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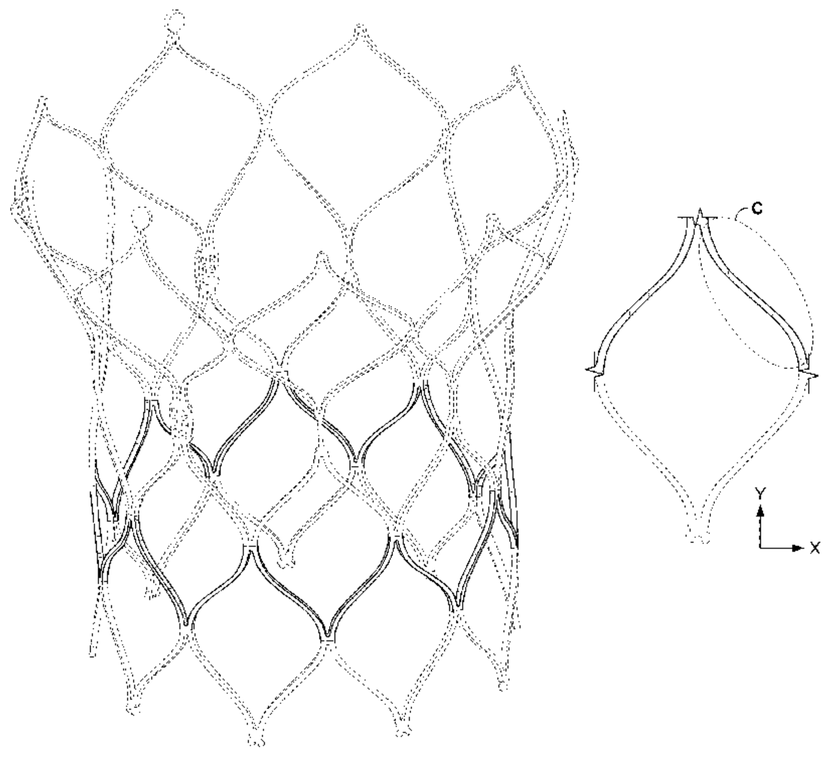

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a stent having tapered struts, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

The present application is related to U.S. Design patent application Ser. No. 29/604,136, filed concurrently herewith, and U.S. Design patent application Ser. No. 29/604,160, filed concurrently herewith, and U.S. Design application Ser. No. 29/604,139, filed concurrently herewith, and U.S. Design patent application Ser. No. 29/604,148, filed concurrently herewith, the entire disclosures of all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

FIG. **1** is a front perspective view of a stent having tapered struts according to Embodiments **1-4** of our new design;

FIG. **2** is a front elevational view of Embodiments **1-4** thereof;

FIG. **3** is a rear elevational view of Embodiments **1-4** thereof;

FIG. **4** is a right side elevational view of Embodiments **1-4** thereof;

FIG. **5** is a left side elevational view of Embodiments **1-4** thereof;

FIG. **6** is a top plan view of Embodiments **1-4** thereof;

FIG. **7** is a bottom plan view of Embodiments **1-4** thereof;

FIG. **8** is an enlarged front elevational view of a portion of FIG. **2**;

FIG. **9** is an enlarged front elevational view of section C of FIG. **8**, which is an enlarged strut of the stent having tapered struts according to Embodiment **1**;

FIG. **10** is an enlarged front elevational view of section C of FIG. **8**, which is an enlarged strut of the stent having tapered struts according to Embodiment **2**;

