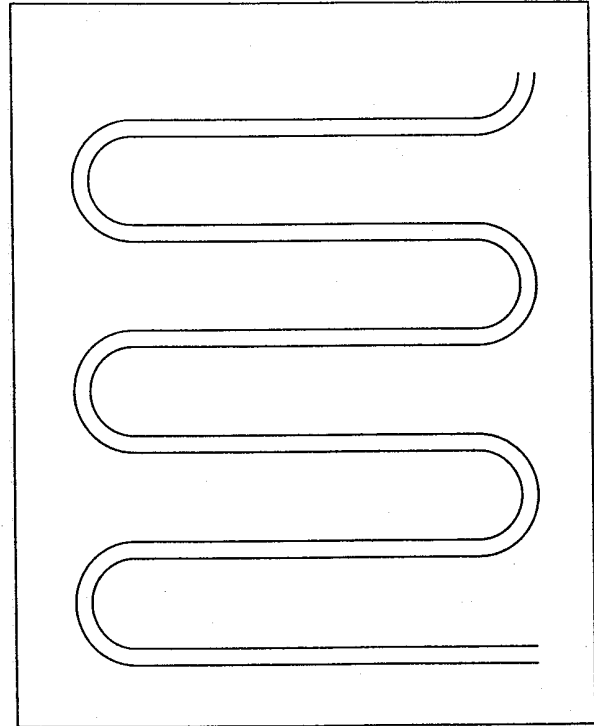




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A system for water storage and water transport to minimize evaporative loss by means of a porous medium which has a minimal capillary force.		

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