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#### (54) HAND OPERATED REACHING DEVICE FOR REMOVING TICKS FROM ANIMALS OR HUMANS

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#### (57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hand operated reaching device for removing ticks from animals or humans, as shown and described.

#### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a rear, right side perspective view of the new design for a hand operated reaching device for removing ticks from animals or humans shown with the front section in the open position.

FIG. 2 is a right side plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a left side plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a rear end plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a front end plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 6 is a top plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 8 is a rear, right side perspective view of FIG. 1 shown with the front section in the closed position.

FIG. 9 is a right side plan view of FIG. 8.

FIG. 10 is a left side plan view of FIG. 8.

FIG. 11 is a rear end plan view of FIG. 8.

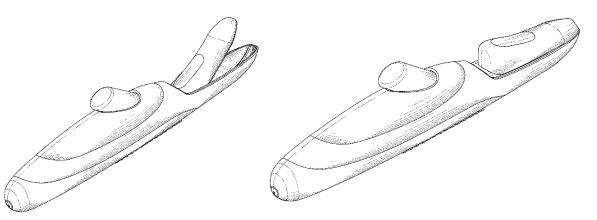
FIG. 12 is a front end plan view of FIG. 8.

FIG. 13 is a top plan view of FIG. 8; and,

FIG. 14 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 8.

The broken lines shown in the drawings represent portions of the hand operated reaching device for removing ticks from animals or humans that form no part of the claimed design.

#### 1 Claim, 12 Drawing Sheets



#### **Related U.S. Application Data**

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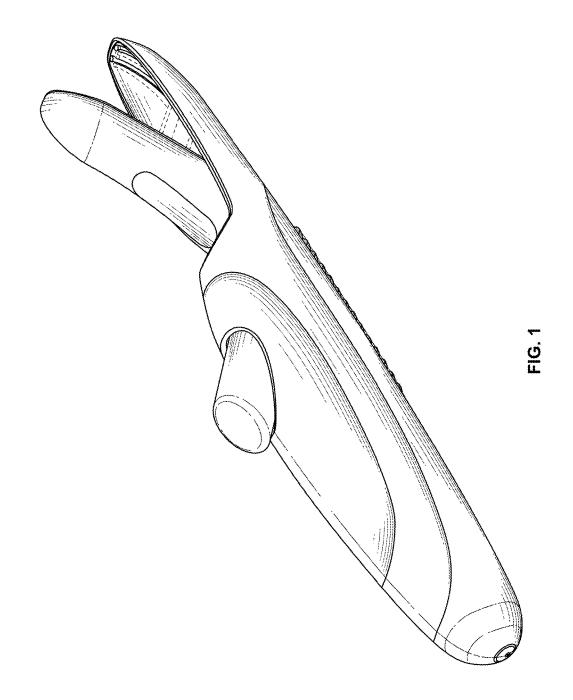
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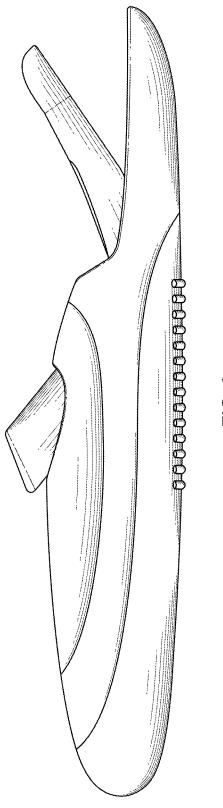
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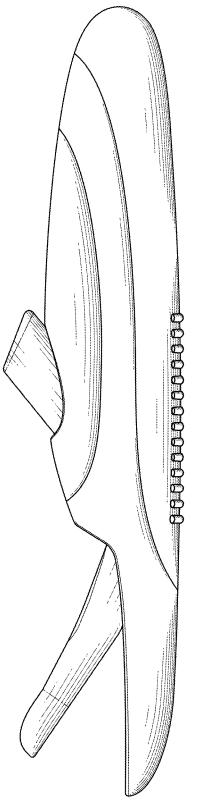
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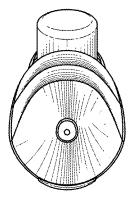














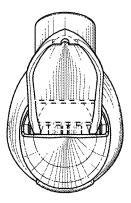


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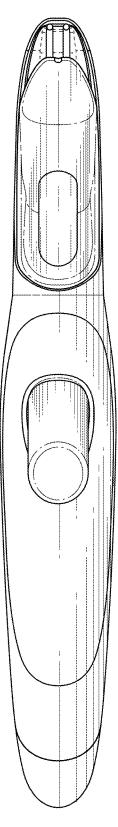


