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(54) **TREAD OF A TIRE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

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**DESCRIPTION**

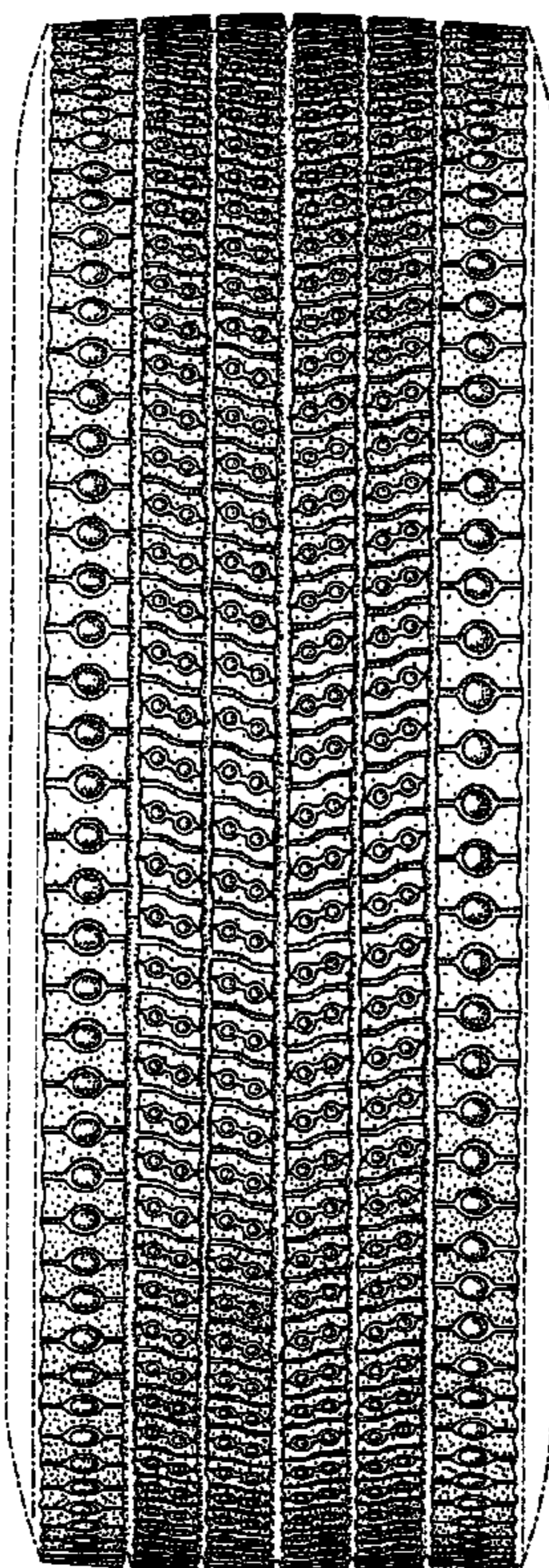
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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the tread of a tire of the present invention, it being understood that the pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread; and,

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view of the tire tread shown in FIG. 1.

The broken lines showing the tire inner beads and sidewalls in FIGS. 1 and 2 are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets**



