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

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(57) **CLAIM**

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 a 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 thereto;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof, the top and bottom plan views being identical thereto;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is right side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line 7—7 in FIG. 6.

The elements shown in phantom lines are for illustrative purposes only and do not form any part of the claimed design.

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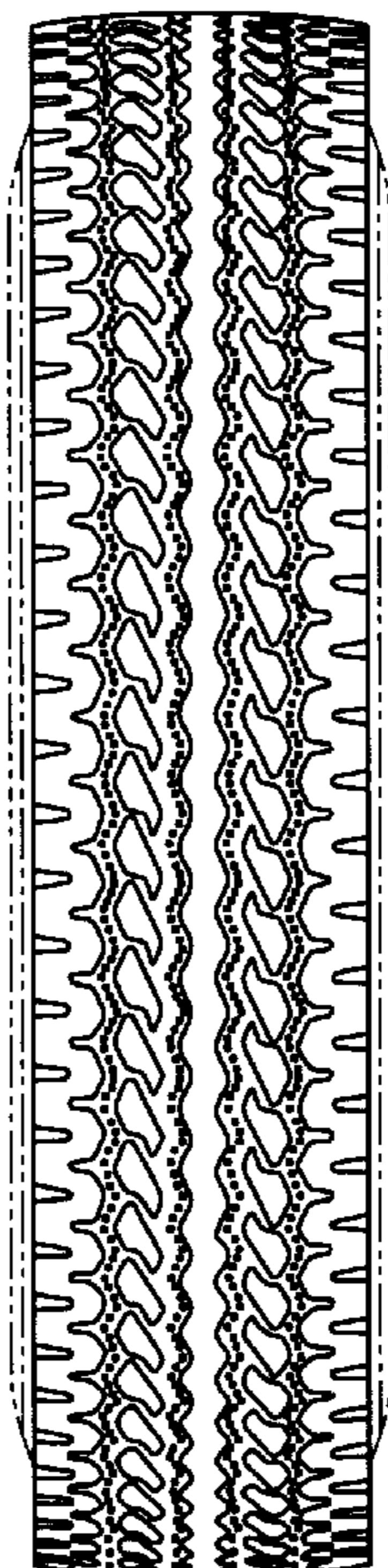