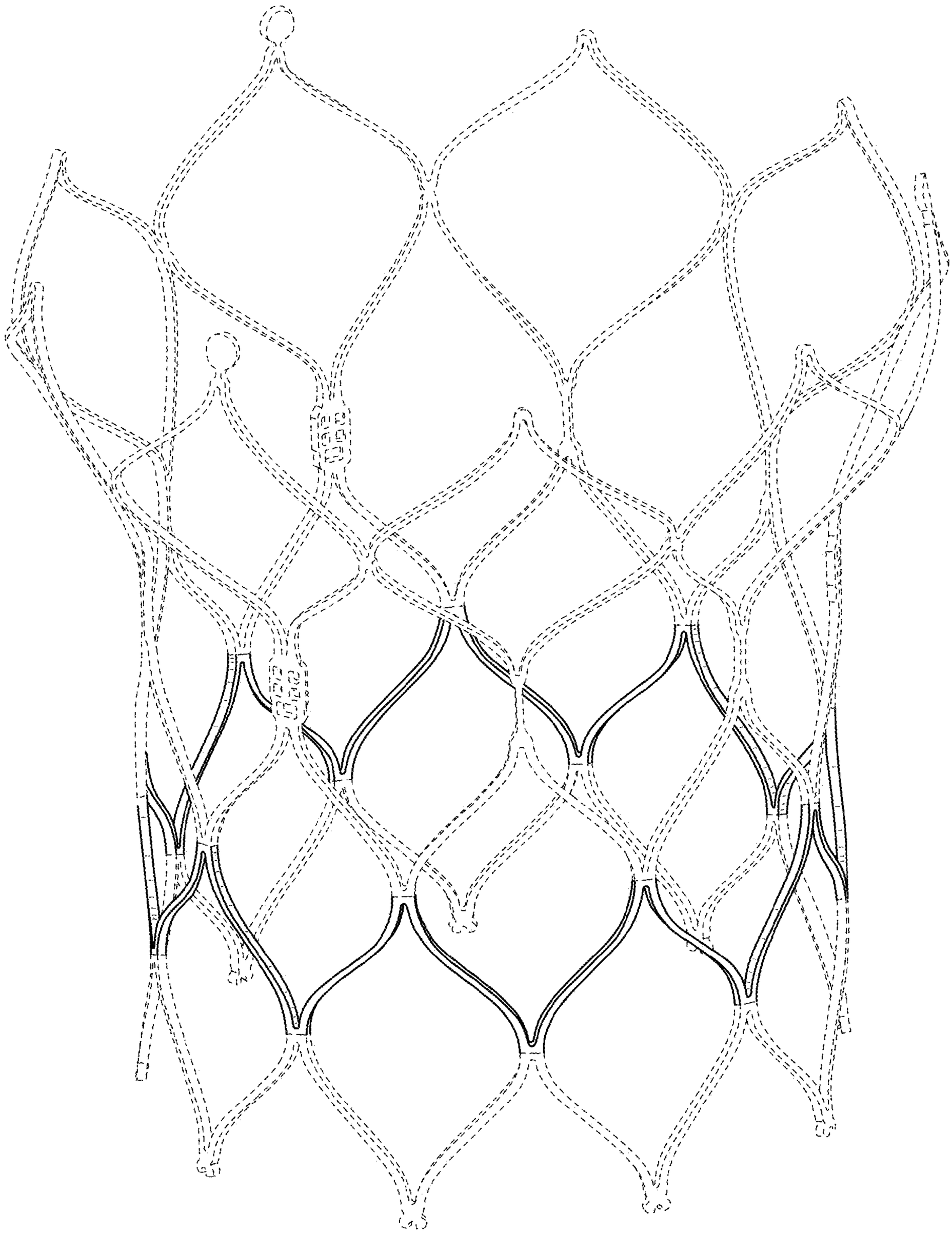
FIG. **11** is an enlarged front elevational view of section C of FIG. **8**; which is an enlarged strut of the stent having tapered struts according to Embodiment **3**; and,

FIG. **12** is an enlarged front elevational view of section C of FIG. **8**, which is an enlarged strut of the stent having tapered struts according to Embodiment **4**.

FIG. **8** is an enlarged view of a single cell of the stent according to Embodiments **1-4**. A single cell of the stent includes four struts that together form the cell. A single strut of the cell is shown enlarged in FIGS. **8-12** which respectively correspond to Embodiments **1-4**. In FIG. **8**, a second strut is shown to the left of the single strut. The second strut is a mirror image of the single strut taken along a plane that extends along the y-axis. Each claimed strut extending around the circumference of the stent is identical to the single strut or a mirror image of the single strut. In particular, each claimed strut having the same orientation on the stent as the single strut will have a shape or profile identical to the single strut. Each claimed strut having the same orientation on the stent as the second strut will have a shape or profile that is a mirror image of the single strut taken along a plane that extends along the y-axis.

The broken lines shown in the drawings illustrate environmental structure and form no part of the claimed design. The dot-dash lines represent boundary lines and form no part of the claimed design. It is to be understood that the claimed design extends to but does not include the defined boundary.

