

US00D901721S

(12) **United States Design Patent** (10) **Patent No.:** **US D901,721 S**
Scales et al. (45) **Date of Patent:** **** Nov. 10, 2020**

(54) **BLOCK FOR AN EROSION CONTROL MAT**

(71) Applicant: **Synthetex, LLC**, Peachtree Corners, GA (US)

(72) Inventors: **John M Scales**, Tryon, NC (US);
Thomas E Evans, Jr., Atlanta, GA (US)

(73) Assignee: **SYNTHETEX, LLC**, Peachtree Corners, GA (US)

(**) Term: **15 Years**

(21) Appl. No.: **29/667,006**

(22) Filed: **Oct. 17, 2018**

(51) **LOC (12) Cl.** **25-01**

(52) **U.S. Cl.**
USPC **D25/113**

(58) **Field of Classification Search**
USPC D25/113–115, 118
(Continued)

(56) **References Cited**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

3,474,626 A * 10/1969 Colle E02B 3/127
405/18
4,184,788 A * 1/1980 Colle E02B 3/127
405/18

(Continued)

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EM 006382107-0002 * 7/2019

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Articulating Block Concrete Linings Synthetex <http://www.synthetex.com/articulating-block> Available Mar. 16, 2017 (Year: 2017).*

(Continued)

Primary Examiner — Leanne Was-Englehart

(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm* — Baker Donelson; Carl M. Davis, II

(57) **CLAIM**

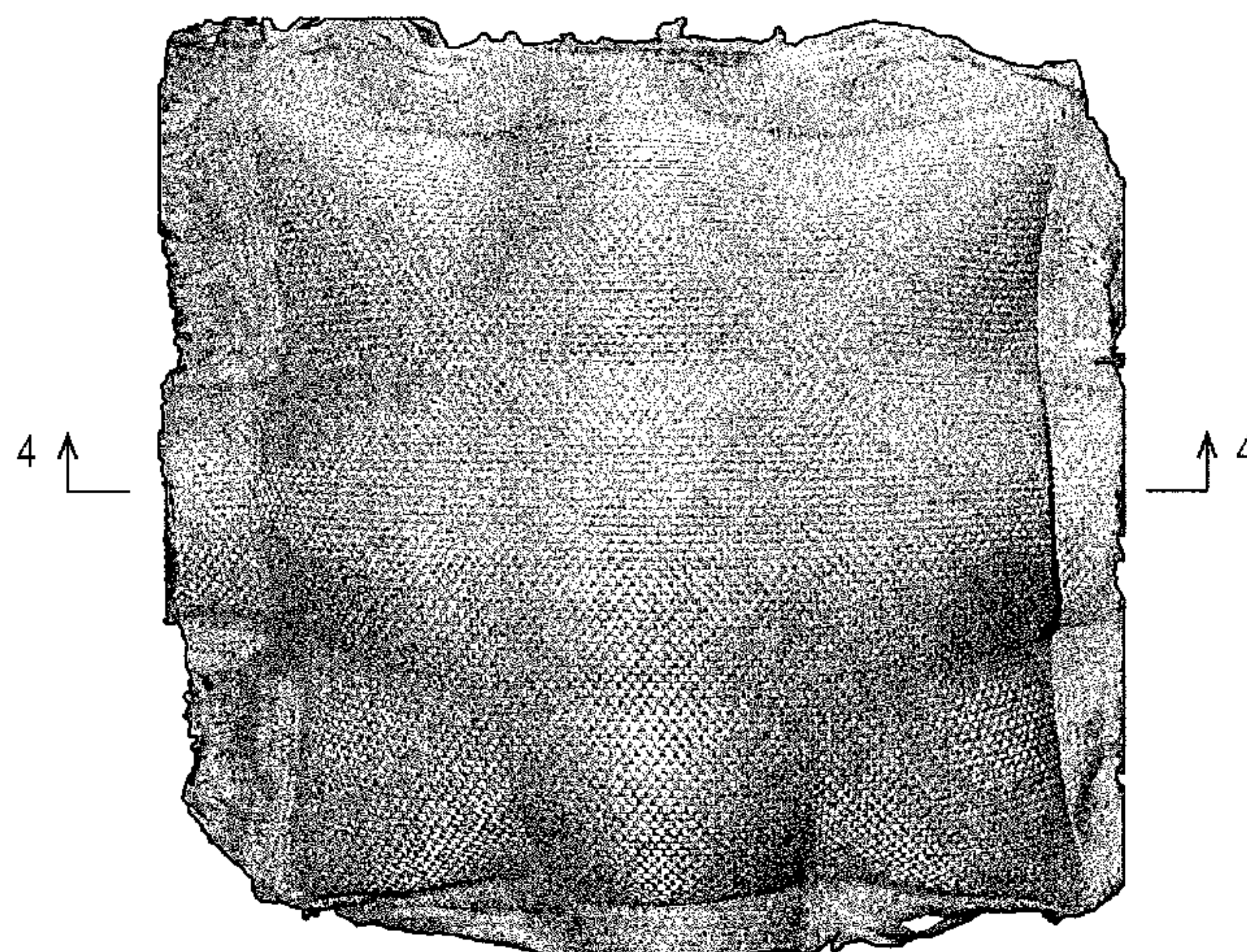
We claim the ornamental design for a block for an erosion control mat, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 illustrates a top plan view of a block for an erosion control mat showing our new design;
FIG. 2 illustrates a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. 3 illustrates a front elevational view thereof, the back and the right and left side elevational views being a mirror image thereof;
FIG. 4 illustrates a front sectional elevational view thereof, along a plane defined by line 4-4; and,
FIG. 5 illustrates an upper front perspective view thereof with a plurality thereof in an erosion control mat shown in broken line for lying on a ground surface, which broken line shows environmental subject matter and forms no part of the claimed design.

