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(54) **TREAD OF A TIRE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the tread of a tire of the present invention, it being understood that the pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread,

FIG. 2 is an elevational view of the tread of the tire shown in FIG. 1,

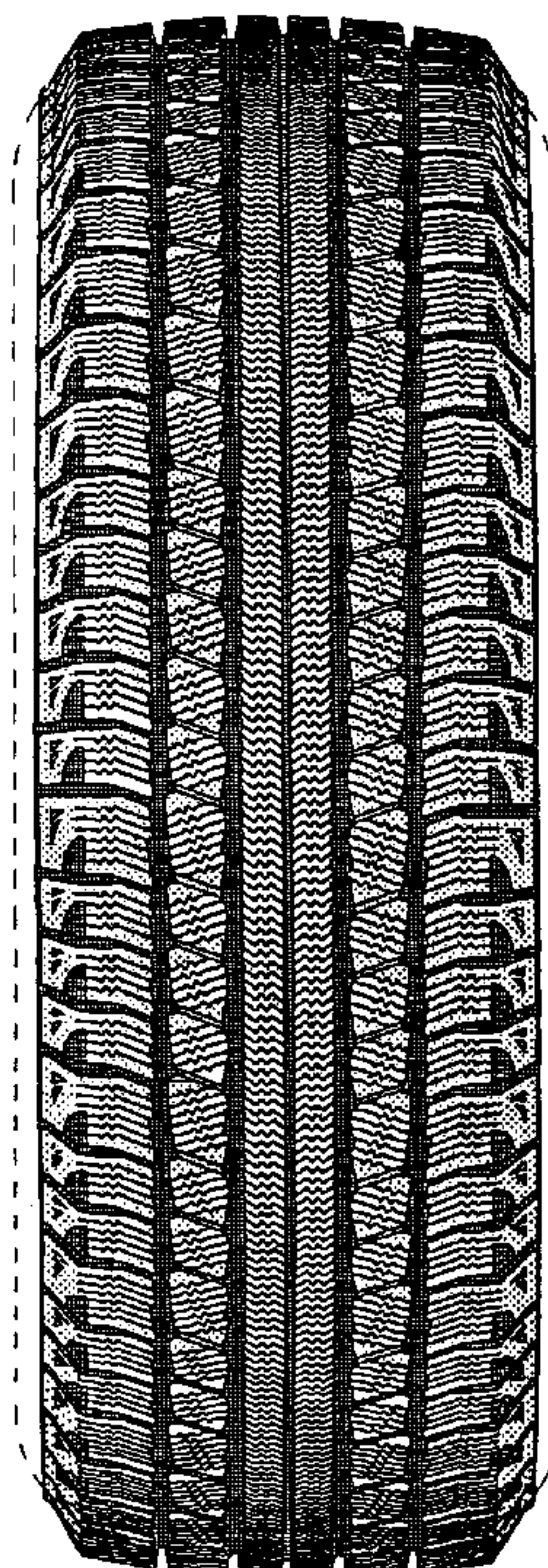
FIG. 3 is a side view of the tread of the tire; and,

FIG. 4 is a side view of the tread of the tire opposite the side shown in FIG. 3.

In the drawings, the broken lines defining the inner bead and sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents the recess portion of the tread grooves having a depth as best shown in FIG. 2.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



