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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 tread of a tire of the present invention, it being understood that the pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread,

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

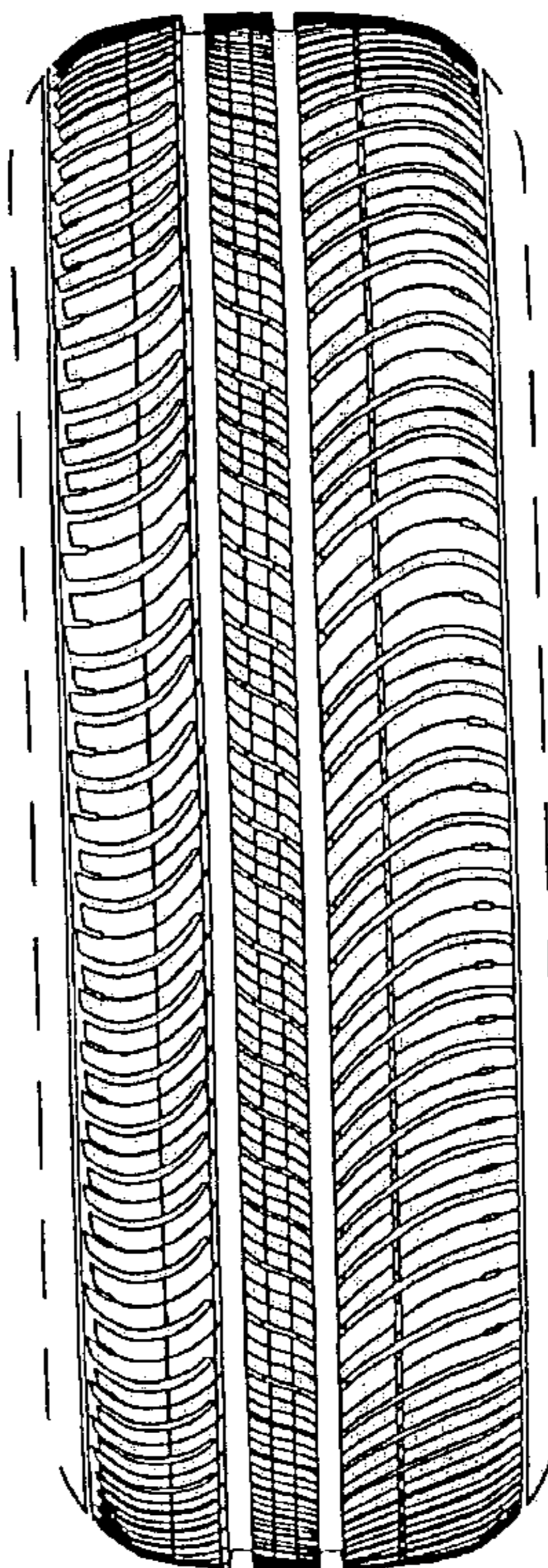
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FIG. 3 is a right side view of the tire tread shown in FIG. 2; and,

FIG. 4 is a left side view of the tire tread shown in FIG. 2. The broken lines showing the tire inner bead and sidewall in FIGS. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



