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- (54) **STEP PORTION OF A FOLDING STEP ASSEMBLY**
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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a step portion of a folding step assembly, as shown and described.

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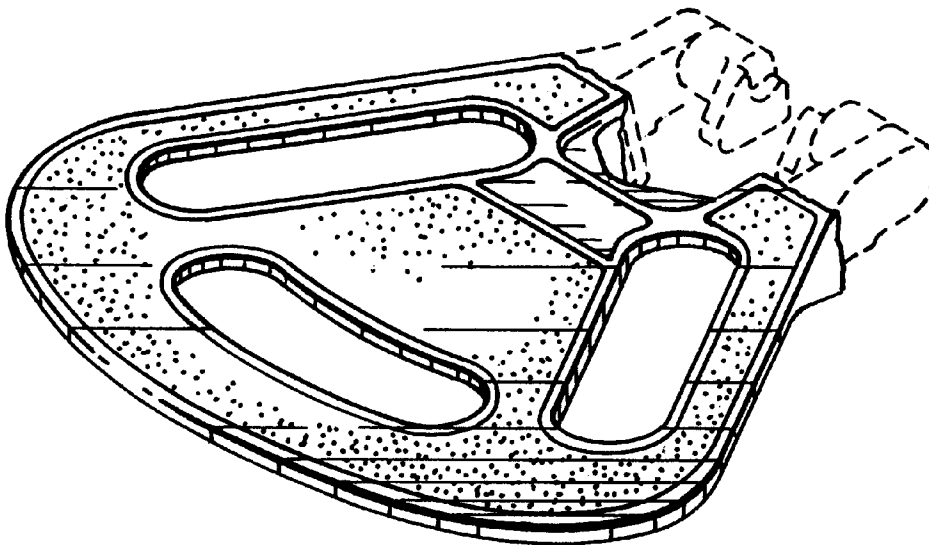
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DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a step portion of a folding step assembly showing my new design;
 FIG. 2 is bottom perspective view thereof;
 FIG. 3 is a top view thereof;
 FIG. 4 is a bottom view thereof;
 FIG. 5 is a right side view thereof, it being understood that the left side view is a mirror image reversal of the right side view;
 FIG. 6 is a front view thereof; and,
 FIG. 7 is a rear view thereof.
 The broken line disclosure of other portions of a step of a folding step assembly is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



