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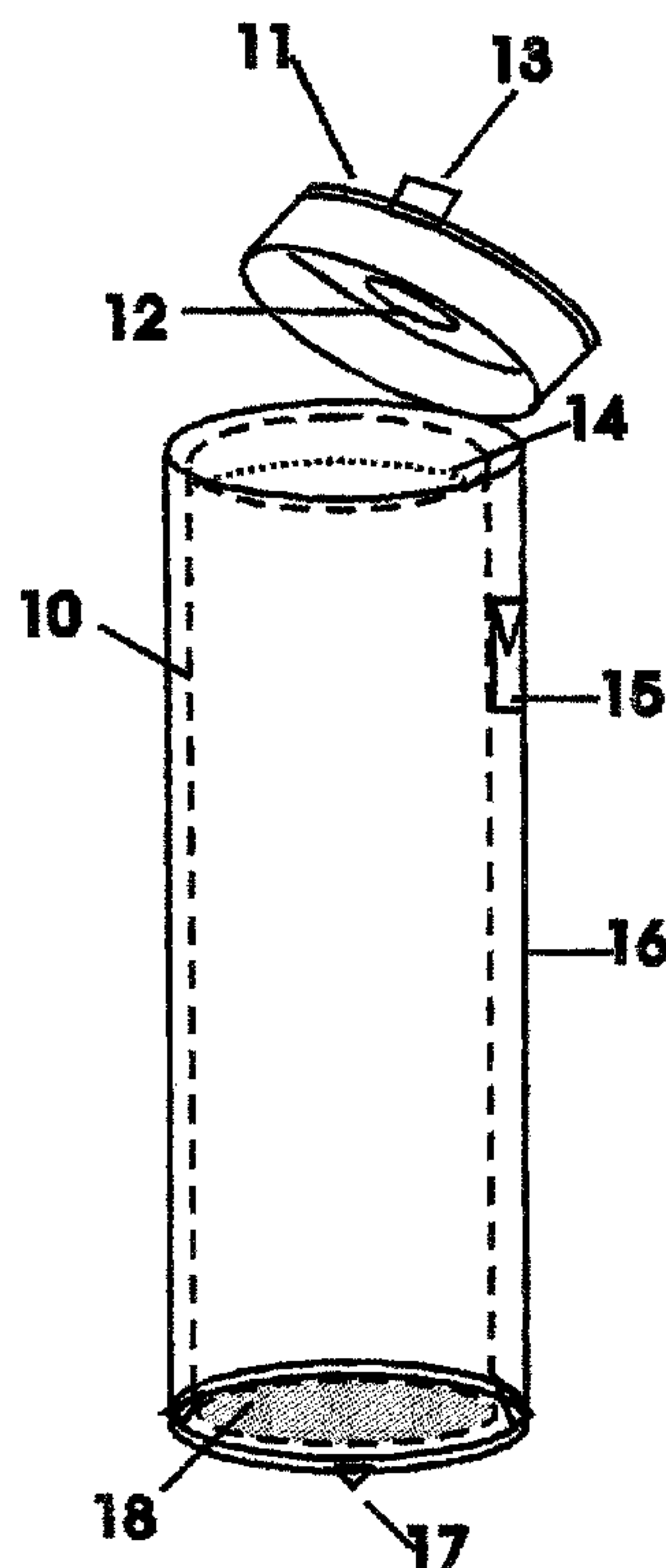
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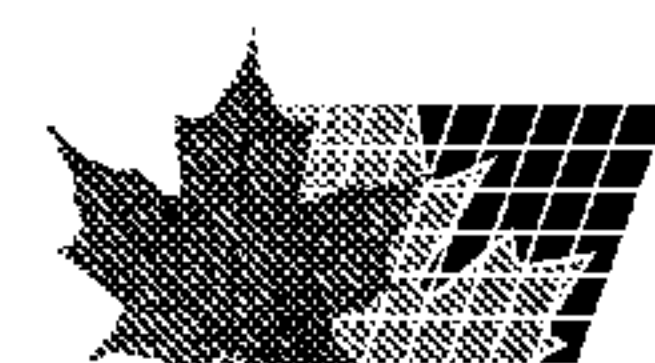
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(57) Abrégé/Abstract:

A freestanding or wall-mountable toilet tissue storage holder for two or more toilet rolls with a covering made of feather, fabric or other flexible material that is designed to be advantageously removable and replaceable to facilitate cleaning, repairing or interchanging designs. The covering extends over all outer surfaces and is constructed as an outer sleeve which is joined to the inner lining with fastener which is located inside the holder and out of sight. The outer sleeve incorporates an integral hinged cover with an inspection window, a pouch for air-freshening compound and feet to prevent contact with the floor.