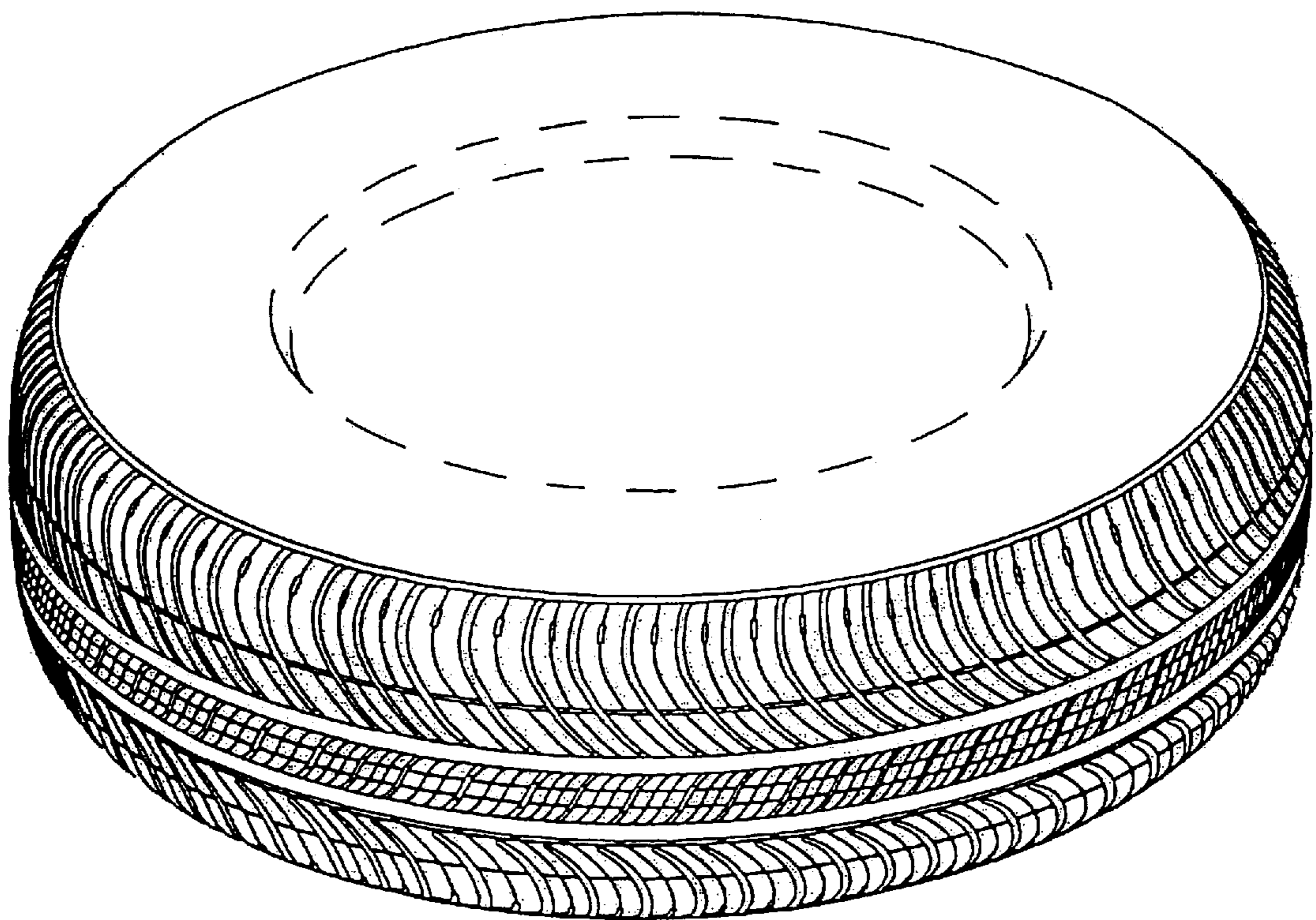


FIGURE 1