1 Claim, 8 Drawing Sheets



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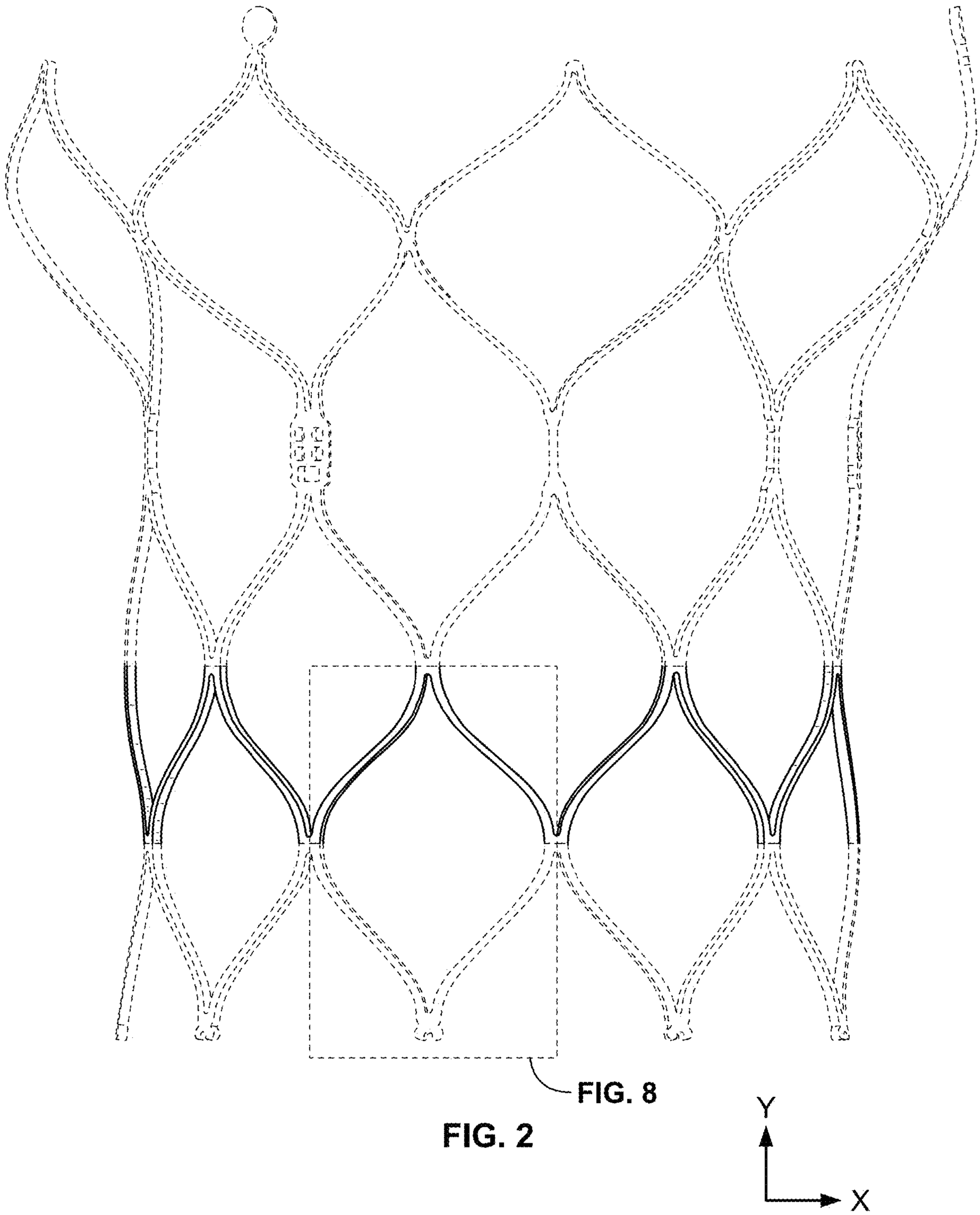

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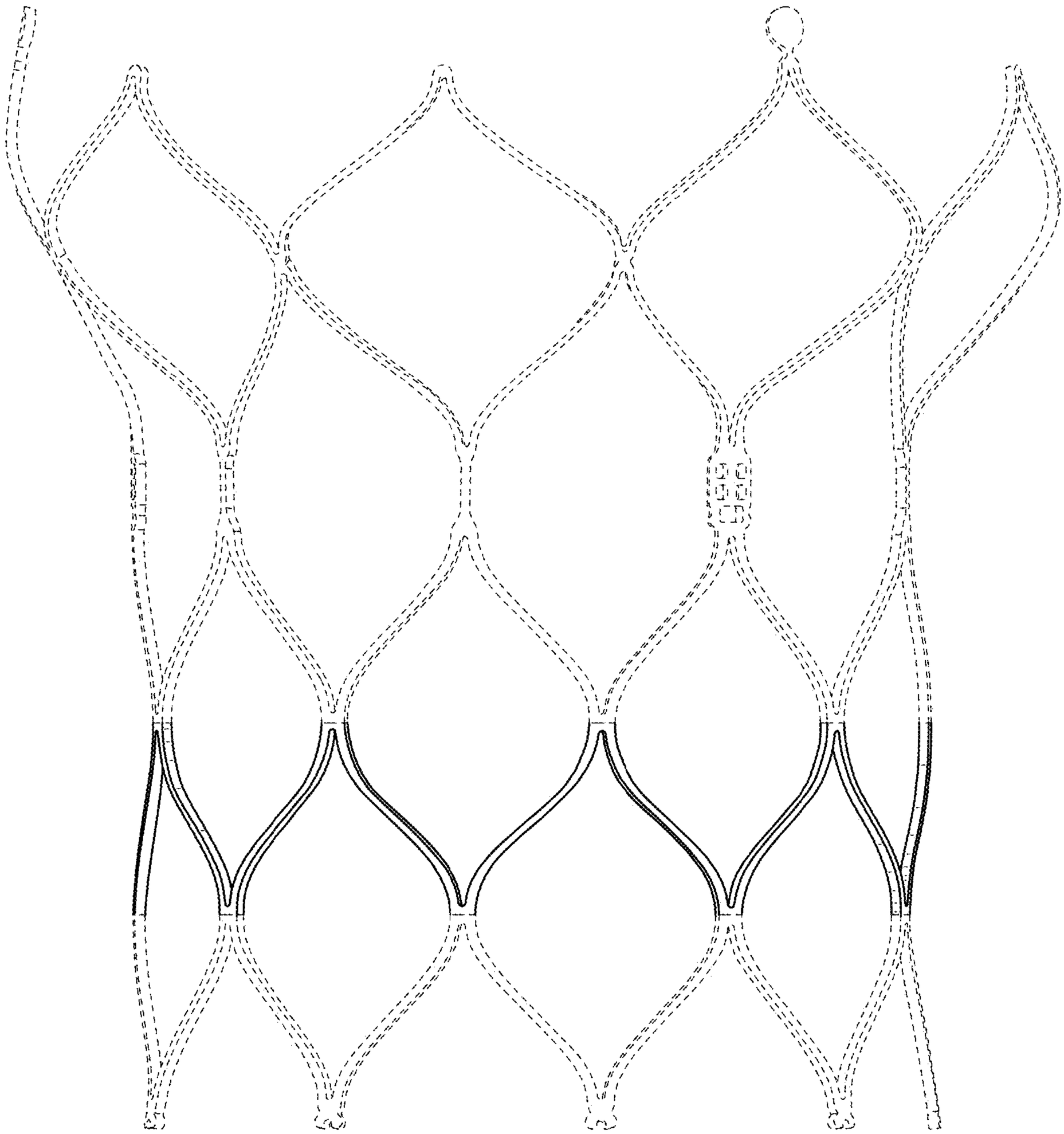

