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- (54) **FLEXIBLE PACKAGE OPENING**
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(57) **CLAIM**

We claim the ornamental design for a flexible package opening, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

The ornamental design of this invention is a pop-up dispensing opening for a flexible wet wipes container. The opening comprises a flexible material having a star-shaped slit configuration.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a flexible package opening in accordance with this invention.

FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof with the lid closed.

FIG. 3 is a bottom plan view thereof.

FIG. 4 is a left side view thereof.

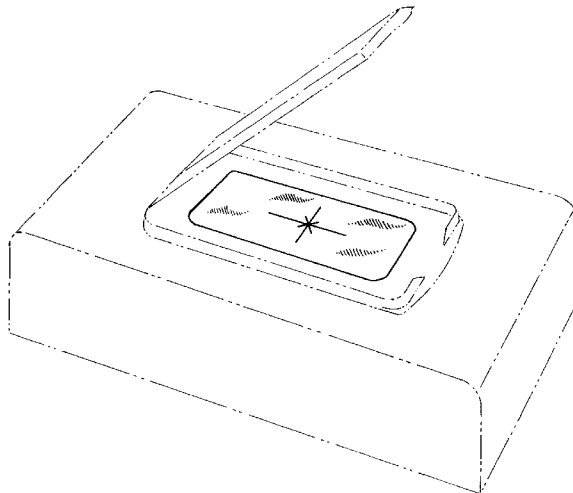
FIG. 5 is a right side view thereof.

FIG. 6 is a front side view thereof; and,

FIG. 7 is a rear side view thereof.

The broken line showing of a package and lid are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

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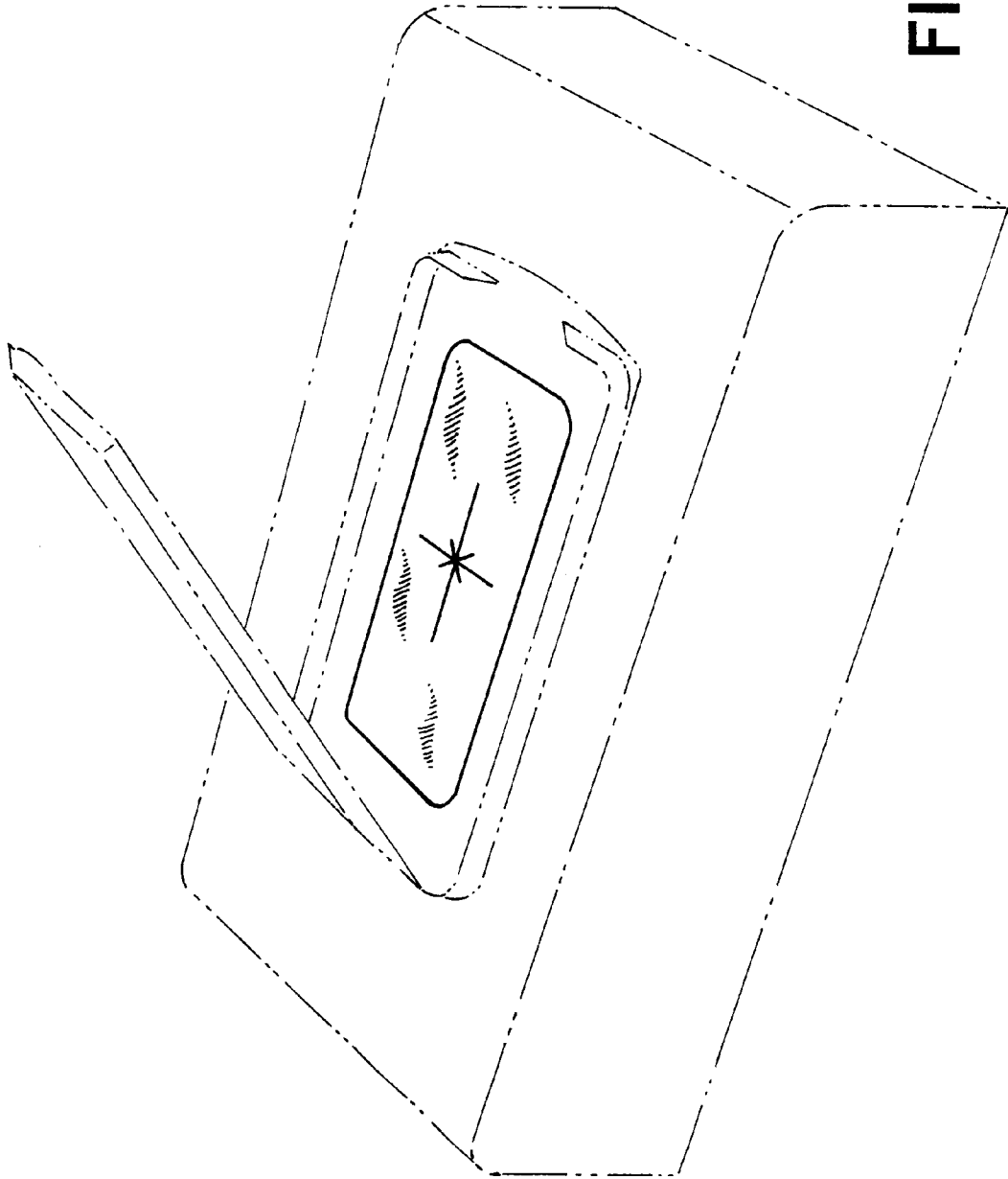