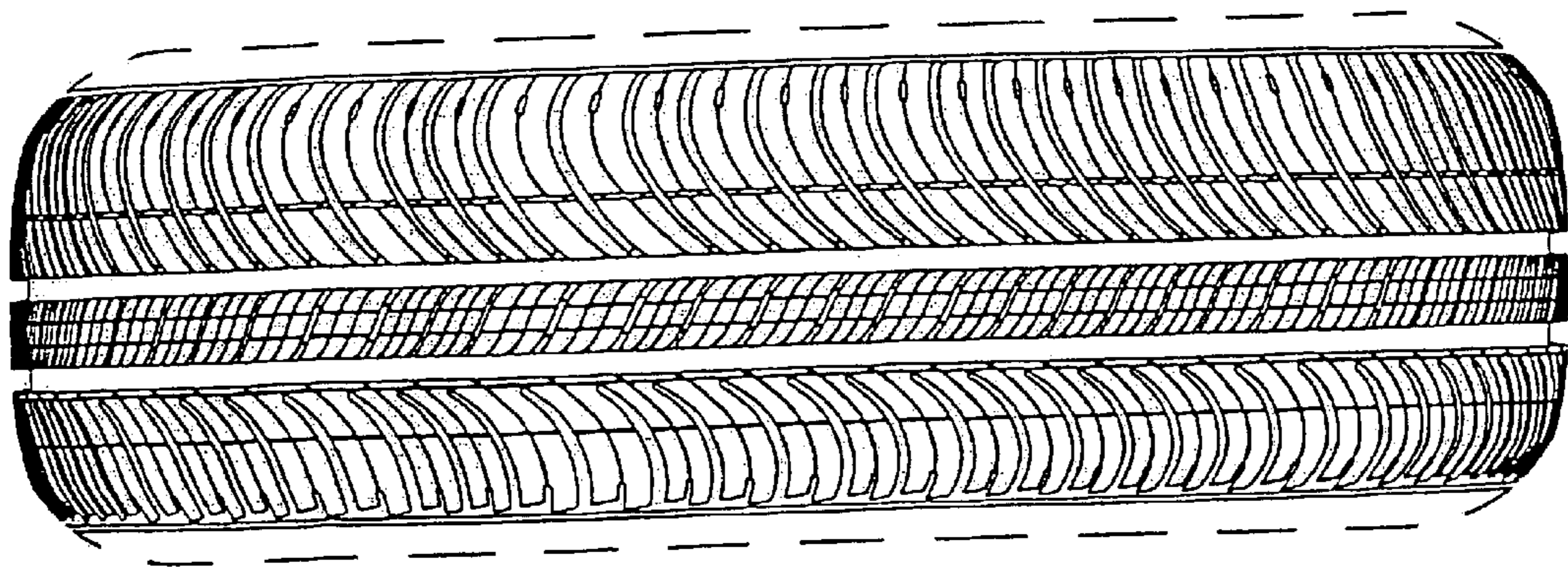


FIGURE 2

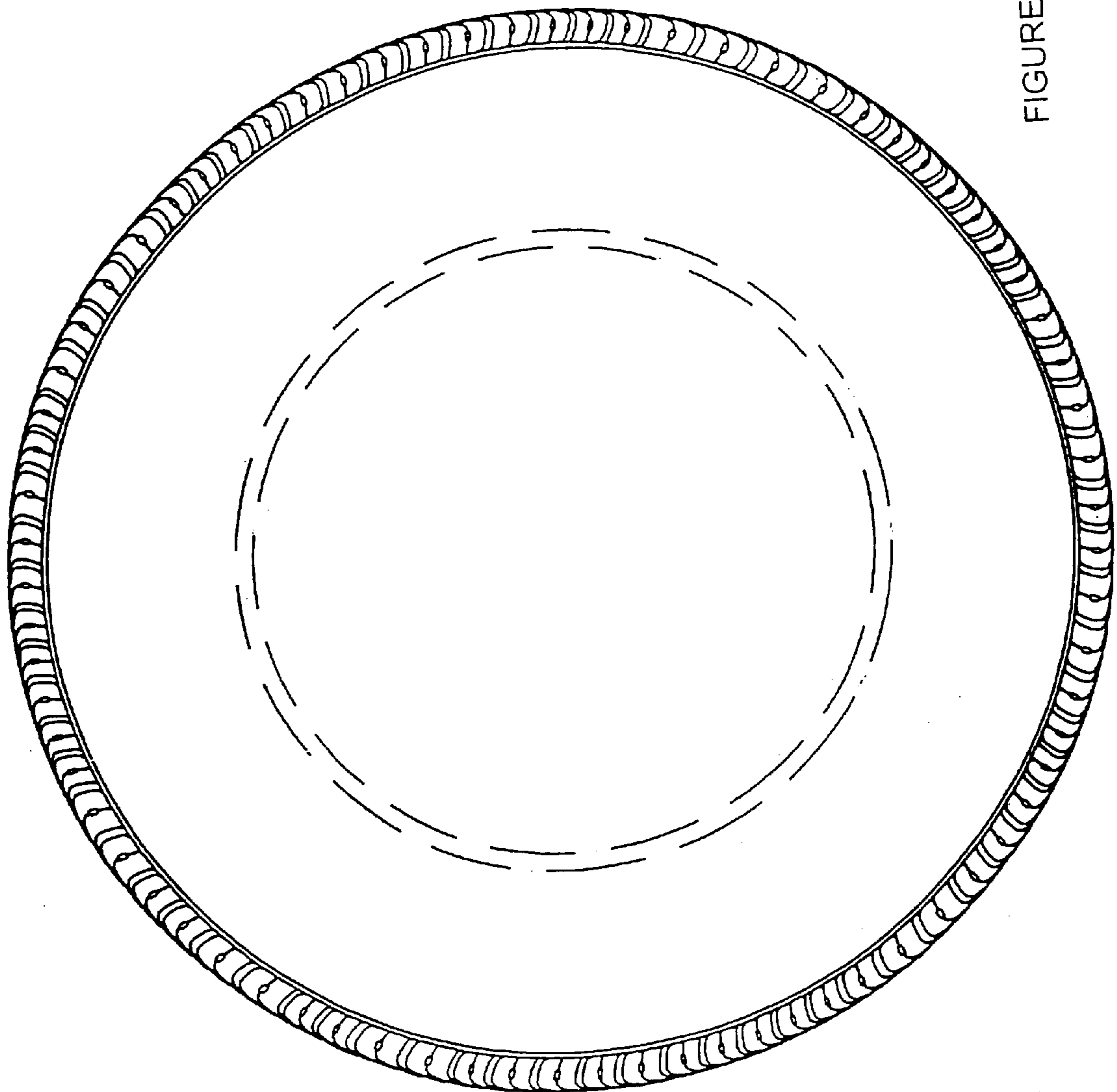


