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[54] **LACING SYSTEM FOR AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR**

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### [57] **CLAIM**

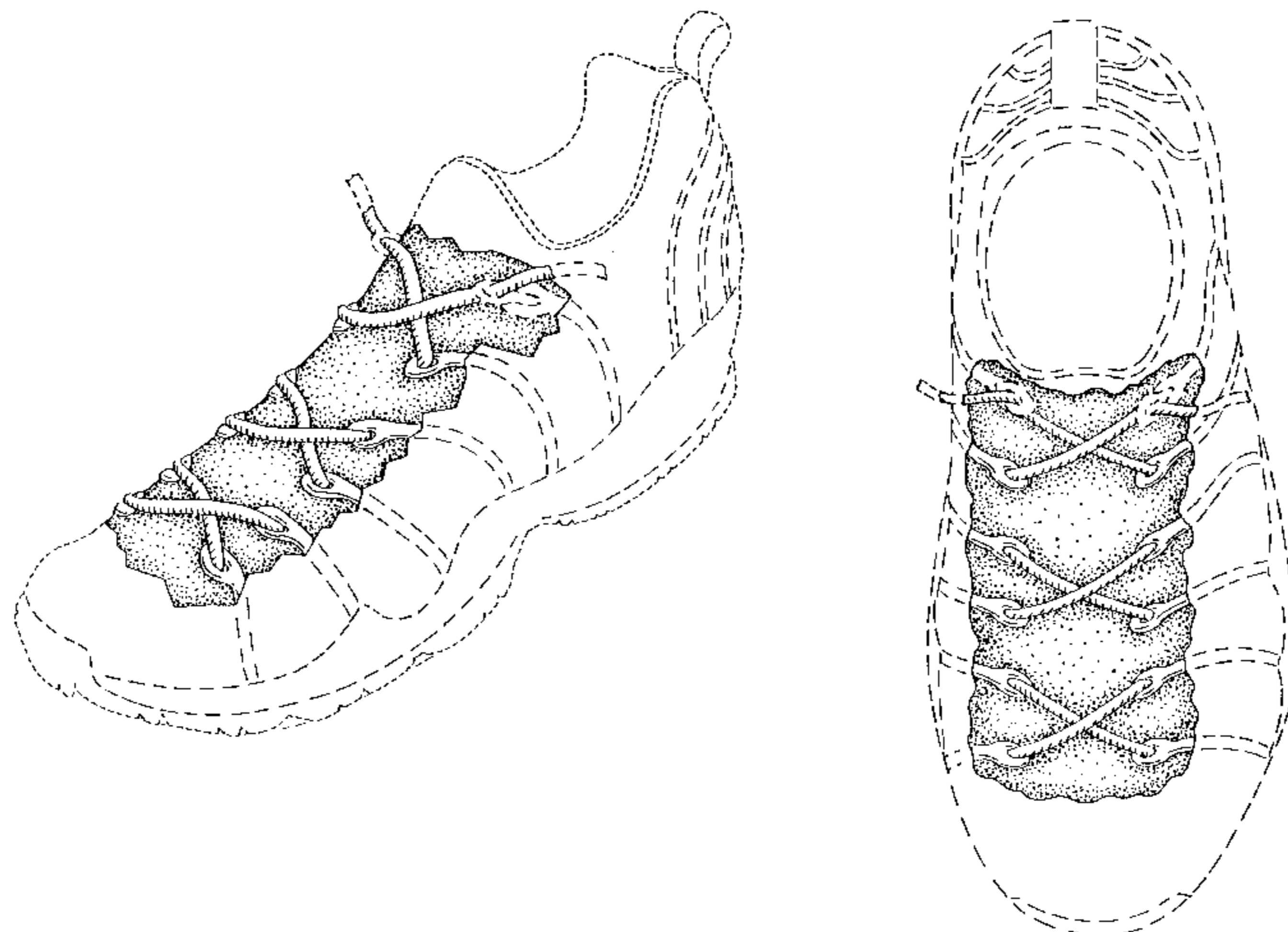
The ornamental design for a lacing system for an article of footwear, as shown and described.

### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a lacing system for an article of footwear showing my new design; FIG. 2 is a side elevational view thereof, the opposite side being a substantial mirror image thereof; FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof; and, FIG. 4 is a front elevational view thereof.

The broken line showing of the ends of the shoe laces, the top of the rear lace holding elements, and the remainder of the shoe is for illustrative purposes and forms no part of the claimed design.

