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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.

DESCRIPTION

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;

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

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.

In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having the depth shown in FIG. 5.

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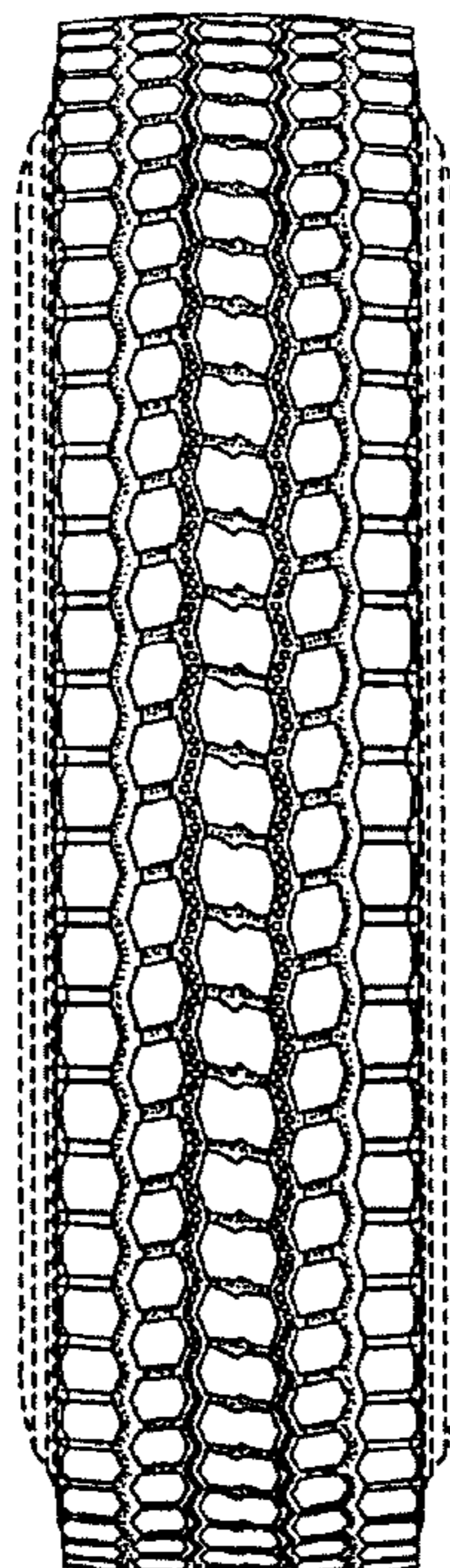