FIG. 1

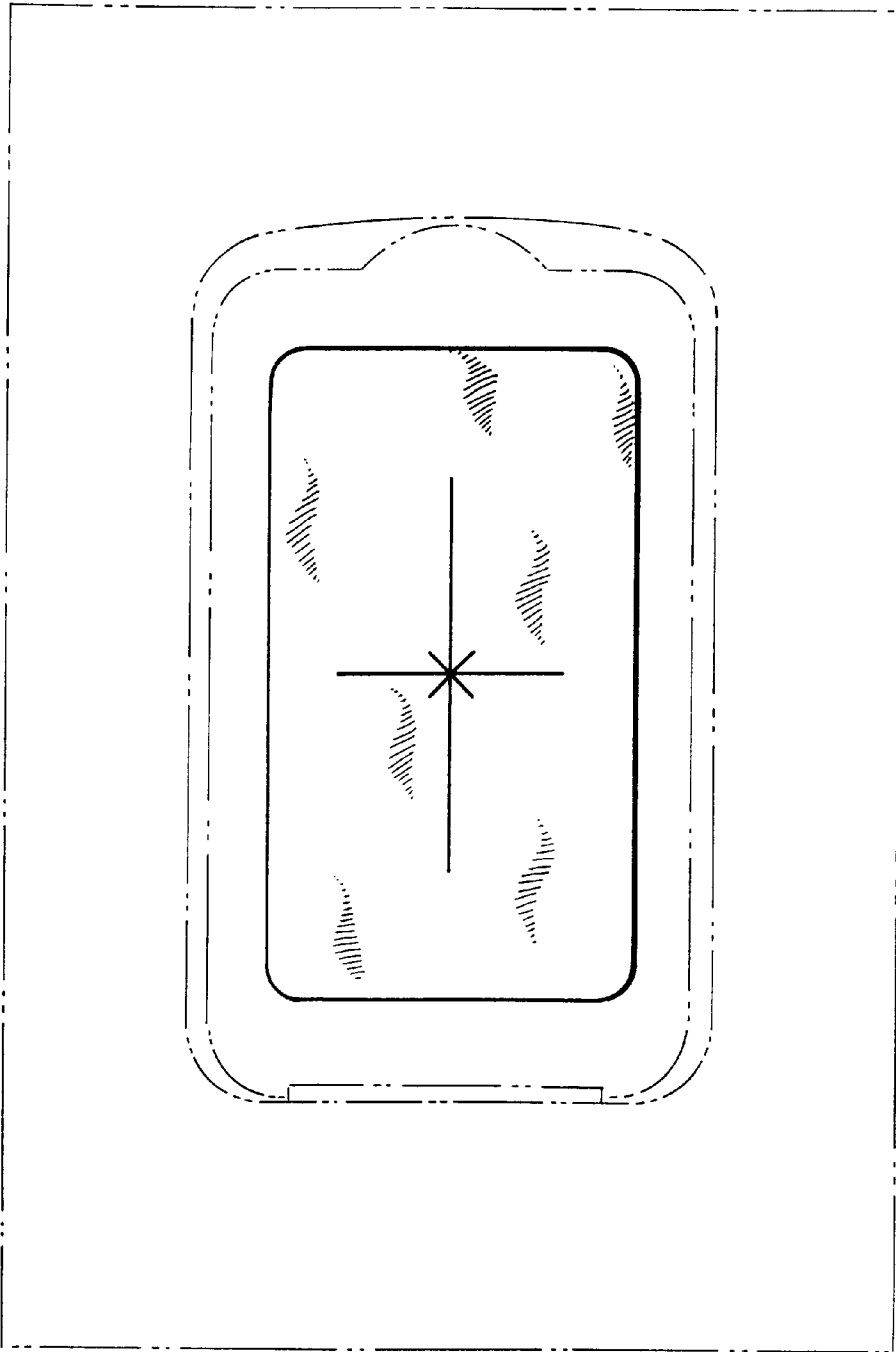