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FIG. 1

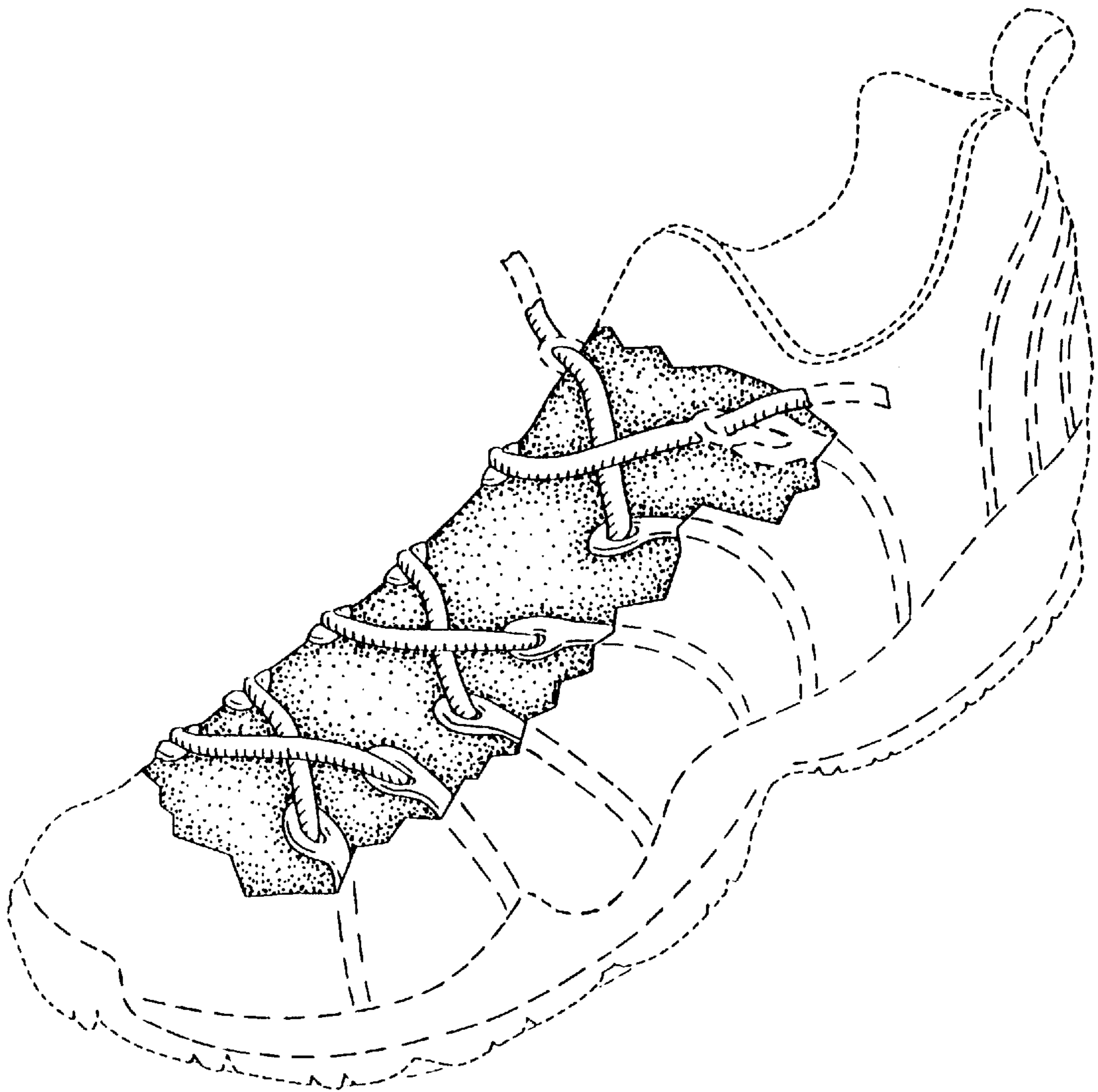


FIG. 2

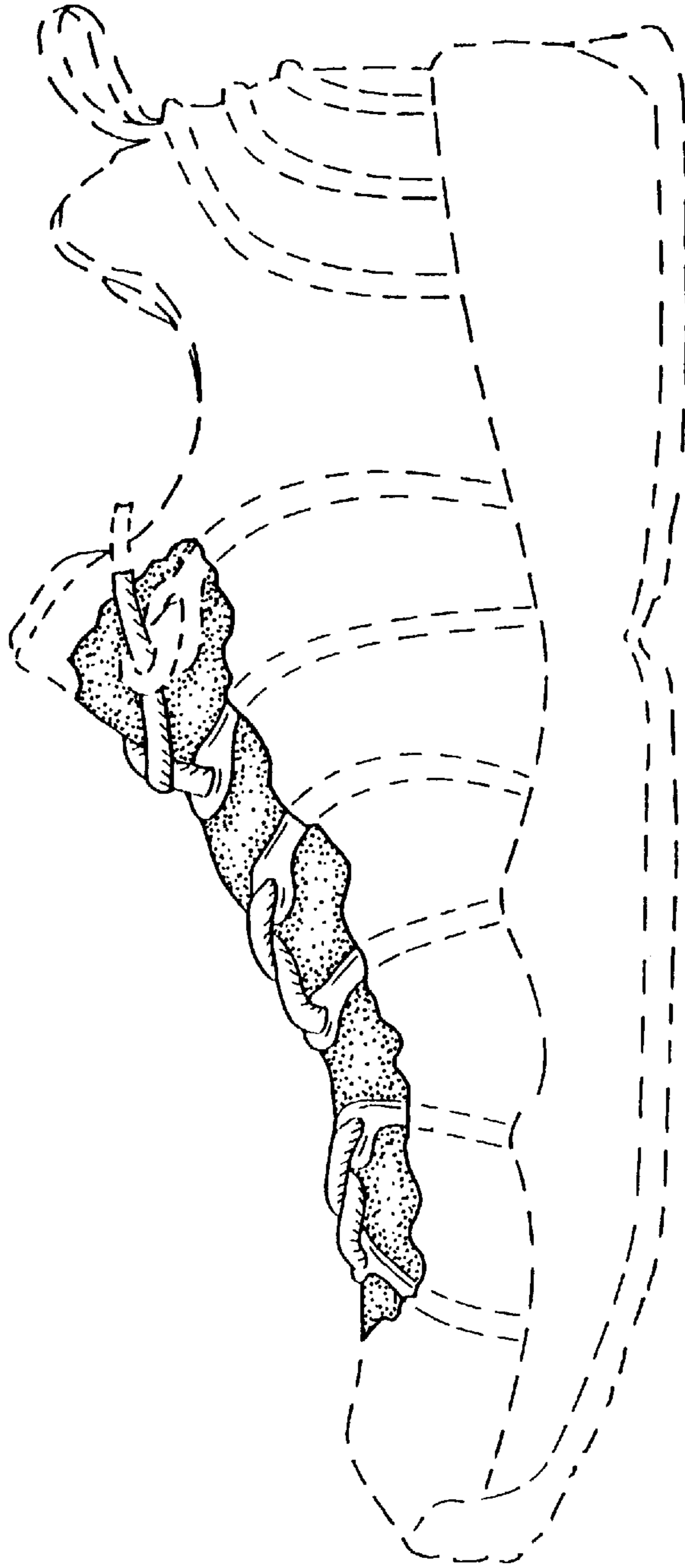




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