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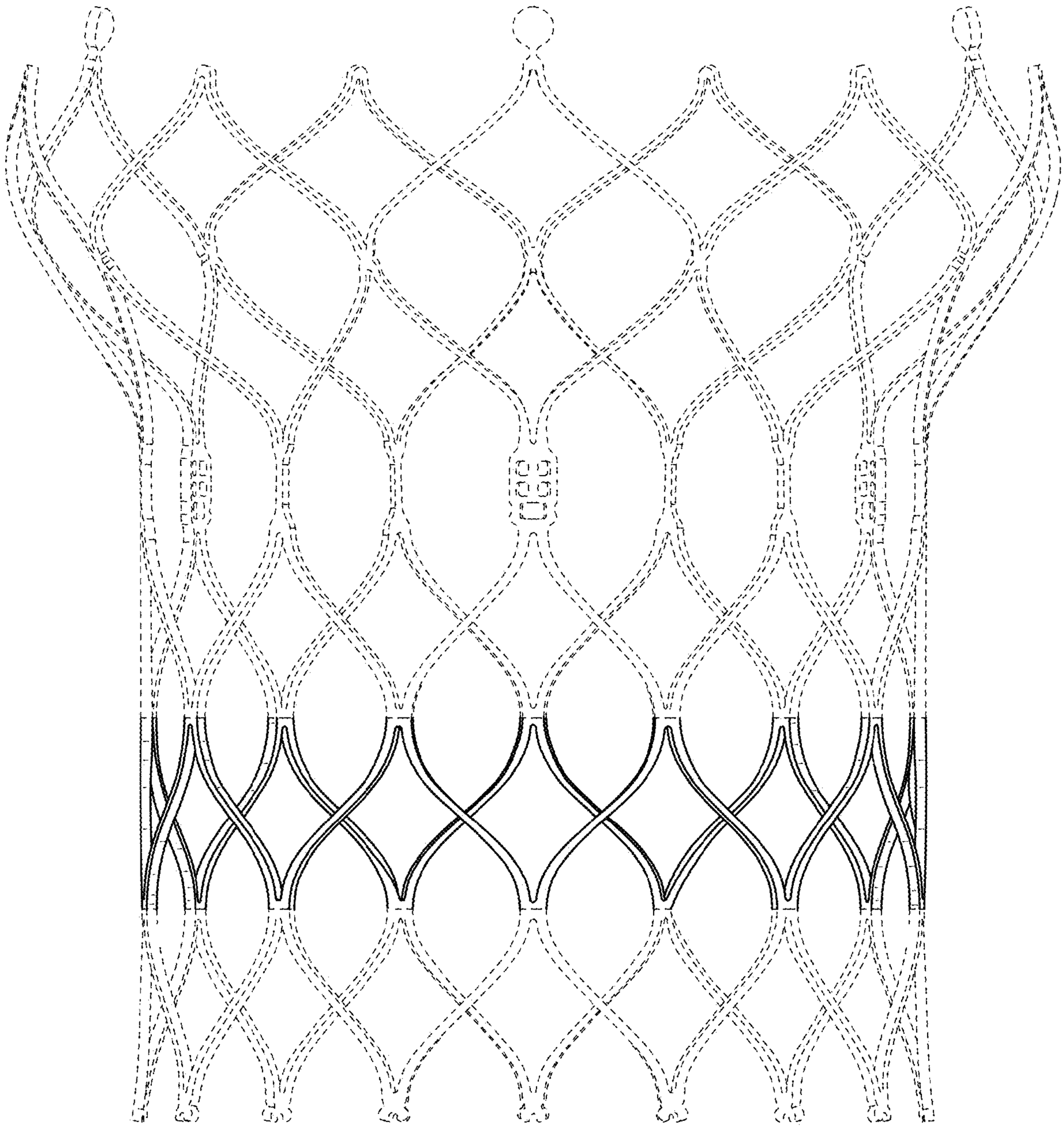