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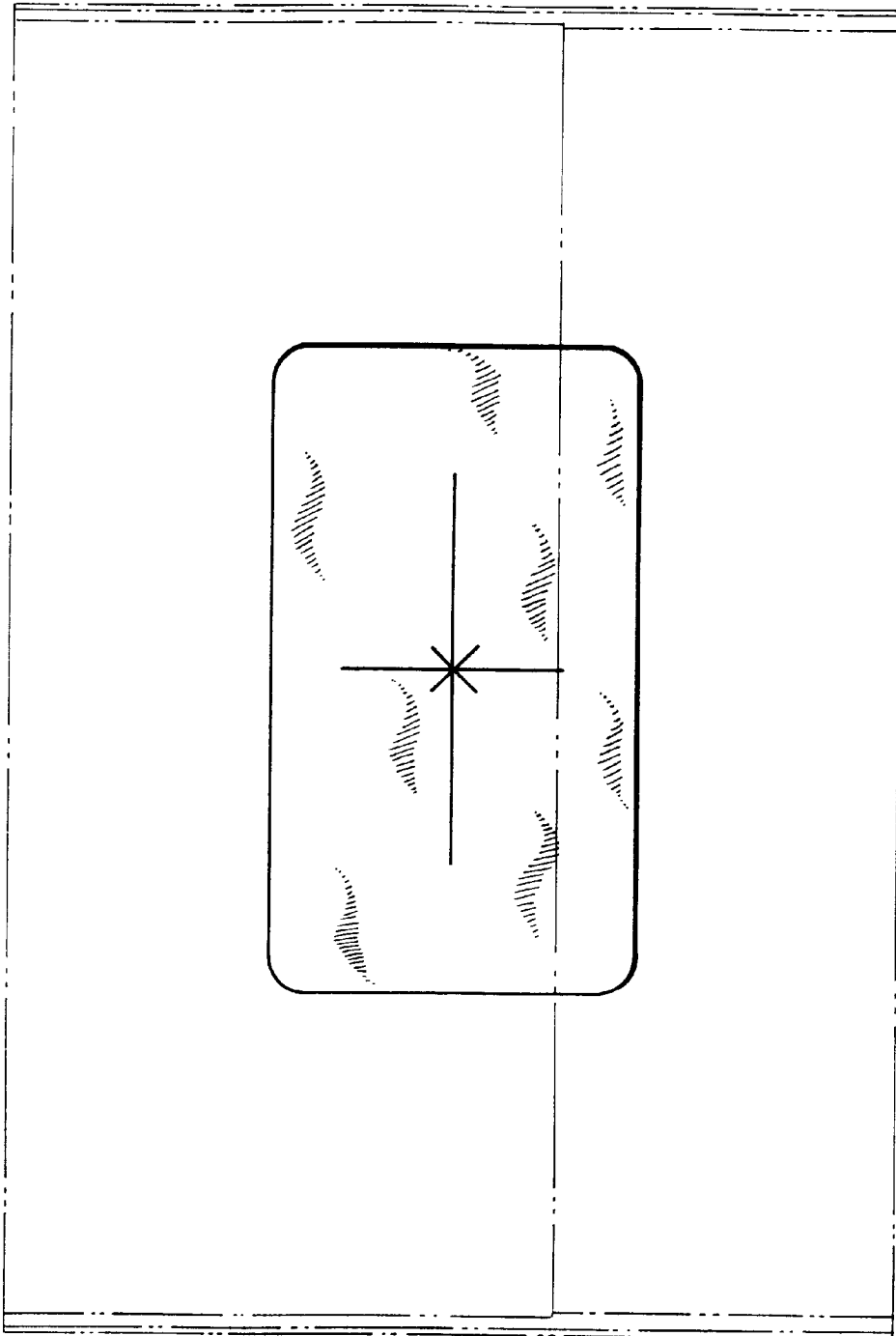