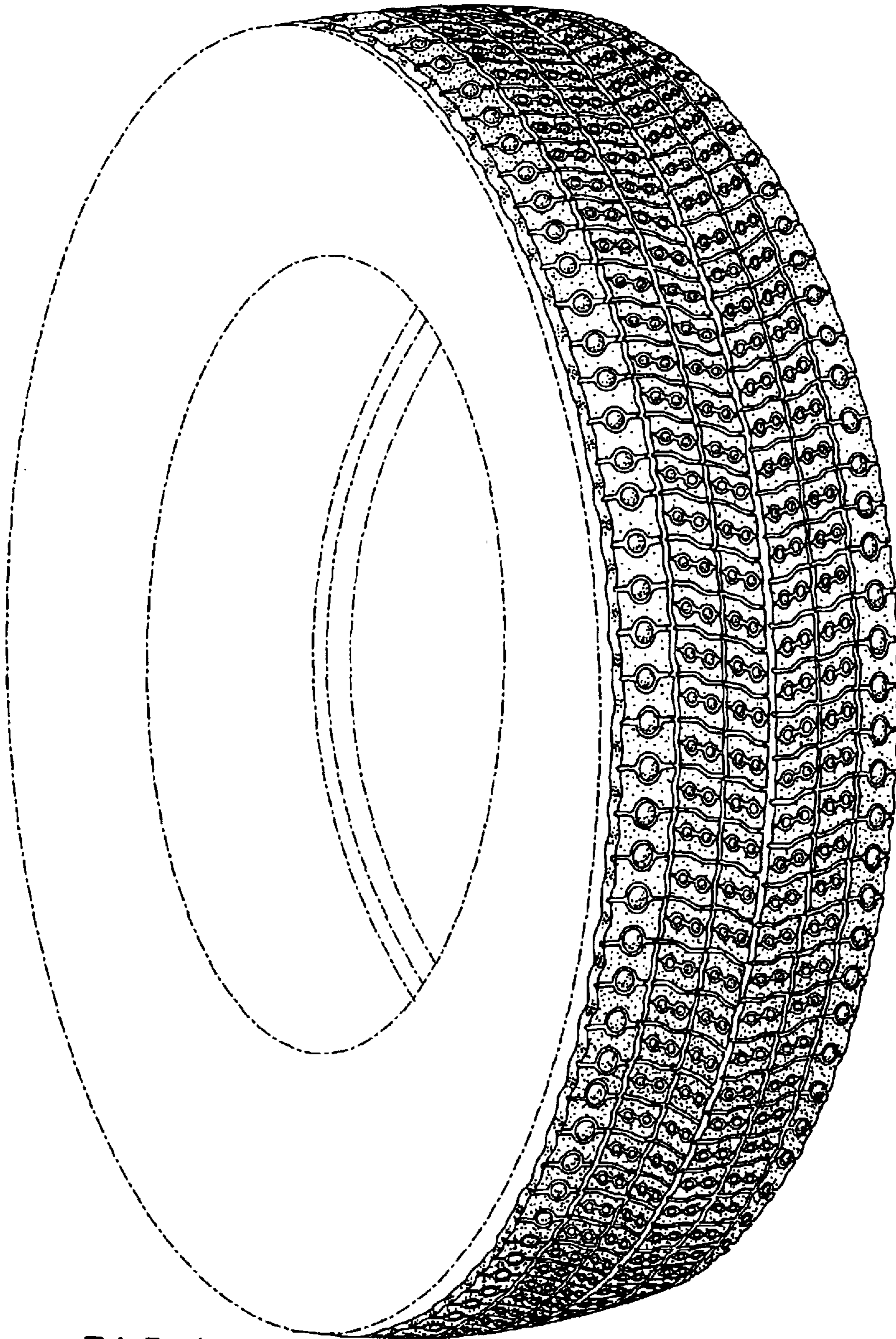


FIG. 1

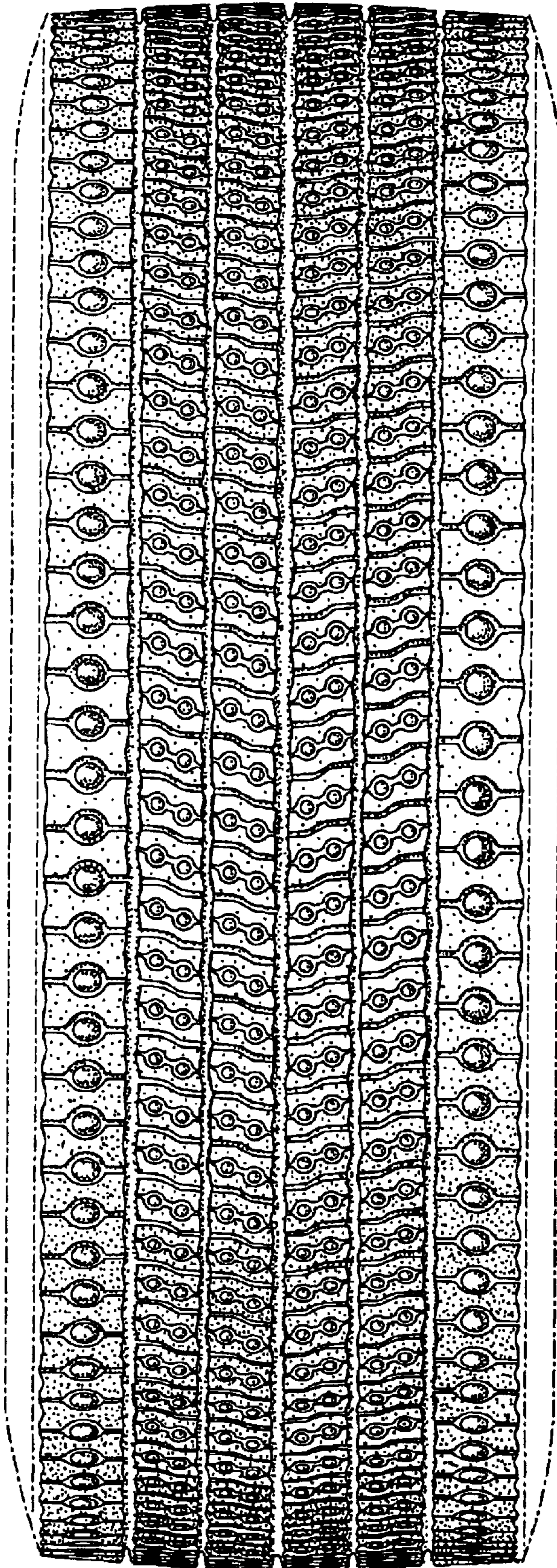


FIG. 2