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(54) **TOP BAND FOR AN ARTICLE OF HOSIERY**

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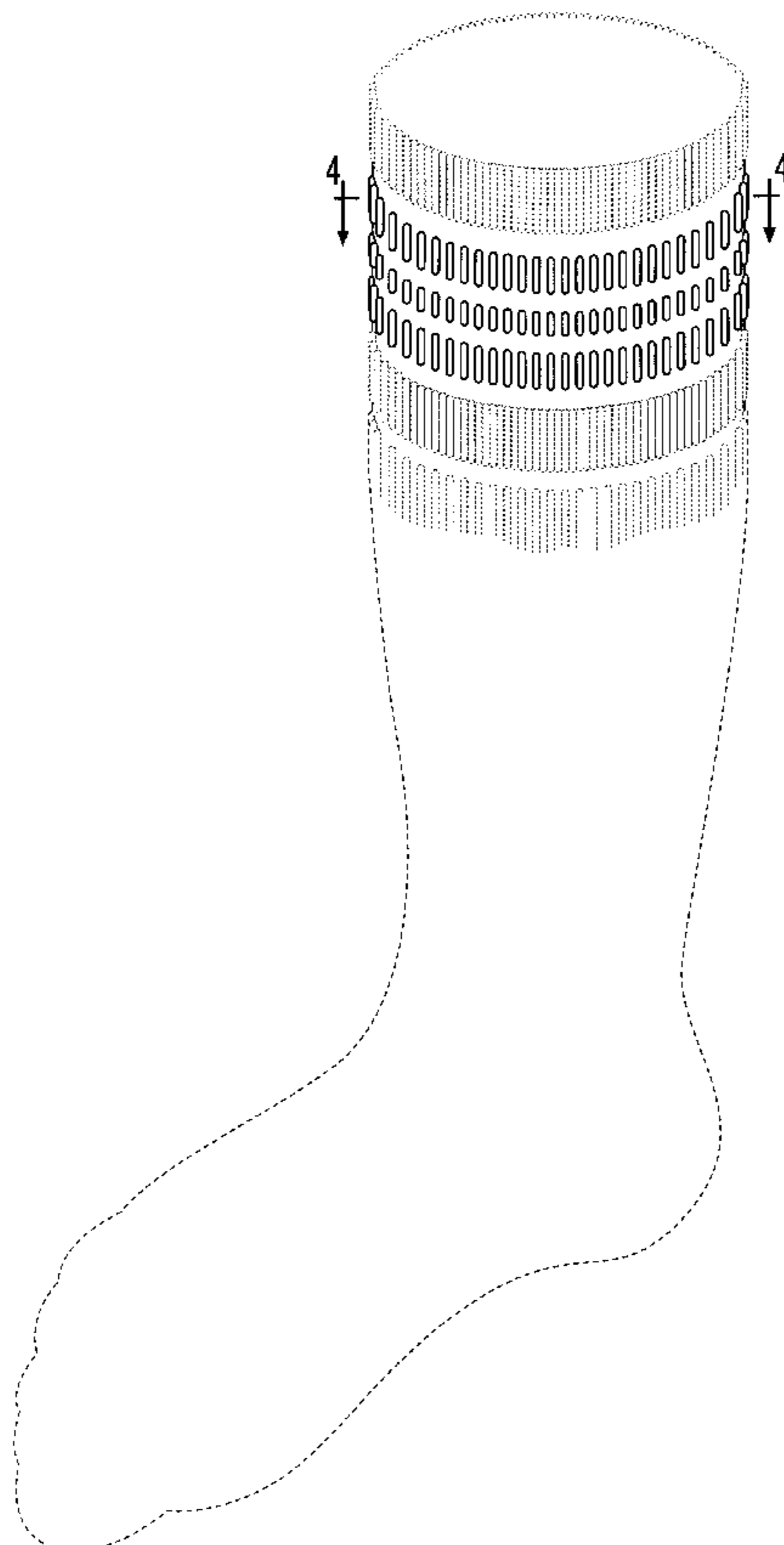
(57) **CLAIM**