FIG.1

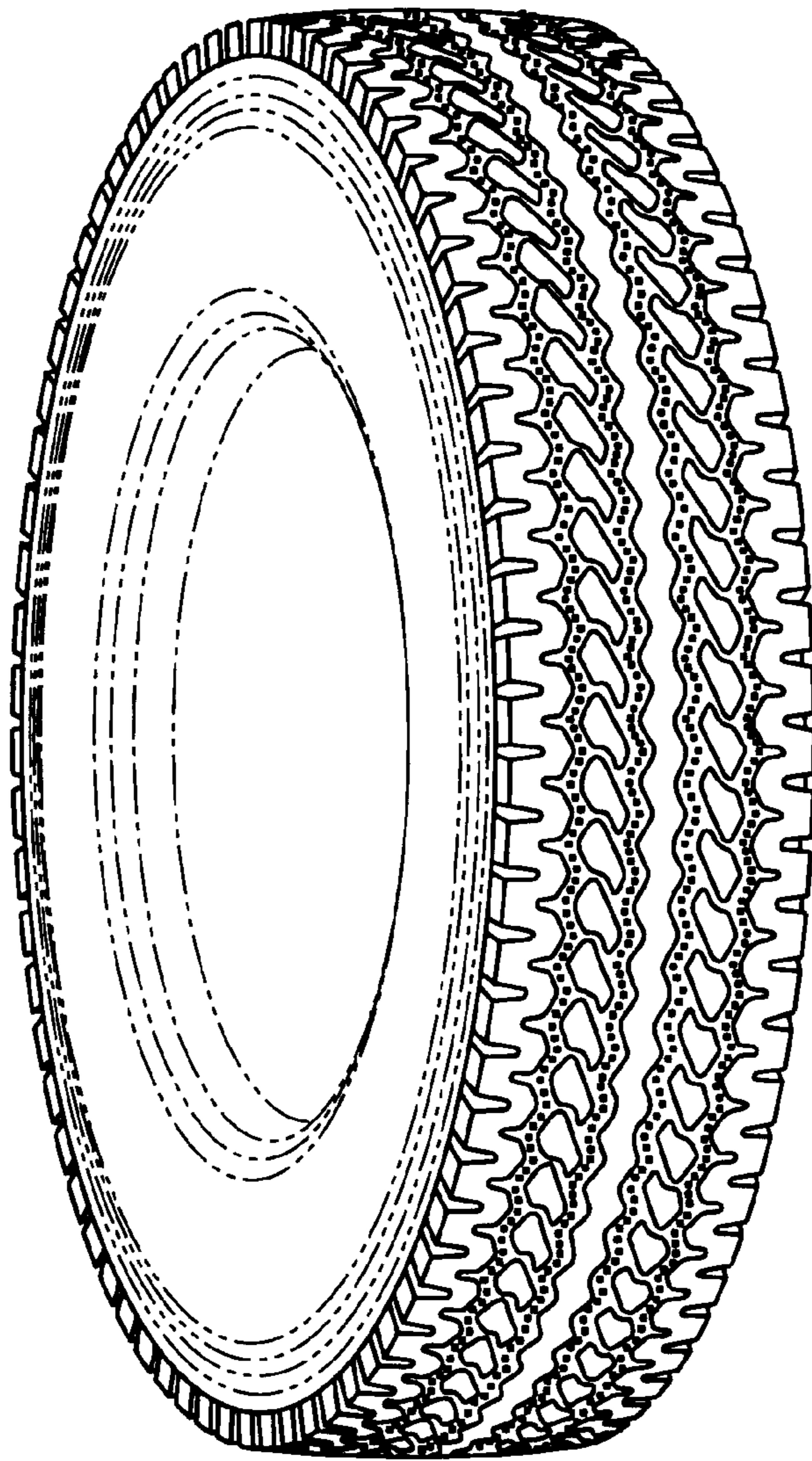


FIG. 2

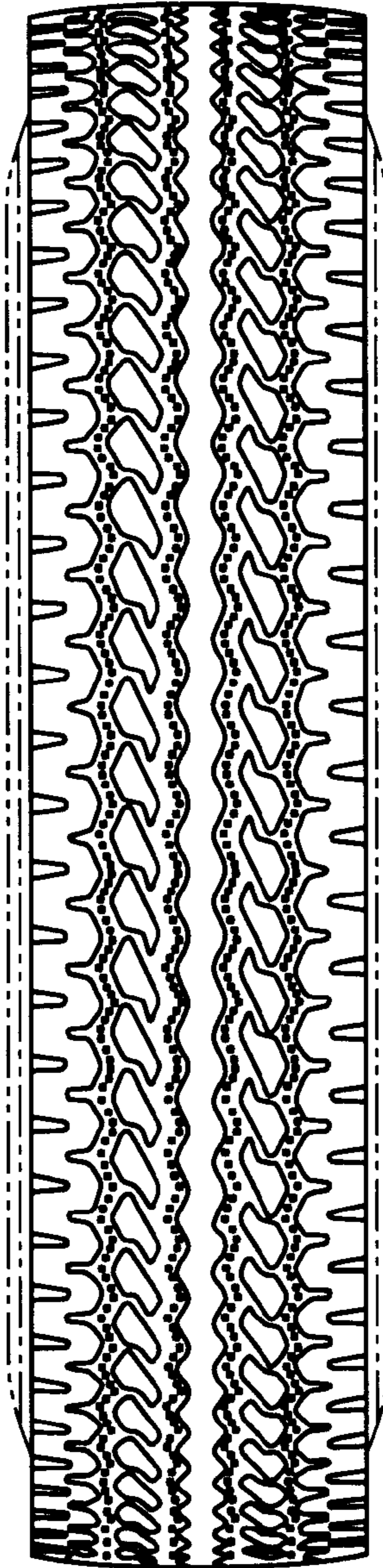


