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(54) **Doormat**

(57) A doormat or floor mat comprises a steel wire frame (10), a series of rubber or plastics separators (12) formed with ridges or studs (12D), each extending between two opposite parallel sides (10A) of the frame (10), the two sides (10A) of the frame extending respectively through two end holes (12A) of each separator (12), a series of wires (14) each extending parallel to the two sides (10A) of the frame (10) through relatively small holes (12C) in the separators (12). a series of spacer

tubes (16) placed on each said wire (14), with one such spacer tube (16) in between each adjacent pair of separators (12), to space the separators (12) apart from each other, and a series of twisted-in fibre rods (18) each rotatably extending, parallel to the two sides (10A) of the frame (10), through relatively large holes (12B) in the separators (12), in between the wires (14) and spacer tubes (16).

The mat is reversible, the underside being identical to the topside whichever way up the mat is placed.

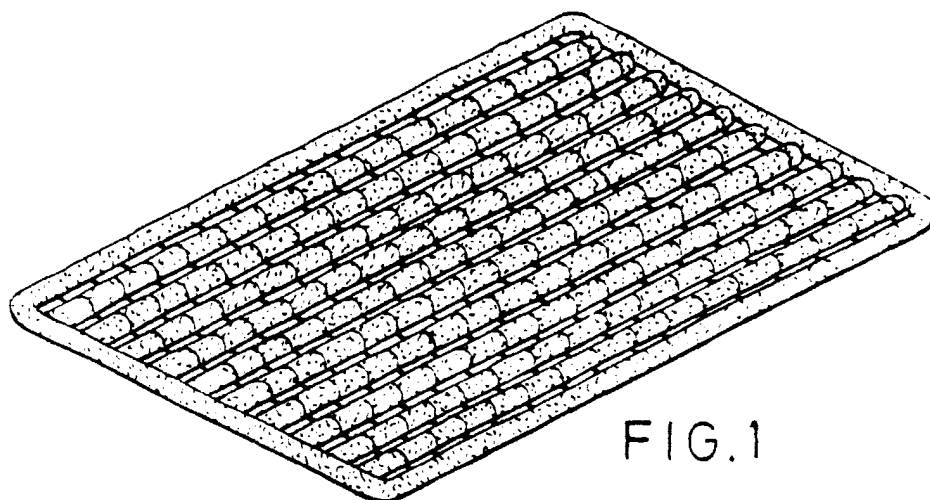


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