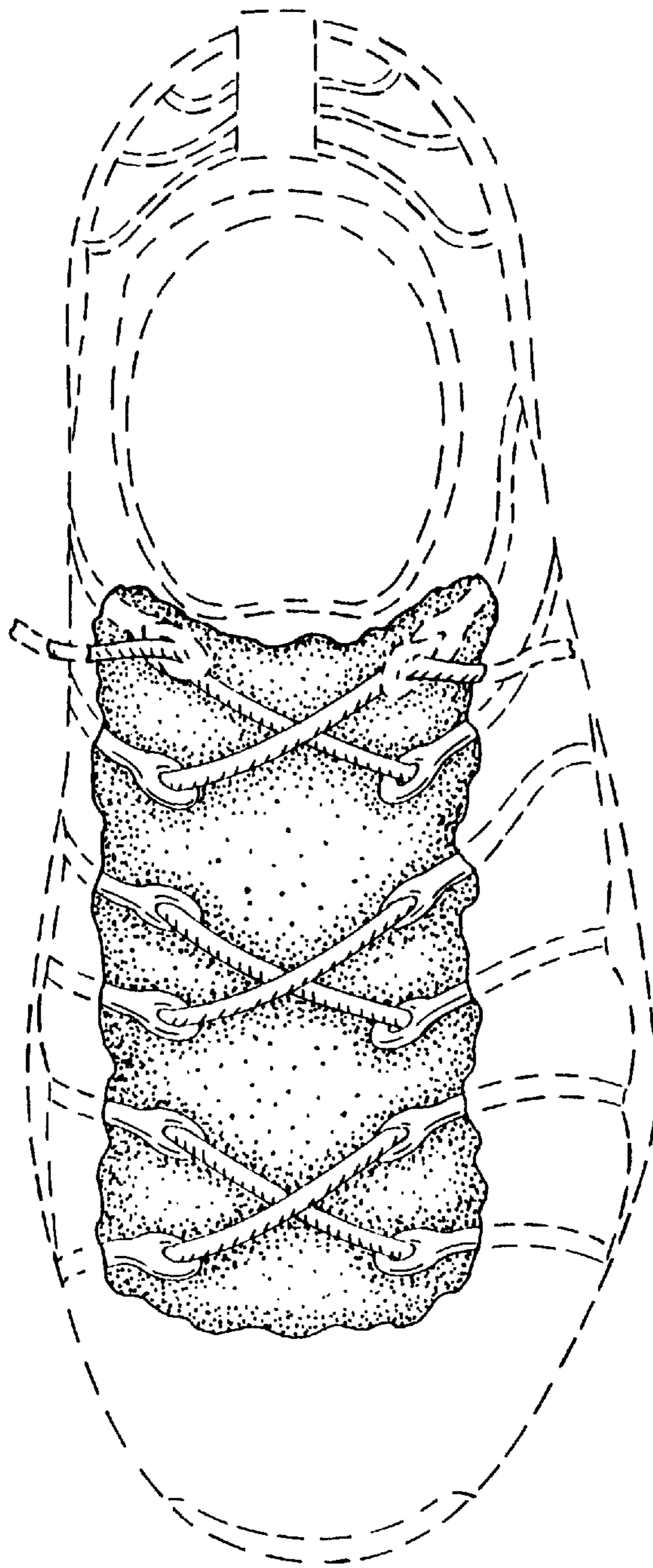
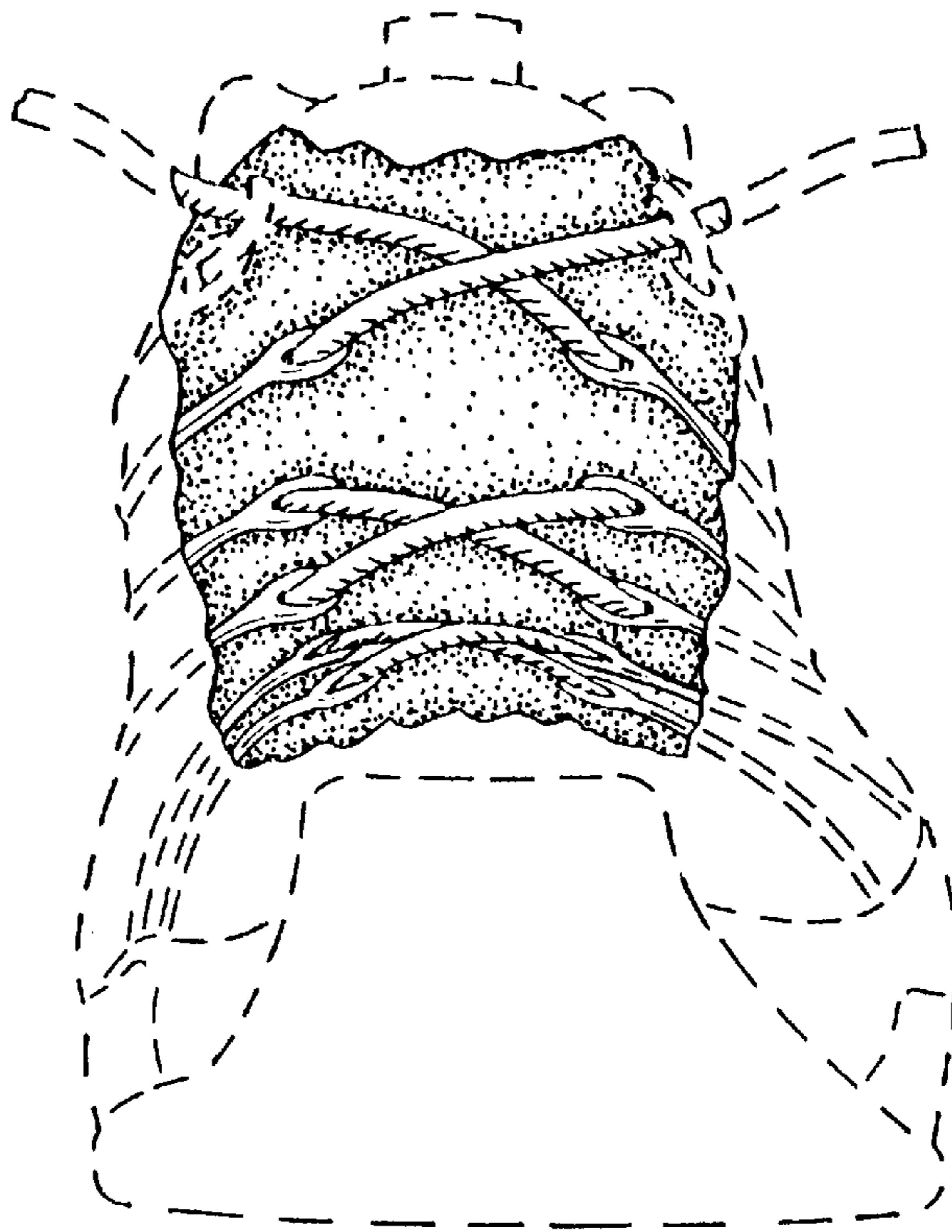


FIG. 4



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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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"4,692,319" is being replaced with --5,692,319--.

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