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(57) **CLAIM**

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

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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.

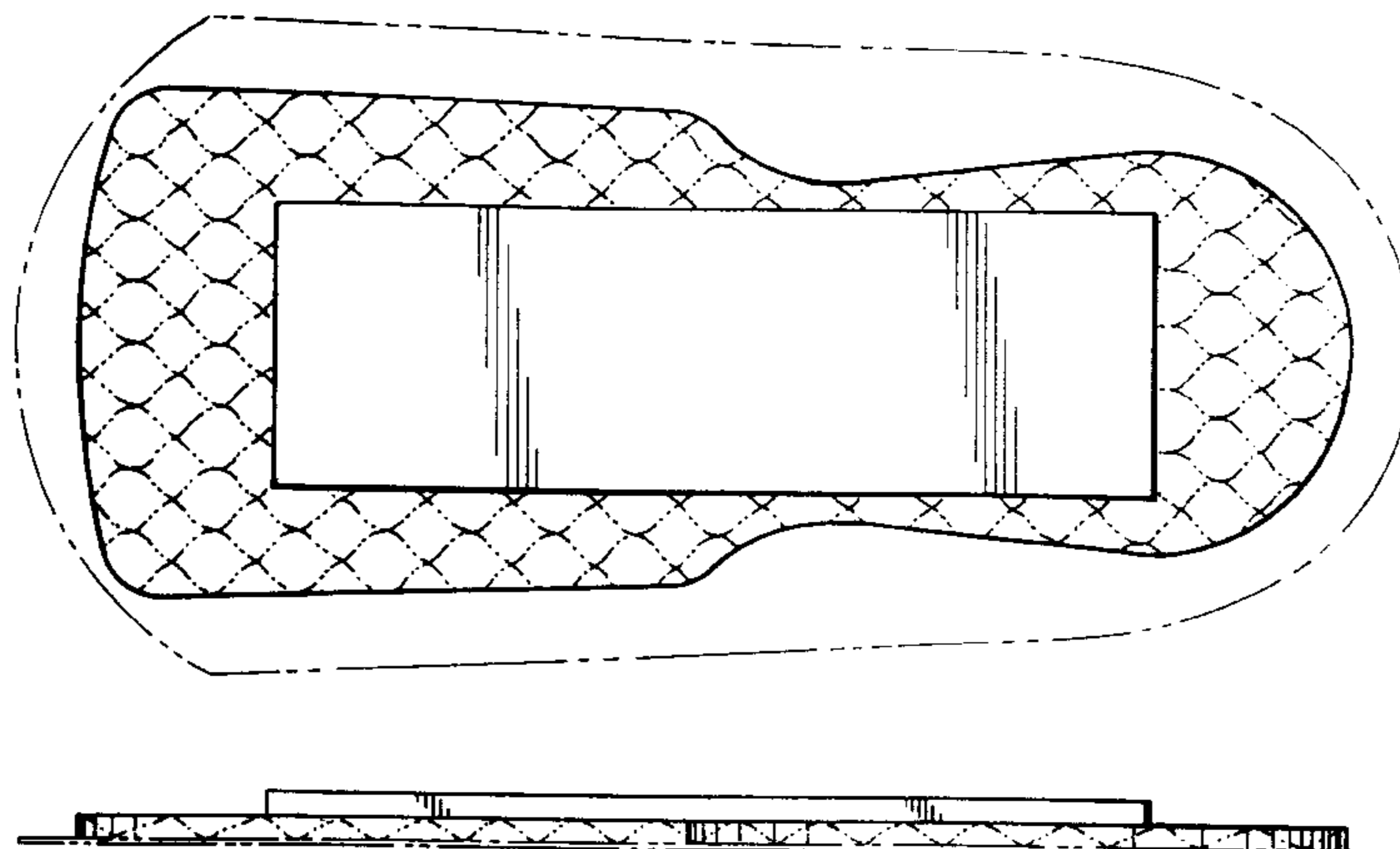
FIG. 3 is a left-end view of the absorbent article shown in FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 4 is a right-end view of the absorbent article shown in FIG. 1.