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ABSTRACT

A freestanding or wall-mountable toilet tissue storage holder for two or more toilet rolls with a covering made of leather, fabric or other flexible material that is designed to be advantageously removable and replaceable to facilitate cleaning, repairing or interchanging designs. The covering extends over all outer surfaces and is constructed as an outer sleeve which is joined to the inner lining with fastener which is located inside the holder and out of sight. The outer sleeve incorporates an integral hinged cover with an inspection window, a pouch for air-freshening compound and feet to prevent contact with the floor.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention claims the benefit of the filing date of United States provisional application, 60/461,291, filed on April 4, 2003.

This invention relates to the field of toilet tissue roll holders to store extra rolls of toilet tissue. Typically a toilet tissue dispenser is made to hold one roll of toilet tissue at a time and once that roll is used up, it must be replaced. It is with frequency that a person is left in an embarrassing situation when the roll of toilet tissue has been used up and there are no means of finding a replacement roll of toilet tissue without the aid of a person outside the bathroom. There is a well-known need for a holder that provides both advantageous and attractive means of storing toilet tissue while offering design flexibility as described below in Summary of The Invention.

Prior art toilet tissue roll holders are either made of wood, ceramic or metal. The styles and designs possible with these materials are limited and it is desirable to have a holder that is made of materials such as fabric, leather or other flexible material which offer more possibilities. This is feasible provided the surface coverings can be removed for replacement or cleaning purposes. The present invention addresses this need.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention is to provide a toilet tissue roll holder that can be located in a bathroom to provide easy access to extra toilet tissue rolls. This invention meets the need to be decorative and functional. As we demand design coordination in the home, this invention is highly desirable.

The toilet tissue roll holder according to the present invention differs from the prior art by providing removable, reuseable and replaceable surface coverings. An elongated hollow rigid tube which forms an inner structure of cross-sectional size and shape suitable for storing toilet tissue rolls is covered on the outside with a decorative sleeve that can be made of any flexible material such as leather or fabric. The decorative sleeve can be interchanged or replaced with different designs. The sleeve provides the option of changing the design, style or colour of the holder without having to purchase a new holder. Optionally the holder can be lined on the inside with a lining made of flexible material. The sleeve and lining can both be removed for cleaning or replacement.

A cover removably attached to the sleeve covers the open end of the holder. The cover is fixed to the sleeve by fasteners designed to engage with mating components fixed to the sleeve. An integral handle facilitates opening and closing of the cover.

The cover can be disassembled for ease of cleaning or replacement of the covering material. The cover is optionally provided with an inspection window through which the user can inspect the contents of the holder.

A pocket attached to the sleeve conveniently stores air freshener or natural herbs to neutralize odours.

For use as a freestanding holder, this invention provides feet attached to the bottom of the sleeve to prevent direct contact with the floor.

Canadian Patent No. 2191139 issued to David Ezechiels and Alden Palisca discloses a toilet paper caddy; Canadian Patent No. 2280562 issued to Robert Guay discloses a toilet paper holder; Canadian Patent No. 1272696 issued to Elia Todde on August 14, 1990 discloses a toilet paper roll stacker; Canadian Patent No. 1114336 issued to Virginia V. Ness on December 15, 1981 discloses a holder for rolls of paper; Canadian Patent No. 981223 issued to Tadasu Okamura on January 6, 1976 discloses a toilet paper roll holding device with used core discharge means; Canadian Patent No. 487911 issued to Samuel Moskowitz on November 11, 1952 discloses a toilet paper container.

While the holders in the prior art fulfill their respective, requirements and specific objectives, the holders do not describe the following:

- a) removable sleeve which provides means of interchanging, replacement or removal of parts for cleaning purposes;
- b) a removable lining;
- c) a removable cover which can be disassembled for interchanging, replacement or removal of parts for cleaning ;
- d) a window in the cover for inspection purposes;
- e) pocket in the rear to house air freshener;
- f) feet at the bottom of the holder to prevent direct contact with the floor.

