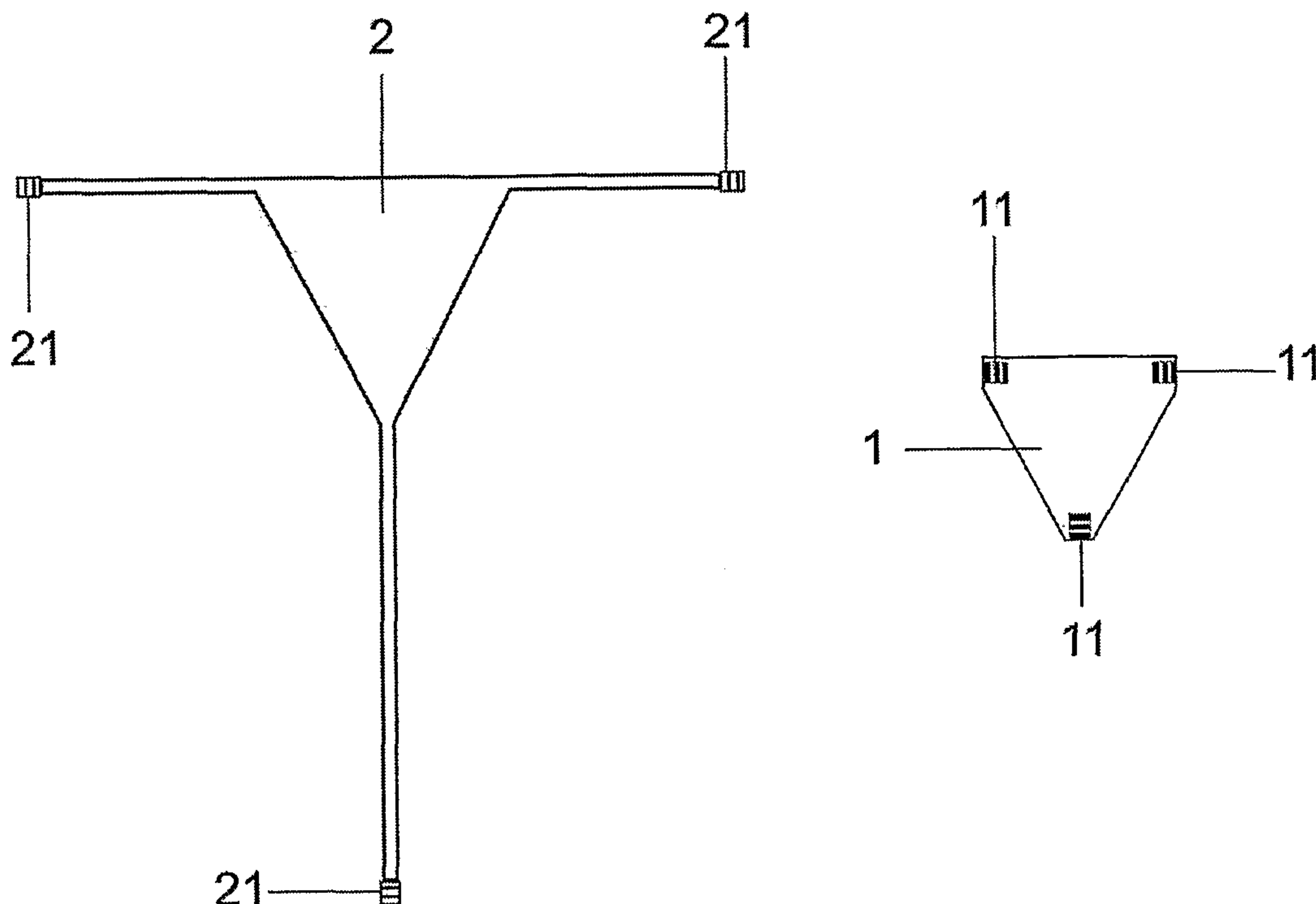




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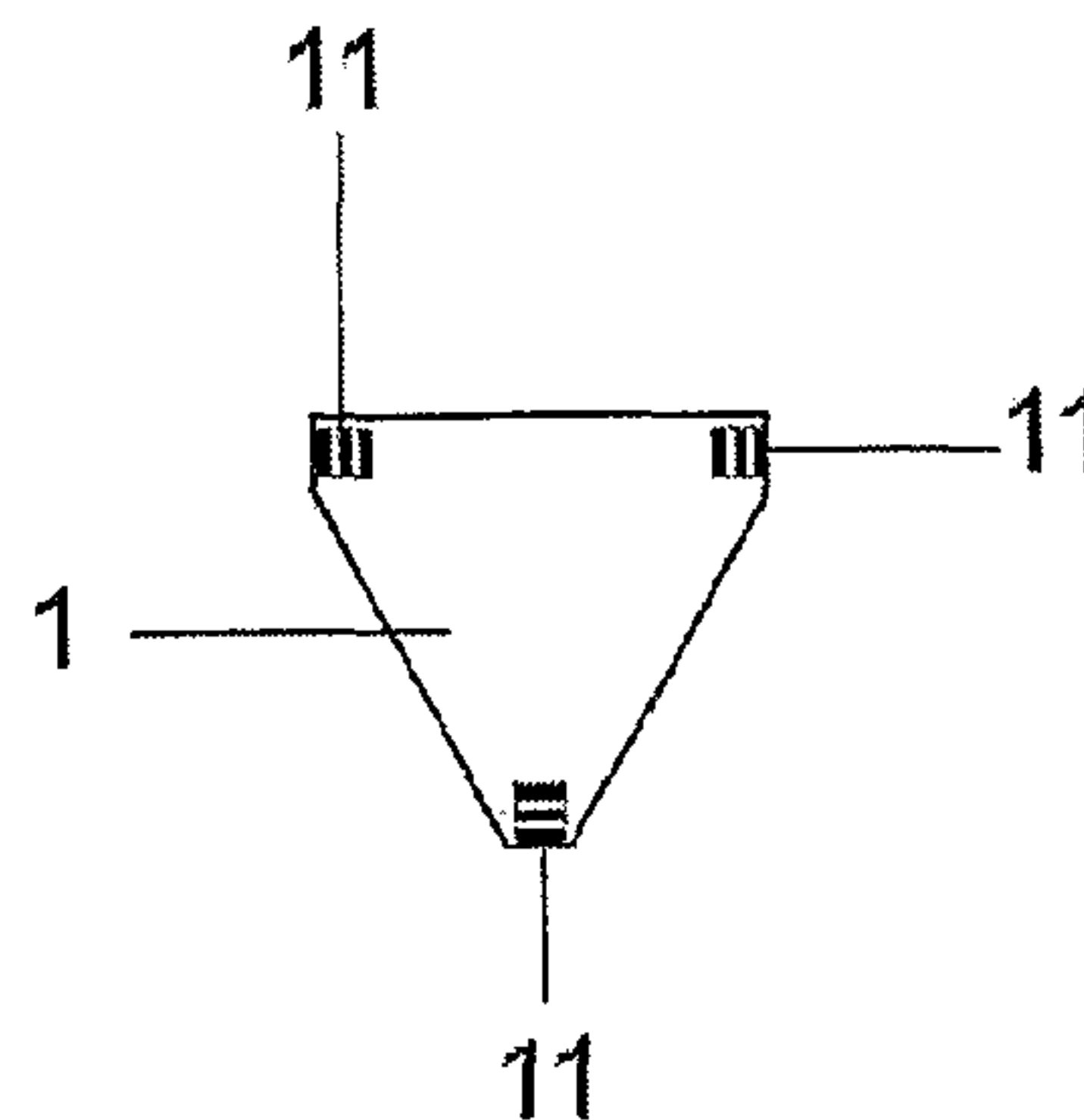
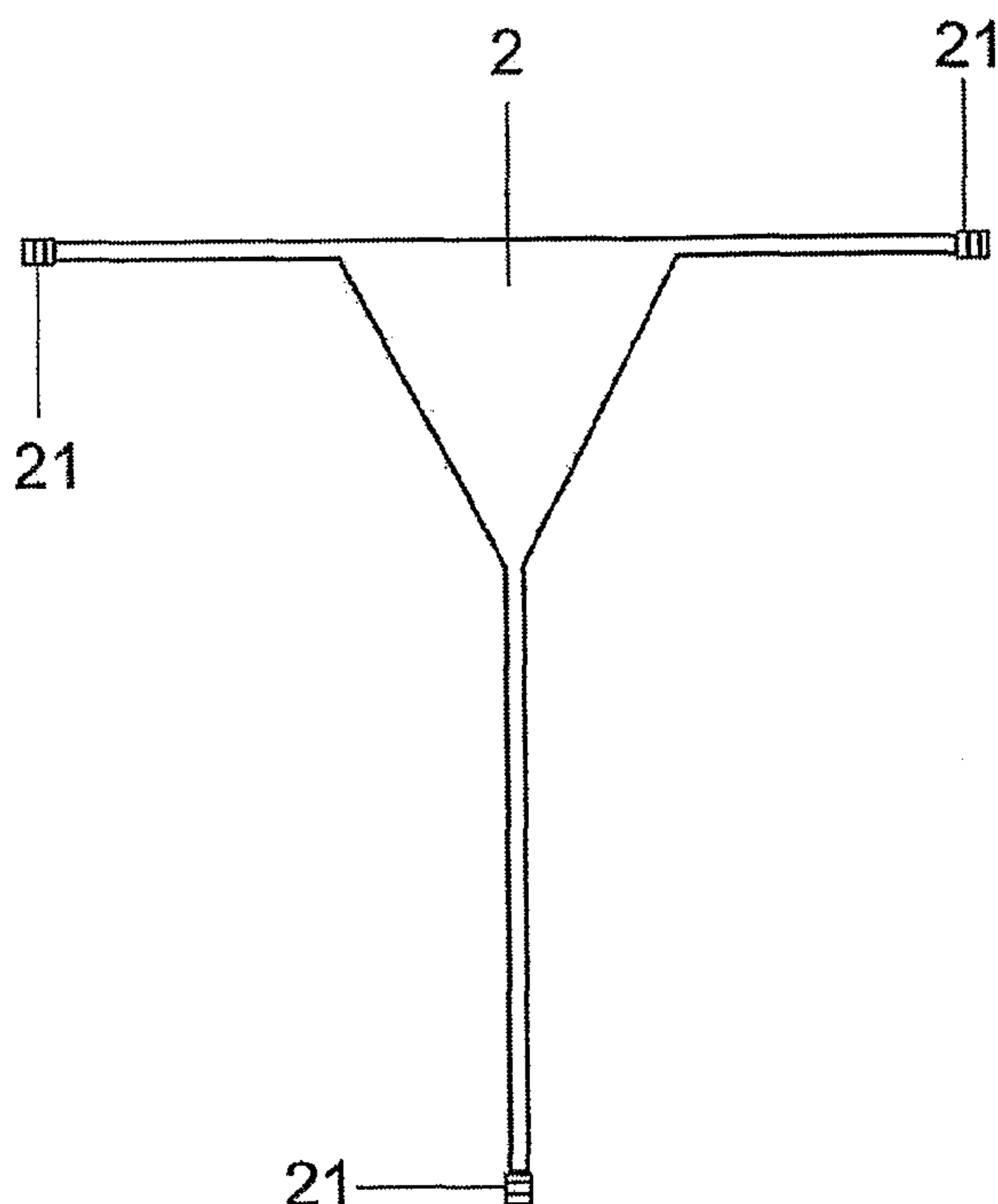
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(57) **Resumen:** Esta prenda, tipo tanga, comprende al menos dos piezas independientes, una trasera (1) y otra delantera (2), que incorporan medios complementarios de acoplamiento (11, 21) para su fijación eventual en una posición operativa o de uso y su posterior separación. La pieza delantera (2) presenta una configuración general en "T", encontrándose dispuestos los medios de acoplamiento (21) en correspondencia con los extremos de sus alas, mientras que la pieza trasera (1) puede presentar diferentes configuraciones, encontrándose dispuestos los medios de acoplamiento (11) en correspondencia con sus laterales o con su extremo superior y en correspondencia con su extremo inferior.

