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(54) **FOLDABLE SUTURE NEEDLE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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The ornamental design for a foldable suture needle, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a foldable suture needle, showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a left side view of the foldable suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a right side view of the foldable suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a proximal end view of the foldable suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is a distal end view of the foldable suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 6 is a top plan view of the foldable suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 7 is a bottom view of the foldable suture needle shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a bendable suture needle, showing another embodiment of my new design;

FIG. 9 is a left side view of the bendable suture needle shown in FIG. 8;

FIG. 10 is a right side view of the bendable suture needle shown in FIG. 8;

FIG. 11 is a proximal end view of the bendable suture needle shown in FIG. 8;

FIG. 12 is a distal end view of the bendable suture needle shown in FIG. 8;

FIG. 13 is a top plan view of the bendable suture needle shown in FIG. 8; and,

FIG. 14 is a bottom view of the bendable suture needle shown in FIG. 8.

The broken lines in the drawings form no part of the claimed design for a foldable suture needle.

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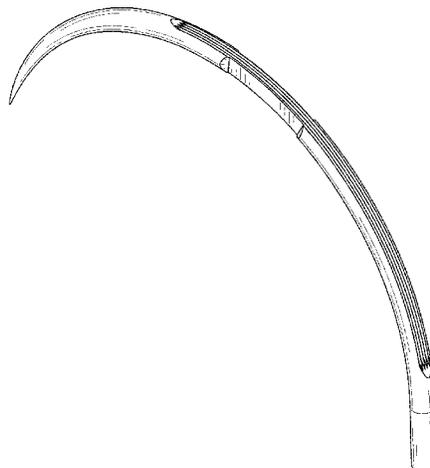
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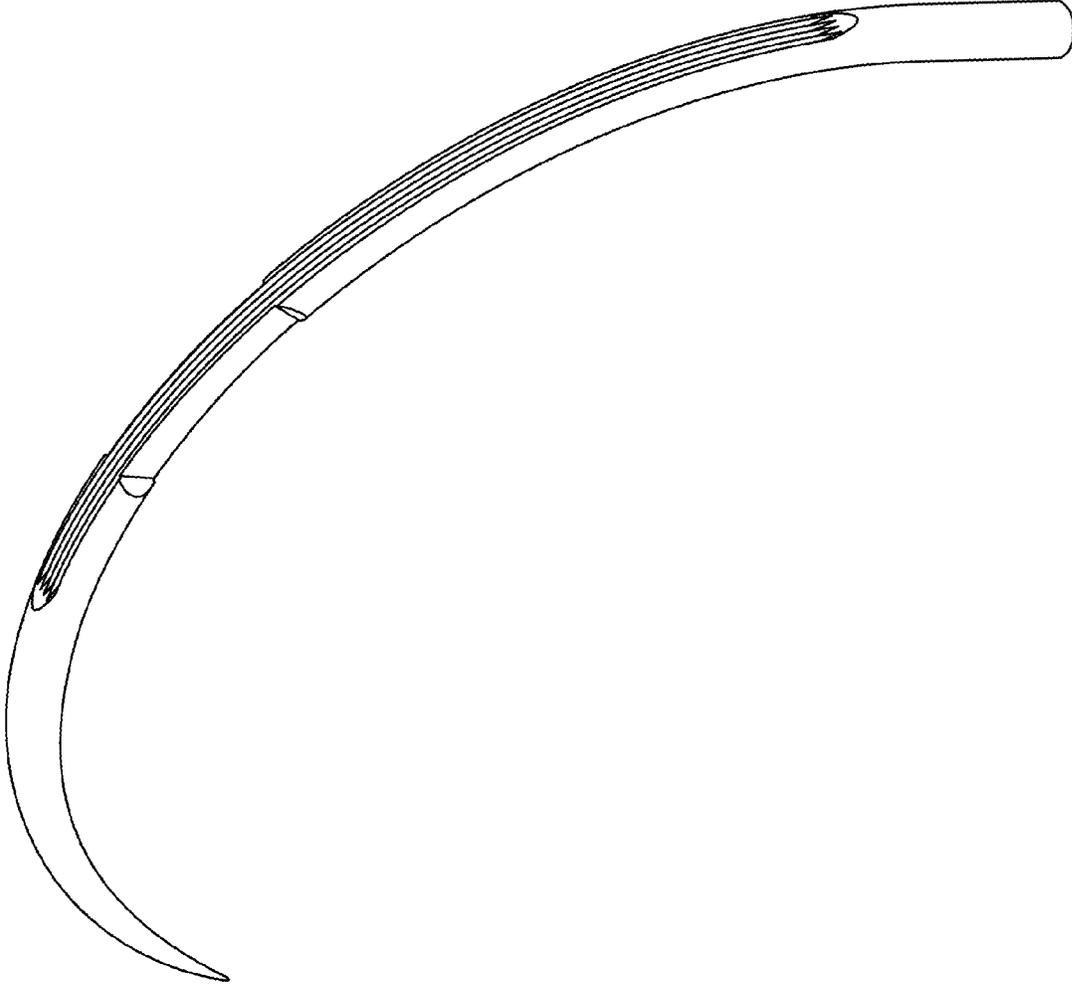