There are numerous styles, types of combinations skin, leather, textile and embellishment that can be used to give each holder a unique look.

While the invention has been described in connection with a preferred embodiment, it is not intended to limit the scope of the invention to the particular form set forth, but on the contrary, it is intended to cover such alternatives, modifications, and equivalents as may be included within the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Fig. 1 shows a perspective view of the open holder with removably fixed cover.

Fig. 2 shows a perspective view of the disassembled cover showing the removable jacket and parts.

Fig. 3 shows a perspective view of the fully assembled holder with toilet tissue therein.

Fig. 4 shows a perspective view of the rear of the holder.

Fig. 5 shows perspective front views of two of the numerous tailored designs of the removable sleeve.

REFERENCE NUMERALS IN DRAWINGS

inner structure 10
inspection window 12
cover 11
integral handle 13
fastening means 14
pocket 15
removable sleeve 16
feet 17
circular base 18
ring 19
disk 20
removable jacket 21
downward side extension 22
hinge 23
press and snap fastener 24
toilet tissue 25

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Fig 1 shows the perspective view of the open toilet tissue holder. A toilet tissue storage holder for storing multiple rolls of toilet tissue 25. An elongated hollow tube which forms the inner structure 10 whose circular cross-sectional shape and size having sufficient dimensions to accommodate large rolls of toilet tissue 25 but leaving extra room for the user to easily grip and remove rolls. A circular base 18 is secured to the closed end of the inner structure 10 whereby leaving the distal end open to receive rolls of toilet tissue 25. Lining covers the surfaces of the inner structure 10.

The removable sleeve 16 with reusable fastening means 14 has a circular cross-sectional shape and size to house the inner structure 10. The removable sleeve 16 has a single opening directed towards the distal open end of the inner structure 10. The removable sleeve 16 is extended to fold over the edge of the inner structure 10 at the open end and covers part of the inner surface of the inner structure 10 and is connected by fastening means 14 that is located inside the inner structure 10. The part of the removable sleeve 16 which covers the closed end of the inner structure 10 forms a flat surface that is normal to the long axis of said inner structure 10 allowing the toilet tissue holder to stand on the ground in a stable upright position.

Feet 17 are attached to the bottom end of the removable sleeve 16 enabling the toilet tissue holder to stand on the ground in a stable upright position and being of sufficient length to prevent the removable sleeve 16 from touching the floor.

The fully assembled cover 11 is removably fixed to the removable sleeve 16 of the toilet tissue holder by means of hinge 23, as shown in Fig 2, having at least one press and snap fastener 24 designed to engage with mating components fixed to the removable sleeve 16 in order to allow for easy removal or replacement of the cover 11.

An inspection window 12, located centrally, on the top of the cover 11.

The cover 11 has an integral handle 13, a piece of desired material extending upwardly from the top front edge of the cover 11 to facilitate ease of gripping for the purposes of selectively opening and closing the holder.

The pocket 15 at the rear of the removable sleeve 16 stores air freshening material.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the disassembled cover 11. The removable jacket 21 has a downward side extension 22 with fastening means and said downward side extension 22 is extended sufficiently to fold under inwardly to fully enclose and integrate the disk member 20 and the ring member 19 .

Means of affixing and removing the cover 11 from the removable sleeve 16 consists of a hinge 23 fixed at one end to said cover 11 and having at least one press and snap fastener 24 designed to engage with mating components fixed to said removable sleeve 16.