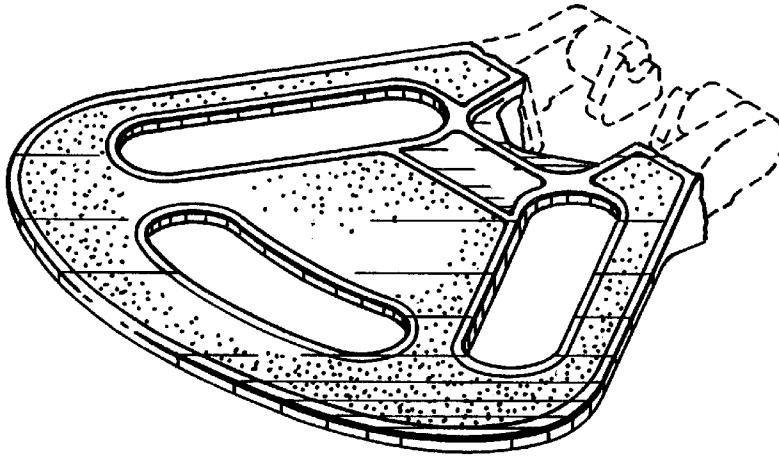


FIG. 1

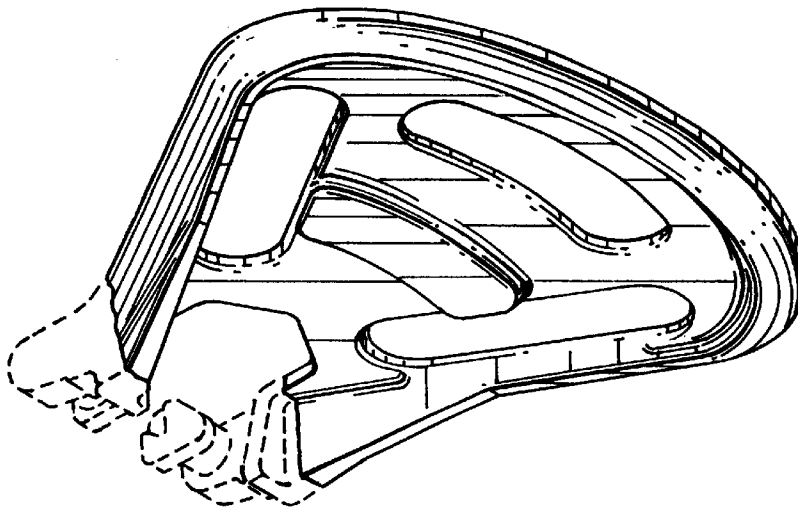


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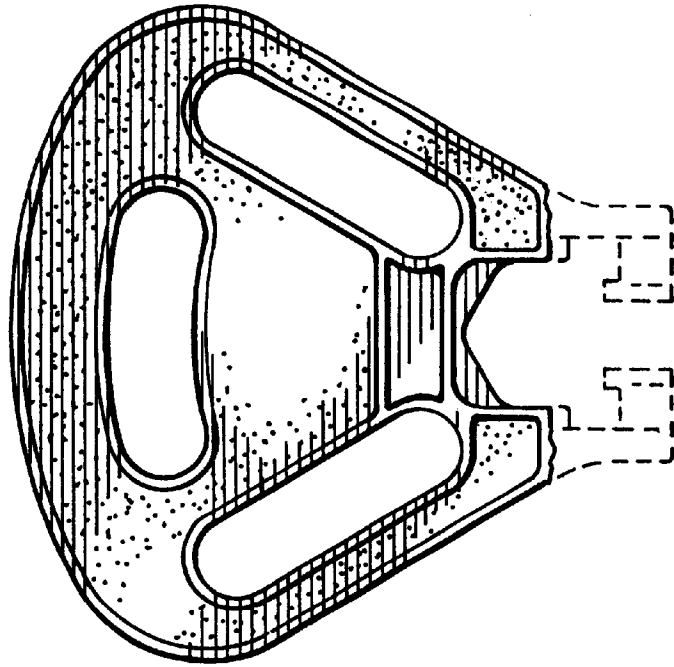


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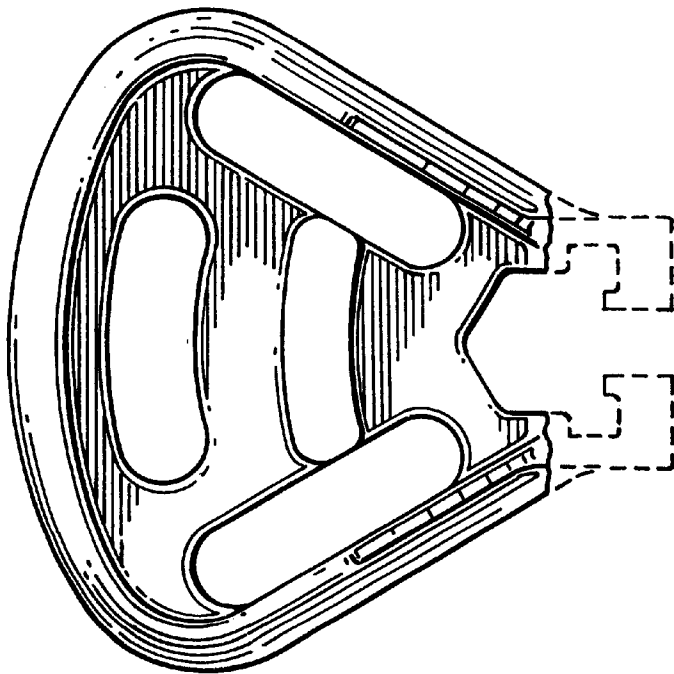


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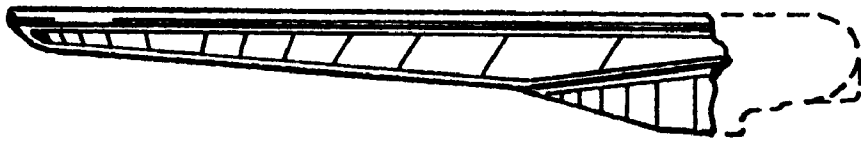


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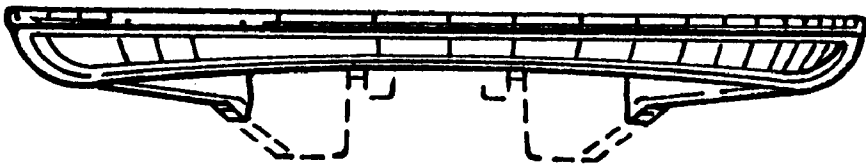


FIG. 6

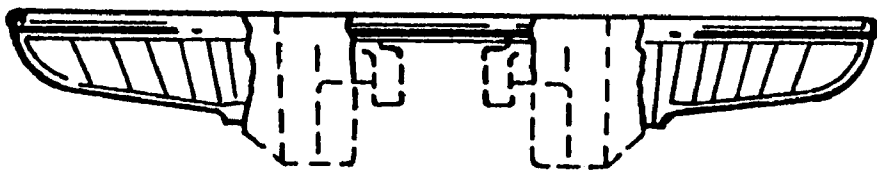


FIG. 7