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(54) **STRAWBERRY PLANT NAMED**
‘DRISSTRAWTWENTYTWO’

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15 (57) **ABSTRACT**

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A new and distinct variety of strawberry plant named ‘Dris-
StrawTwentyTwo’ characterized by having medium sized,
conical to an almost cylindrical shaped berries that are dark
red in color, and having a medium sweetness, is disclosed.

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Genus and species: *Fragaria×ananassa*.
Variety denomination: ‘DrisStrawTwentyTwo’.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention relates to a new and distinct straw-
berry variety designated ‘DrisStrawTwentyTwo’ and botani-
cally known as *Fragaria×ananassa*. This new strawberry
variety was the result of a controlled cross conducted in
Ventura County, Calif. in 2006 between the proprietary
female parent ‘DrisStrawThree’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 19,673)
and the proprietary male parent ‘50L206’ (unpatented). A
single plant was selected for asexual propagation via tissue
culture and vegetative cuttings in Shasta County, Calif. in
2007.

30 The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive
characteristics of ‘DrisStrawTwentyTwo’. The data which
define these characteristics is based on observations taken in
Ventura County, Calif. from 2007 to 2011. This description is
in accordance with UPOV terminology. Color designations,
color descriptions, and other phenotypical descriptions may
deviate from the stated values and descriptions depending
upon variation in environmental, seasonal, climatic, and cul-
tural conditions. ‘DrisStrawTwentyTwo’ has not been
observed under all possible environmental conditions. The
botanical description of ‘DrisStrawTwentyTwo’ was taken
from four-month-old plants. Color terminology follows The
Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, London (R.H.S.)
(2001).

‘DrisStrawTwentyTwo’ underwent further testing in Ven-
tura County for four years (2007-2011). The present inven-
tion has been found to retain its distinctive characteristics
through several asexual propagations via stolons.

Plant Breeder’s Rights for this variety have not been
applied for. ‘DrisStrawTwentyTwo’ has not been made pub-
licly available or sold more than one year prior to the filing
date of this application.

45 DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE
PLANT

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying color photographs show typical speci-
mens of the new variety at various stages of development. The
colors shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by
conventional photographic procedures. The photographs
were taken on four-month-old plants.

FIG. 1 shows overall plant habit including fruit at various
stages of development.

FIG. 2 shows leaves of the plant with three leaflets.

FIG. 3 shows both upper and lower surfaces of the flowers.

FIG. 4 shows the whole fruit.

FIG. 5 shows the fruit in longitudinal cross-section.

Classification:

Species.—*Fragaria×ananassa*.

Common name.—Strawberry.

Denomination.—‘DrisStrawTwentyTwo’.

Parentage:

Female parent.—The proprietary variety ‘DrisStraw-
Three’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 19,673).

Male parent.—The proprietary variety ‘50L206’ (unpat-
ented).

Plant:

Height.—23.0 cm.

Diameter.—45.4 cm.

Number of crowns/plant.—3.

Habit.—Globose — semi-upright.

Density of individual plant.—Dense.

Vigor.—Medium.

Leaves:

- Leaf length.*—20.0 cm.
Leaf width.—20.0 cm.
Terminal leaflet length.—8.1 cm.
Terminal leaflet width.—8.7 cm.
Terminal leaflet length/width ratio.—0.9 (as long as broad).
Number of teeth/terminal leaflet.—23.
Shape of teeth.—Rounded-crenate.
Color.—Upper surface: RHS 137A (Dark green). Lower surface: RHS 148B (Medium yellow-green).
Leaf shape in cross section.—Slightly concave.
Leaf blistering.—Weak.
Leaf glossiness.—Medium.
Number of leaflets.—3 only.
Terminal leaflet margin profile.—Revolute (margins rolled backwards).
Terminal leaflet shape.—Orbicular.
Terminal leaflet base shape.—Obtuse.
Terminal leaflet apex descriptor.—Rounded.
Terminal leaflet size.—Large.
Terminal leaflet variegation.—Absent.
Terminal leaflet margin.—Serrate.

Petiole:

- Length.*—Short; 14.1 cm.
Diameter.—3.52 mm.
Pubescence.—Lightly puberulent.
Pose of hairs.—Outwards — horizontal.
Color.—RHS 145A (Medium yellow-green).

