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(54) IMPROVED SPIRAL FABRICS

(57) Abstract:

A spiral-link fabric (10) for use in a papermaking machine or the like. The spiral-link fabric may include a plurality of spiral coils (12, 14) arranged in a predetermined manner such that adjacent ones of side-by-side spiral coils are interdigitated with each other so asto form a channel (26) and interconnected by a pintle (24) extending through the channel (26). At least some of the plurality of spiral coils have a coil width of approximately 12 nun or larger. The ratio of coil thickness to coil width may be approximately 0.5 or less.

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