FIG. 1

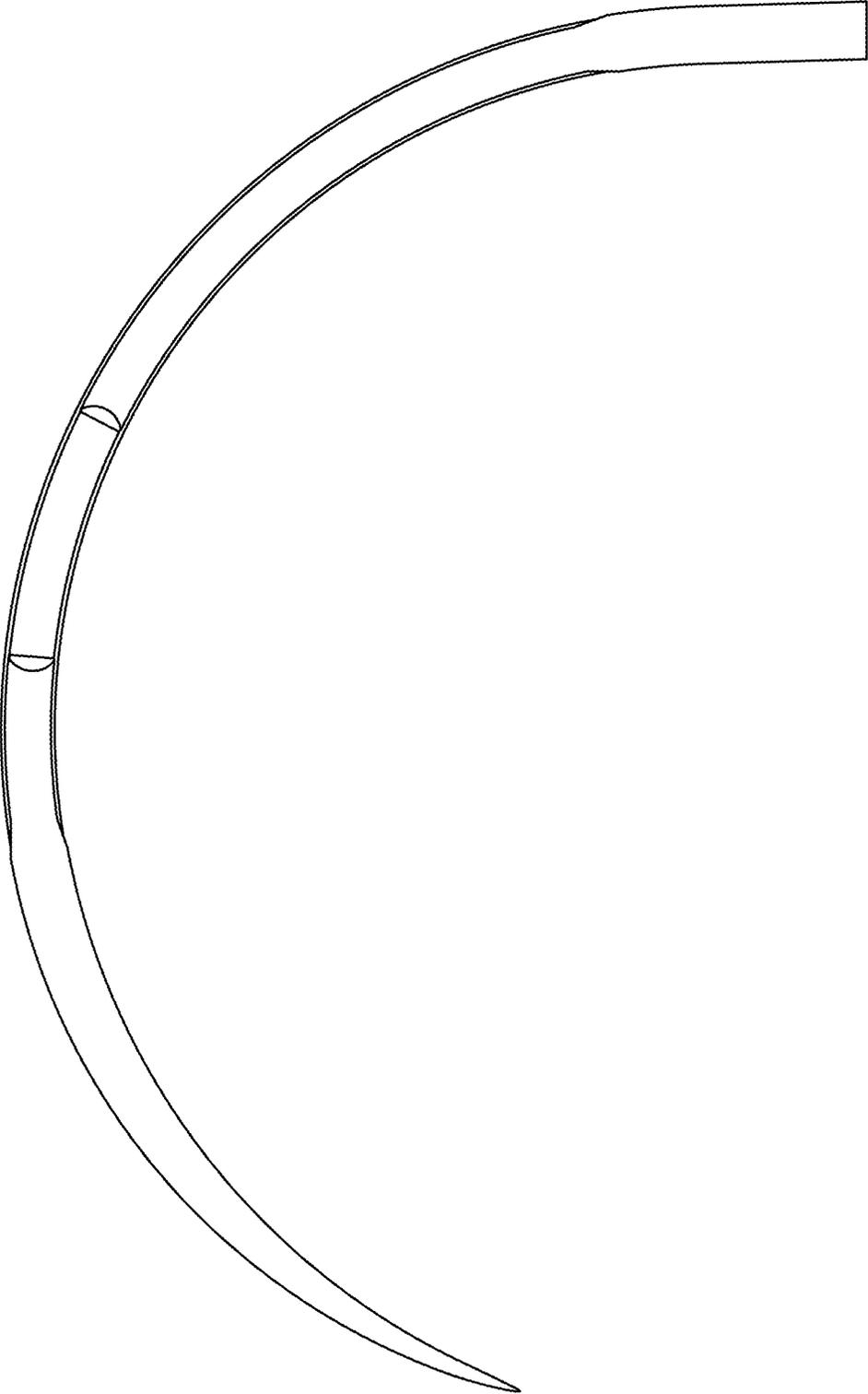