Petiolule:

- Color.*—RHS 146C (Medium yellow-green).
Length.—11.96 mm.
Diameter.—1.75 mm.
Bract frequency.—0.

Stipule:

- Length.*—3.5 cm.
Width.—10.99 mm.
Pubescence.—Medium.
Stipule anthocyanin coloration.—Absent or very weak.

Stolon:

- Number.*—Few.
Average number of daughter plants per plant.—45.
Stolon anthocyanin coloration.—Very strong.
Stolon anthocyanin color.—RHS 60A (Dark red-purple).
Thickness.—Thick.
Pubescence.—Dense.

Inflorescence:

- Position relative to foliage.*—Beneath.
Number of flowers.—40.
Time of flowering (50% of plants at first flower).—May 1 to January 1.
Flower size.—Medium.
Diameter.—31.74 mm.
Petals.—Shape: Orbicular. Apex: Rounded. Base: Concave-convex. Margin: Entire. Spacing: Overlapping. Length: 15.29 mm. Width: 14.69 mm. Length/width ratio: 1.0; as long as broad. Typical petal number per flower: 6. Observed petal number per flower: 5 to 7.
Color (upper surface): RHS 155B (White).
Calyx.—Diameter: 32.42 mm. Diameter relative to corolla: Same size. Inner calyx diameter relative to outer: Same size.
Sepal.—Shape: Elliptical. Apex: Convex. Margin: Entire. Length: 11.32 mm. Width: 5.73 mm. Typical

sepal number per flower: 12. Observed sepal number per flower: 10 to 14. Receptacle color: RHS 2B (Medium yellow). Anther color: RHS 13B (Medium yellow). Stamen: Present.

Pedicel.—Attitude of hairs: Slightly upwards.

Fruiting truss:

- Length.*—Medium; 18.5 cm.
Diameter at base of truss.—3.89 mm.
Number of berries per fruiting truss.—5.
Attitude at first picking.—Prostrate.
Color at base of truss.—RHS 145A (Medium yellow-green).

Fruit:

- Length.*—44.45 mm.
Width.—40.66 mm.
Length/width ratio.—1.1 (as long as broad).
Fruit hollow length.—19.48 mm.
Fruit hollow width.—10.96 mm.
Fruit hollow length/width ration.—1.8.
Fruit hollow center (cavity).—Large.
Weight (per individual berry).—30.6 g.
Relative fruit size.—Medium.
Predominant fruit shape.—Conical and almost cylindrical.
Difference in shape between primary and secondary fruits.—None or very slight.
Unevenness of fruit surface.—Slightly uneven.
Fruit skin color.—RHS 46A (Dark red).
Evenness of fruit color.—Even or very slightly uneven.
Fruit glossiness.—Medium.
Insertion of achenes.—Below surface.
Achene coloration (sunward side of berry).—RHS 183A (Dark greyed-purple).
Achene coloration (shaded side of berry).—RHS 153C (Medium yellow-green).
Achenes per berry.—384.
Achene weight (weight of achenes in grams divided by total # seed).—0.000567526 g.
Band without achenes.—Narrow.
Insertion of calyx.—Level.
Pose of calyx segments.—Reflexed — upwards.
Size of calyx in relation to fruit.—Slightly larger.
Adherence of calyx.—Very strong.
Firmness of flesh.—Firm.
Color of flesh (excluding core).—RHS 43A (Medium red) and RHS 155D (White).
Color of core.—RHS 46A (Dark red) and RHS N155B (White).
Evenness of flesh color.—Even.
Distribution of flesh color.—Marginal and central.
Sweetness.—Medium.
Acidity.—Medium.
Texture when tasted.—Coarse.
Type of bearing.—Fully everbearing — fully remontant.
Grams of fruit/plant.—285.1.
Harvest interval.—Late September to mid-December.
Harvest maturity.—Mid-season.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL AND COMMERCIAL VARIETIES

When 'DrisStrawTwentyTwo' is compared to the proprietary female parent 'DrisStrawThree' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 19,673), 'DrisStrawTwentyTwo' has smaller fruit, firmer

fruit, and less sweet than 'DrisStrawThree'. Additionally, 'DrisStrawTwentyTwo' is more vigorous and has lower yields.

