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(54) **APPARATUS TO CONTROL FLUID FLOW THROUGH A TUBE**

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The ornamental design for an apparatus to control fluid flow through a tube, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front, bottom, and right side perspective view of the apparatus to control fluid flow through a tube, showing my new design;
FIG. 2 is a back, bottom, and left side perspective view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a back elevational view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a right side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 7 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof; and,
FIG. 9 is a front, bottom, and right side perspective view showing the door open thereof.
The broken lines in the drawings illustrate portions of the apparatus to control fluid flow through a tube form no part of the claimed design.

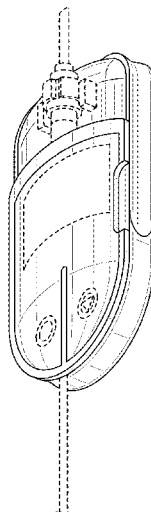
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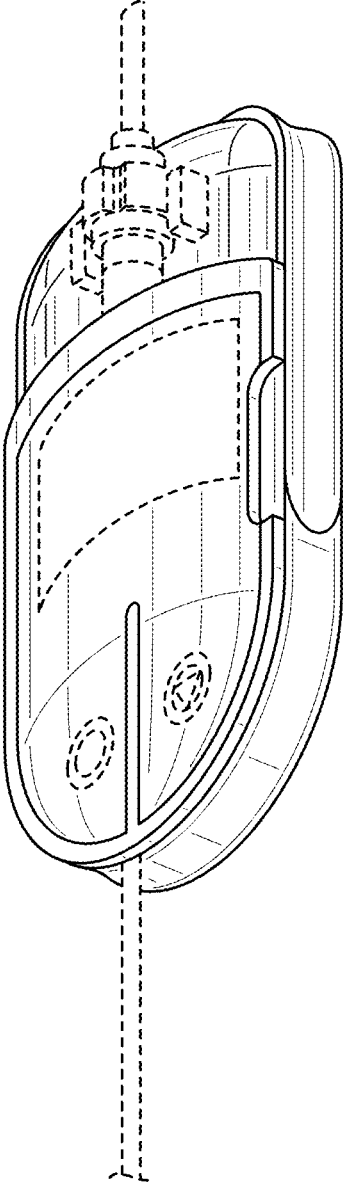


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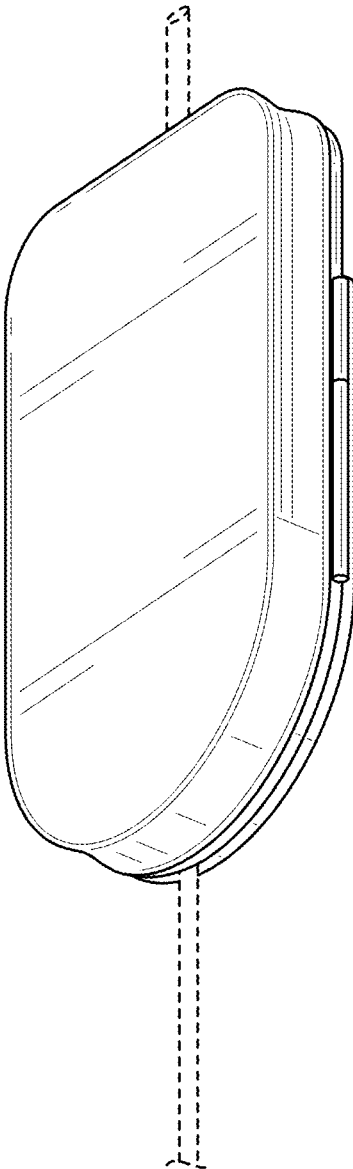


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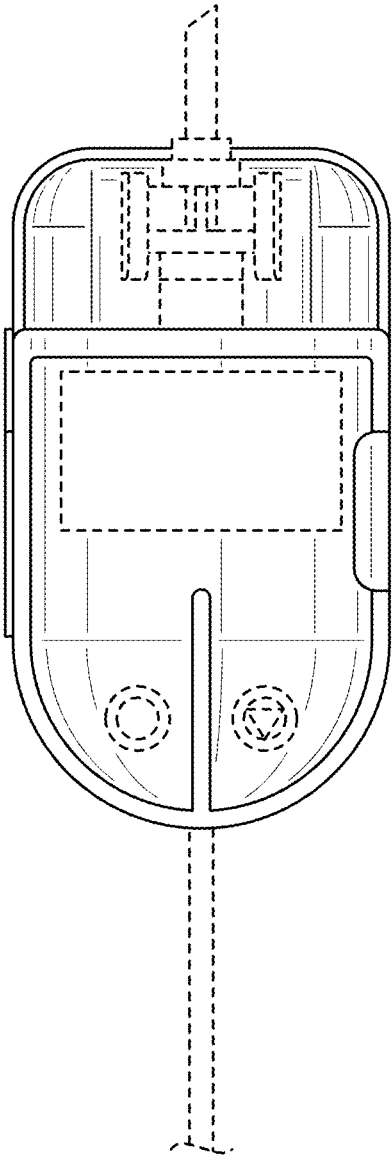