UNISEX UNDERWEAR**Object of the Invention**

As indicated by the title, the present invention relates to unisex underwear, and more specifically to thong-type underwear.

Background of the Invention

Thong-type underwear having a front part and rear part permanently joined together generally by sewing are currently well-known.

It is also frequent for this thong-type underwear to incorporate adornments or decorative elements in their rear area making them more appealing.

In this type of underwear the front area or part is subjected to greater wear than the rear part, meaning that when said front part becomes deteriorated due to use it is necessary to dispose of the entire item of clothing. On the other hand, successive washings of the underwear cause an accelerated deterioration of the decorative elements incorporated in the rear part, causing a progressive loss of the original appeal.

Description of the Invention

The unisex underwear object of the invention, being of the mentioned type, i.e. thong-type, has special constructive features aimed at allowing: successive couplings and decouplings of the front part and rear part, which allows selling both parts separately, the possibility of using the same rear part with different front parts or vice versa, and the possibility of washing the front part and the rear part separately and when it is required.

To that end, and according to the invention, the unisex underwear object of the invention comprise at least two independent parts, a front part and a rear part, incorporating complementary coupling means for their eventual fixing in an operative or use position, said complementary coupling means

obviously allowing the separation of both parts and their individual replacement.

The front part has a general T-shaped configuration, the wings of which start in a central part, the coupling means for coupling with the rear part being arranged in correspondence with the ends of its wings. The rear part in turn can have different configurations, the coupling means for coupling with the front part being arranged in correspondence with its side or upper areas and with its lower area.

The complementary closing means fixed to the front part and to the rear part can be of any known type (pressure, contact, hook type, etc.) as long as they allow repeatedly forming the attachment and separation of the mentioned parts of the underwear.

The rear part of the underwear can be made up of different materials of a metallic, textile, leather, fiber nature, or of any other materials, it having been provided that the front part is preferably made of a textile material, textile fibers or any other material assuring comfortable and practical use of the underwear.

Furthermore, both the front and rear parts can incorporate decorative elements or motifs intended for making the underwear more appealing.

Description of the Drawings

To complement the description being made and for the purpose of aiding to better understand the features of the invention, a set of drawings is attached to the present specification in which the following has been shown with an illustrative and non-limiting character:

- Figure 1 shows a rear perspective view of the unisex underwear object of the invention, where the independent front and rear parts can be seen joined together by the complementary coupling means thereof.

- Figure 2 shows an elevational and planar view of an embodiment of the front part and of the rear part separated from one another, having depicted them in this case separated.

Preferred Embodiment of the Invention

5 As can be seen in the attached figures, the unisex underwear object of the invention are made up of an independent rear part (1) and front part (2) incorporating complementary coupling means (11 and 21), respectively.

10 Said complementary coupling means (11, 12) allow the eventual fixing of the parts (1 and 2) in an operative or use position, as is shown in Figure 1, and their subsequent separation, as is shown in Figure 2.

15 Both the front part (2) and the rear part (1) are individually replaceable, which enables using different front parts (1) with a single rear part (2), or vice versa.

20 Having sufficiently described the nature of the invention as well as a preferred embodiment thereof, it is stated for all intents and purposes that the materials, shape, size and arrangement of the described elements can be modified, provided that this does not imply an alteration of the essential features of the invention claimed below.

CLAIMS

1.- Unisex underwear, said underwear being the thong-type, characterized in that they comprise at least two independent parts, a rear part (1) and a front part (2) incorporating complementary coupling means (11, 21) for their eventual fixing in an operative or use position and their subsequent separation.

2.- Unisex underwear according to claim 1, characterized in that the front part (2) generally has a T-shaped configuration, the coupling means (21) being arranged in correspondence with the ends of its wings.