Fig. 3 is a perspective front view of two of the endless designs possible with the removable sleeve 16.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A toilet tissue roll holder comprising:
 - a. an elongated rigid hollow tube which forms an inner structure whose internal cross-sectional shape and size are suitable to permit storage of toilet tissue rolls,
 - b. a removable sleeve covering the outer surfaces of said inner structure leaving an opening at only one end of said inner structure,
2. The invention as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said sleeve is attached to said inner structure with reusable fastening means.
3. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein said fastening means consists of hook and loop, zipper, velcro or button fastening.
4. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein an extension of said sleeve is folded over the edge of said inner structure at said opening and covers part of the inner surface of said inner structure and said fastening means joining said sleeve to said inner structure is located inside said inner structure.
5. The invention as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said holder also has a removable lining covering the inner surfaces of said inner structure with a single opening directed towards the end of said inner structure left open by said sleeve.
6. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said removable lining is attached to said sleeve with a reusable fastening means.
7. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein an extension of said sleeve is folded over the edge of said inner structure at said opening and covers part of the inner surface of said inner structure and said fastening means joining said lining to said sleeve is located inside said inner structure.
8. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said fastening means consists of hook and loop, zipper, velcro or buttons.

9. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein the part of said sleeve which covers the closed end of said inner structure forms a flat surface that is normal to the long axis of said inner structure allowing said toilet roll holder to stand on the ground in a stable upright position.
10. The invention as set forth in Claim 9 wherein at least three legs are attached to said sleeve on the said flat surface, said legs enabling said toilet roll holder to stand on the ground in a stable upright position and being of sufficient length to prevent said sleeve from touching the floor
11. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said inner structure has a circular cross section.
12. The invention as set forth in Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said inner structure has a polygonal cross section.
13. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said inner structure is made of thermoplastic or polymeric material.
14. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said inner structure is made of metal.
15. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said inner structure is made of wood, cardboard or composite material.
16. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said inner structure is manufactured with a weight-saving perforated, mesh or open structure.
17. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said inner structure has one end closed.
18. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said sleeve is made of animal skin
19. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said sleeve is made of natural fibre.

20. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said sleeve is made of synthetic material.
21. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said sleeve is stitched, bonded pieces or shape molded.
22. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said sleeve has wall mounting means to provide the option of removably mounting said holder to a wall.
23. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said sleeve has a solid or perforated pouch to store air freshening material.
24. The invention as set forth in Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 wherein said sleeve has a removably attached cover which covers the open end of said holder
25. The invention as set forth in Claim 24 wherein said cover comprises:
 - a. a removable jacket which encloses and integrates a disc member and a ring member
 - b. an attachment means integral with said removable jacket for attaching said cover to said sleeve
26. The invention as set forth in Claim 24 or 25 wherein said cover has an inspection window
27. The invention as set forth in Claim 24 or 25 wherein said cover has an integral handle to facilitate opening.
28. The invention as set forth in Claim 24, 25, 26 or 27 wherein said cover has an irregular outer shape representing an animal, person or familiar object.
29. The invention as set forth in Claim 25 wherein said attachment means consists of a hinge made of flexible material fixed at one end to said cover and having at least one press and snap fastener designed to engage with mating components fixed to said sleeve.