When 'DrisStrawTwentyTwo' is compared to the proprietary male parent '50L206', 'DrisStrawTwentyTwo' is less vigorous, has higher yields, better flavor, and more conic shaped fruit.

When 'DrisStrawTwentyTwo' is compared to the commercial variety 'DrisStrawSeventeen' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 22,218), 'DrisStrawTwentyTwo' has medium-sized fruit,

with a medium red and white fruit flesh color, a conical and almost cylindrical fruit shape, slightly even fruit surface and medium vigor, while 'DrisStrawSeventeen' has very large sized fruit, with a medium orange red and white fruit flesh color, a wedged shape, strong unevenness of fruit surface and very strong vigor.

We claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of strawberry plant as described and shown herein.

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FIG. 1

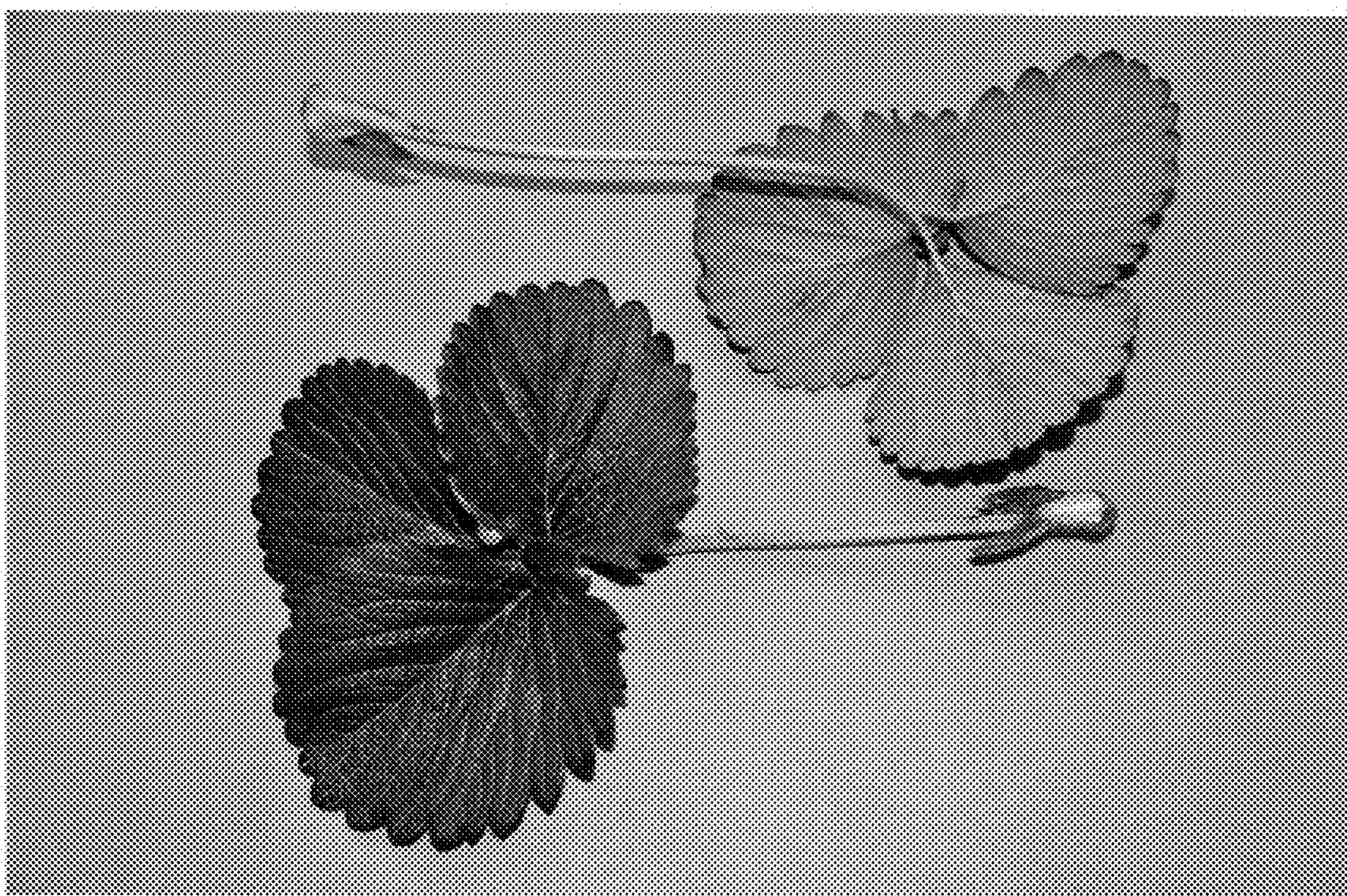


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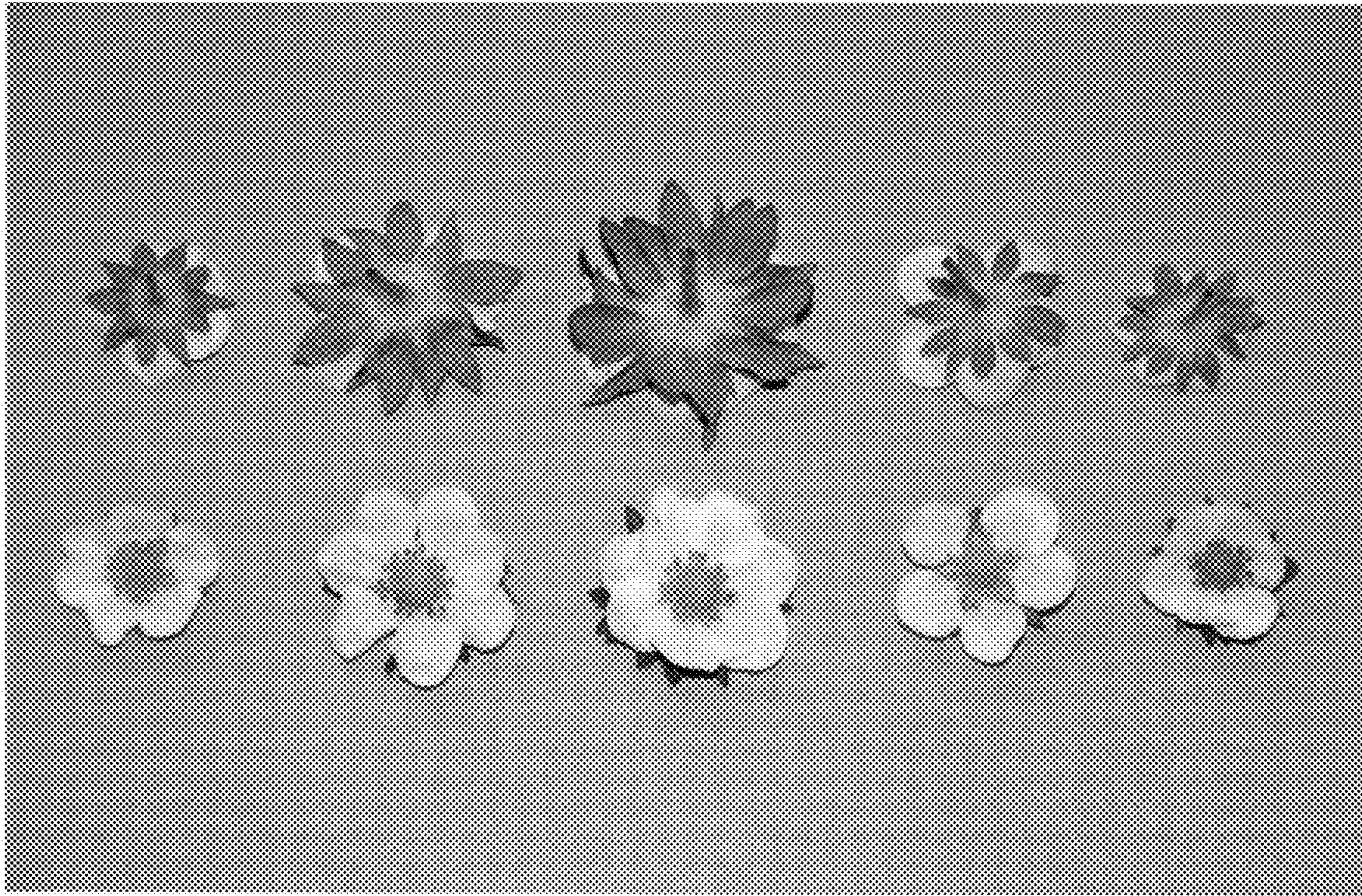


