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(54) **TREAD PORTION OF AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the tread portion of an automobile tire showing my new design, it being understood that the tread pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a left side elevational view thereof, a right side elevational view is identical with the left side elevational view;

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FIG. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is an enlarged cross-sectional view thereof taken along line 5—5 in FIG. 4.

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The portion of the article shown in broken lines is for illustrative purpose only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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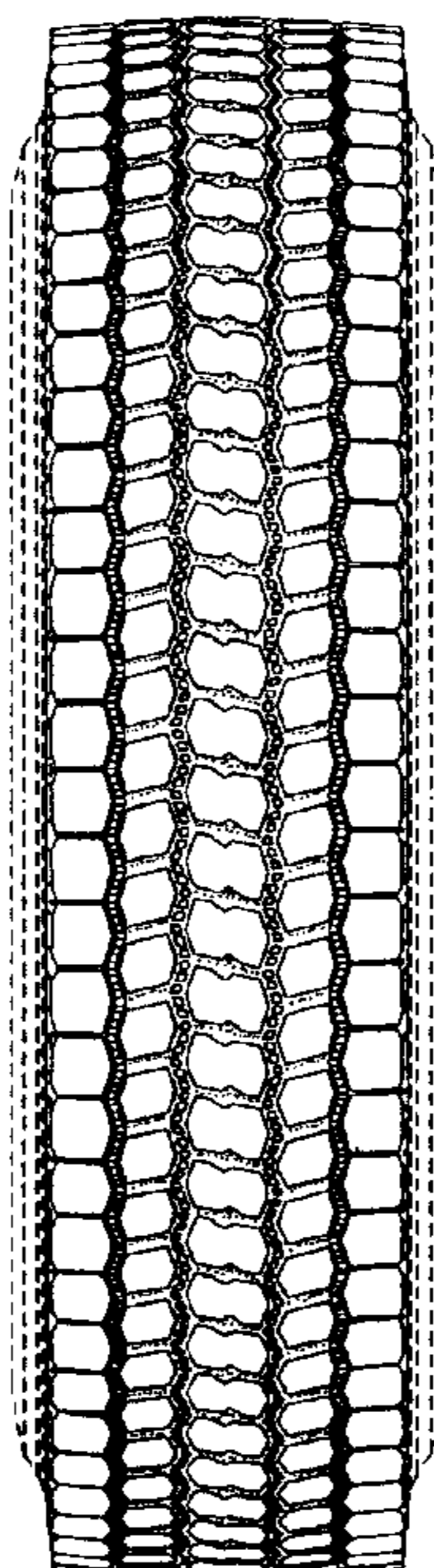