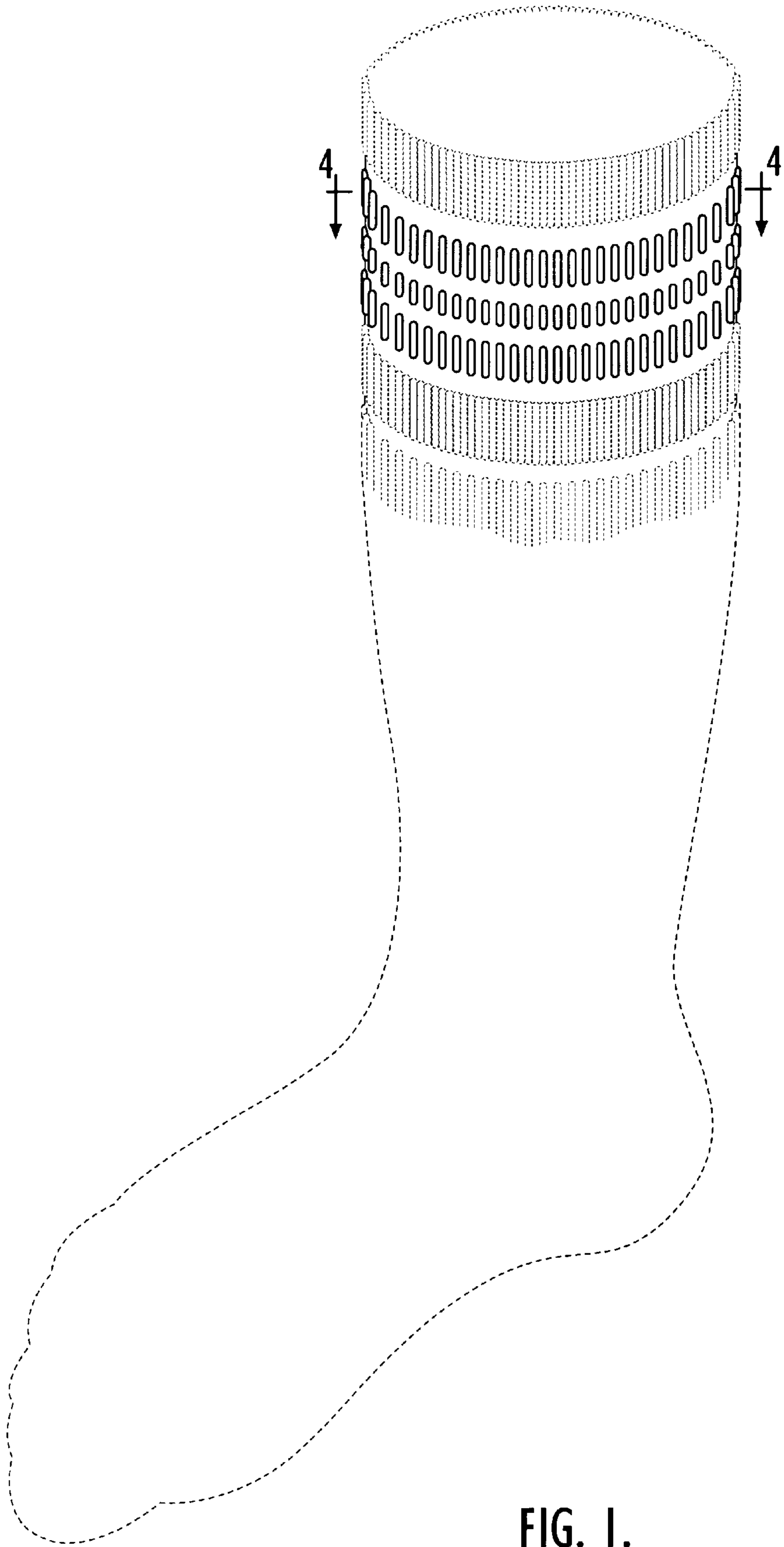
The ornamental design for a top band for an article of hosiery, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a top band for an article of hosiery showing our new design; FIG. 2 is a side elevational view thereof; FIG. 3 is a rear perspective view thereof; and, FIG. 4 is a sectional view taken along line 4—4 of FIG. 1. The broken lines shown herein are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

