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(54) **TREAD OF A TIRE**

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The ornamental design for a tread of a tire, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

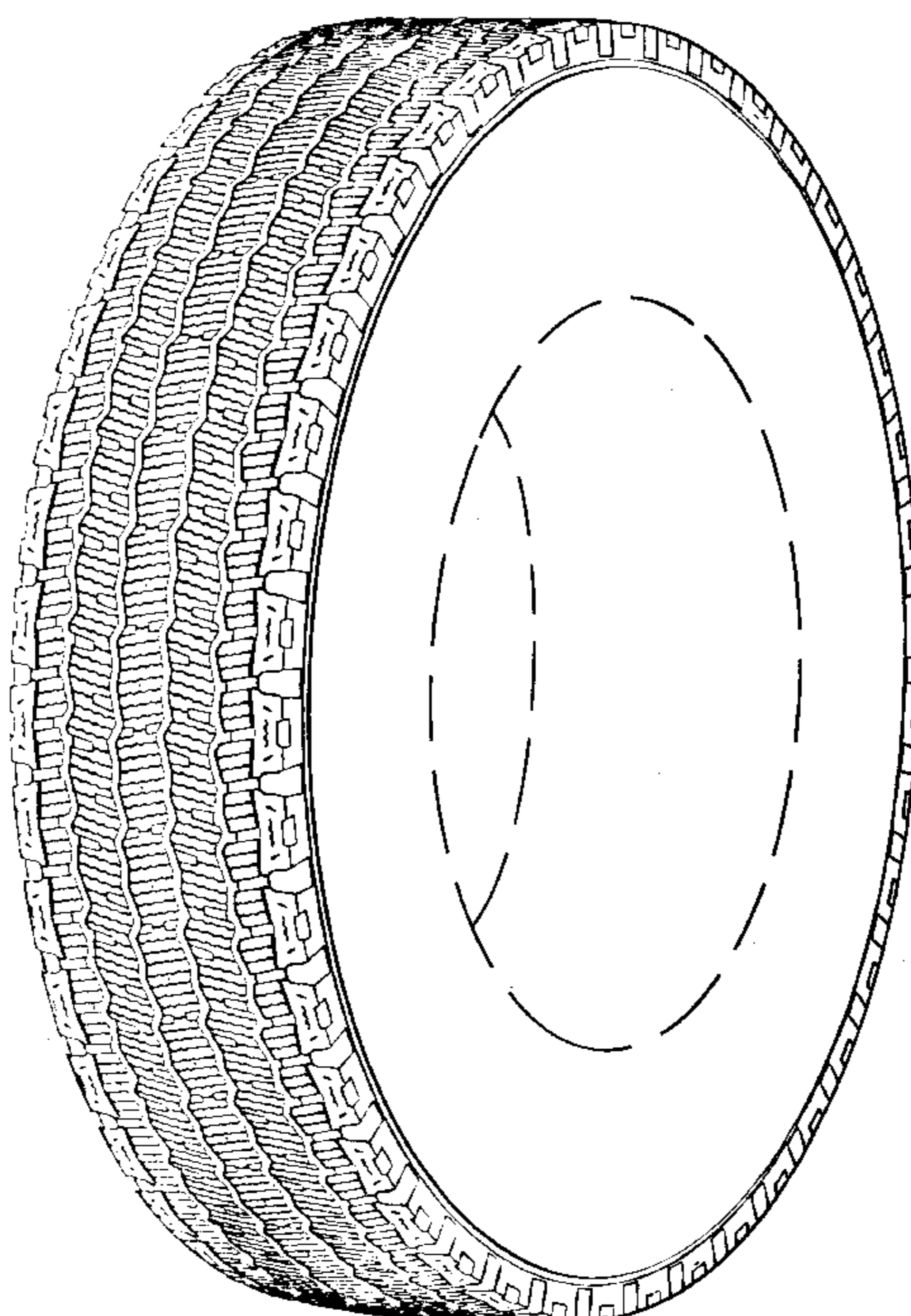
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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the tire tread of the present invention, it being understood that the pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread, and, FIG. 2 is an elevational view of the tire tread shown in FIG. 1.

The broken line showing the tire inner bead and sidewall in FIG. 1 is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