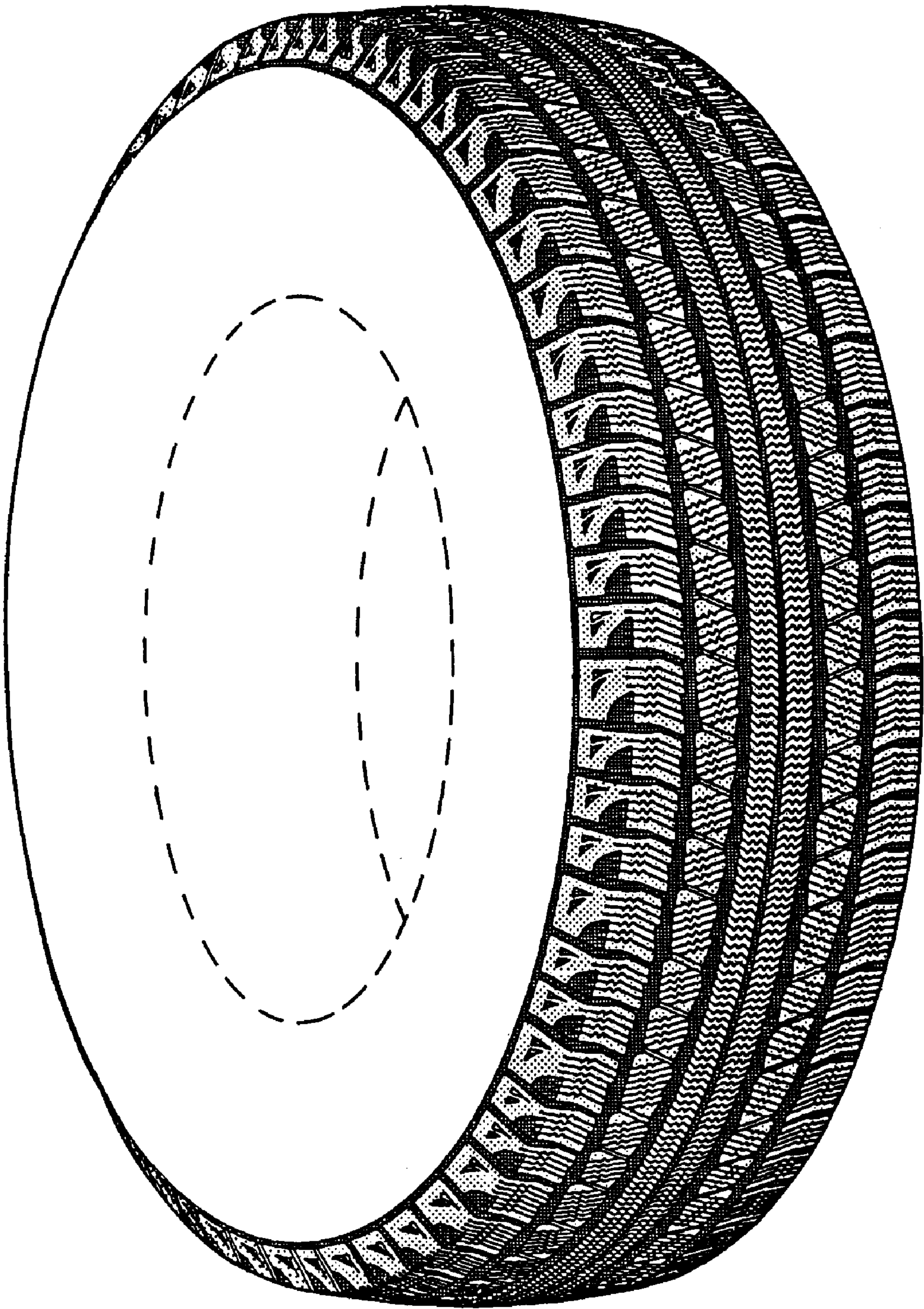


FIG. 1

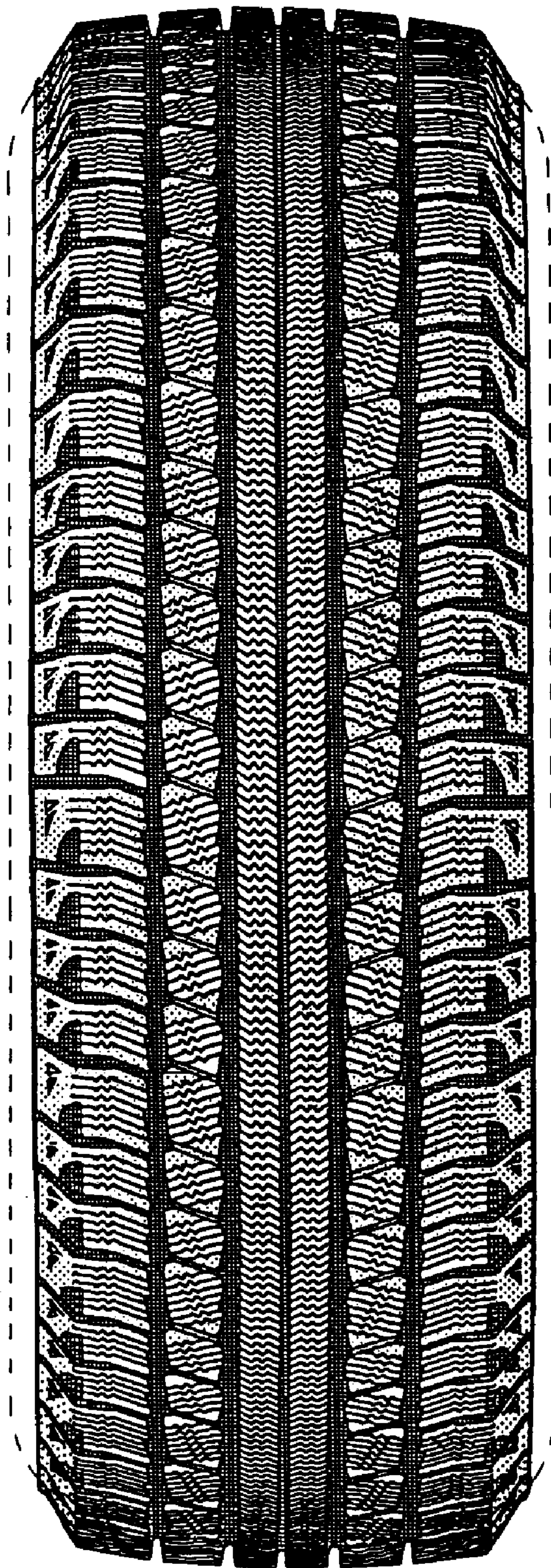


FIG. 2

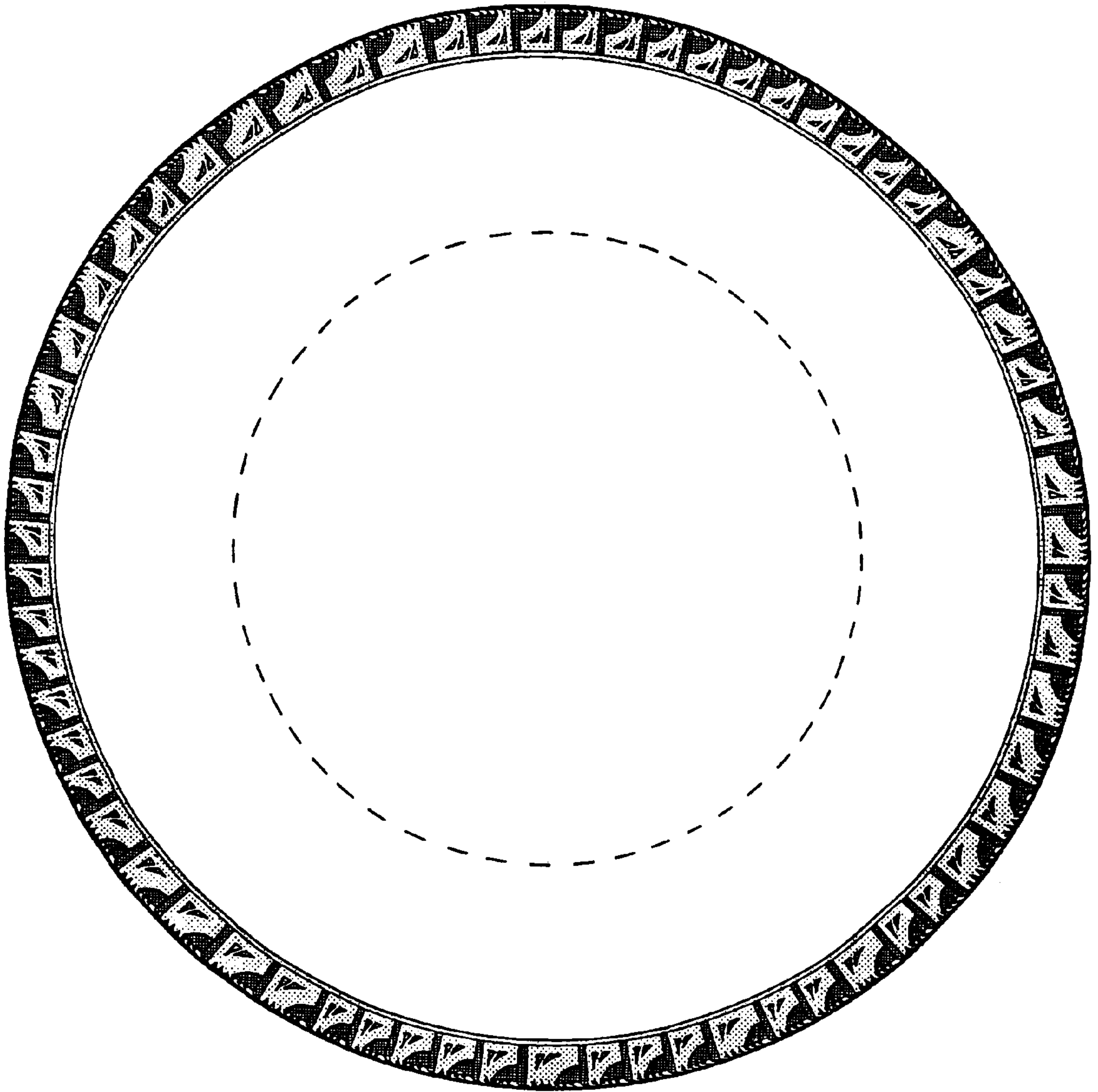