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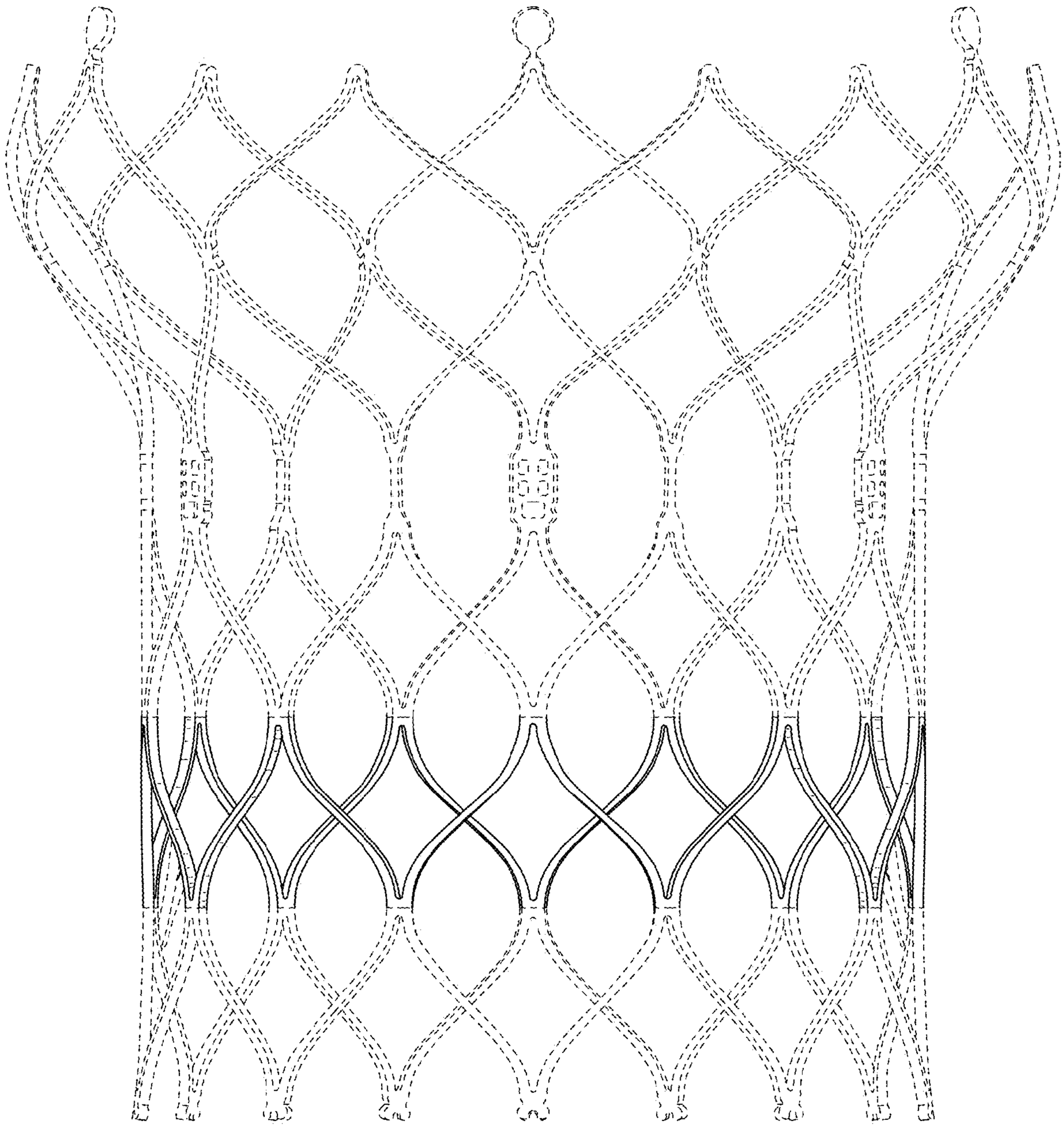