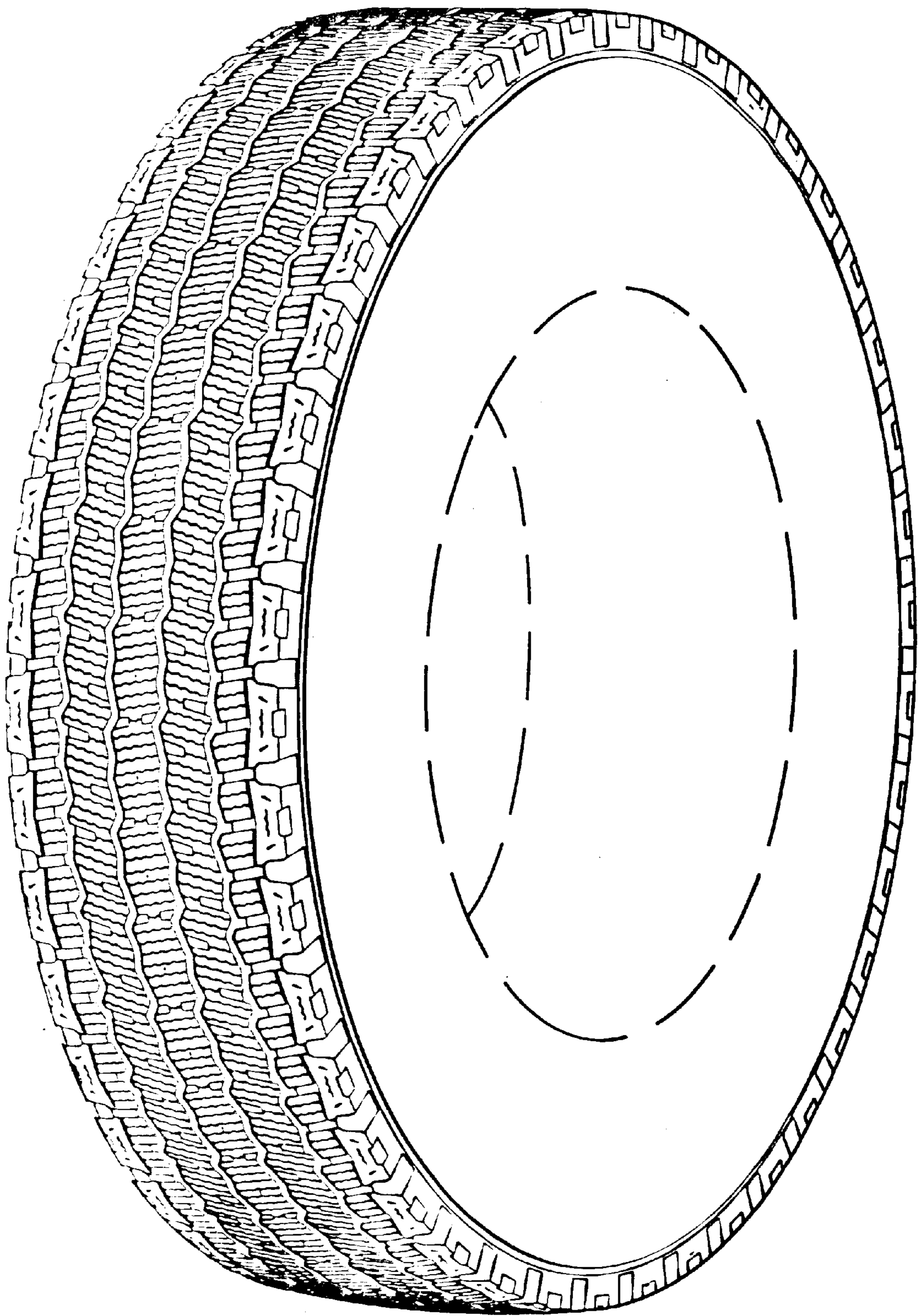


Figure 1

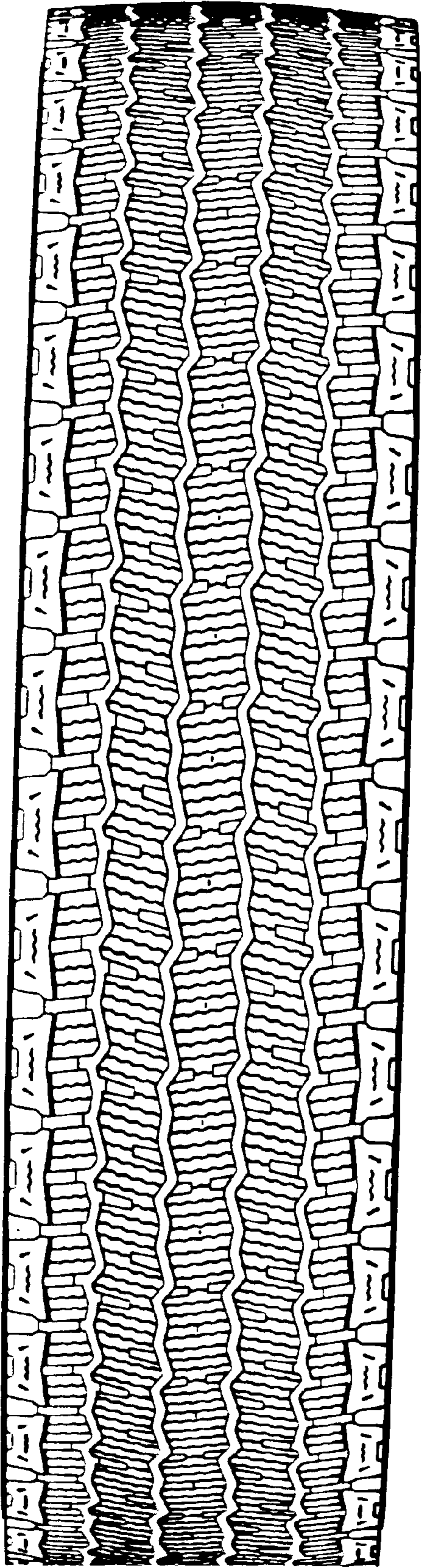


Figure 2