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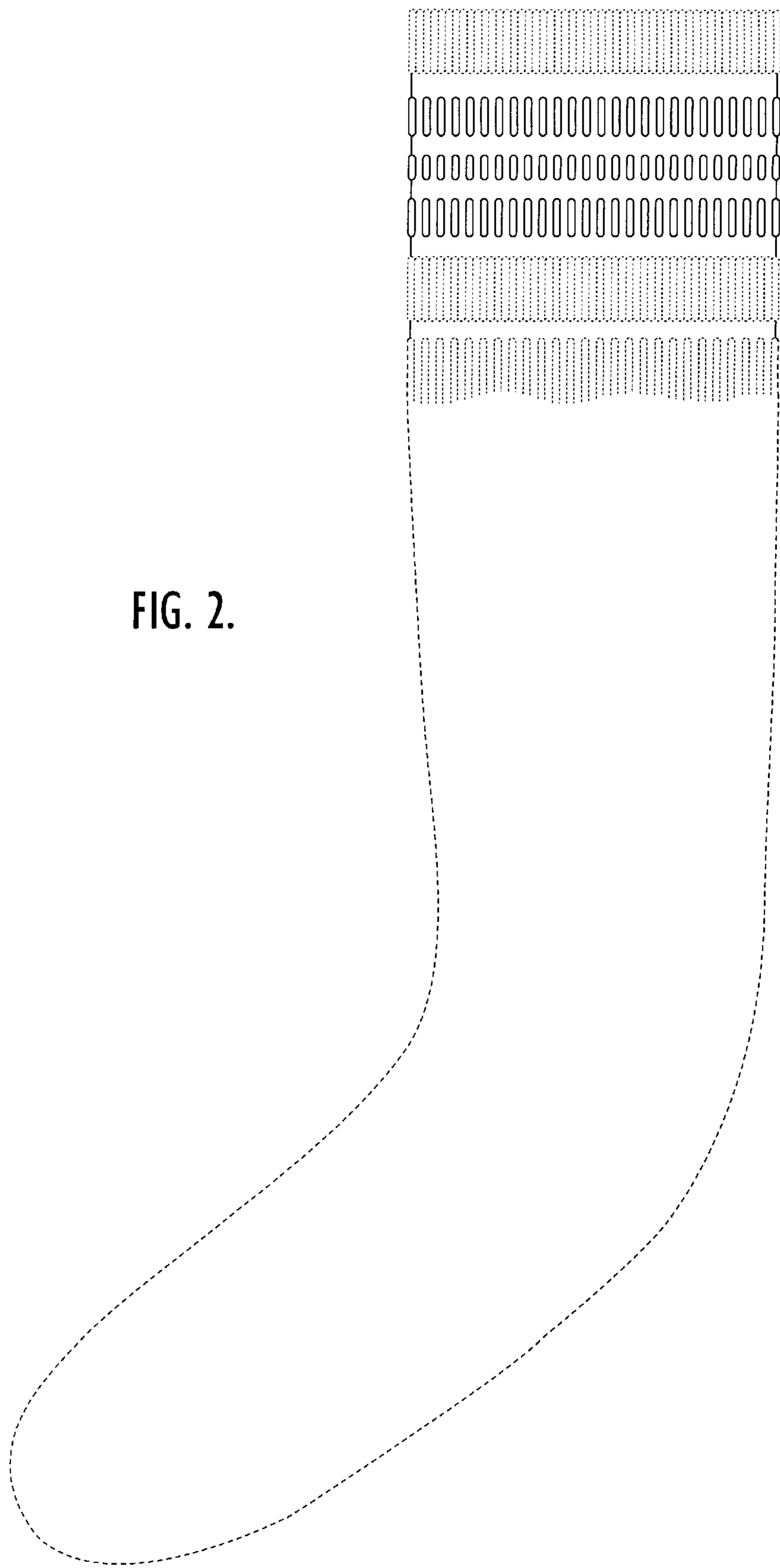


FIG. 2.