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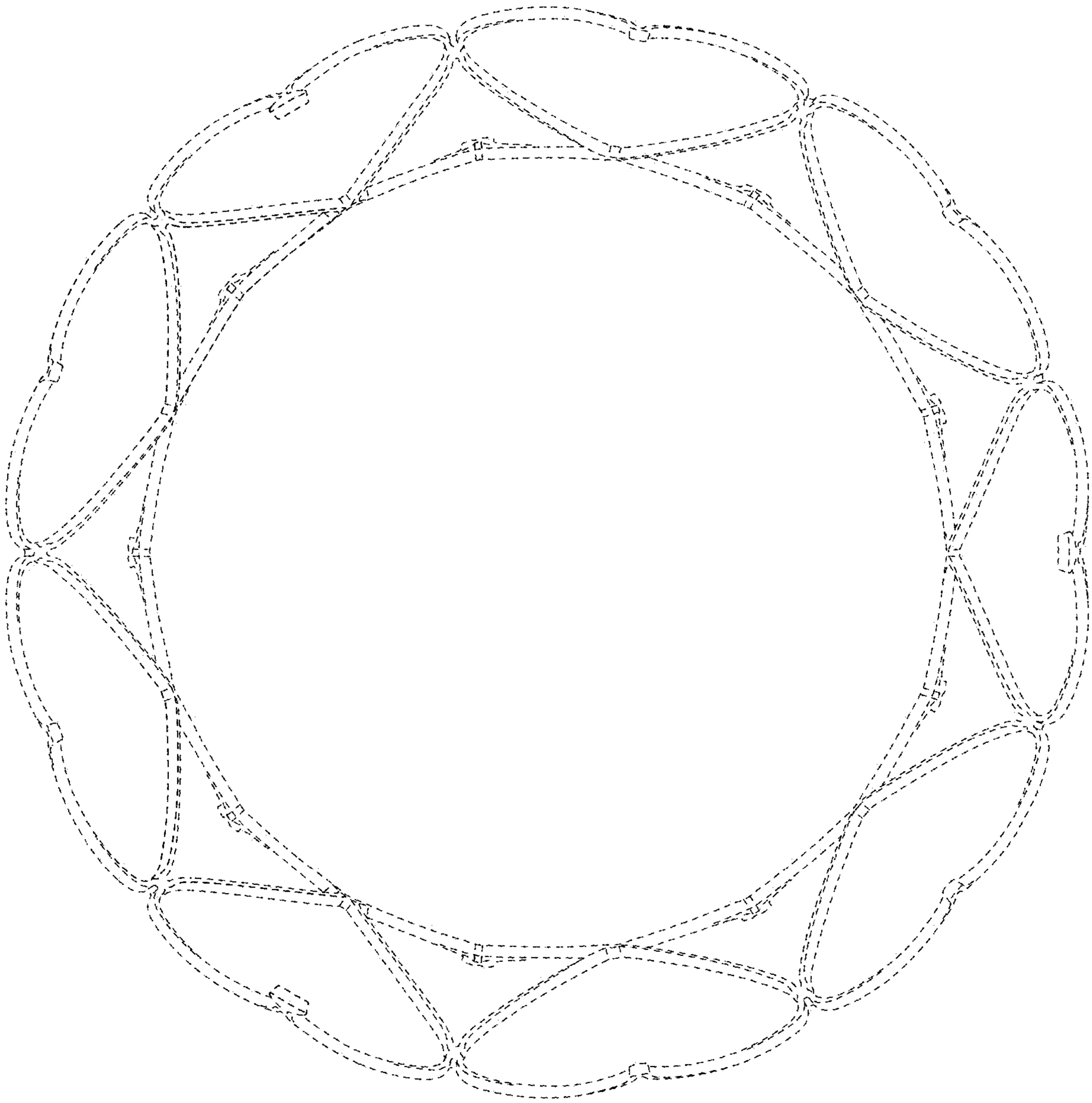

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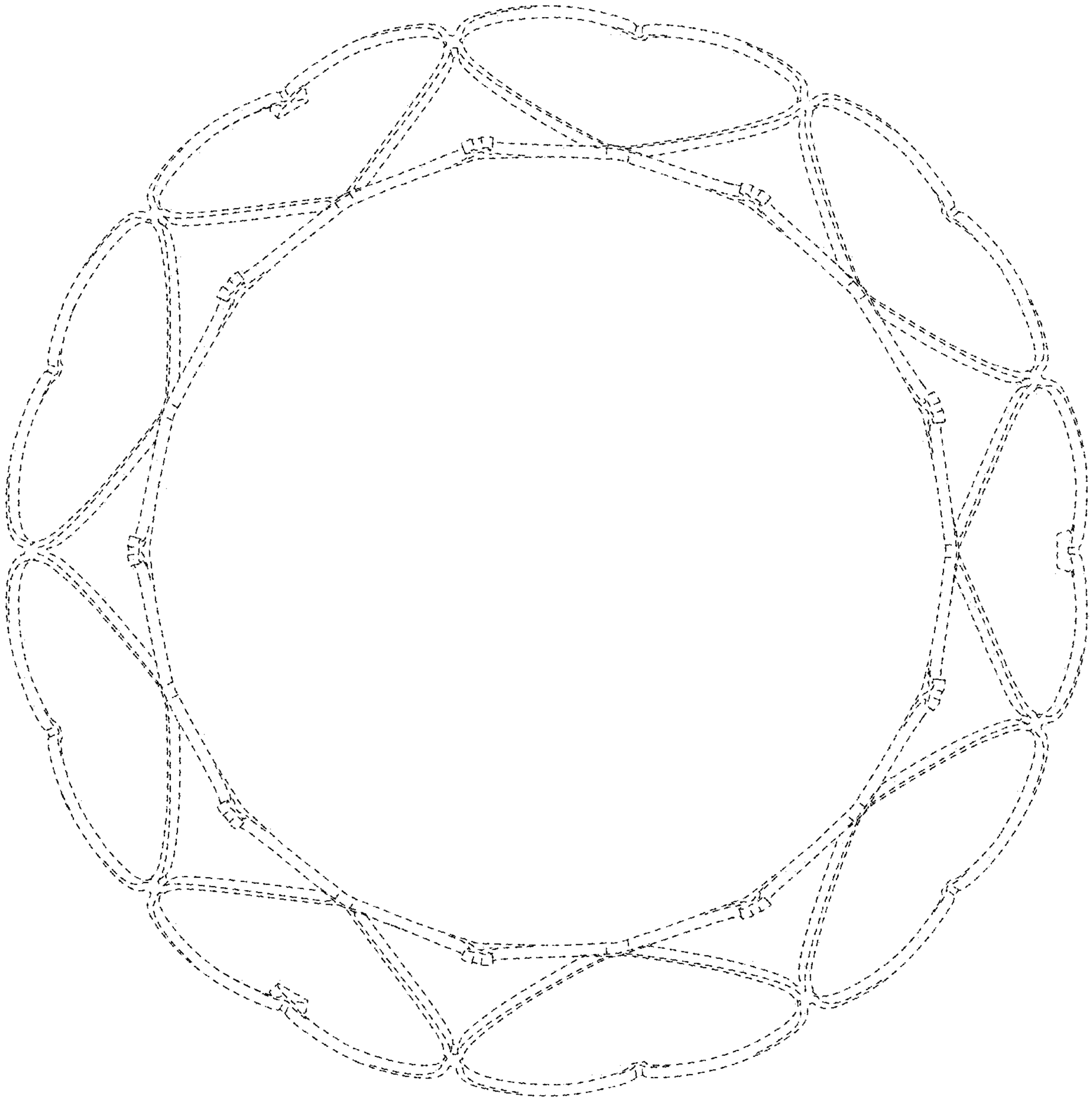