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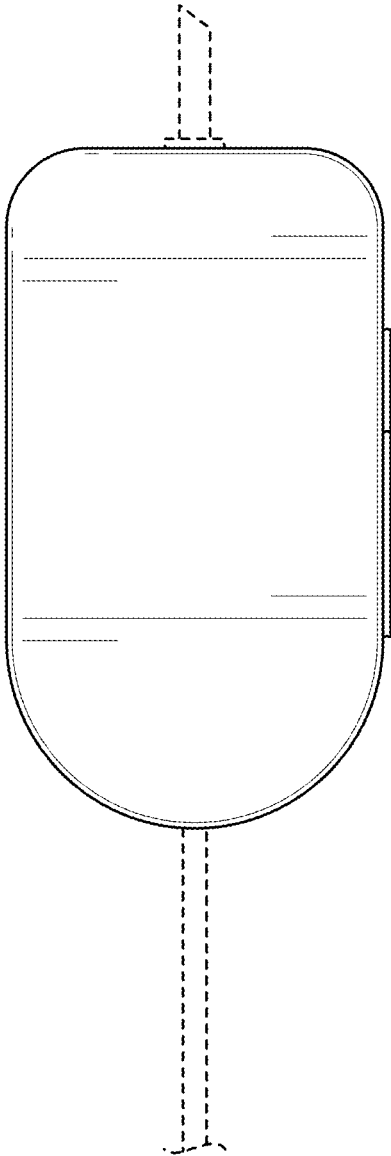


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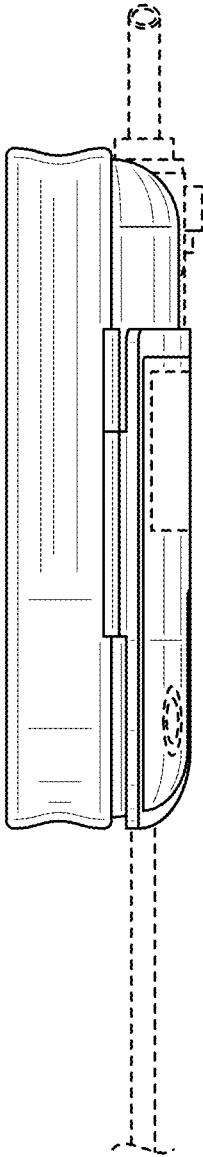


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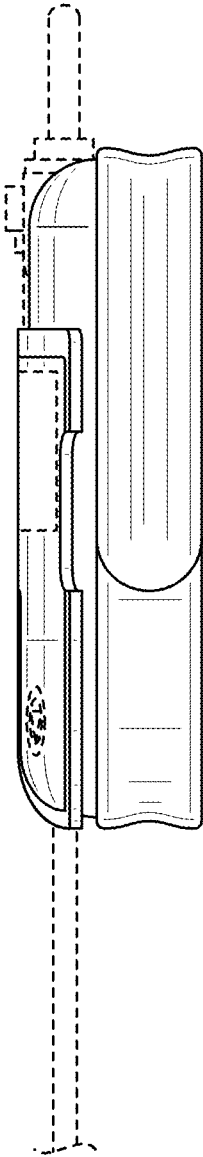


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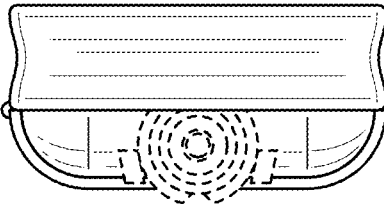


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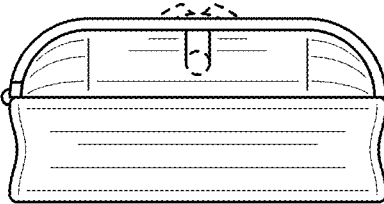


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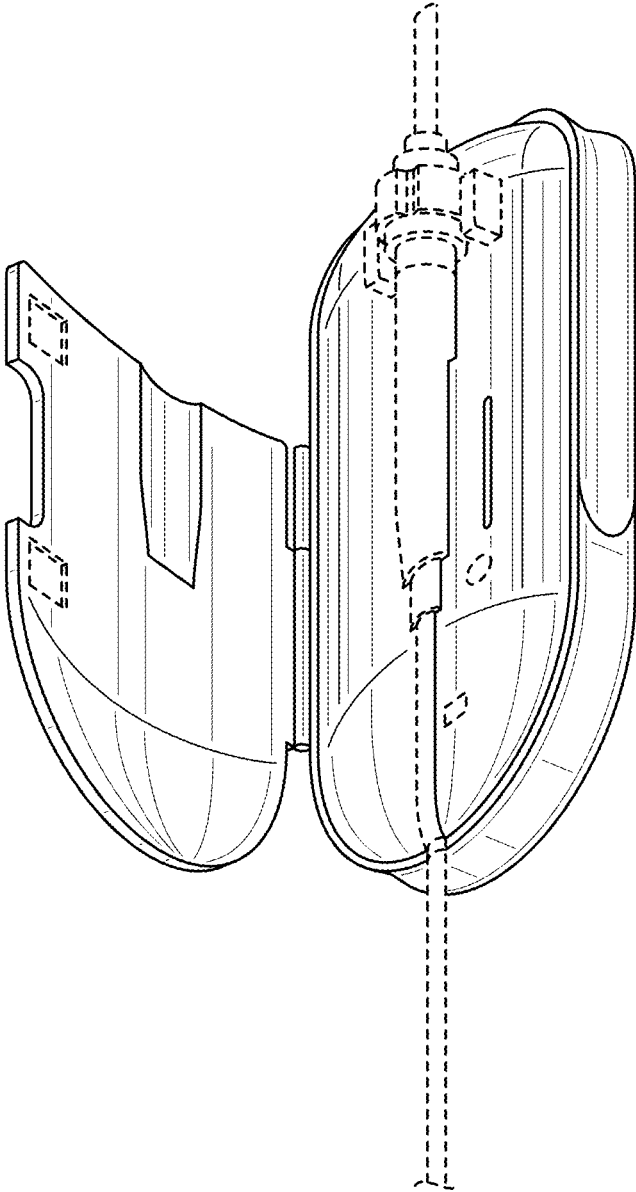


FIG. 9