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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a tufted article, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a bottom perspective view of a tufted article showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a front, bottom perspective view of the tufted article;

FIG. 3 is a side, bottom perspective view of the tufted article;

FIG. 4 is a front elevational view of the tufted article;

FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view of the tufted article;

FIG. 6 is a left side elevational view of the tufted article;

FIG. 7 is a right side elevational view of the tufted article; and,

FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view of the tufted article.

The tufted article is shown with symbolic breaks in its length. Any portion of the article between the break lines forms no part of the claimed design.

The broken lines having consistent dash lengths (dash-dash-dash) show unclaimed portions of the tufted article, including unclaimed portions of a backing, stitches, and tufts, and form no part of the claimed design.

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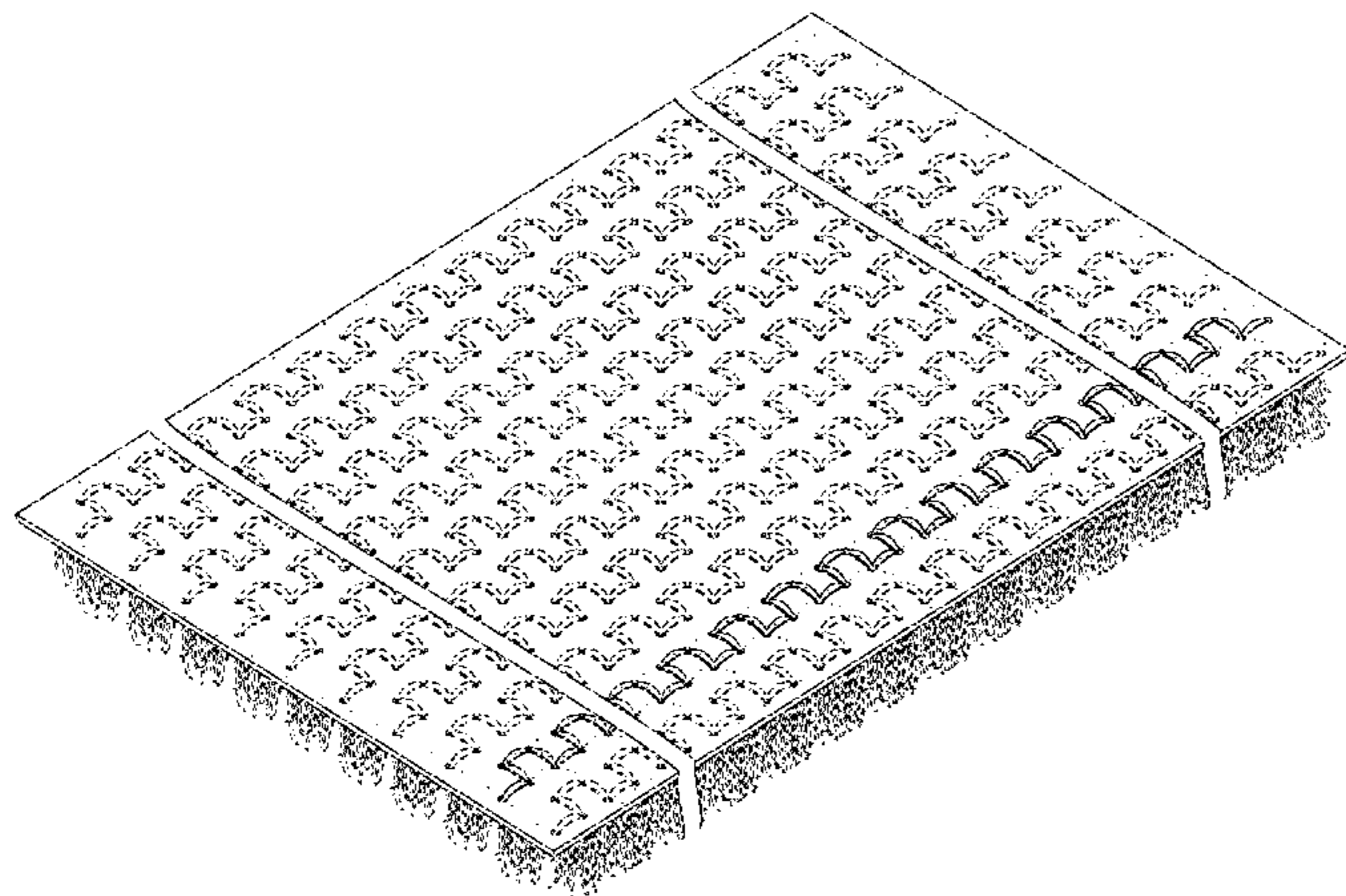
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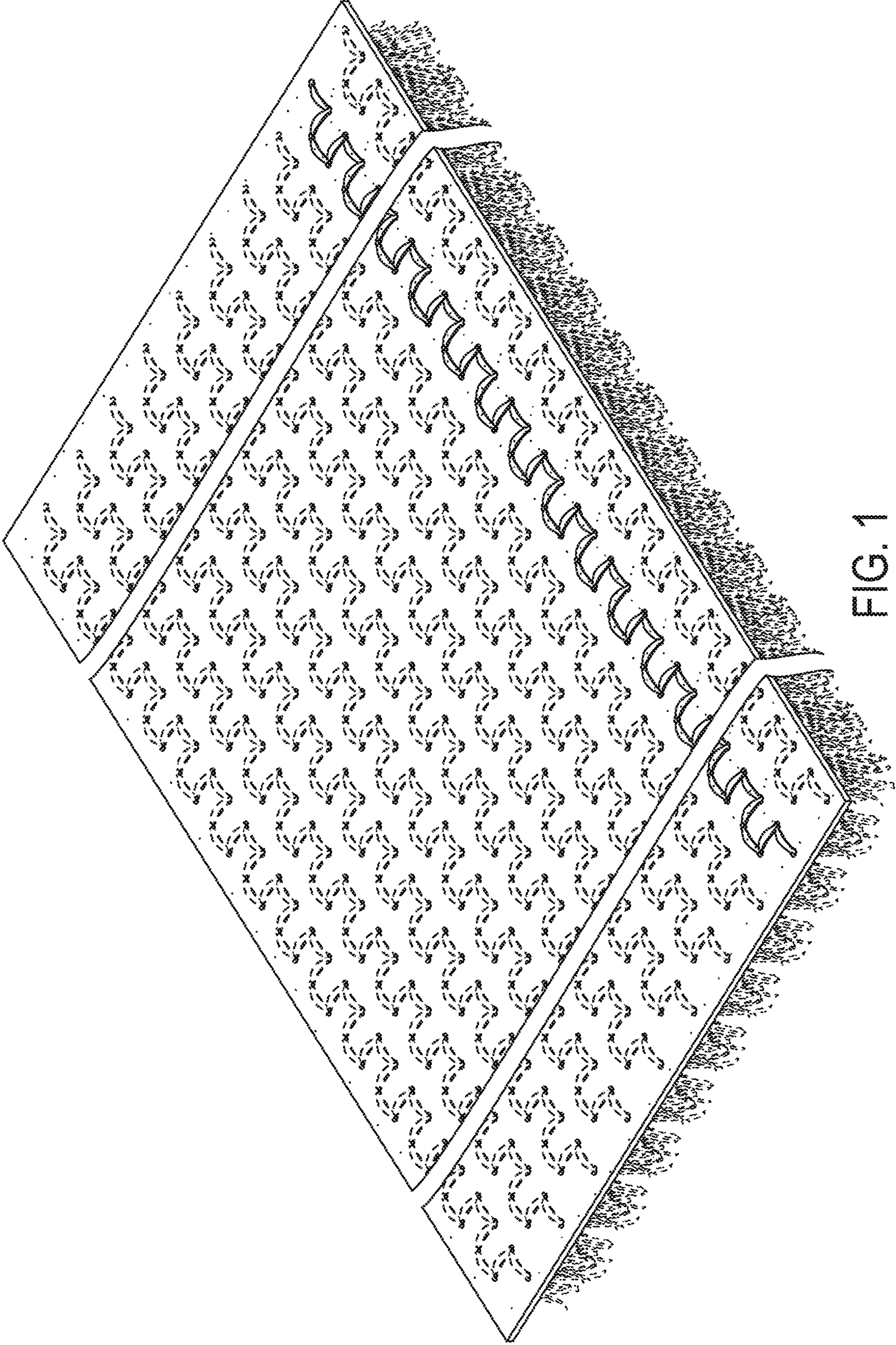