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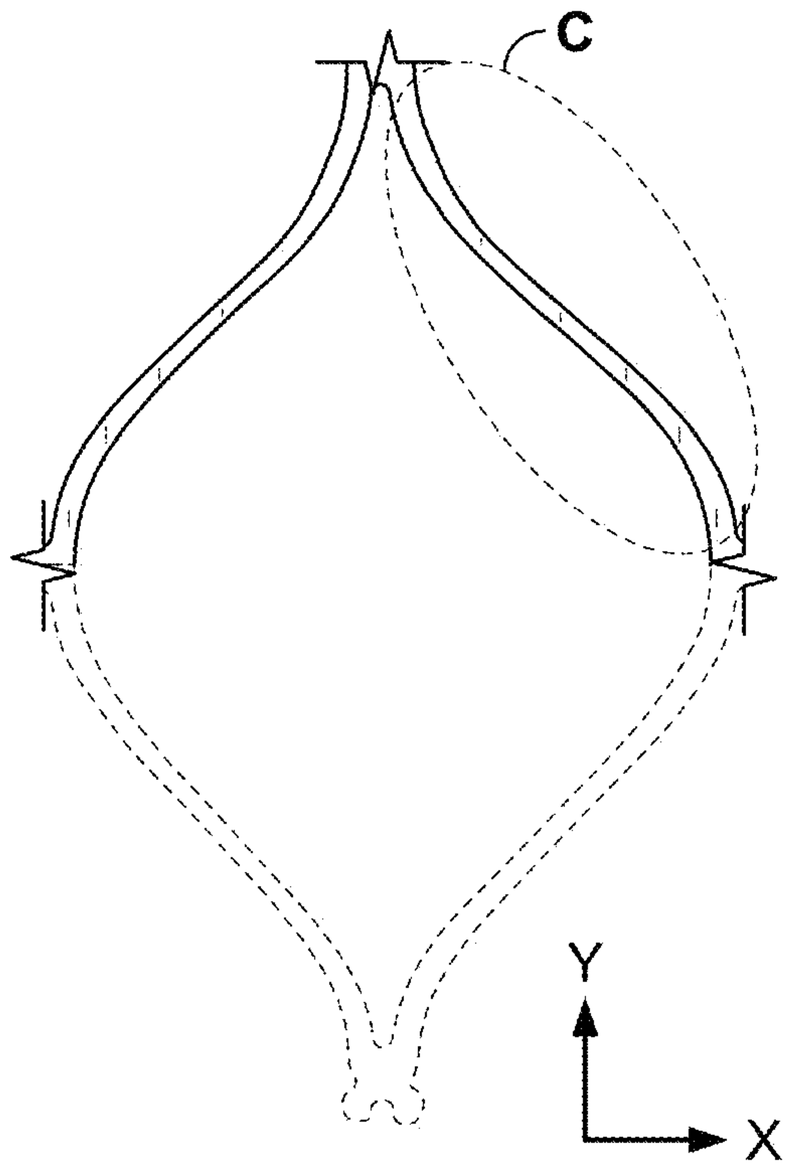