3.- Unisex underwear according to claim 2, characterized in that the rear part (1) can have different configurations, the coupling means (11) being arranged in correspondence with its sides or with its upper end and in correspondence with its lower end.

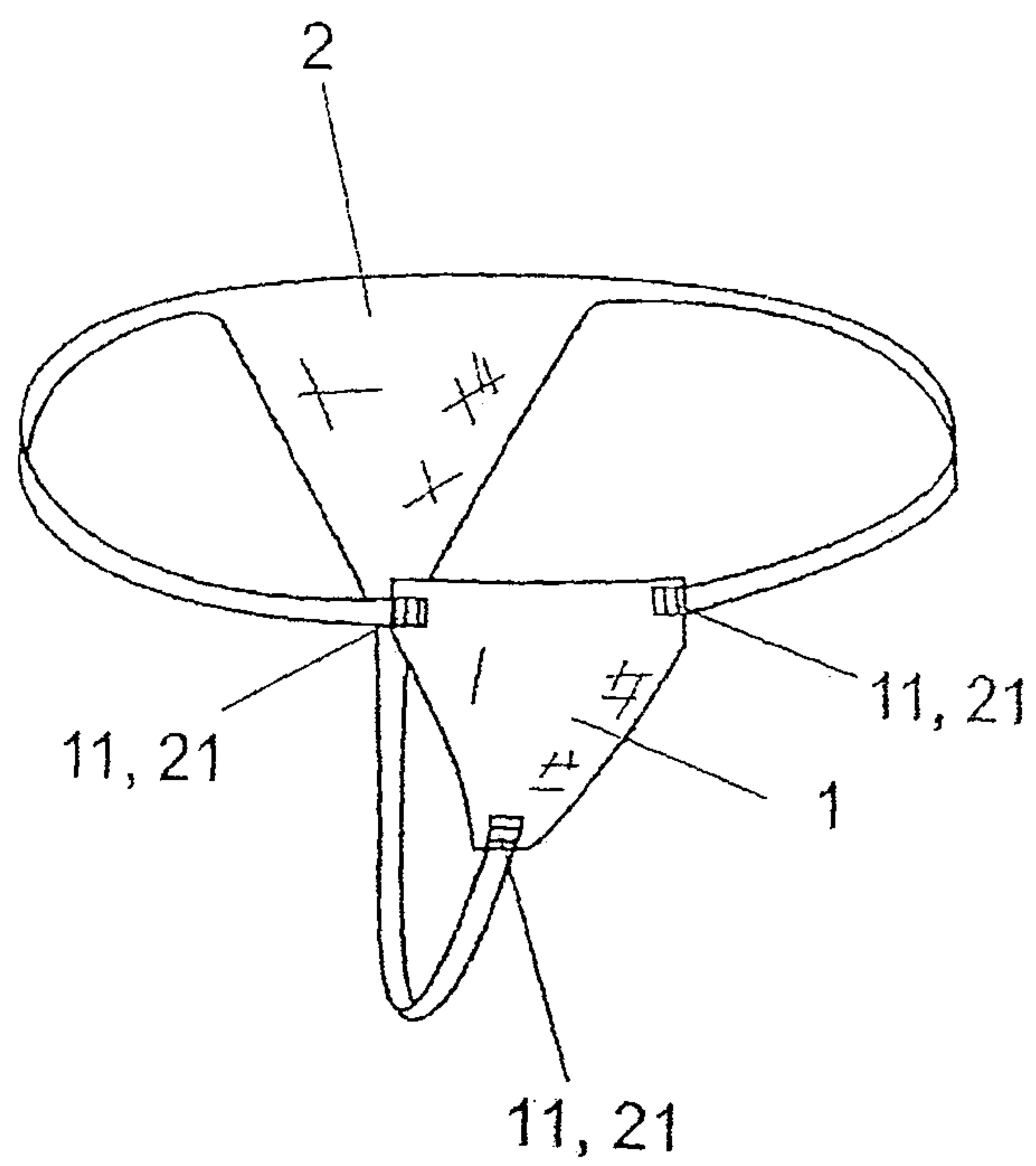


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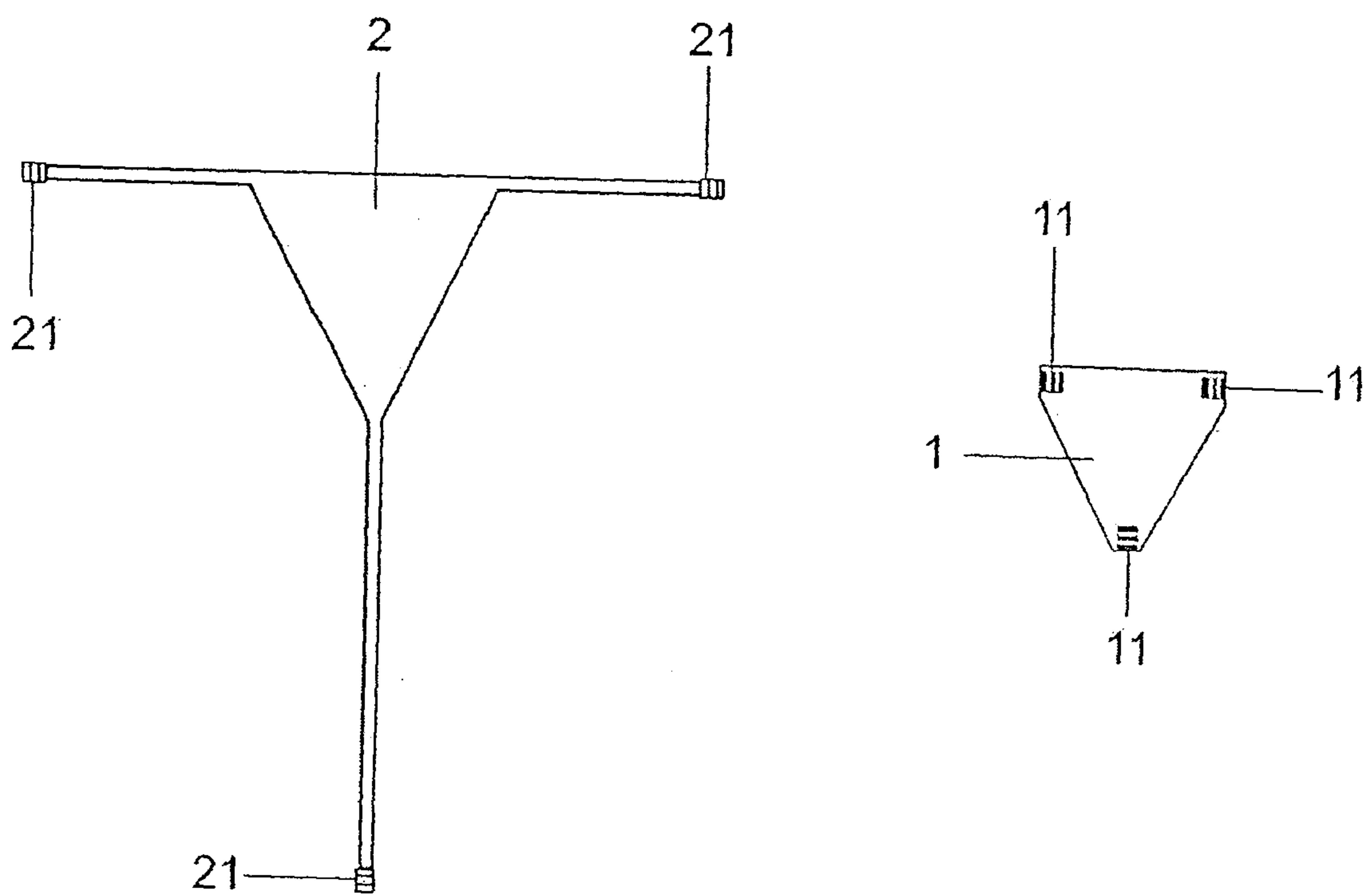


Fig. 2

