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[54] **EARPLUG OR SIMILAR ARTICLE**

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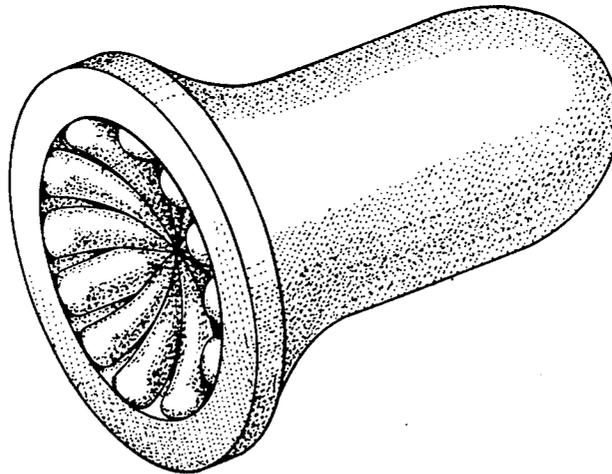
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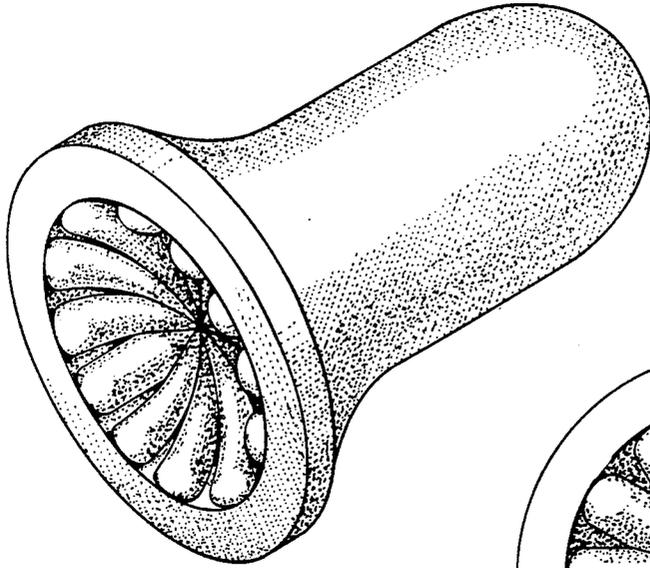
[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an earplug or similar article, as shown.

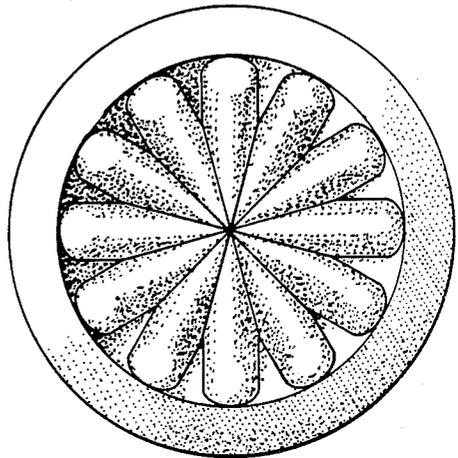
### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an earplug or similar article showing my new design;  
FIG. 2 is a side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is an end elevational view thereof; and  
FIG. 4 is an end elevational view thereof, opposite that shown in FIG. 3.

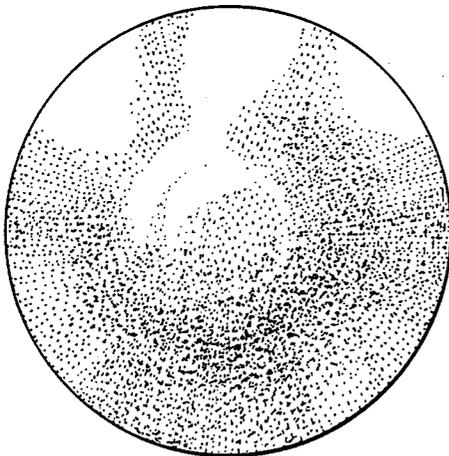




*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 4*

*Fig. 2*

