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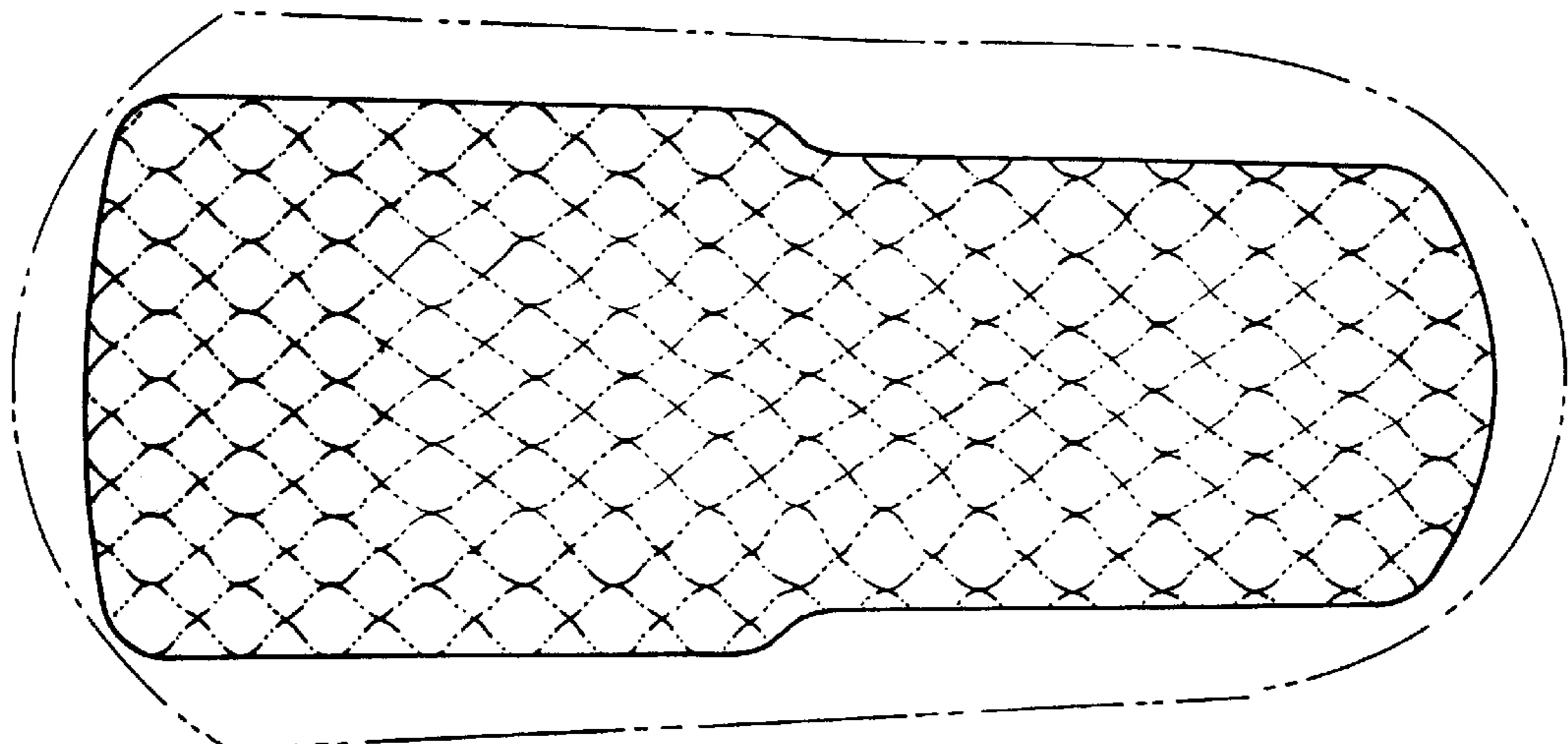
(57) **CLAIM**

