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[54] **TIRE TREAD**

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[57] **CLAIM**

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I claim the ornamental design for a tire tread, as shown and described.

[**] Term: **14 Years**

DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of the tire tread, it being understood that the tread pattern repeats uniformly throughout the surface of the tire tread and that the opposite edge perspective view is identical to that shown;

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FIG. 2 is a fragmentary top view of the tire tread;

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FIG. 3 is a fragmentary side view of the tire tread with the opposite side of the tire tread being the same as that shown in FIG. 3 ;

[56] **References Cited**

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FIG. 4 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view taken generally along lines 4—4 of FIG. 2 ; and,

FIG. 5 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view taken generally along lines 5—5 of FIG. 2 .

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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The irregular outer edges of the design shown in FIGS. 1 -3 and 5 indicate that the tire tread is of indeterminate length. The broken lines in FIGS. 2 and 4 are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets

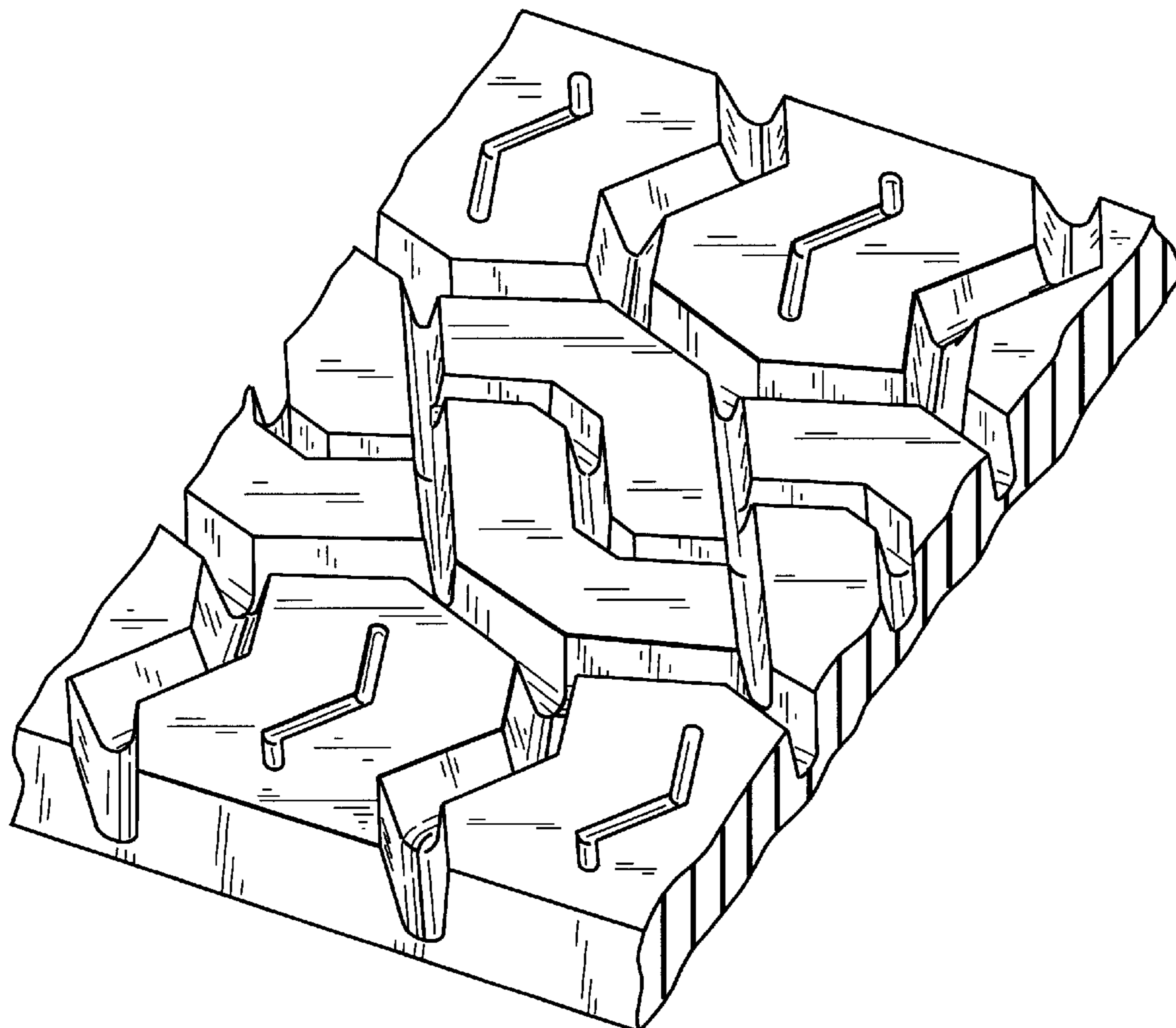


FIG. 1

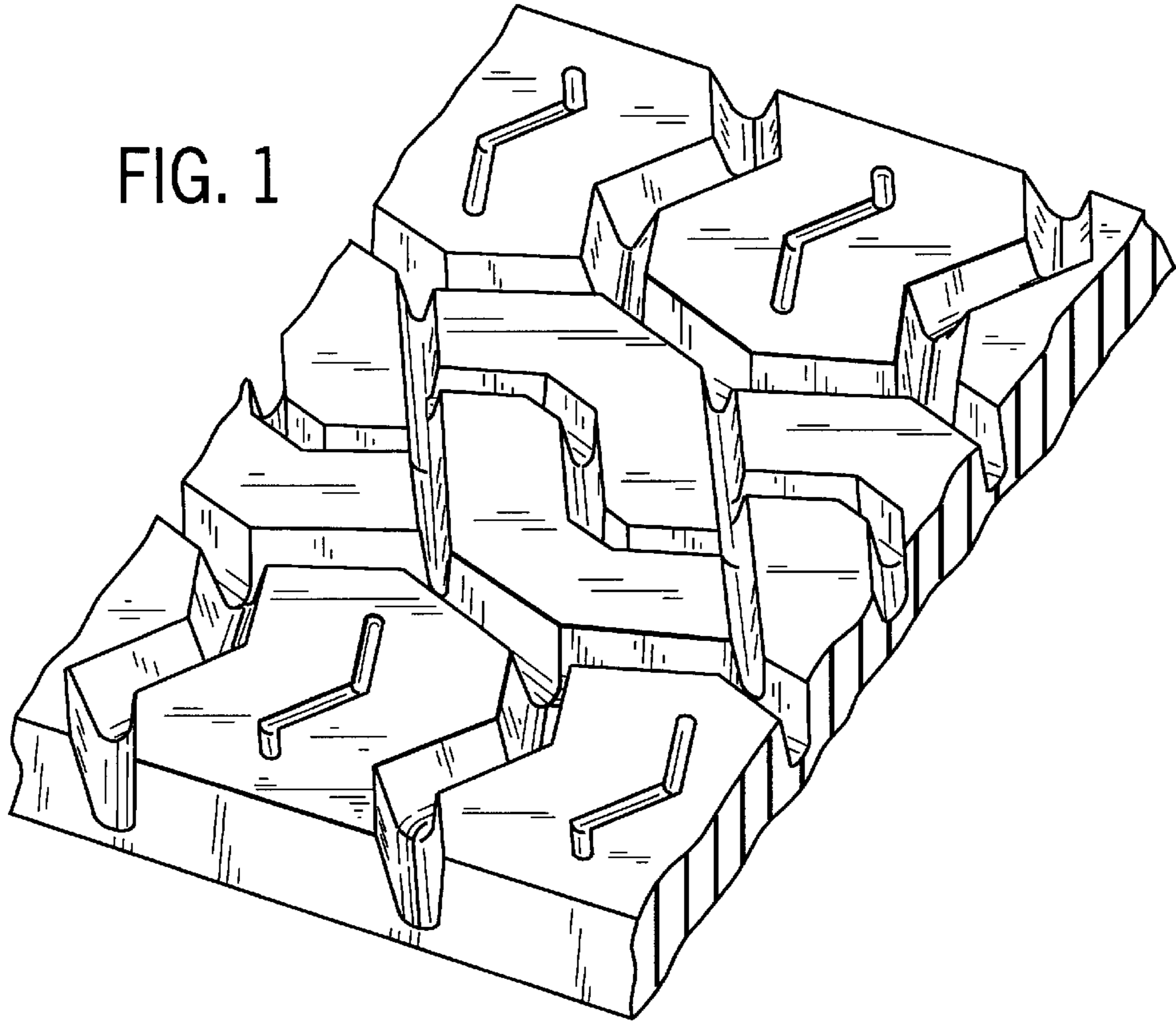


FIG. 4

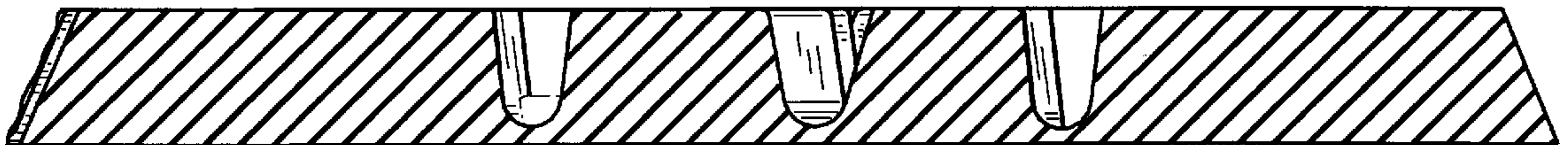


FIG. 5

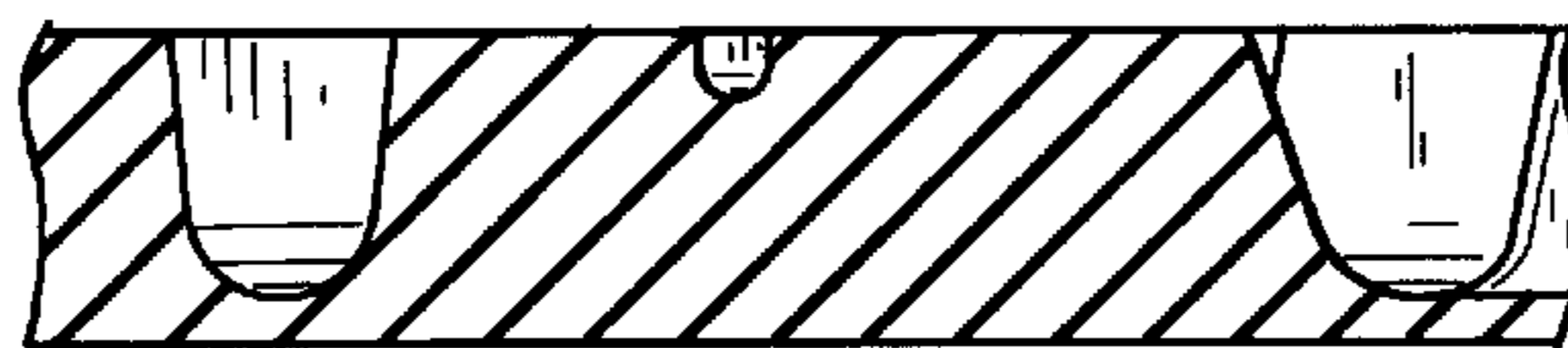


FIG. 2

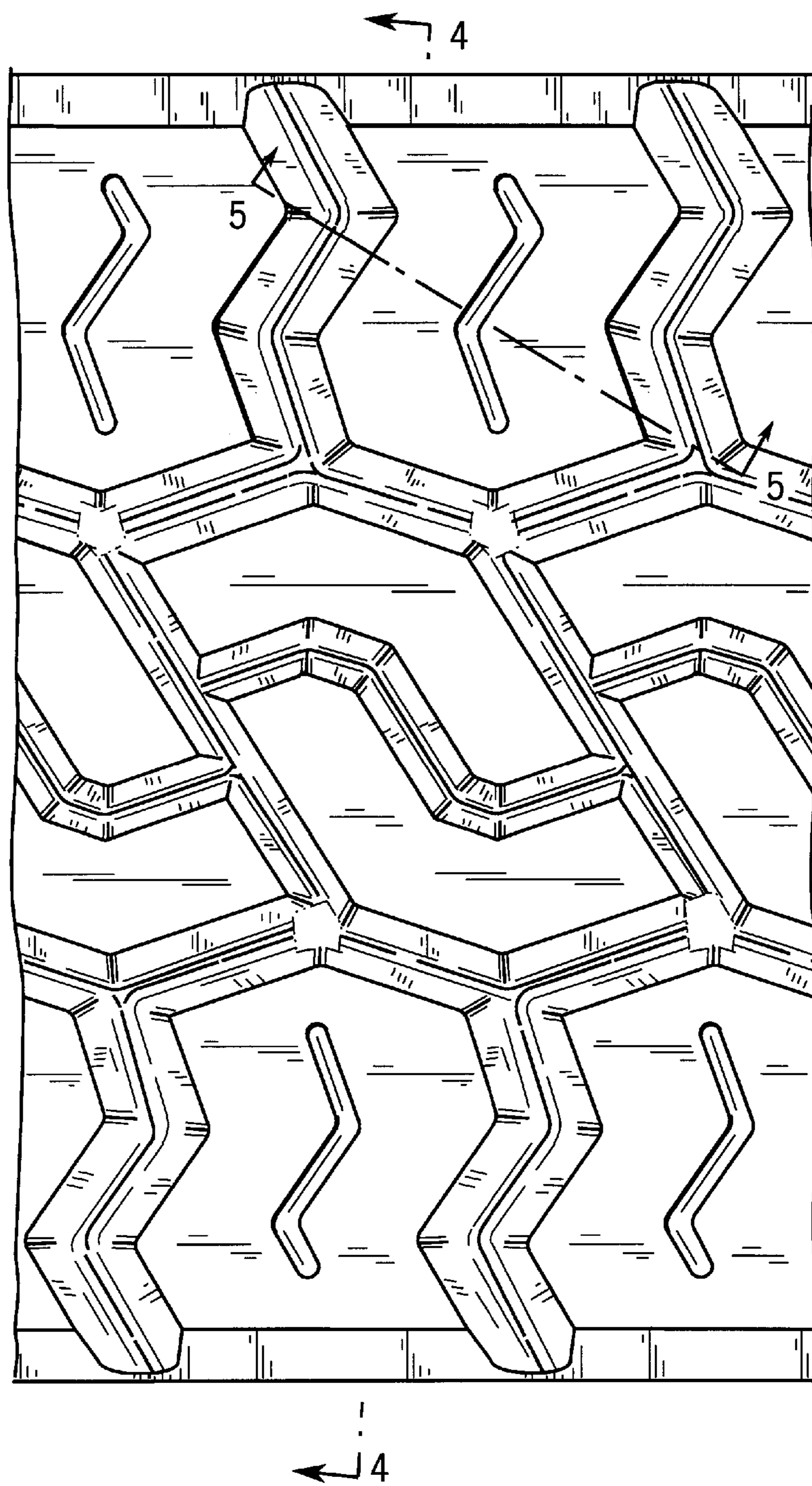


FIG. 3