FIG. 1

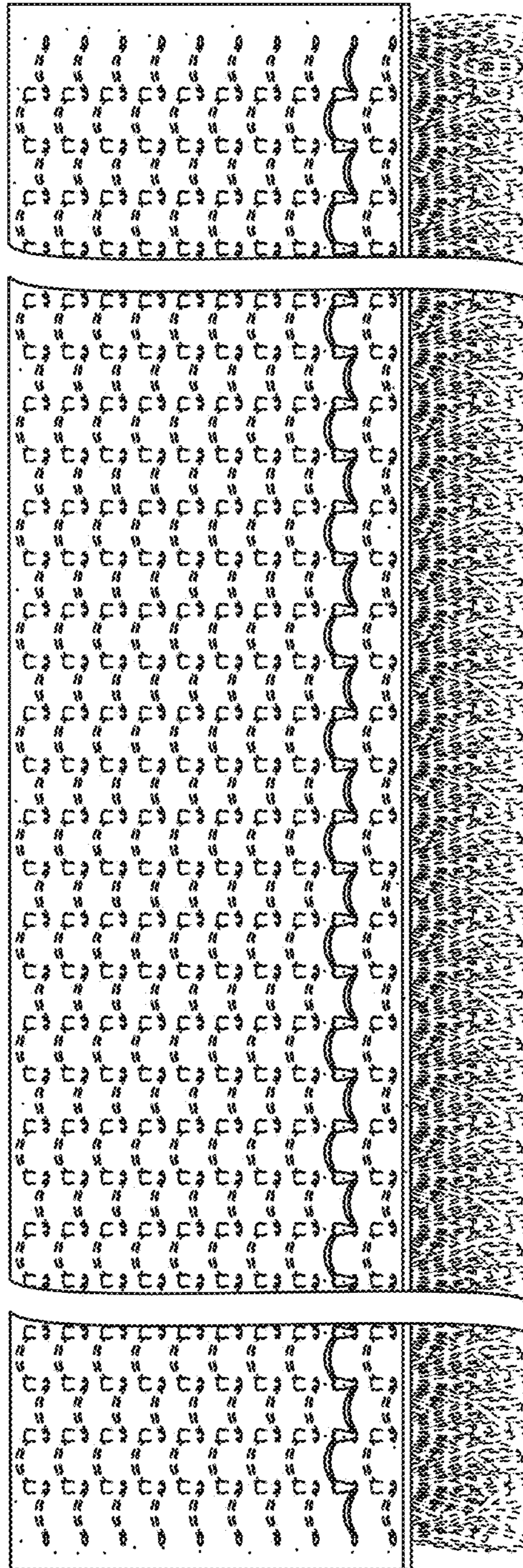


FIG. 2

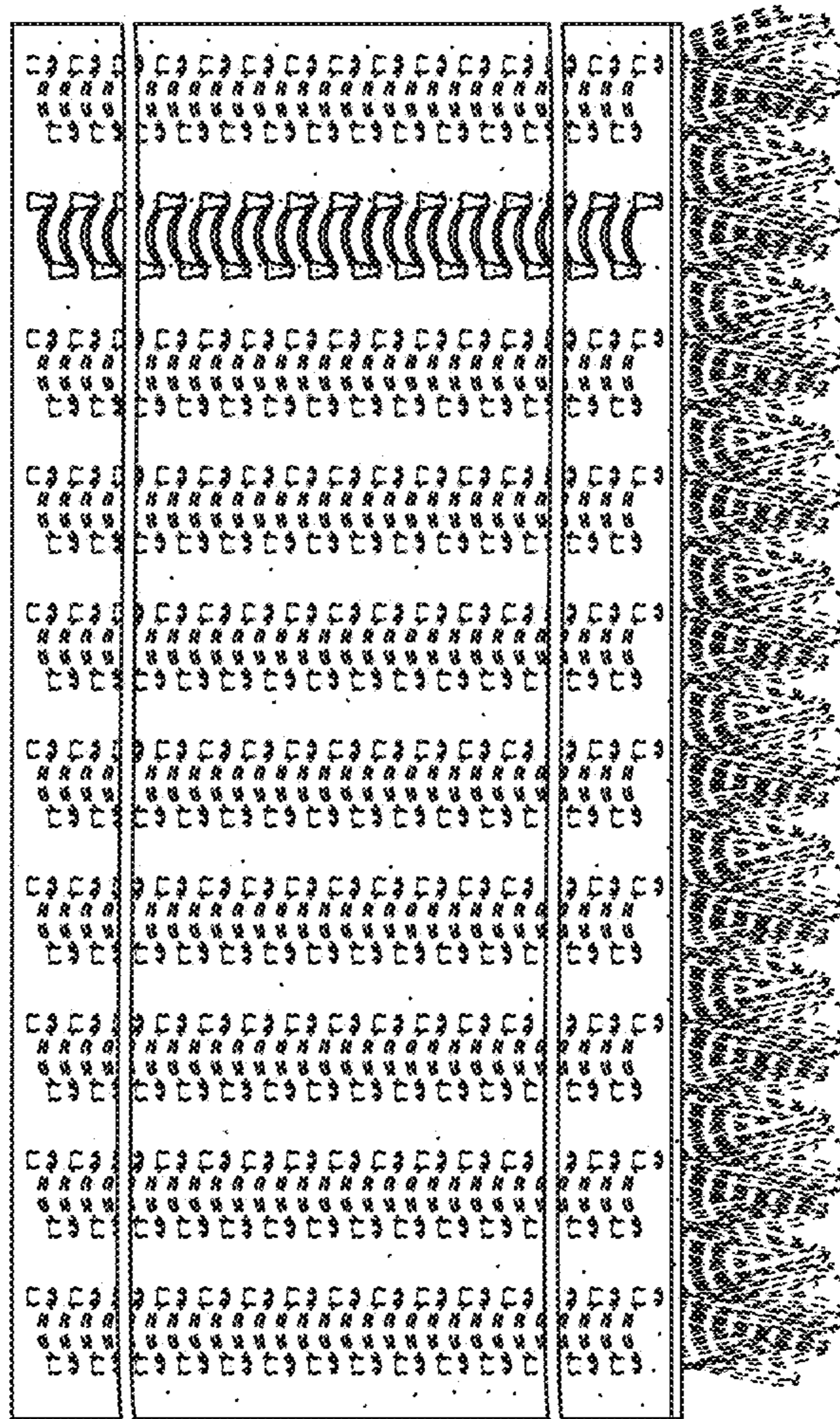


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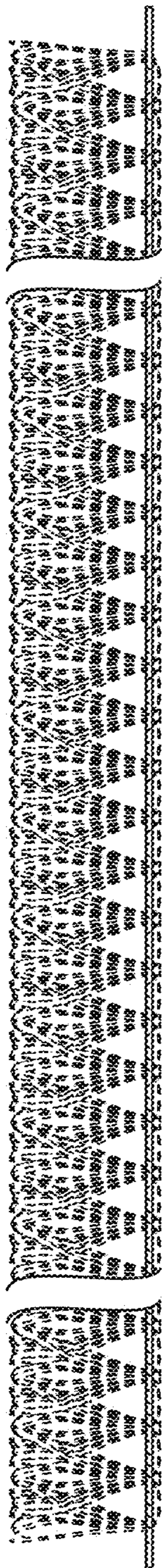