FIG. 1

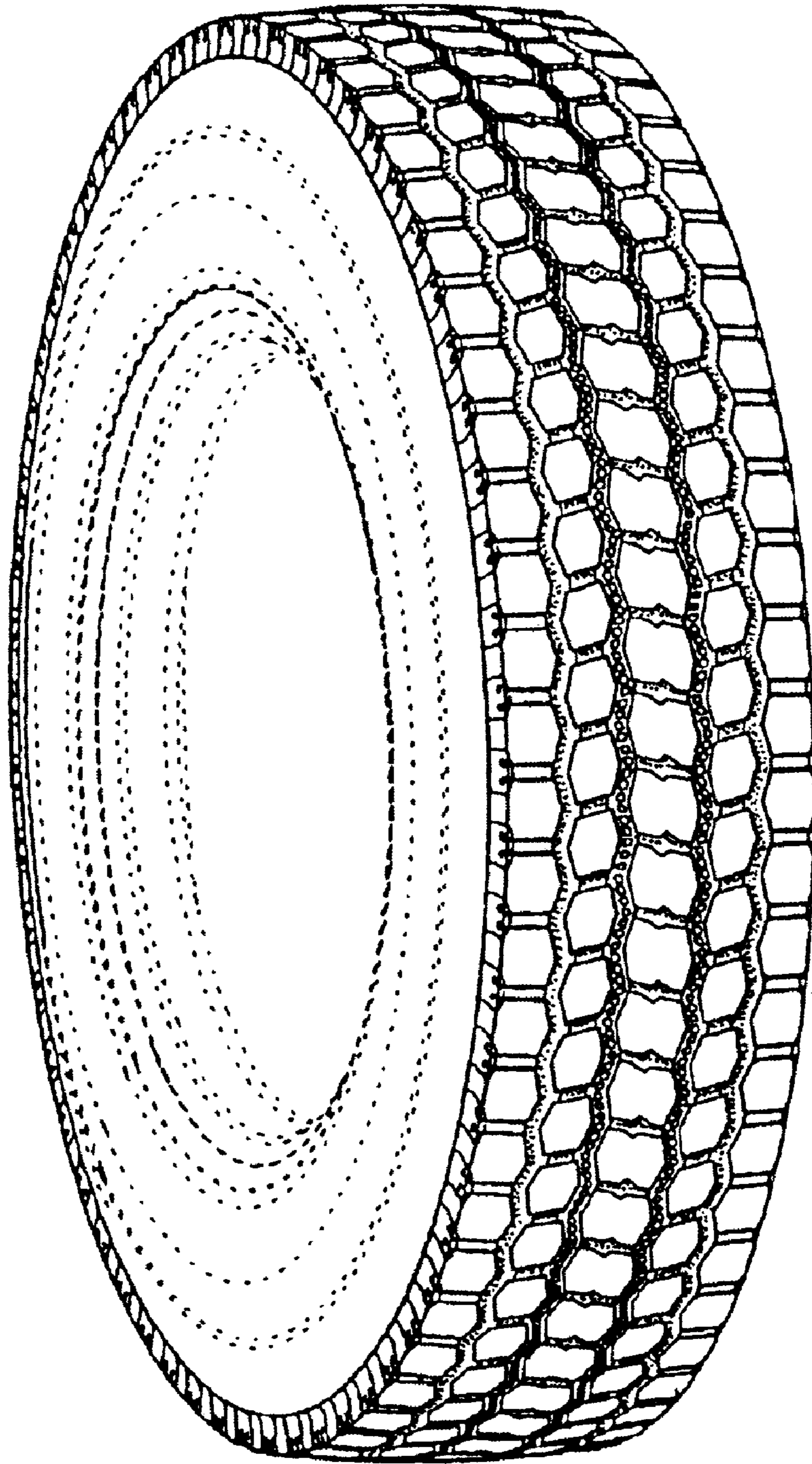


FIG. 2

