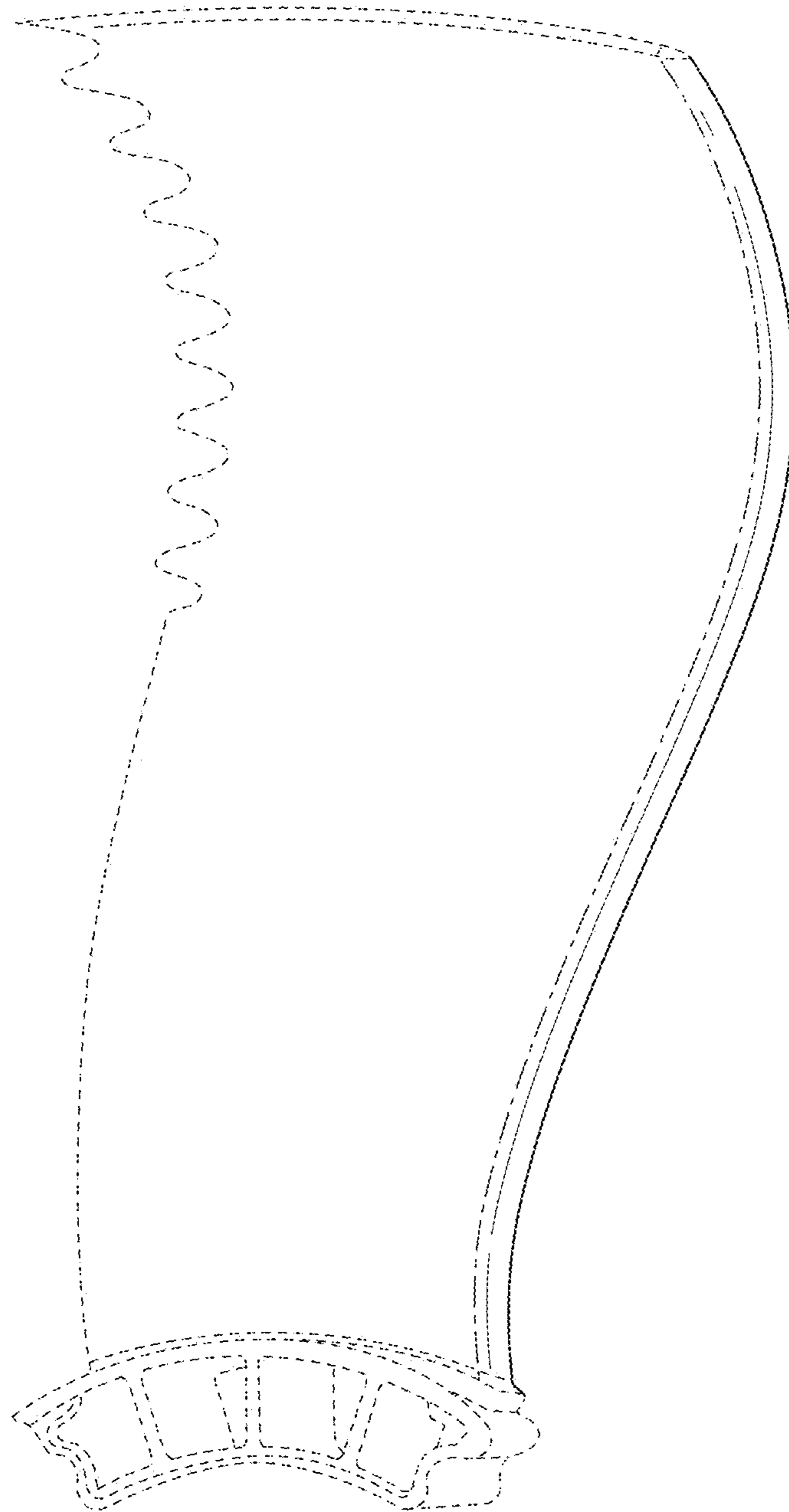


FIG. 6