FIG. 4



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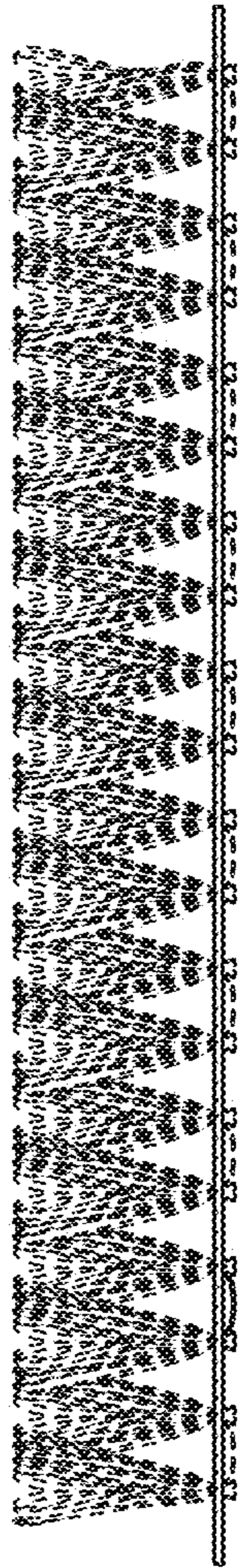


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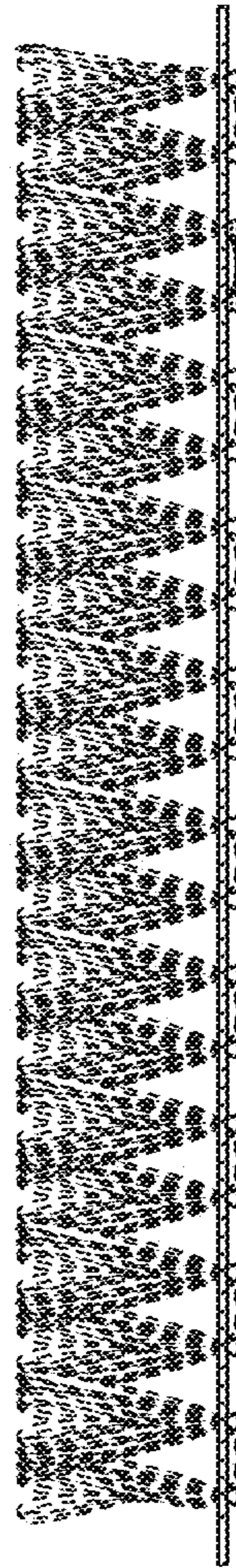