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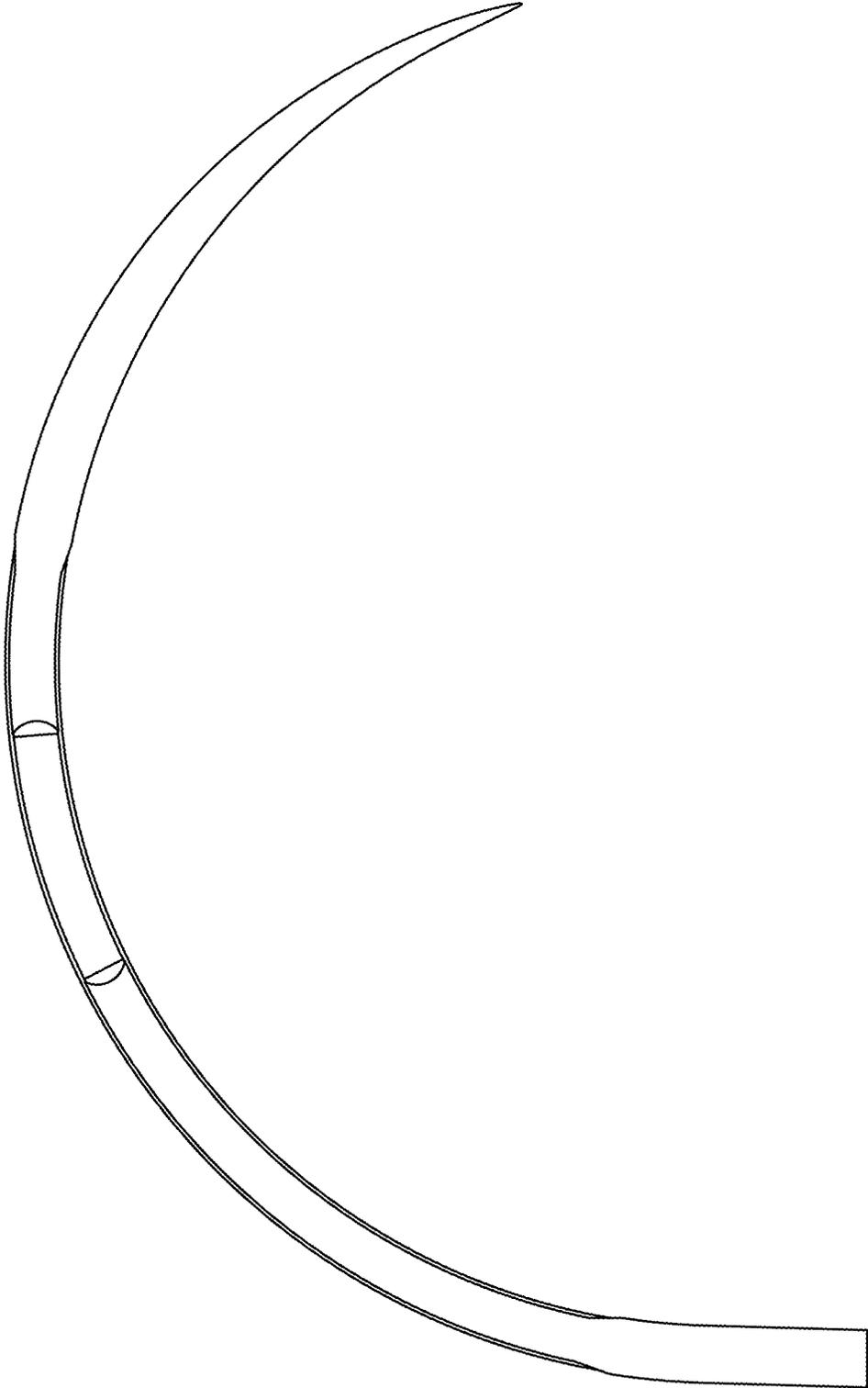