FIGURE 3

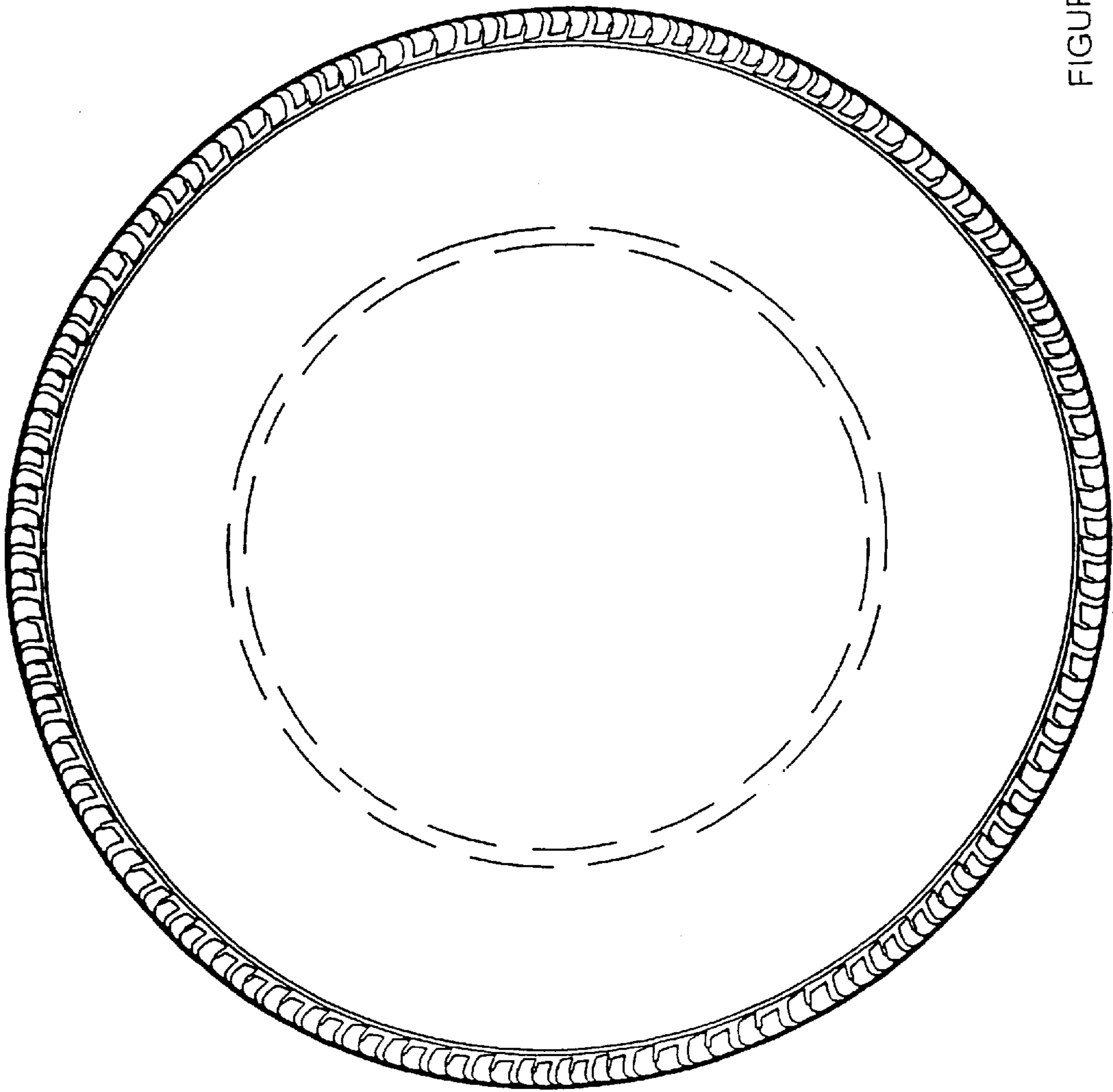


FIGURE 4