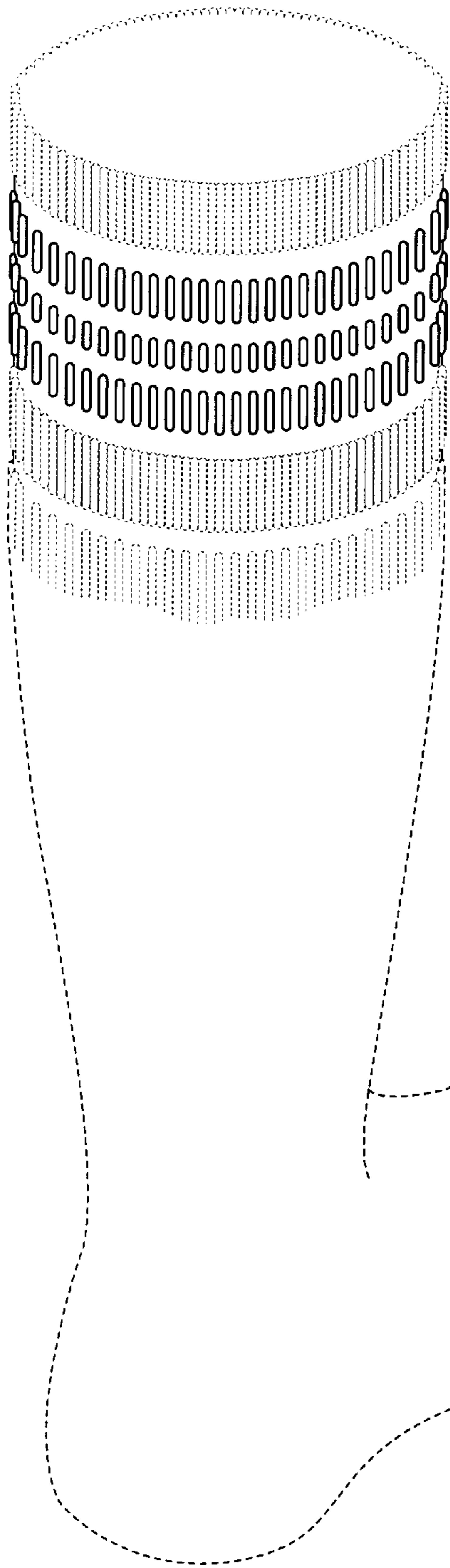


FIG. 3.

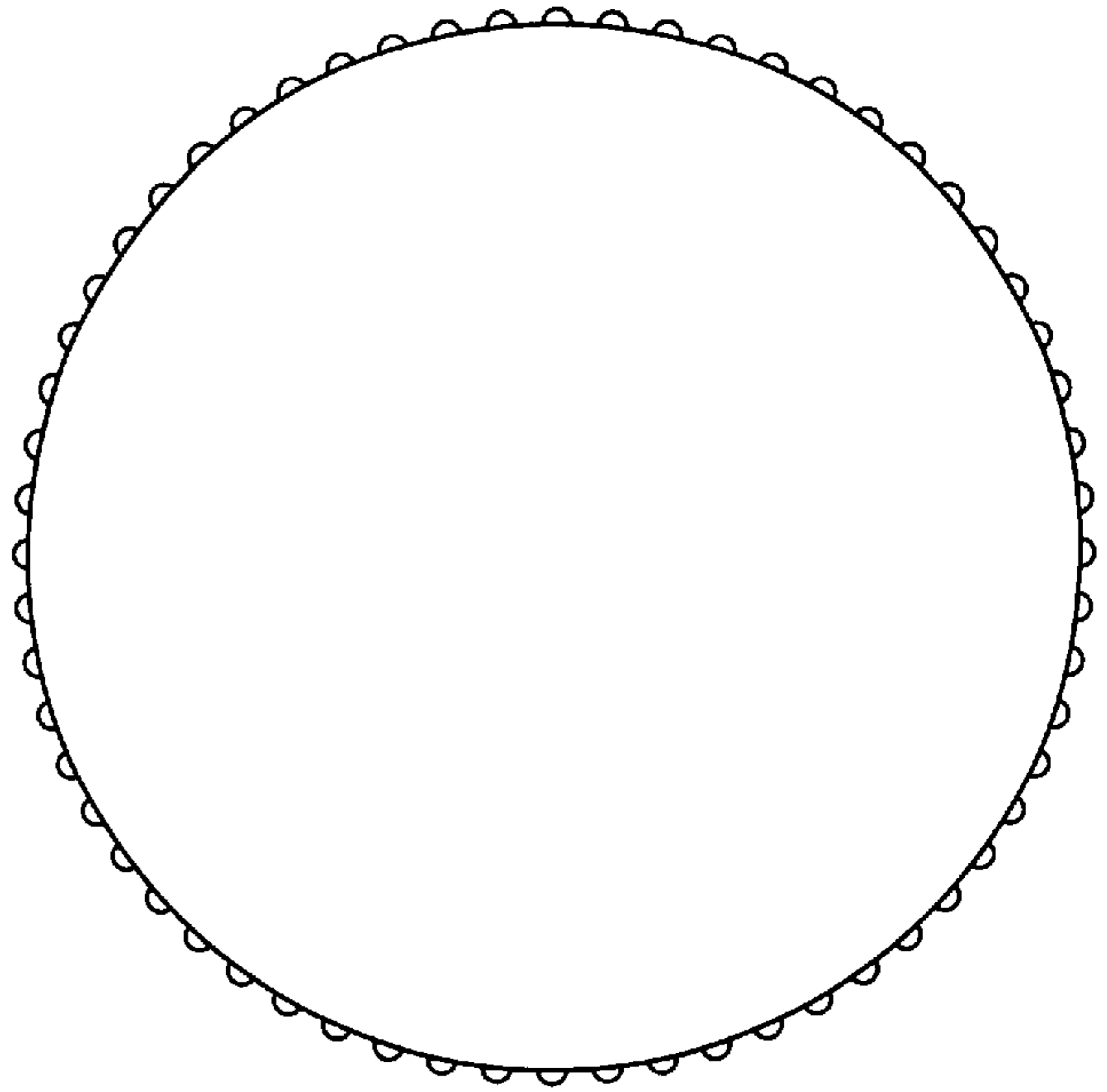


FIG. 4.