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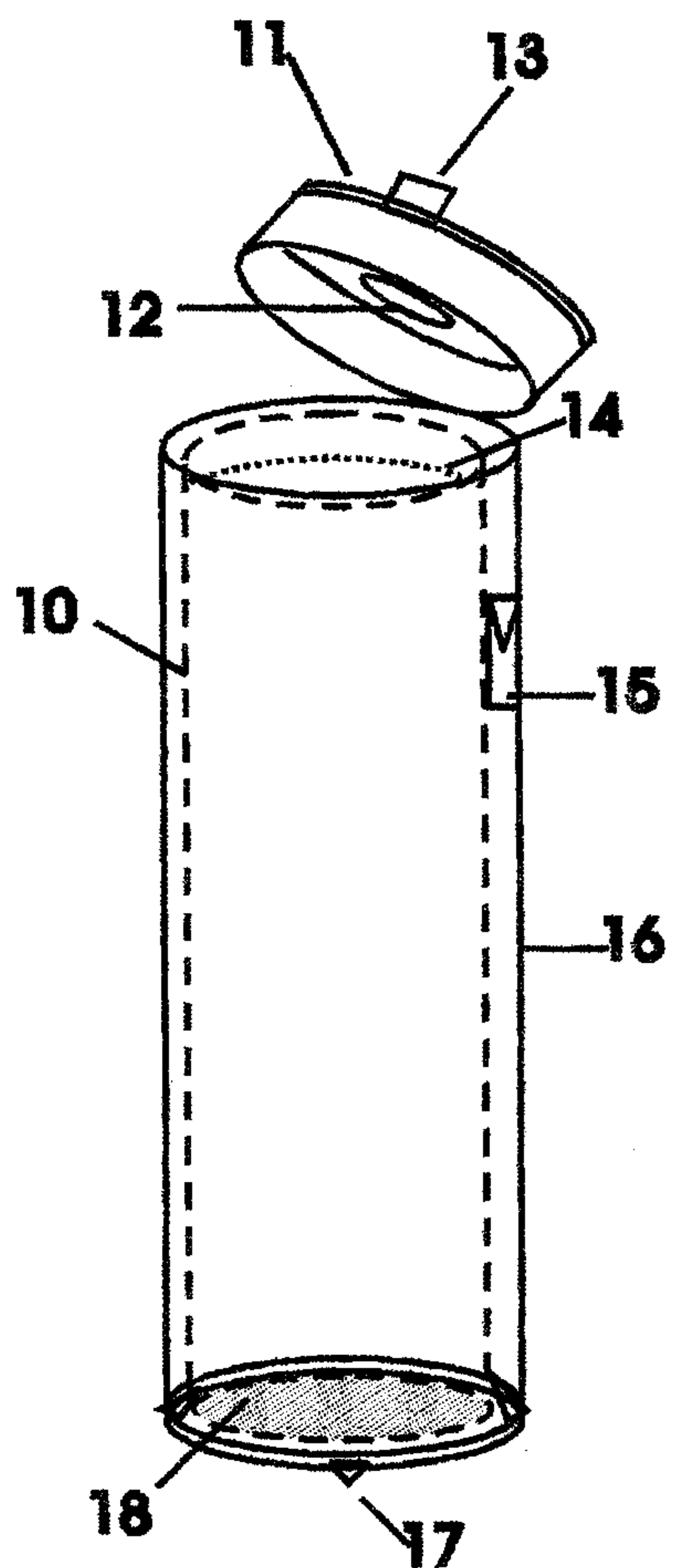


