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(54) **Method for manufacturing mosaic tesserae with an antique appearance, and tesserae manufactured thereby**

(57) A method for manufacturing antique mosaic tesserae, comprising the steps of:

- placing a slab-like matrix (5) under a cutting unit (1), arranging the matrix (5) upside down so that the exposed face is directed away from the unit;
- scoring the laying side along at least two directions and to a preset and adjustable depth, creating preferential fracture lines (6);
- fracturing the slab-like matrix (5) scored on the laying face; and
- tumbling the resulting tesserae in order to round their edges.

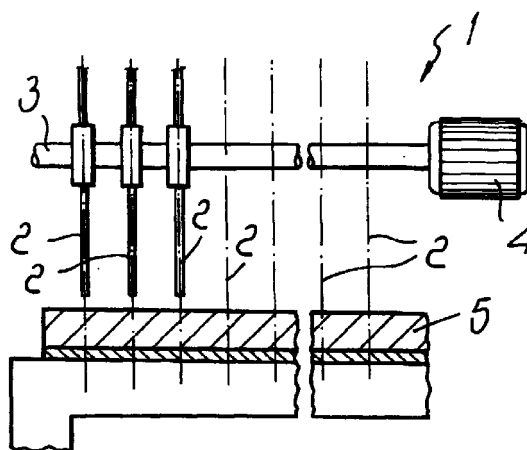


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