The block for an erosion control mat illustrated in FIG. 1 is a fiber envelope enclosing curable hardenable material. The block for an erosion control mat has opposing front and back ducts medial opposing sides and opposing side ducts medial the front and back for receiving a flow of a cementitious material that cures therein to a hardened state, which ducts define four corner elements in the block for an erosion control mat each with a curved slope on a diagonal apex from an exterior corner to an interior opposing corner, four intermediate side elements between a respective pair of the adjacent corner elements with curved slopes to an apex medial the corner elements and a taper to a trough side of a center element having a slight rising contour to an apex. As illustrated in FIG. 5, adjacent ones of the block for an erosion control mat interconnect at respective sides thereof as shown in broken line to define an erosion control mat. The erosion control mat may be used for but not limited to covering and stabilization of ground surfaces subject to water erosion, separation and vertical drainage layer for marine applications, and a ballast layer for sinking another material that would normally float and as a protective layer/vertical drainage over such material.

(Continued)



The broken line areas depict portions of the block for an erosion control mat showing environmental subject matter and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets

(58) Field of Classification Search

CPC . E02B 3/04; E02B 3/123; E02B 3/127; E02B 3/14; E01C 9/004; F16L 1/123; F16L 1/24

See application file for complete search history.

(56) References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,449,847	A	5/1984	Scales	
4,502,815	A *	3/1985	Scales	E02B 3/127 139/384 R
4,690,585	A *	9/1987	Holmberg	E02B 3/127 405/15
5,108,222	A *	4/1992	Jansson	E02B 3/123 405/15
5,511,910	A	4/1996	Scales	
D392,750	S *	3/1998	Scales	D25/113
D399,577	S	10/1998	Scales	
5,921,710	A	7/1999	Scales	

D415,576	S	10/1999	Scales	
7,329,069	B2 *	2/2008	Slater	E02B 3/108 383/32
D661,409	S	6/2012	Riccobene	
D675,342	S *	1/2013	Sallon	D25/38.1
8,950,974	B2 *	2/2015	Thompson	F16L 1/24 405/18
10,392,764	B1	8/2019	Sanchez	