FIG. 3

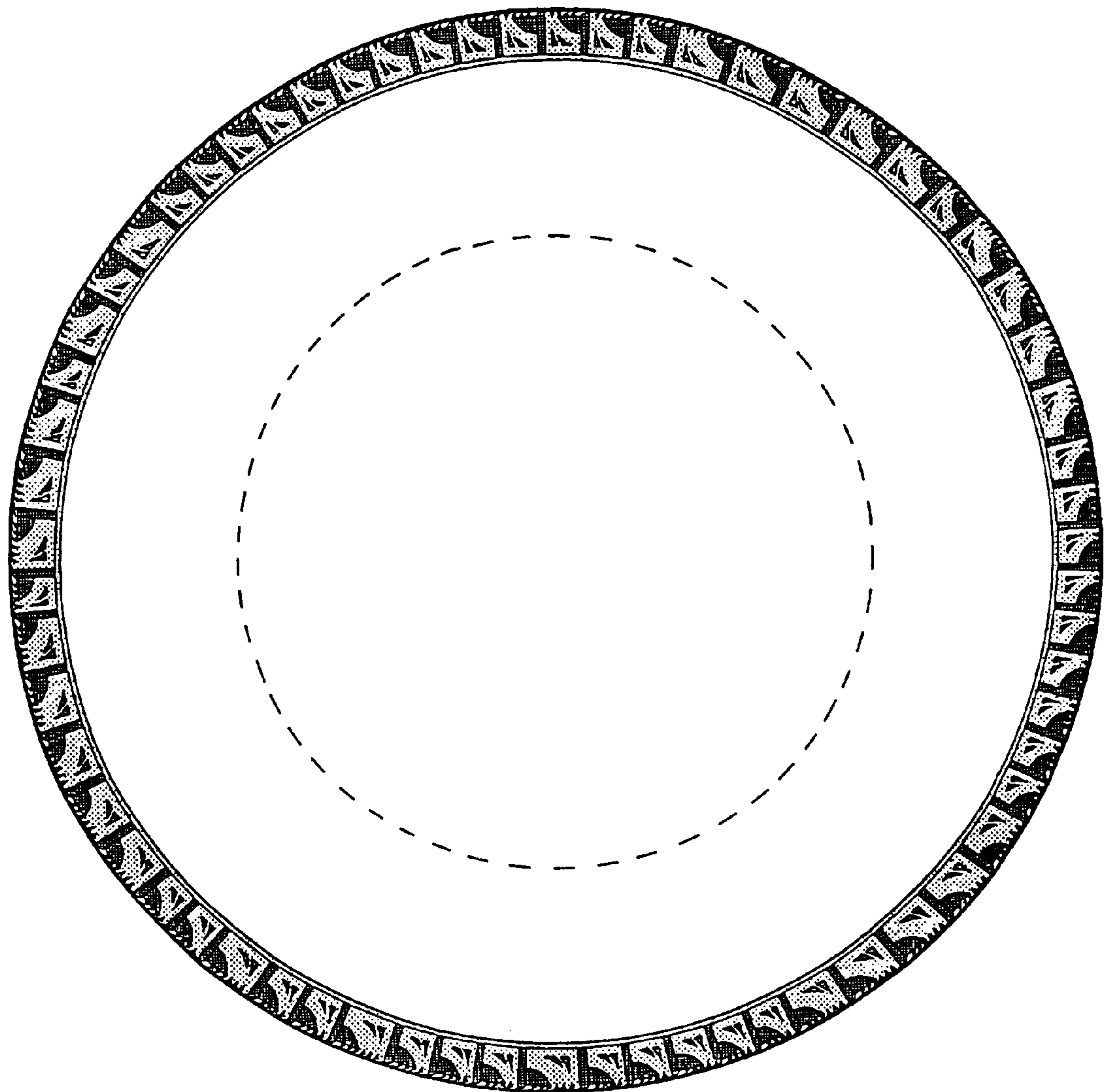


FIG. 4

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

DESCRIPTION

Under FIG. 3, "and," should read -- and- --
"recess" should read -- recessed --

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