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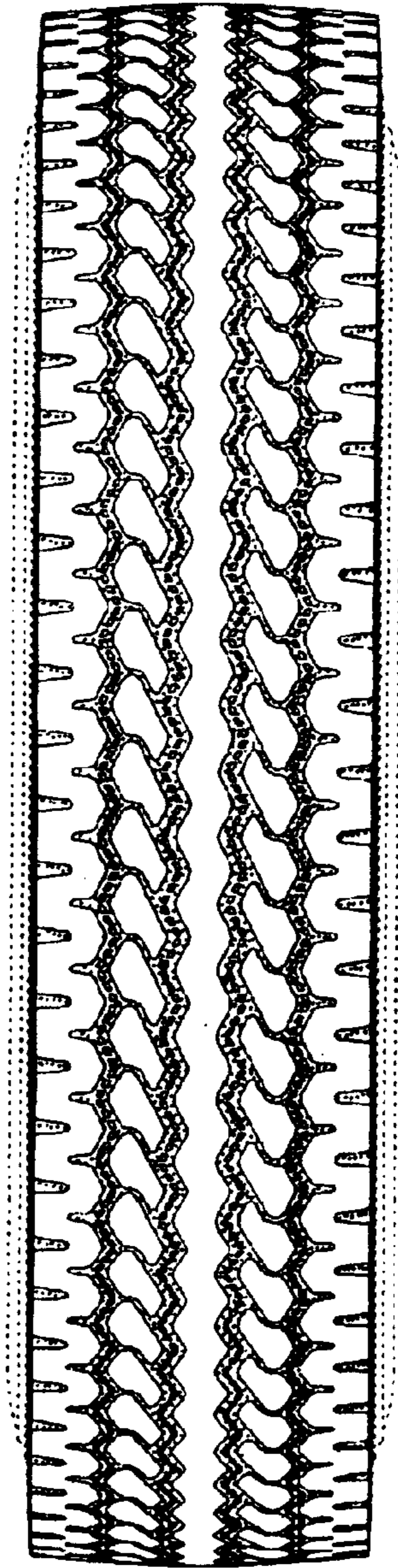