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Motz Enterprises, Inc., www.flexmat.com, Motz Enterprises, Inc., 3153 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209 (believed to be at least prior to Oct. 17, 2018; printed Feb. 20, 2019).
Motz Enterprises, Inc., “Flexamat® Permanent Erosion Control Solutions Erosion Prevention and Protection”, 28 pages, (2017), Motz Enterprises, Inc., 3153 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209.
Nilex, Inc., “EnviroGrid Cellular Confinement System (geocell) Erosion & Sediment Control Product Overview”, Nilex, Inc., 6810 8 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6P 0C5, Canada (Jun. 2017).
Nilex, Inc., “Erosion & Sediment Control”, Nilex, Inc., 6810 8 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6P 0C5, Canada (believed to be at least prior to Oct. 17, 2018).
Evans, Thomas E and Scales, John, “Envelope For Constructing A Mat Of Spaced Blocks”, U.S. Appl. No. 29/667,005, filed Oct. 17, 2018.

* cited by examiner

FIG. 1

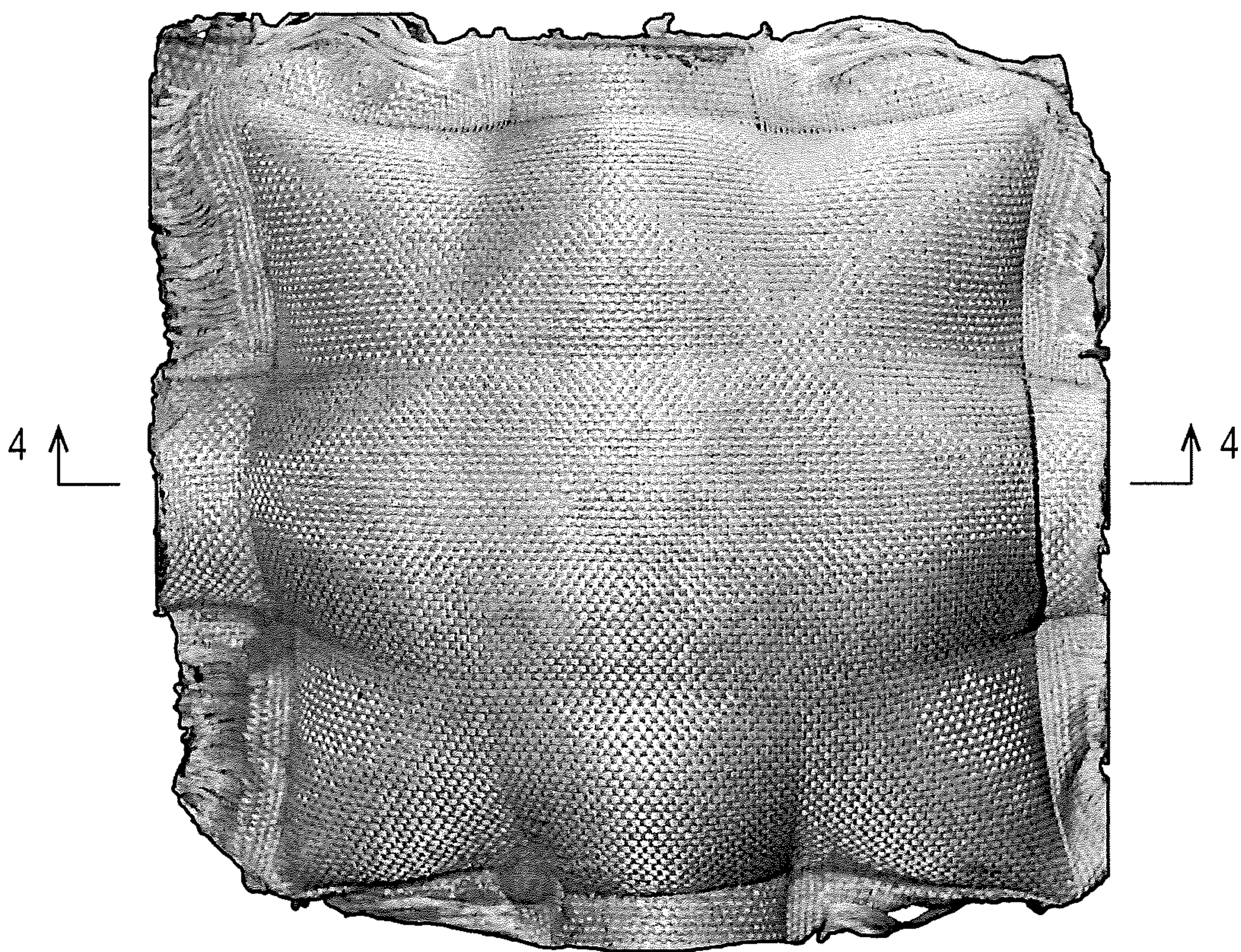


FIG. 2

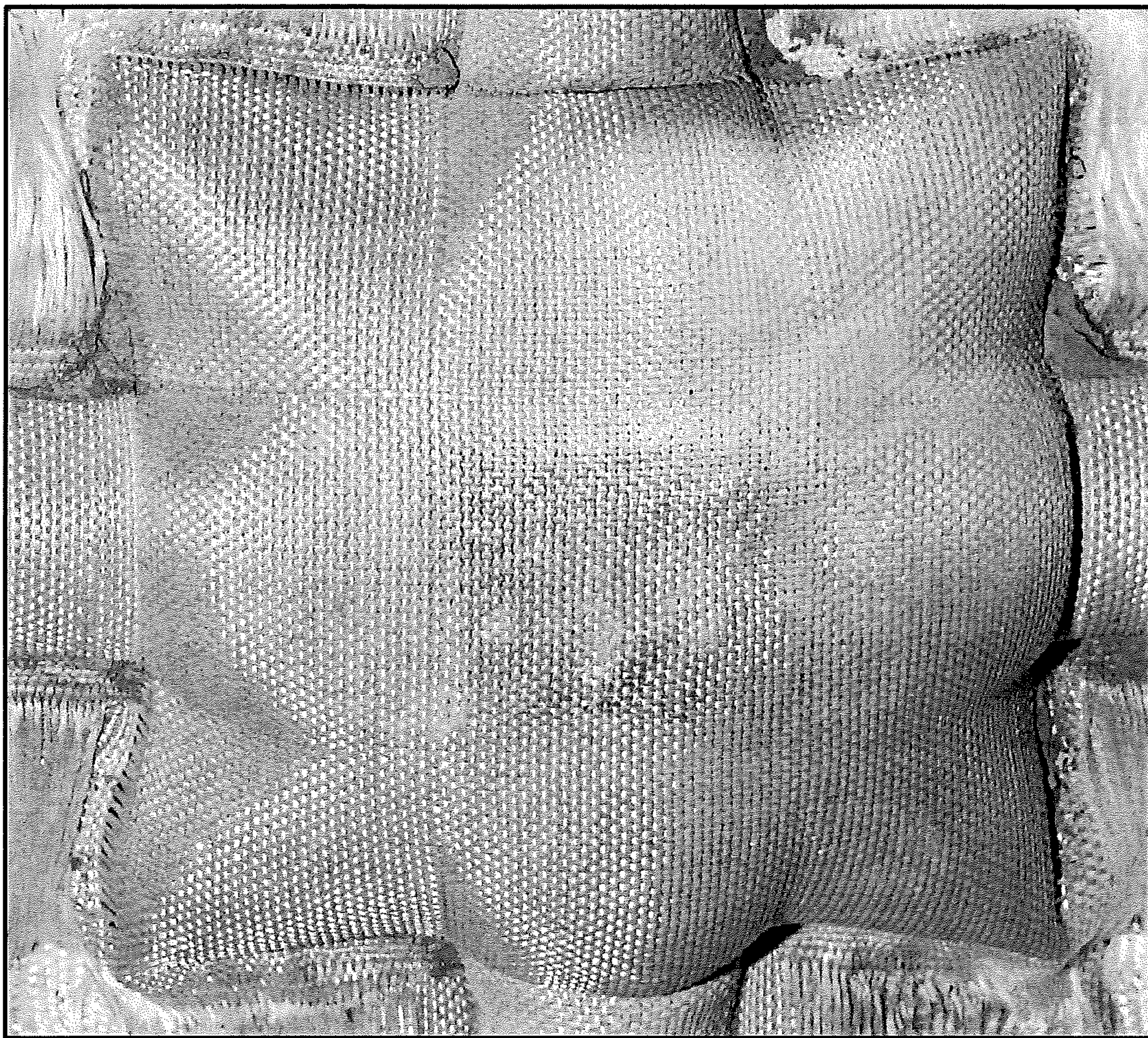


FIG. 3

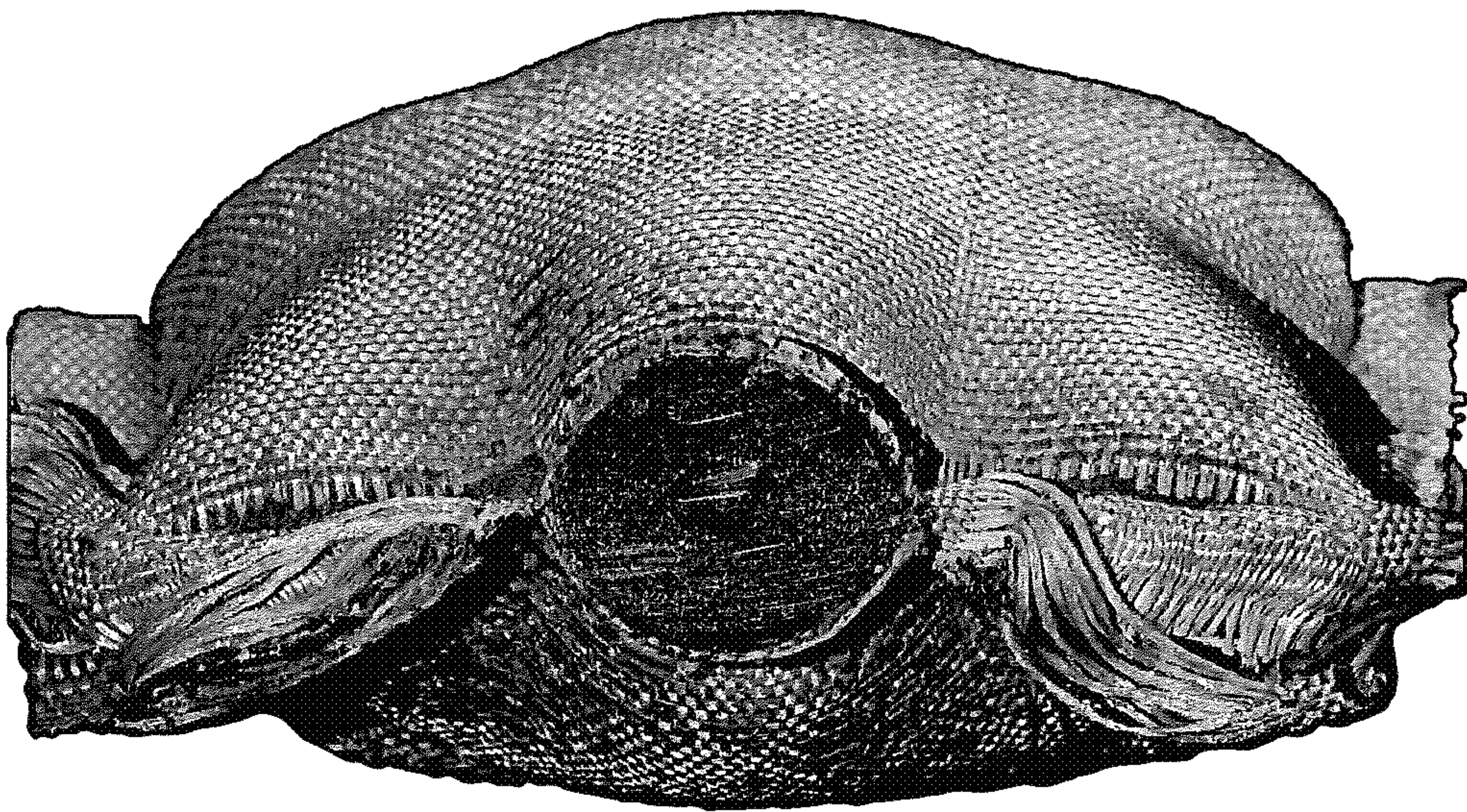


FIG. 4

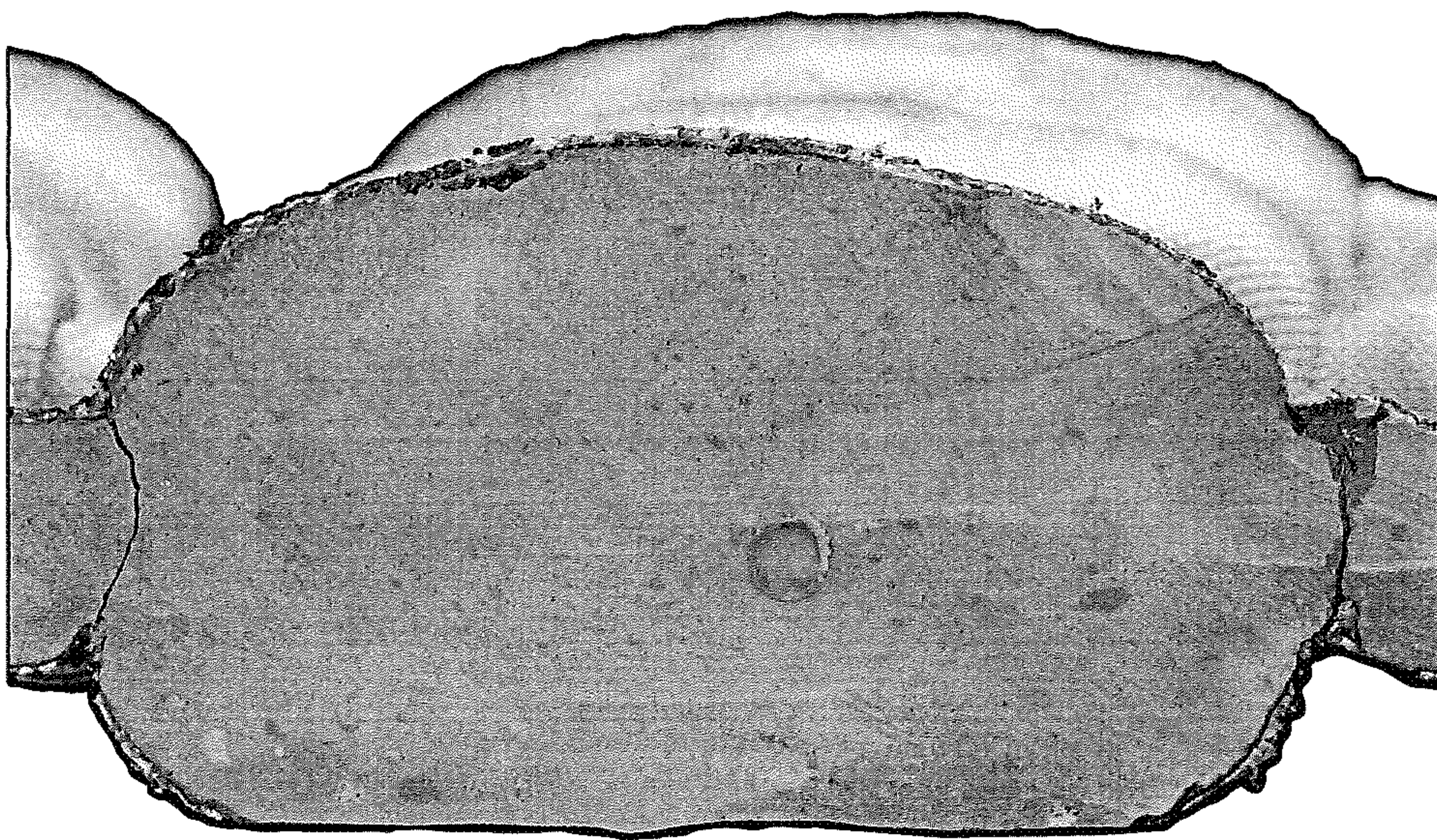


FIG. 5