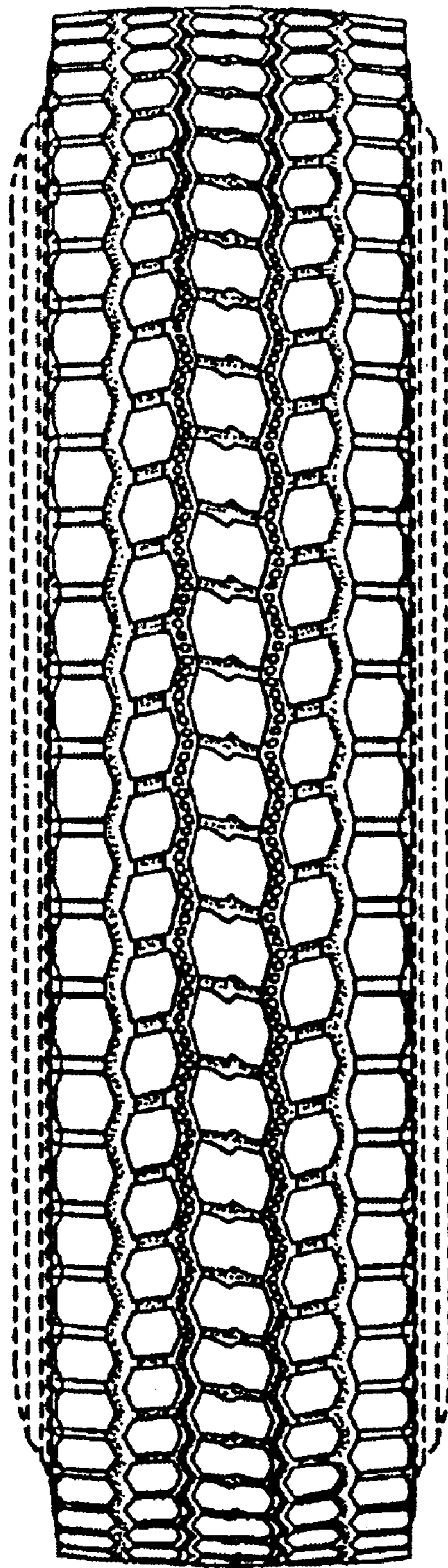


FIG. 3

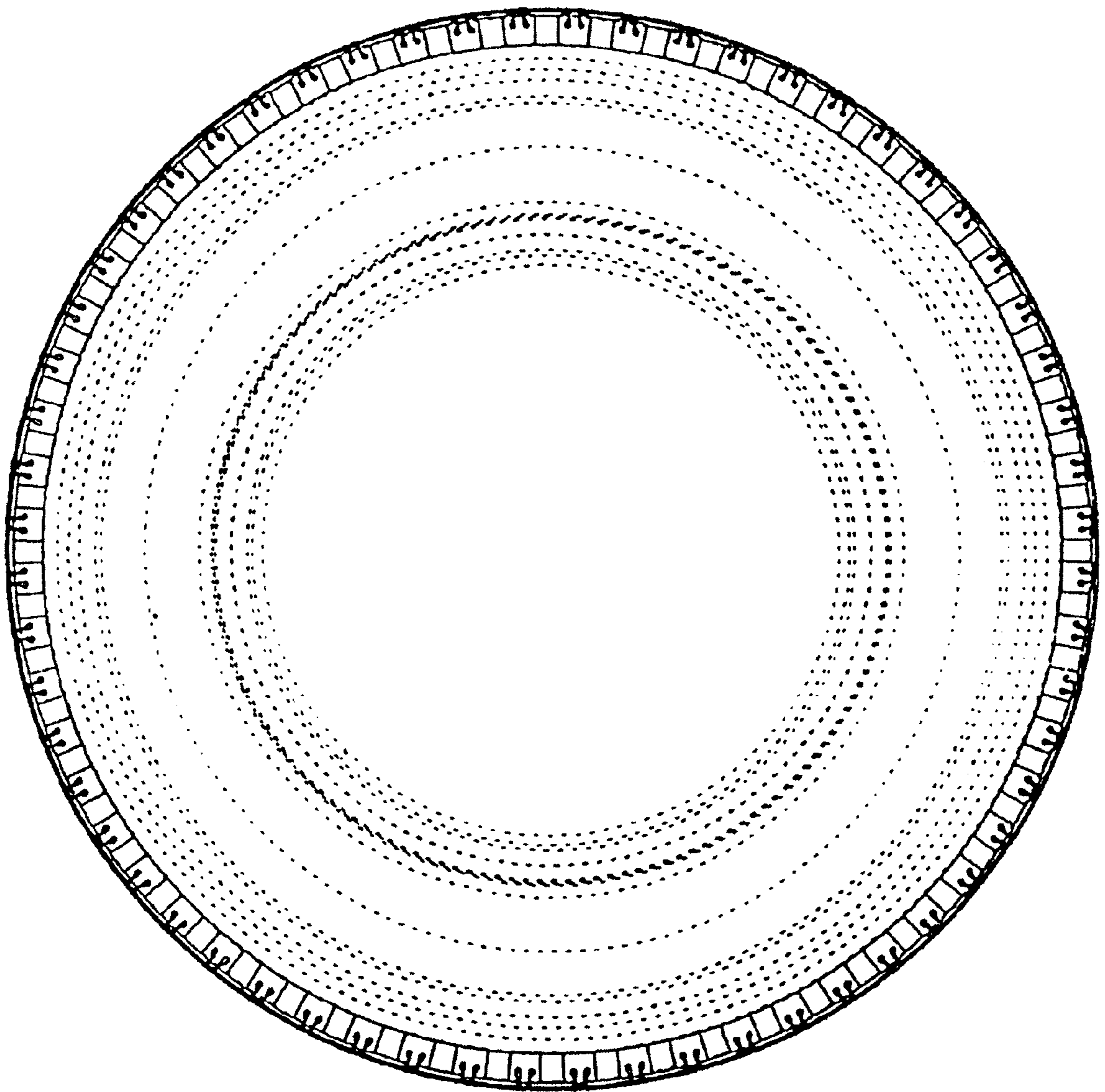