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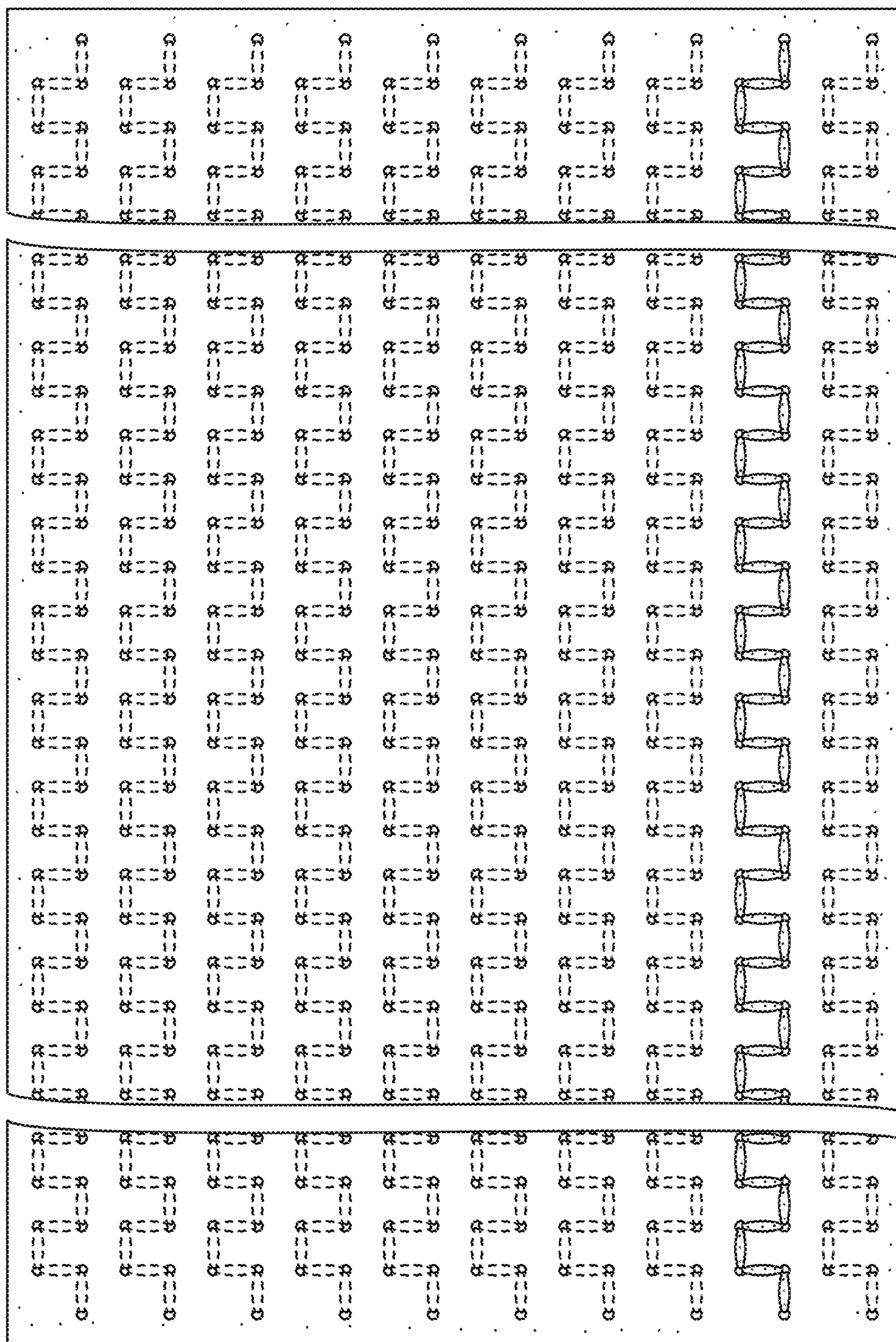


FIG. 8