FIG 1

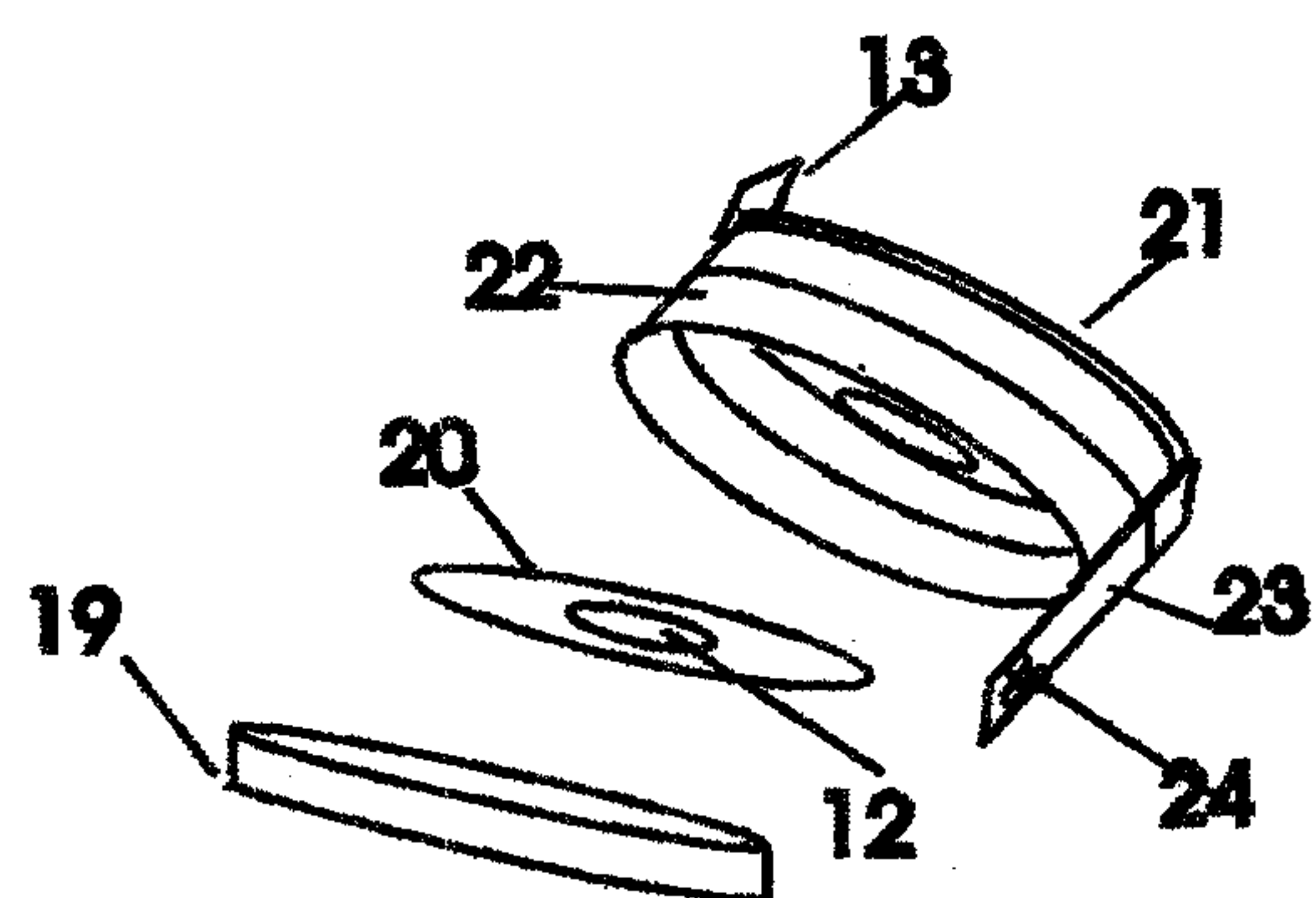


FIG 2

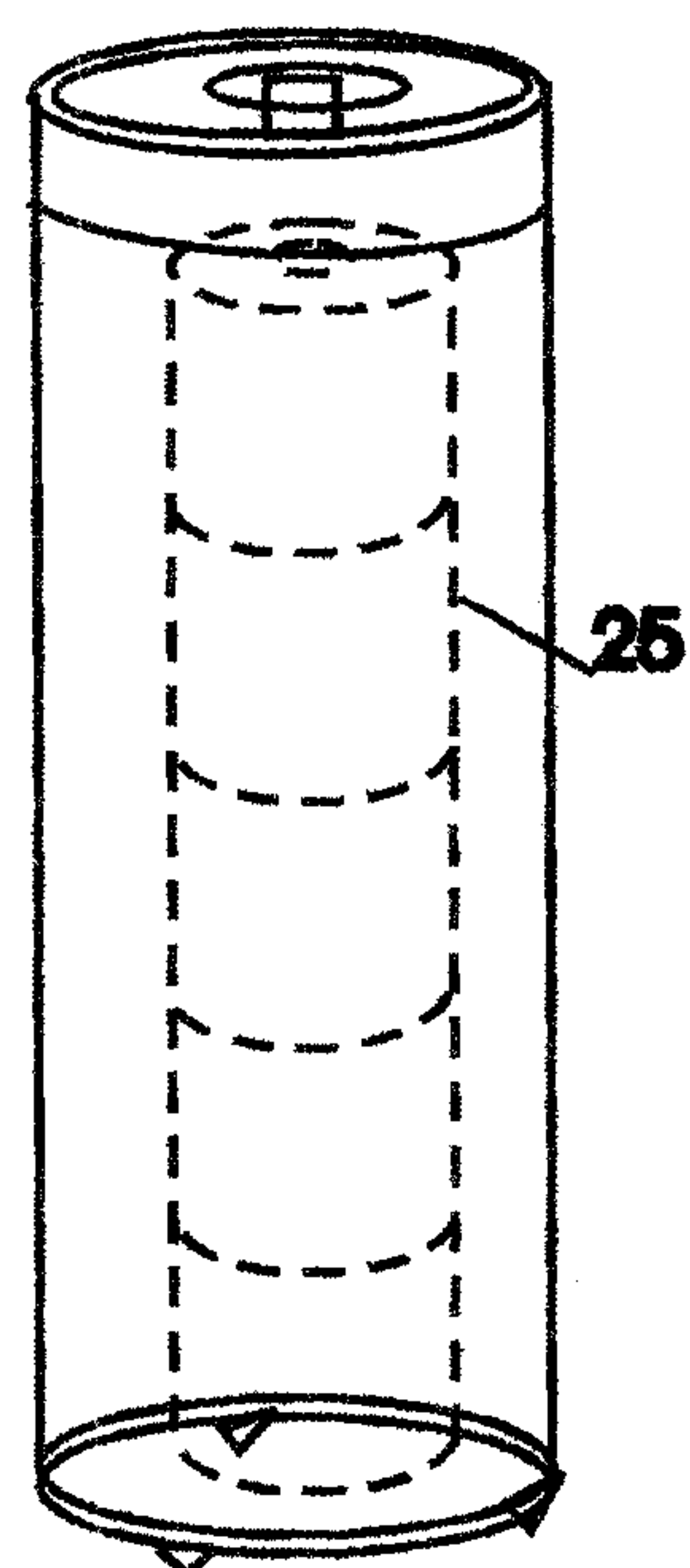


