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(54) **VACUUM CLEANER DIRT RECEPTACLE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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The ornamental design of a vacuum cleaner dirt receptacle, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a vacuum cleaner dirt receptacle showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is a top view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side elevational view being a mirror image; and,

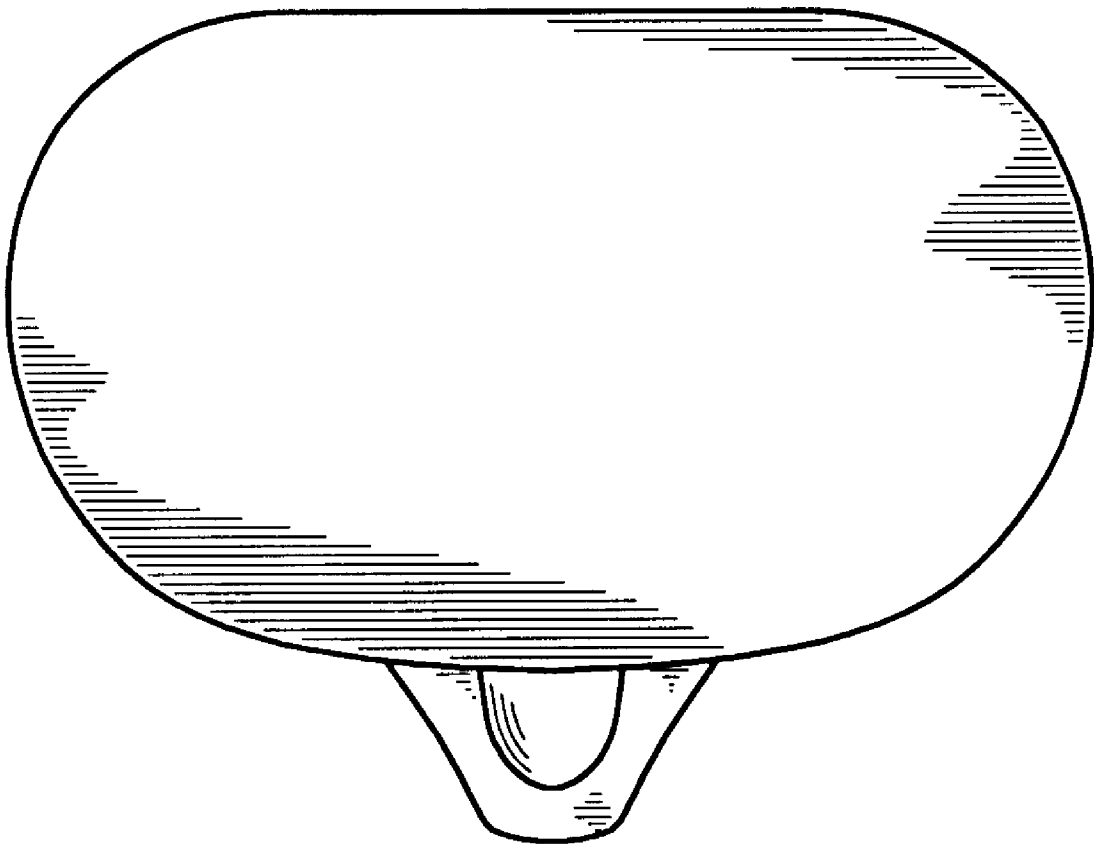
FIG. 4 is a bottom view thereof.

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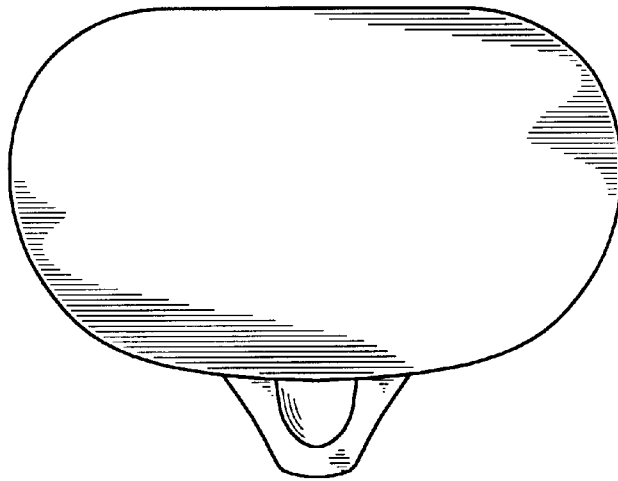