FIG. 1

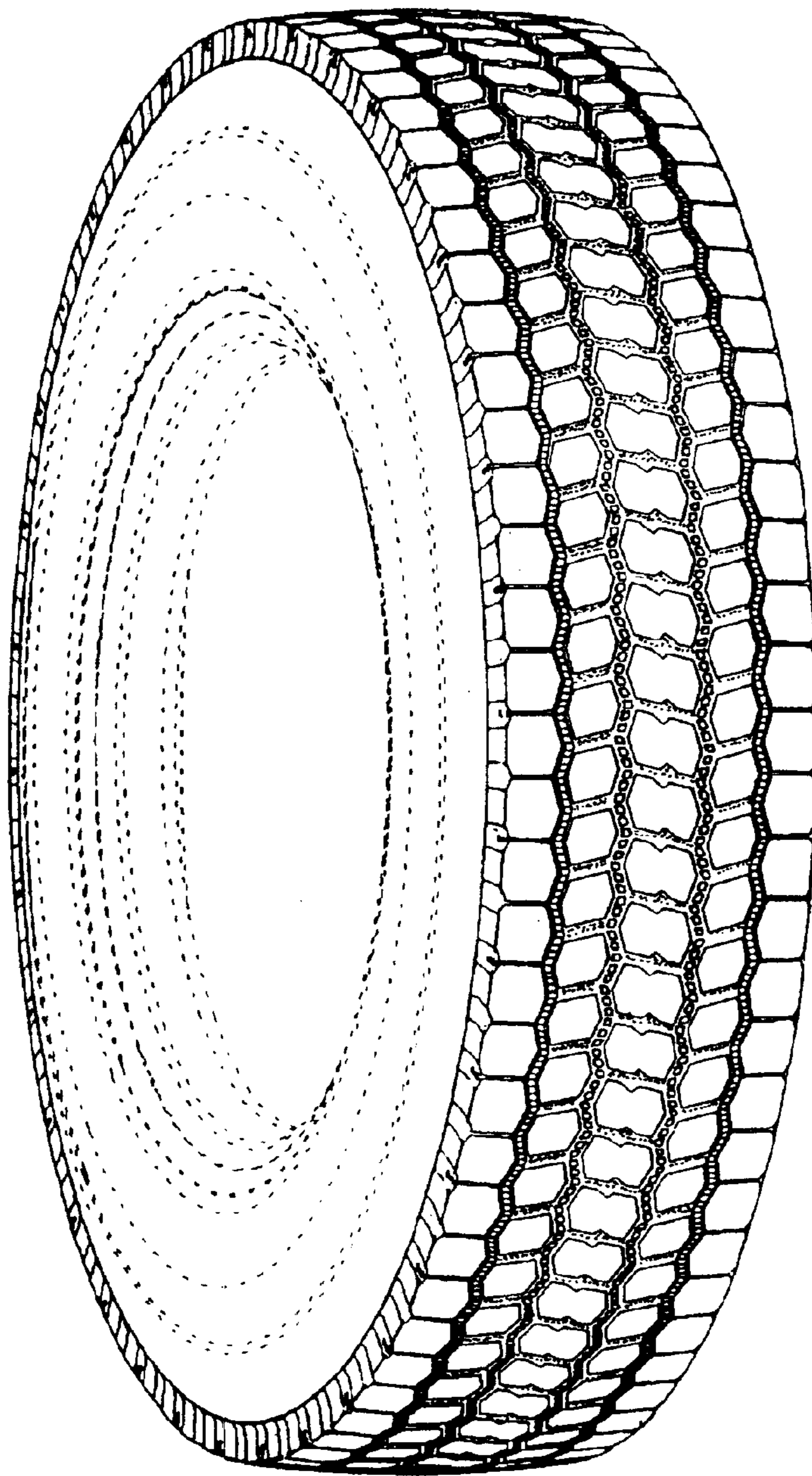


FIG. 2

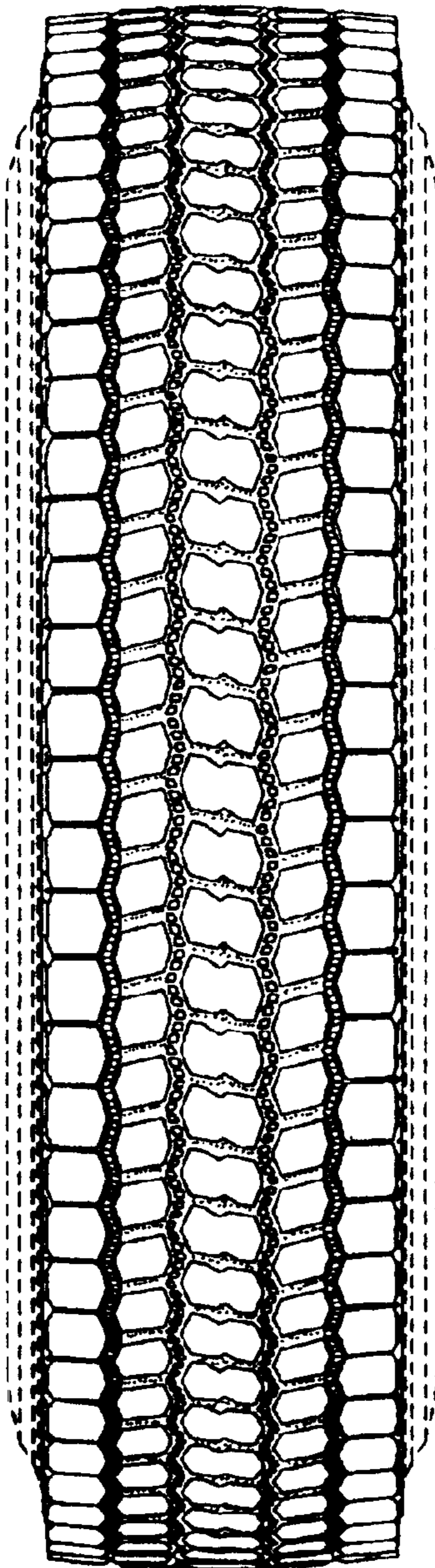