FIG 3

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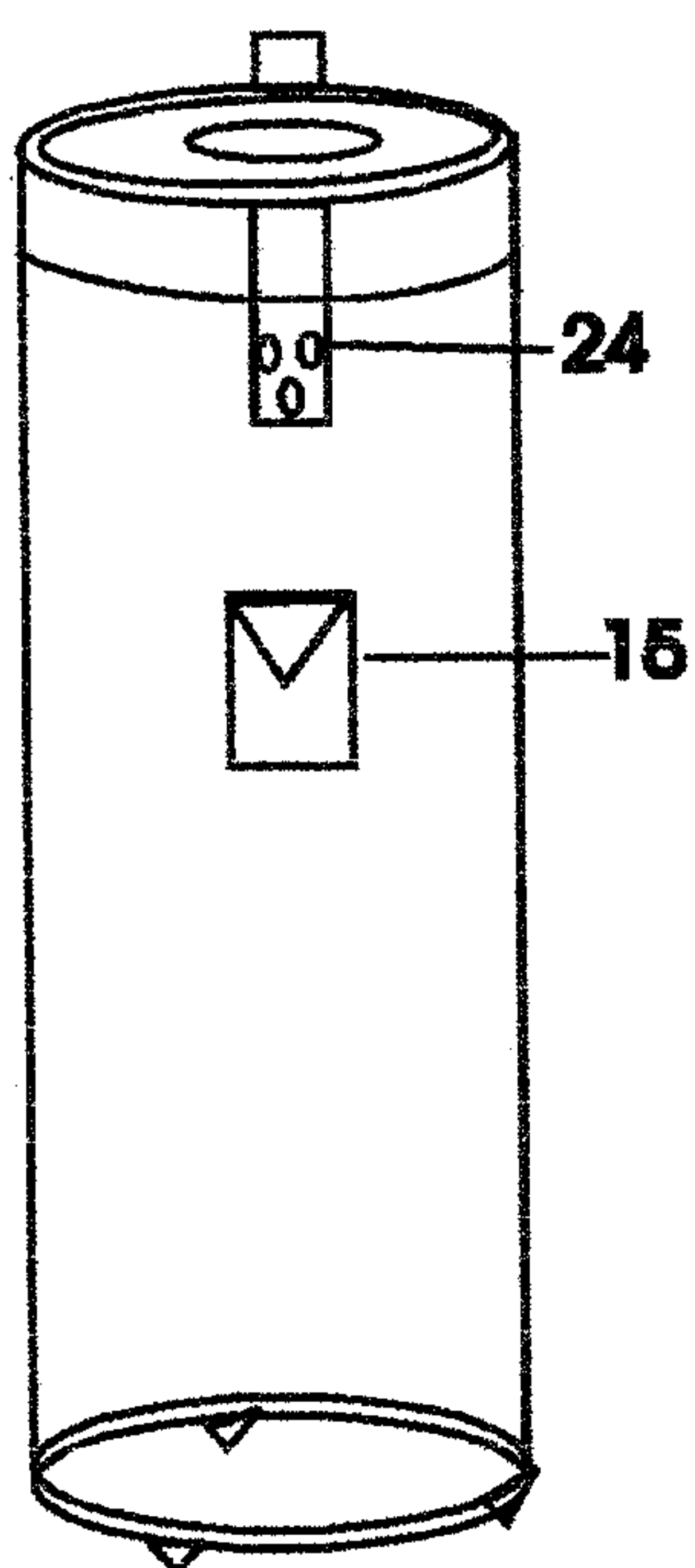