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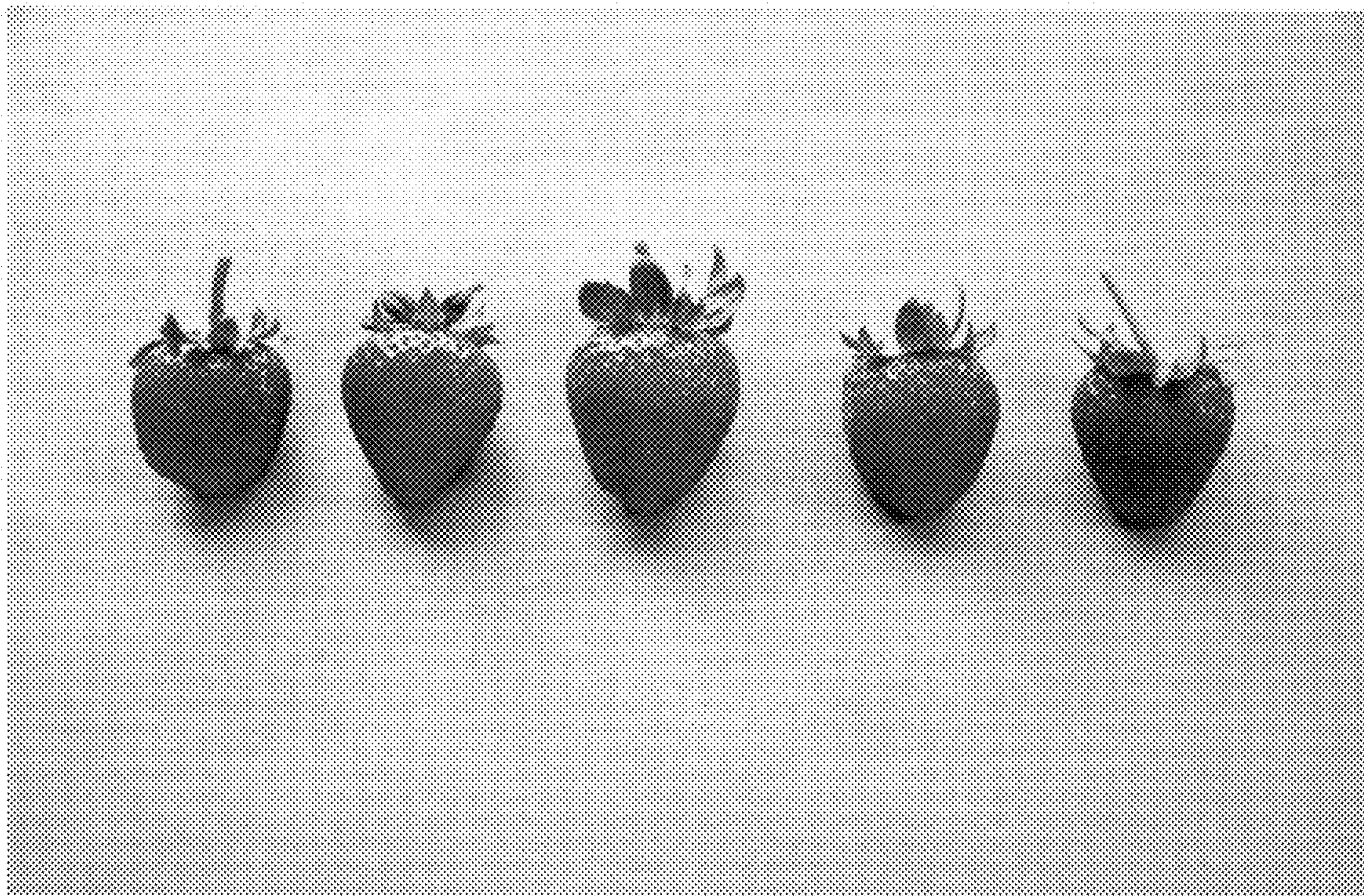