FIG. 4

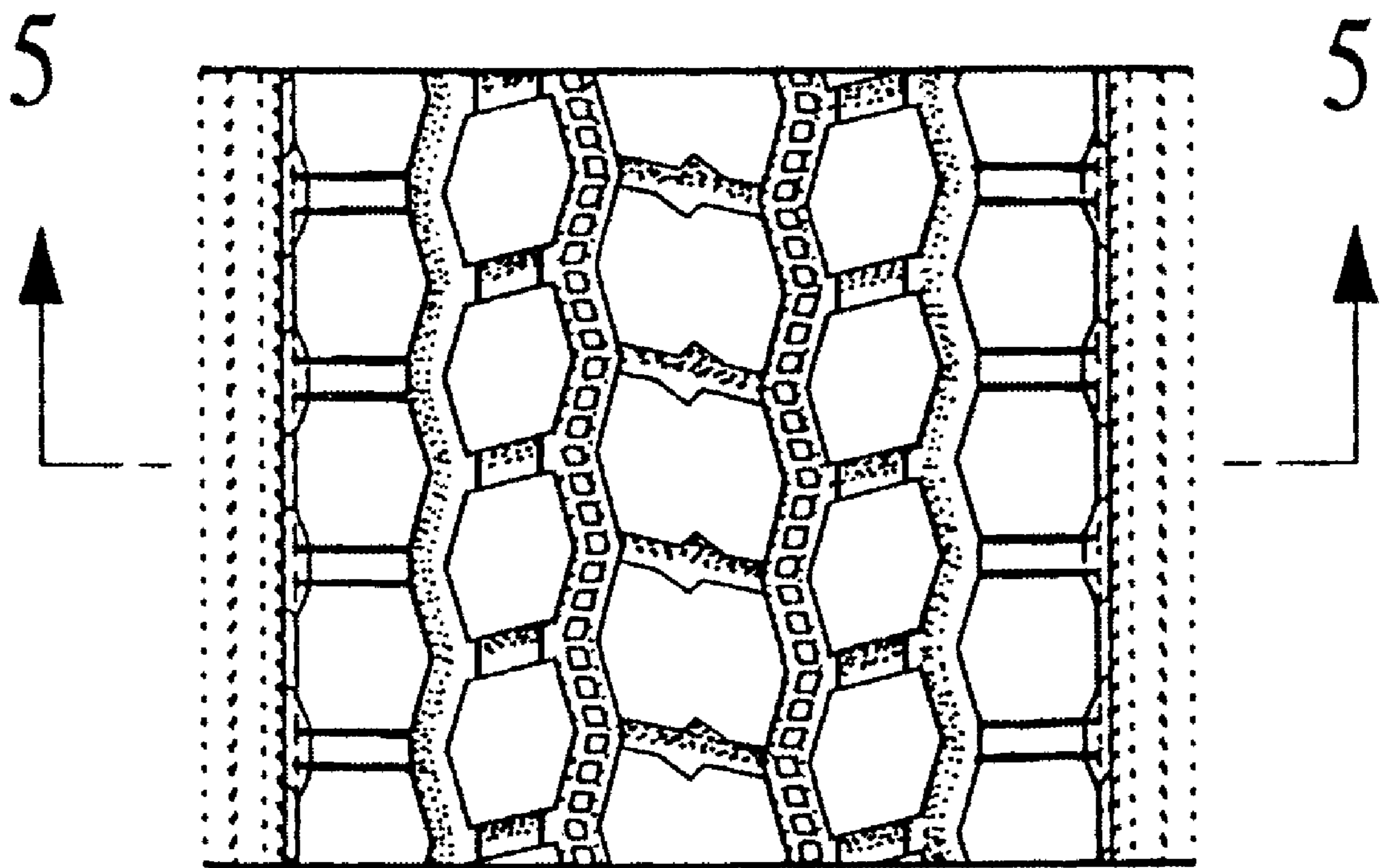


FIG. 5