FIG 4

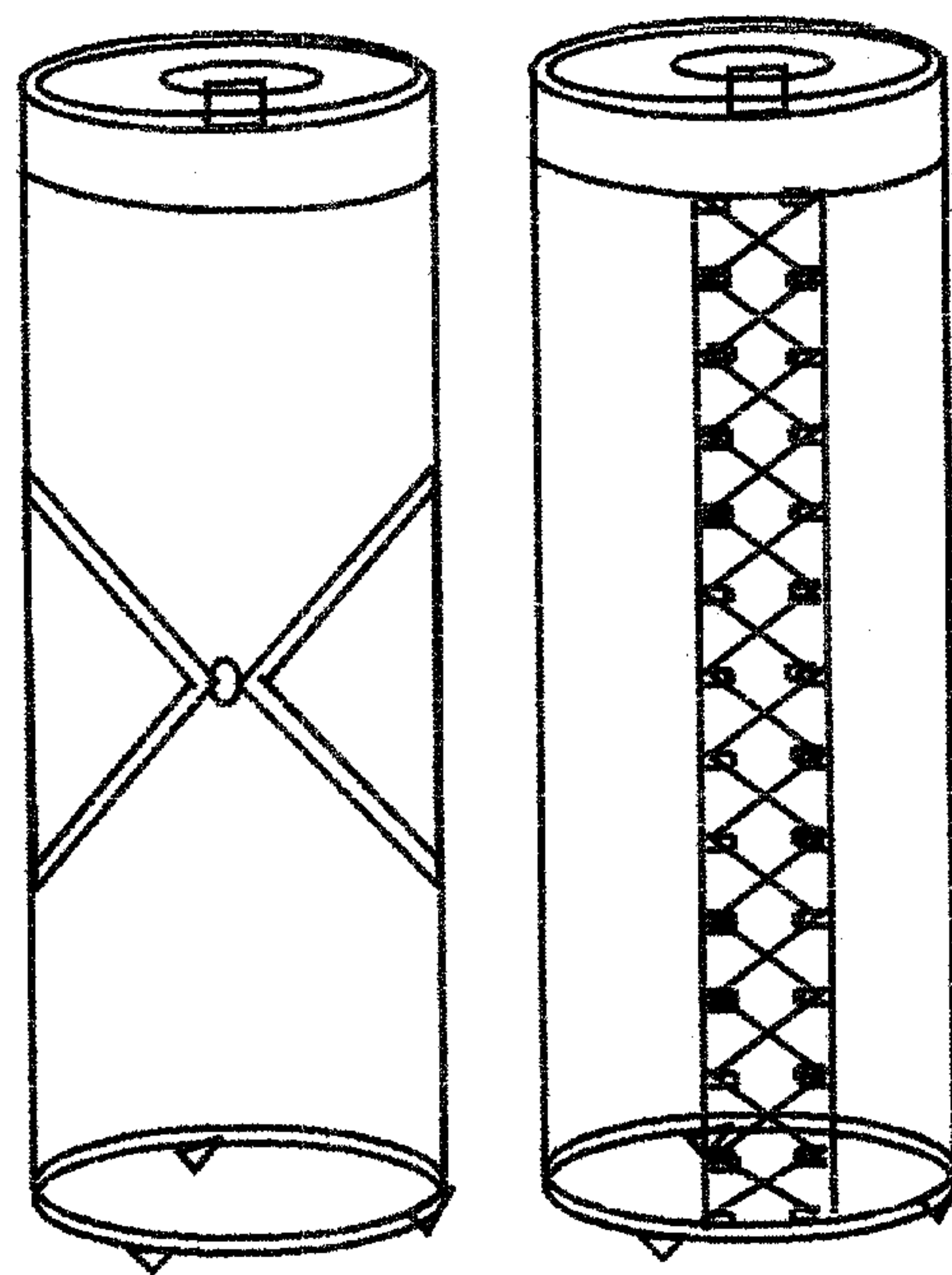


FIG 5

