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Pearlitic structure of cast iron. The basic mass is coarse pearlite; the black stripes are graphite. Chemical analysis (in percent): carbon, 3.20; silicon, 1.20; manganese, 0.78; phosphorus, 0.28; sulfur, 0.04. [By courtesy of E. Leitz, Inc.]