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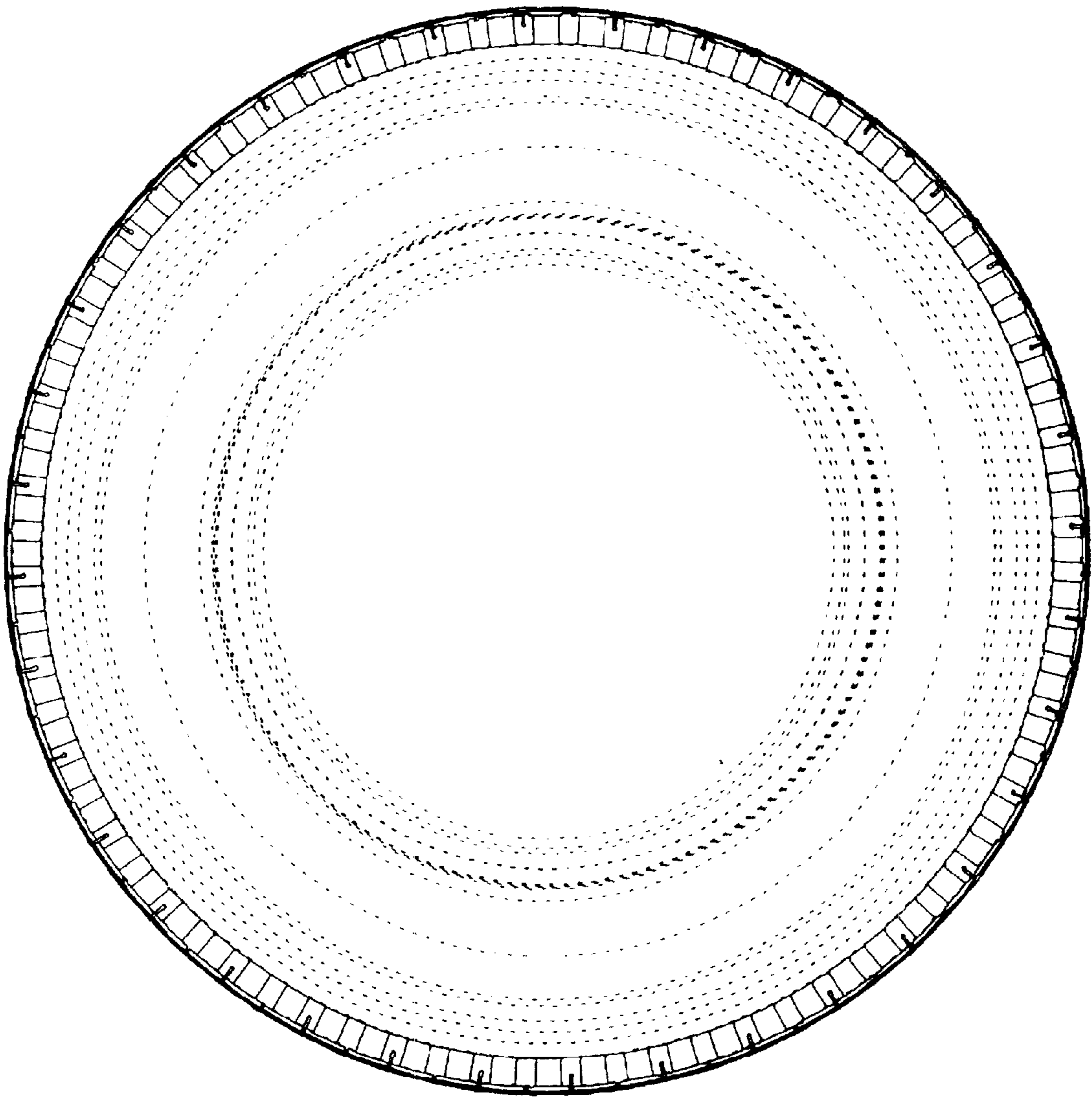