We claim the ornamental design for an absorbent article, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top view of an absorbent article.
FIG. 2 is a side view of the absorbent article shown in FIG. 1.
FIG. 3 is a left-end view of the absorbent article shown in FIG. 1; and,
FIG. 4 is a right-end view of the absorbent article shown in FIG. 1.
The surface(s) or portion(s) of the article not shown in the drawing or described in the specification form(s) no part of the claimed design.
The broken line showing is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet



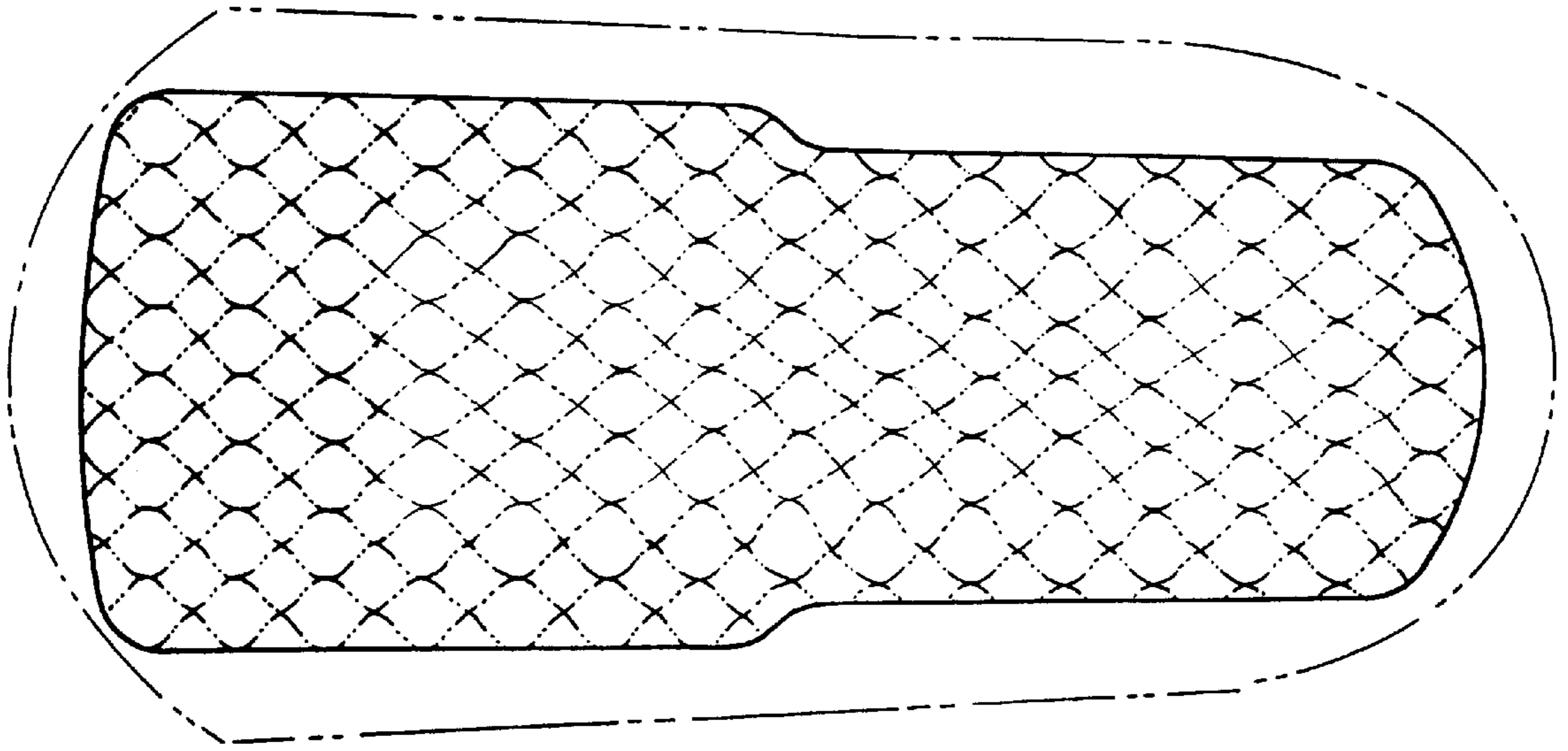


FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4