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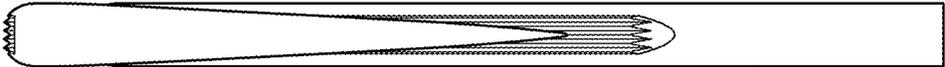


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FIG. 4



FIG. 6

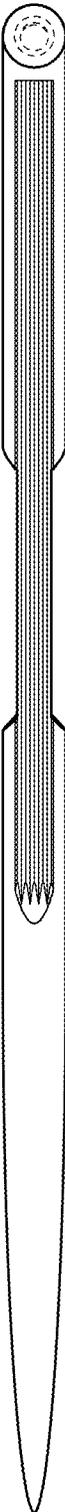


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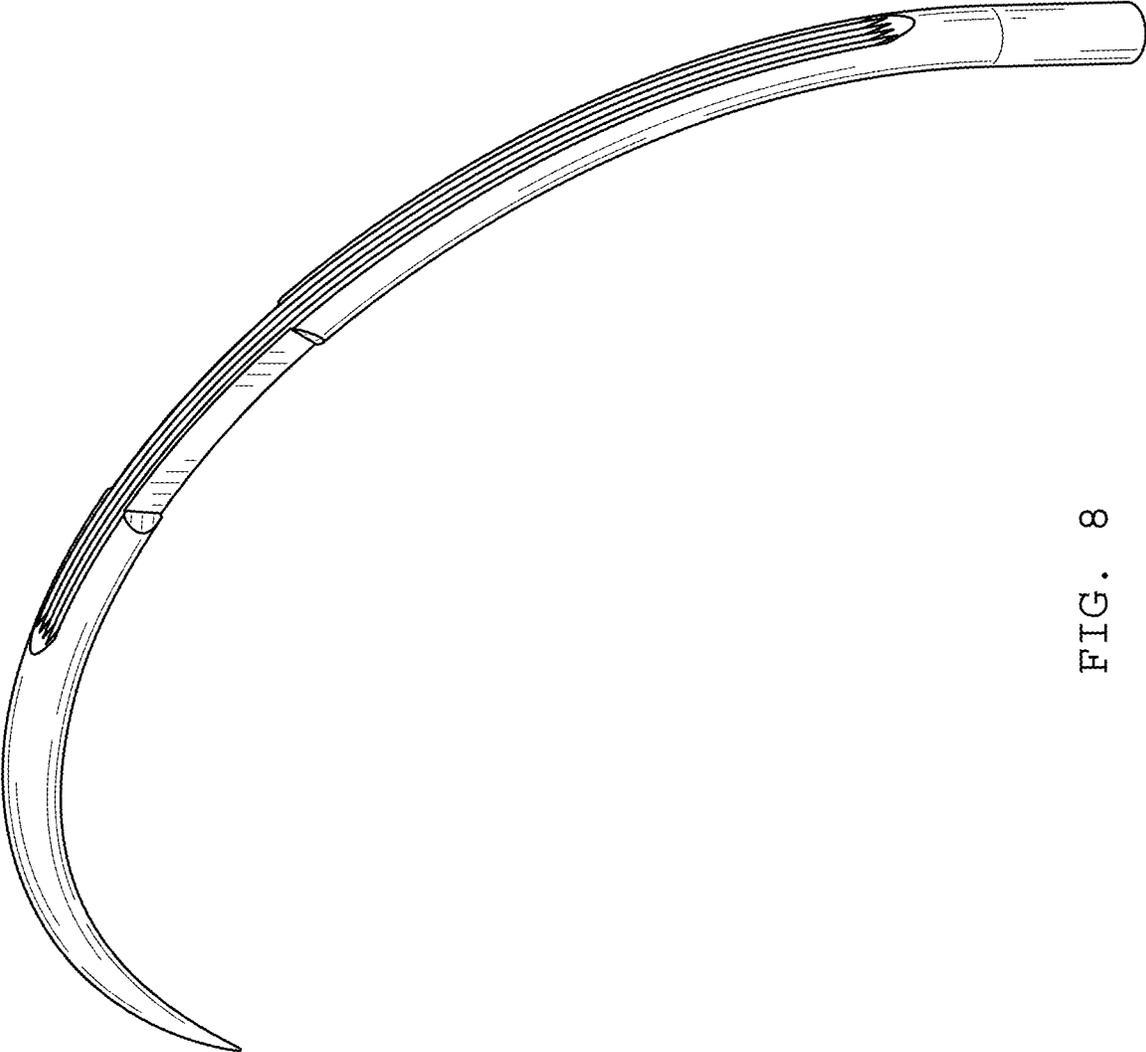