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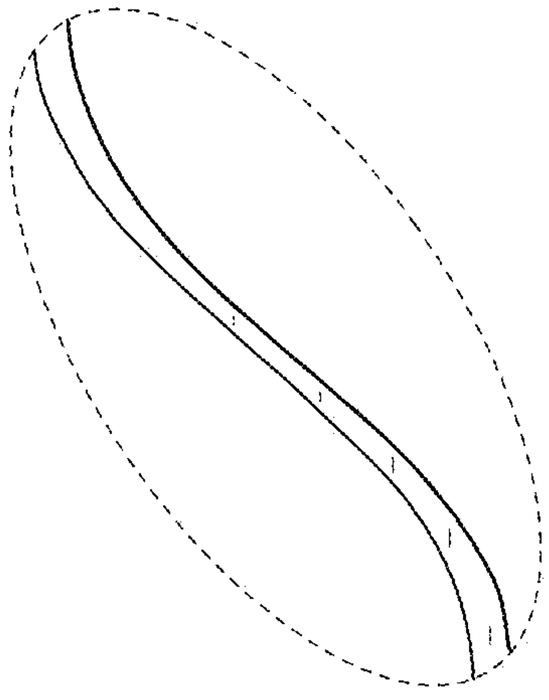

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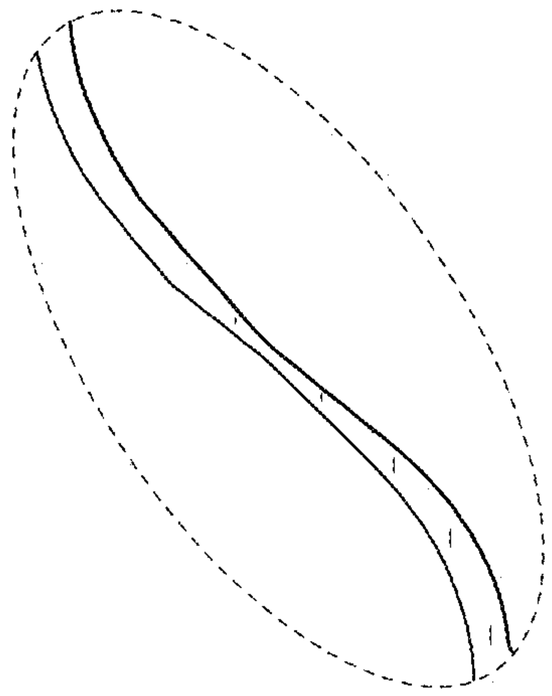

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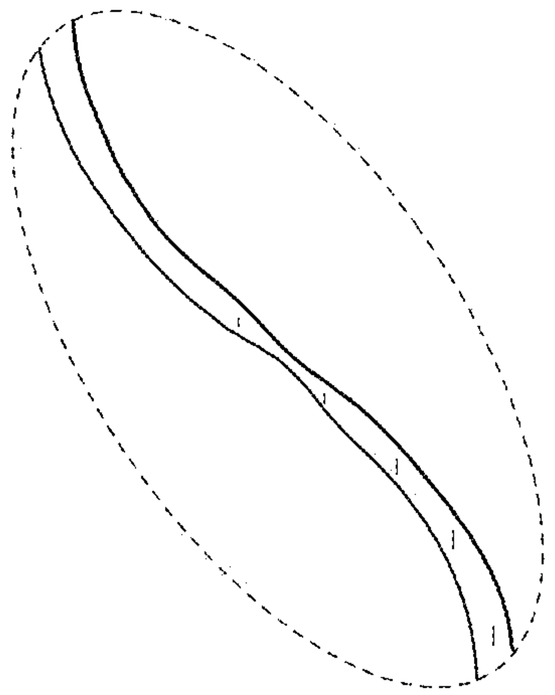

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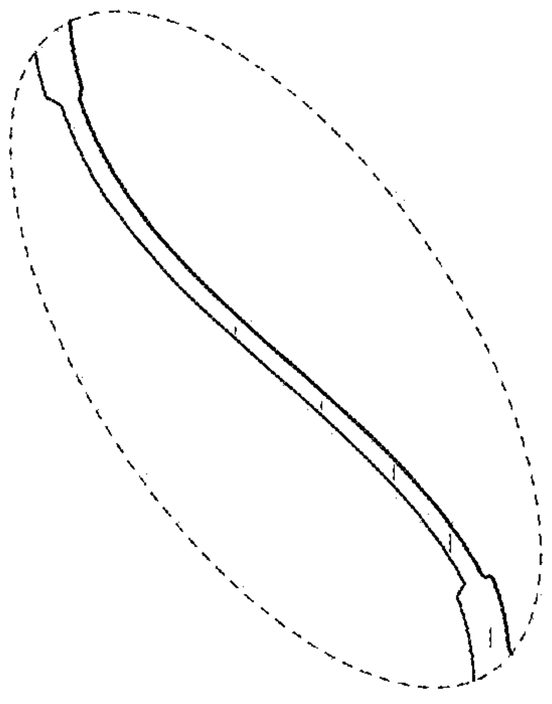

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