FIG-1

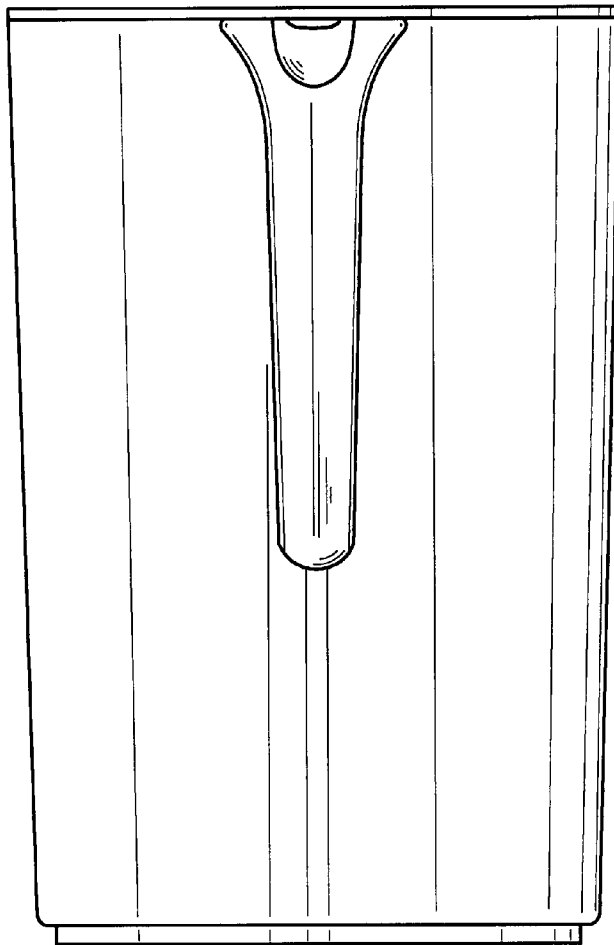


FIG-2

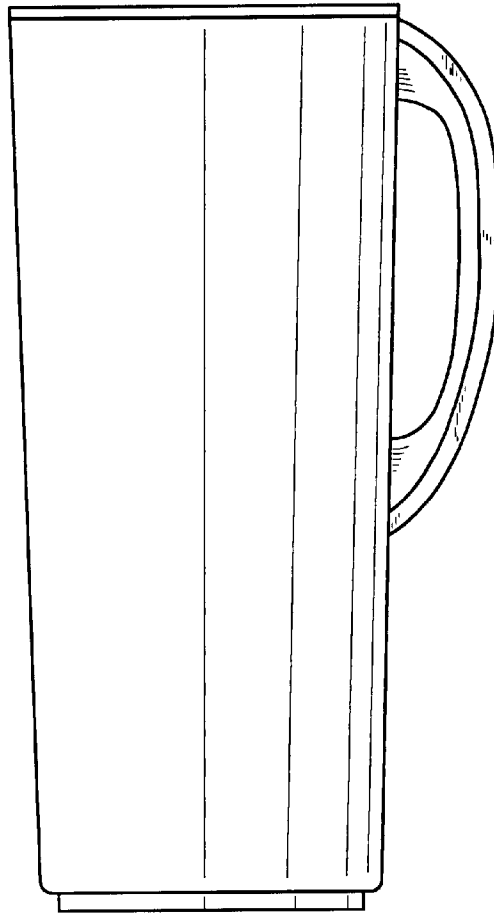


FIG-3

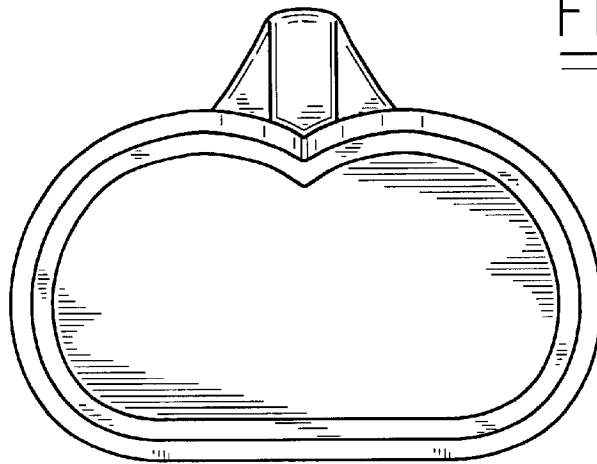


FIG-4