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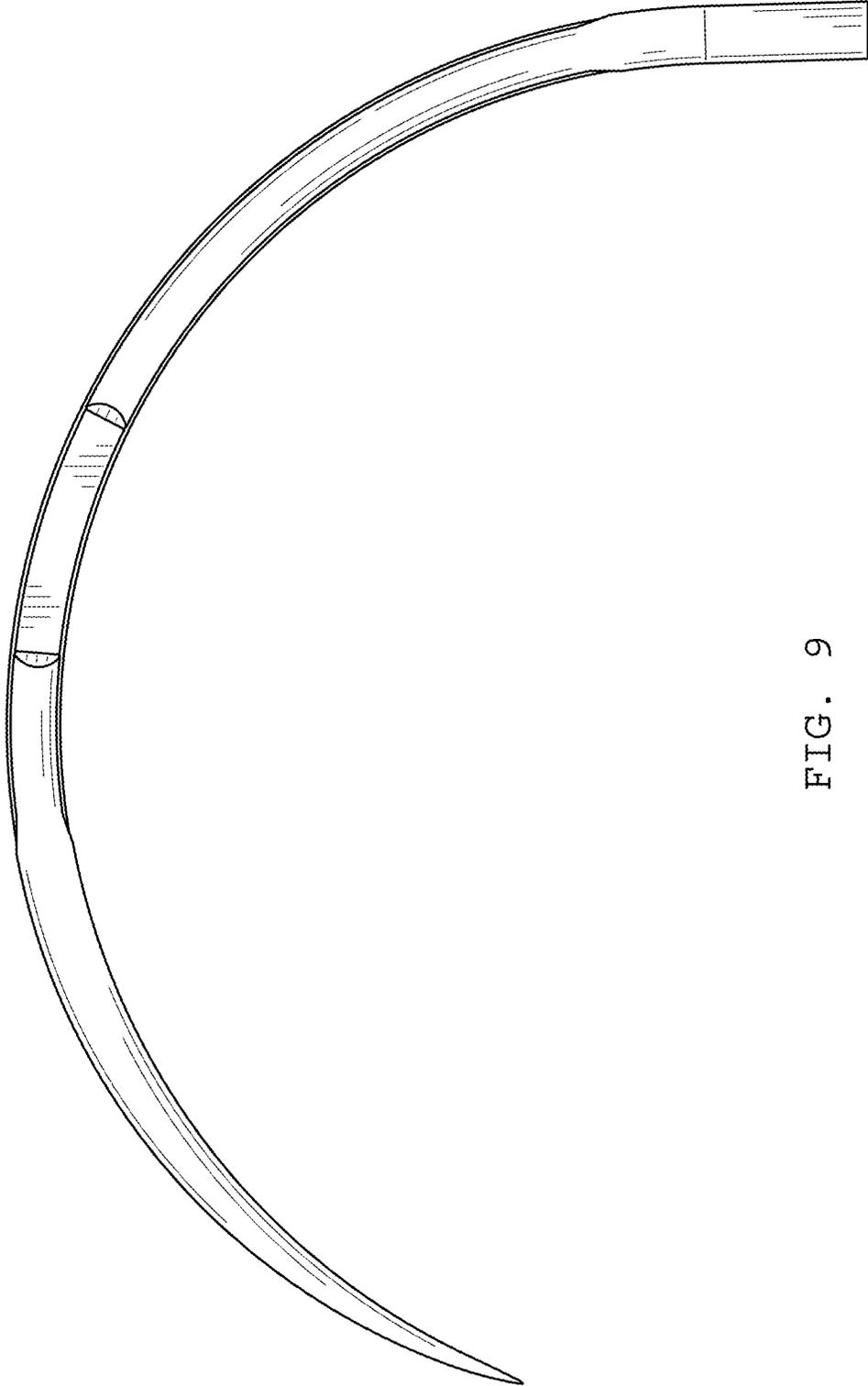