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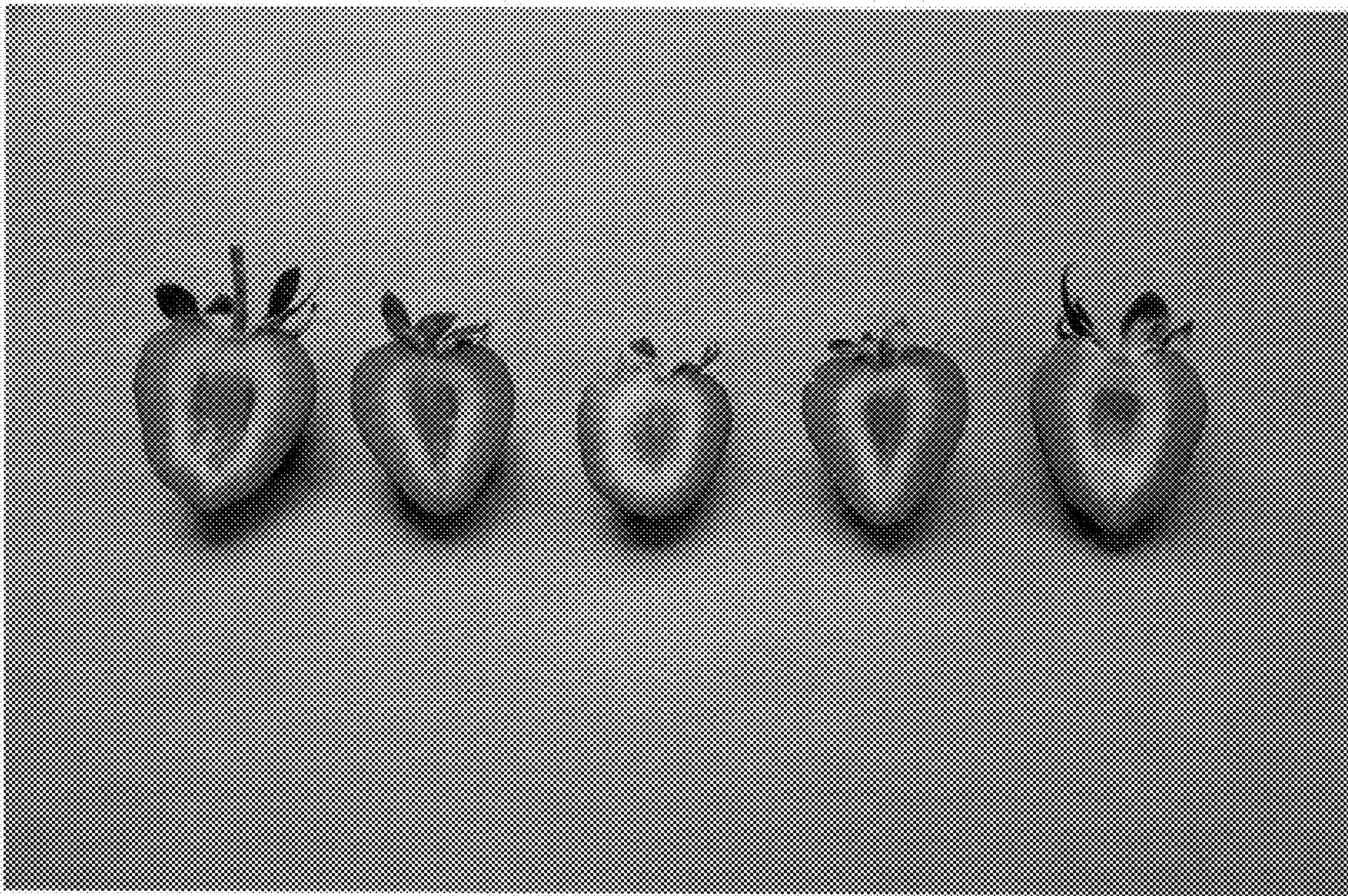


FIG. 5