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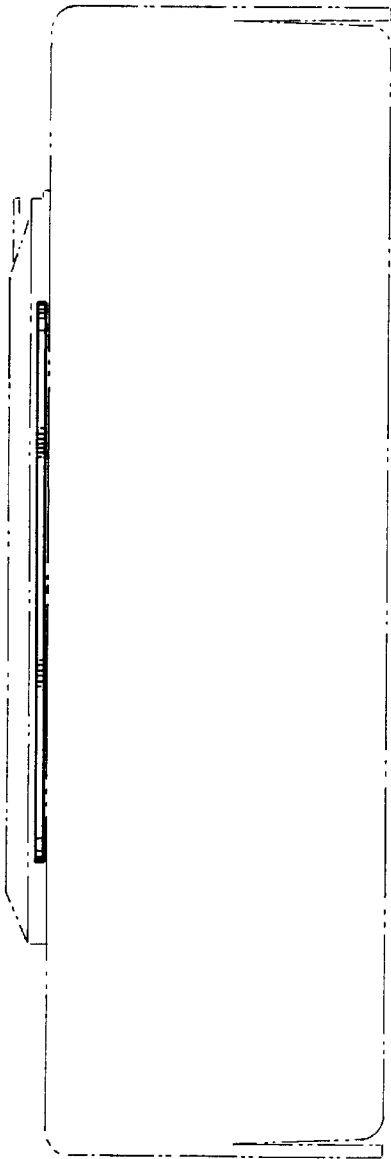


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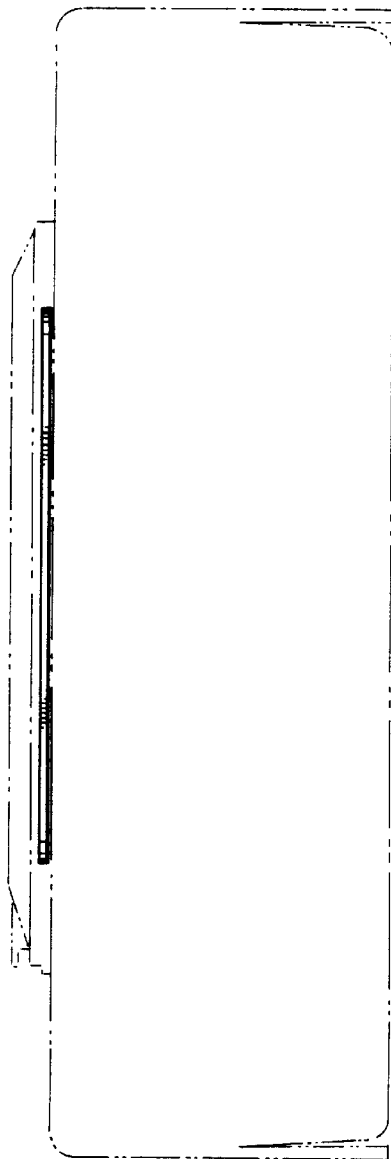


FIG. 5



FIG. 6

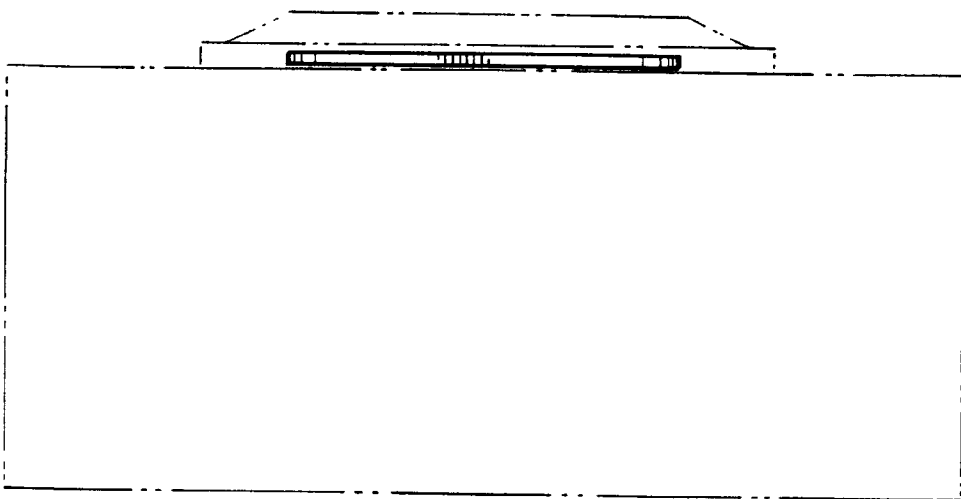


FIG. 7