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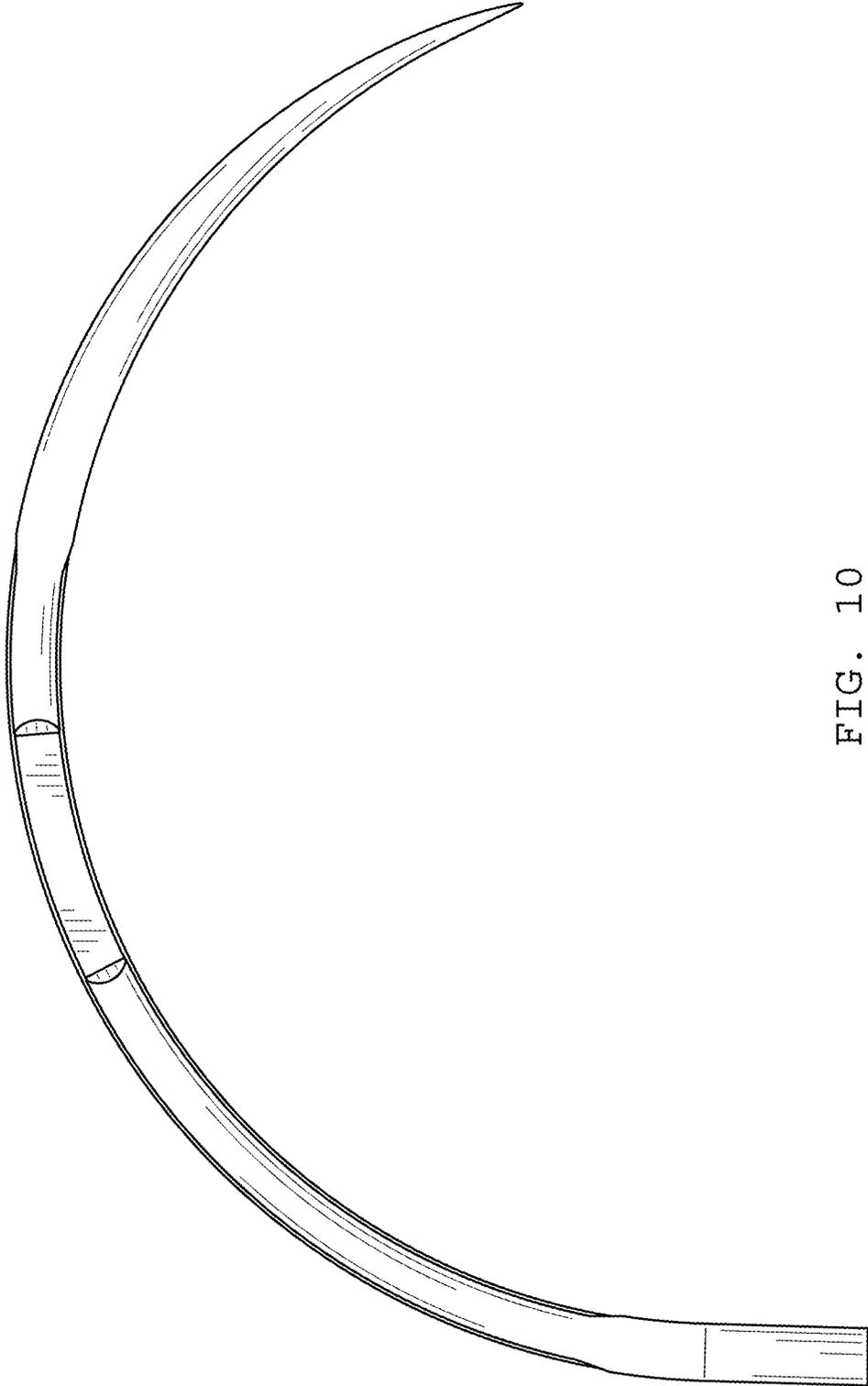


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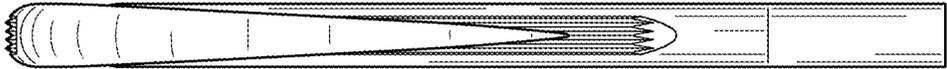


FIG. 12



FIG. 11



FIG. 13

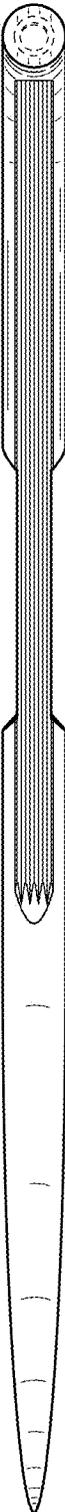


FIG. 14