FIG. 4

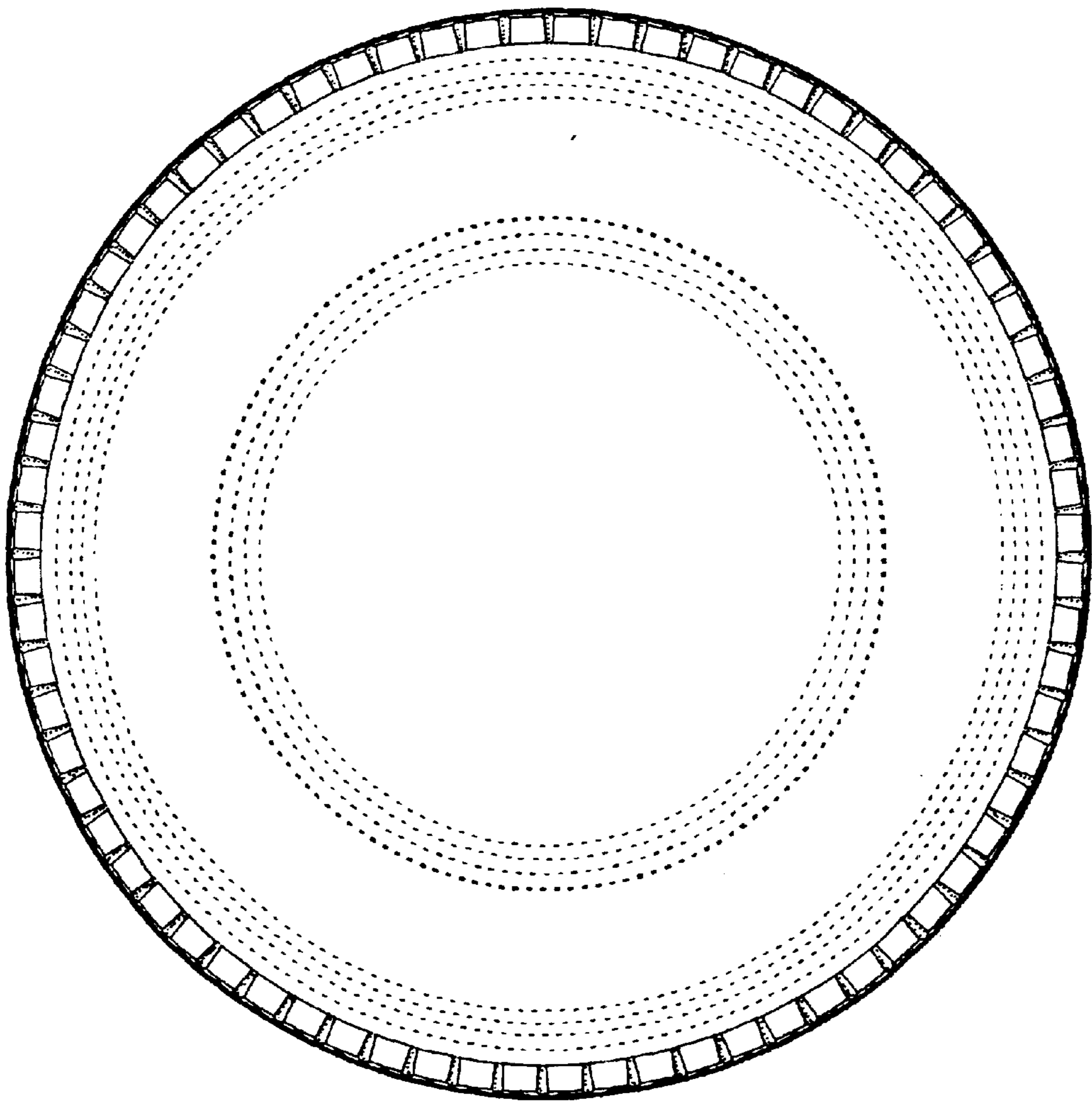


FIG. 5

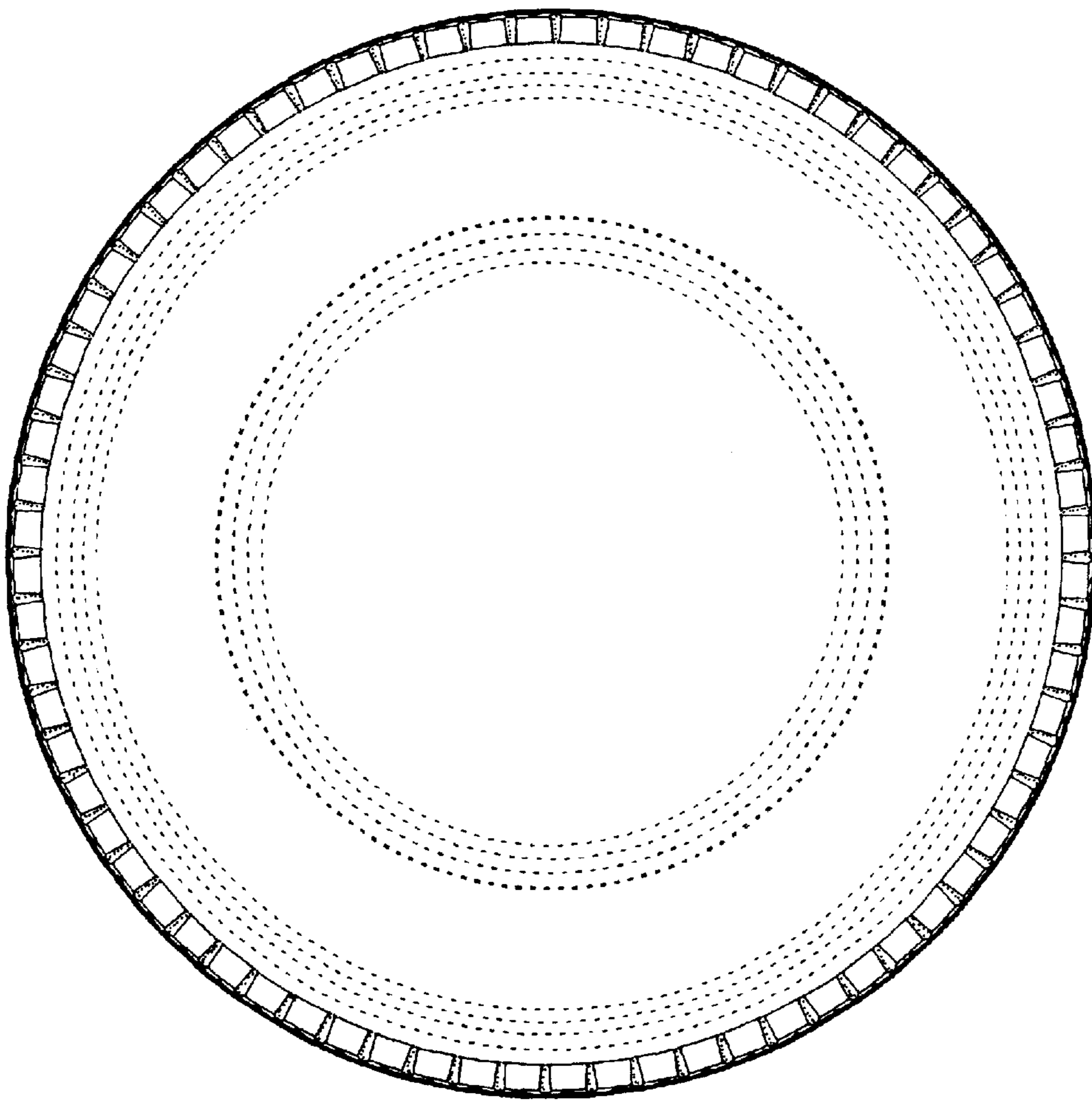