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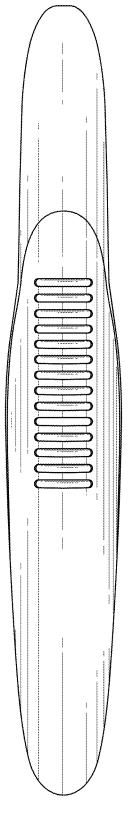
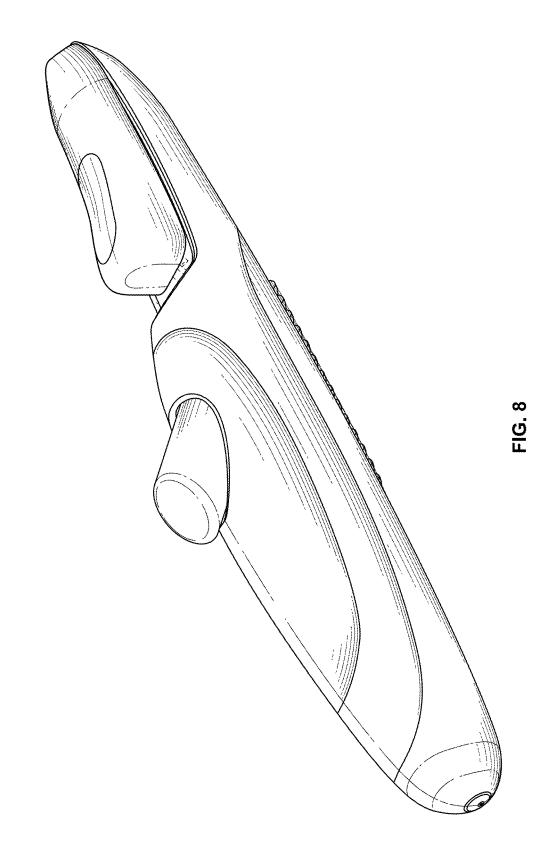
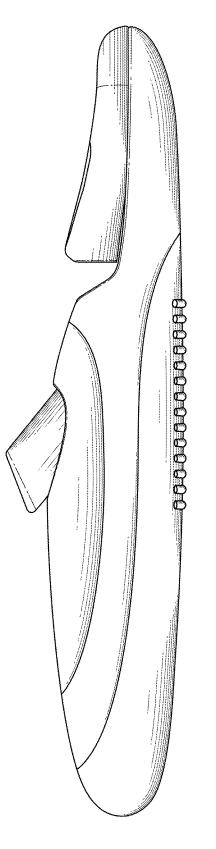
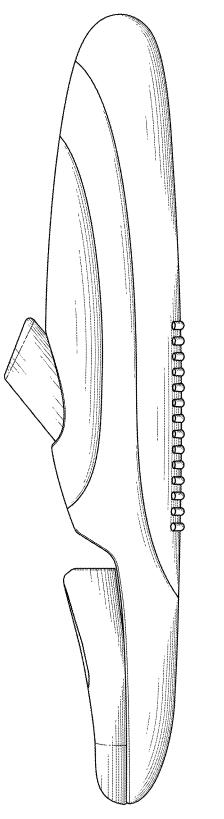


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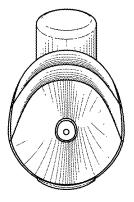


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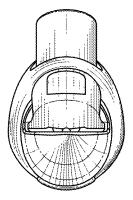
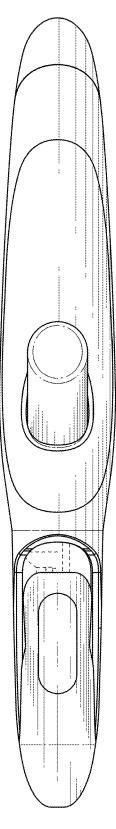


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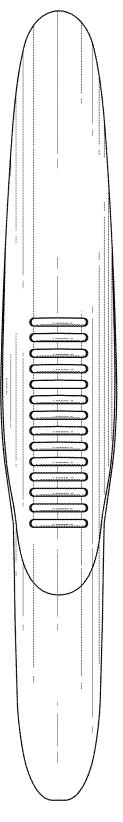


FIG. 14