The broken lines shown are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claim design.

The surfaces or portions of the article not shown in the drawings or described in the specification form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet



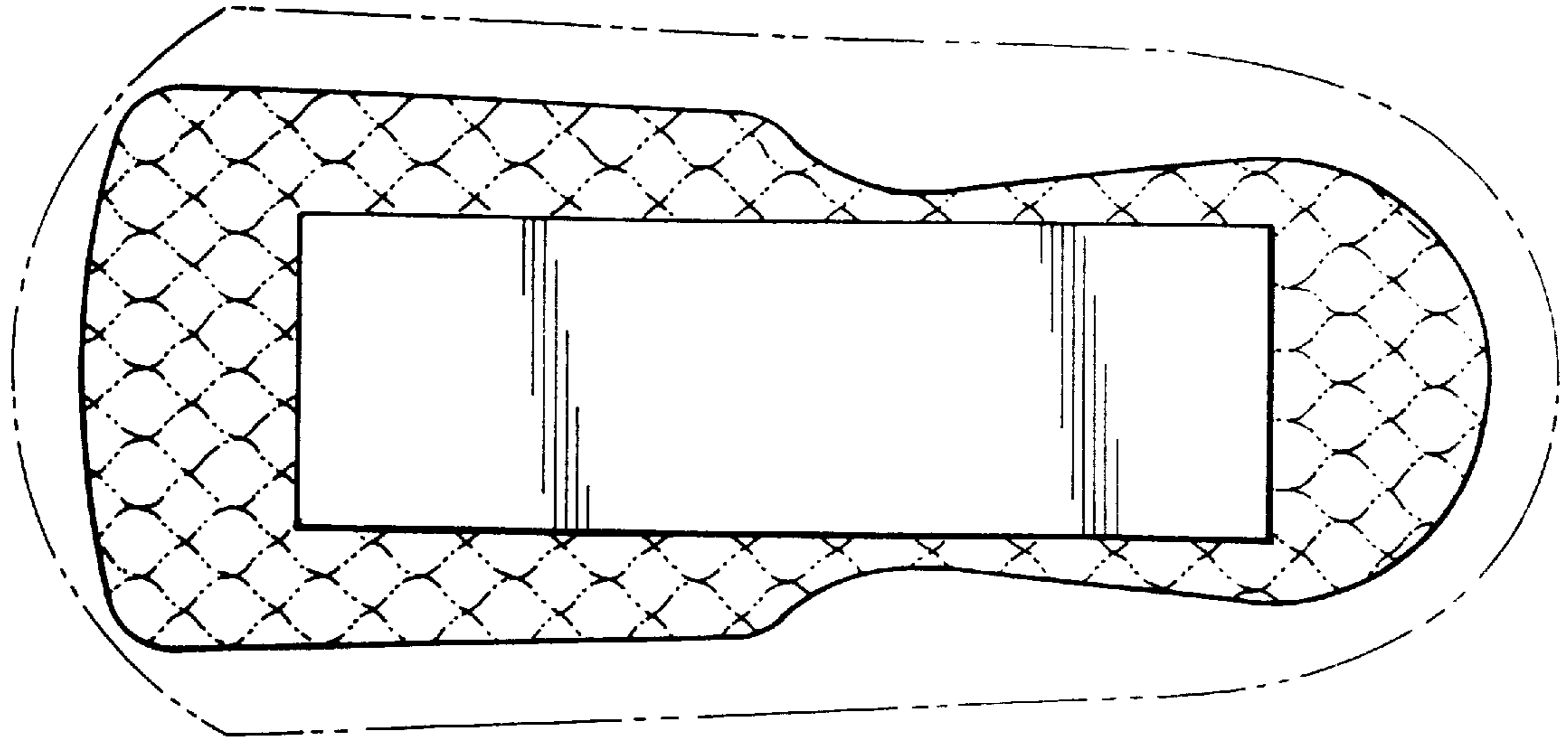


FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4