FIG. 6

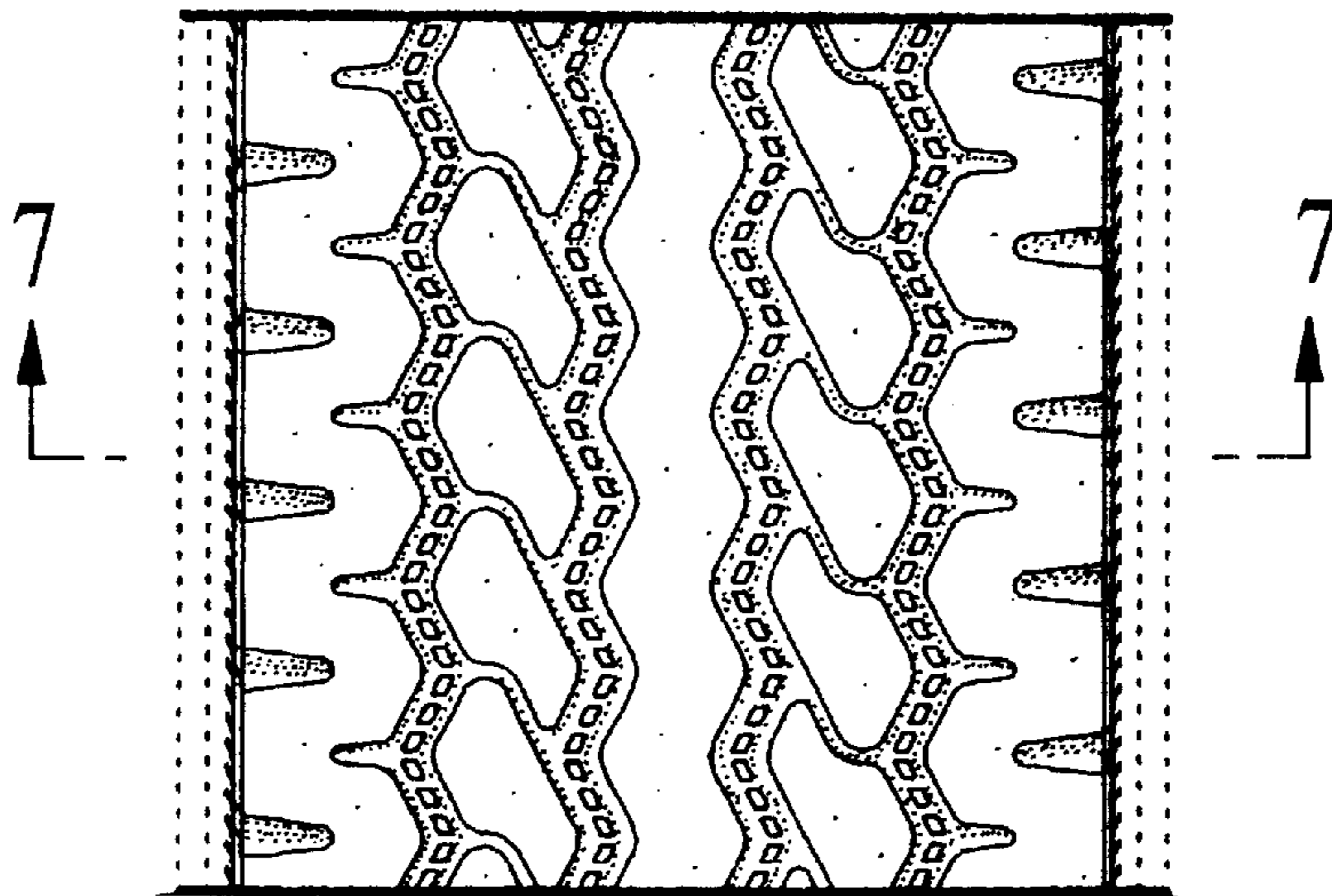


FIG. 7