FIG. 4

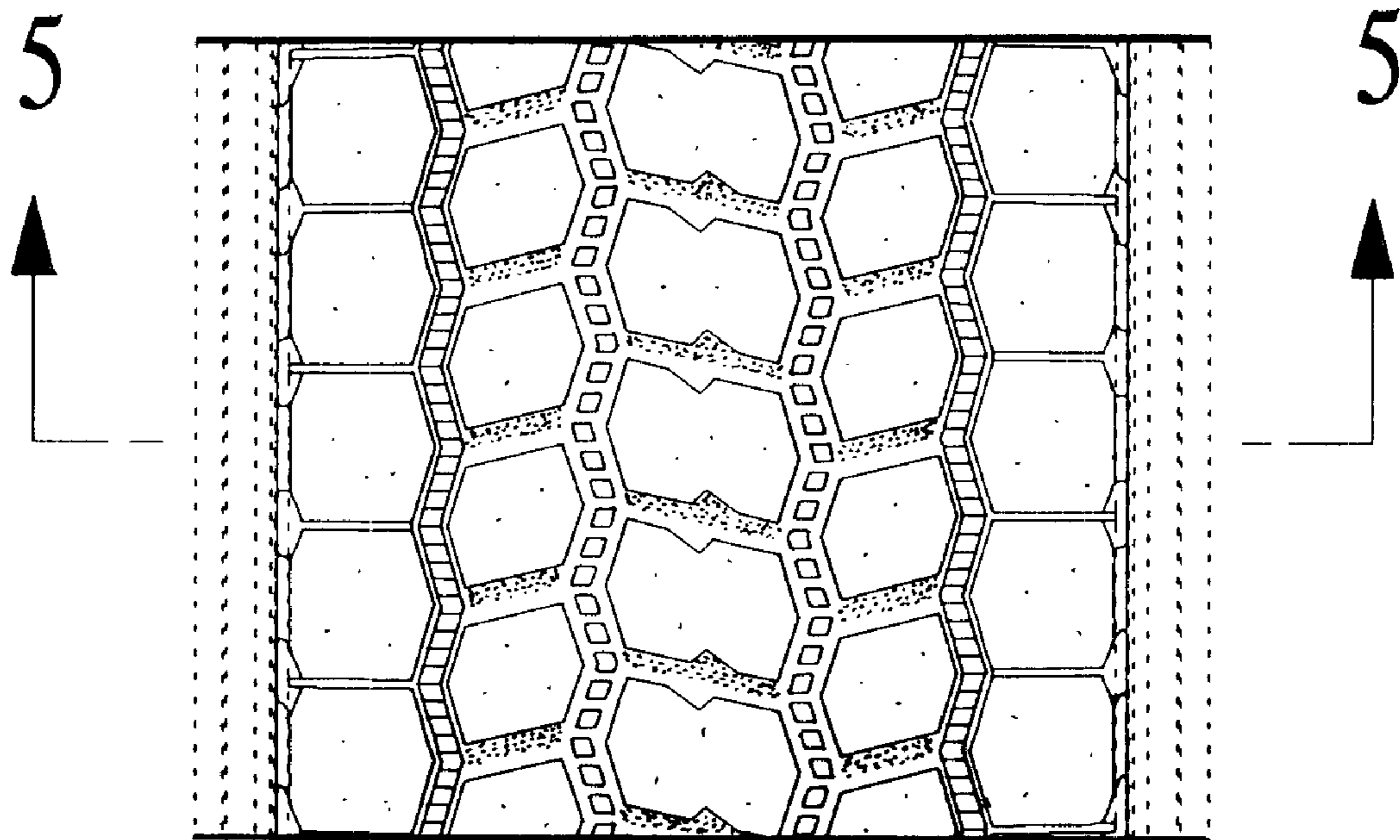


FIG. 5

