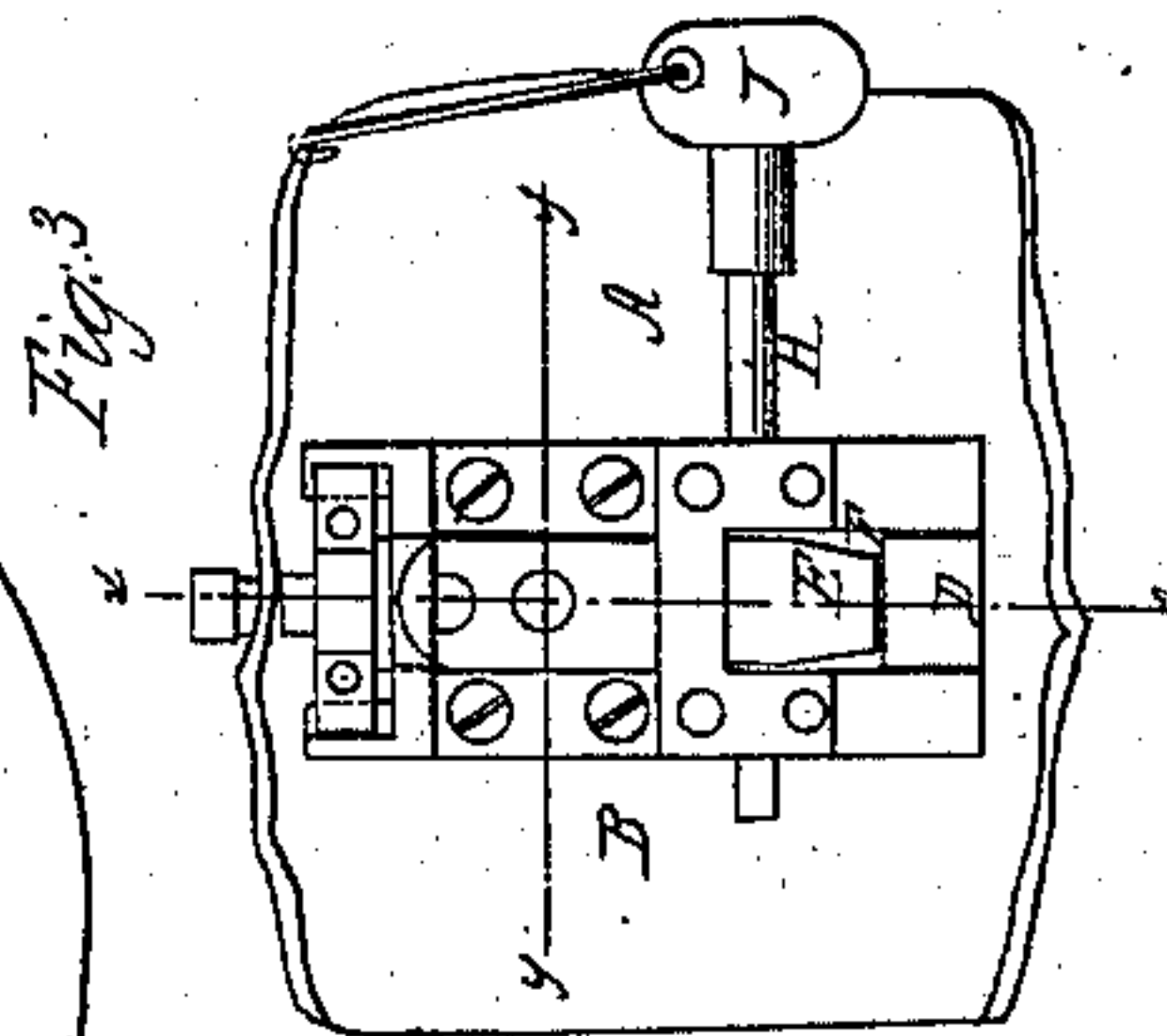
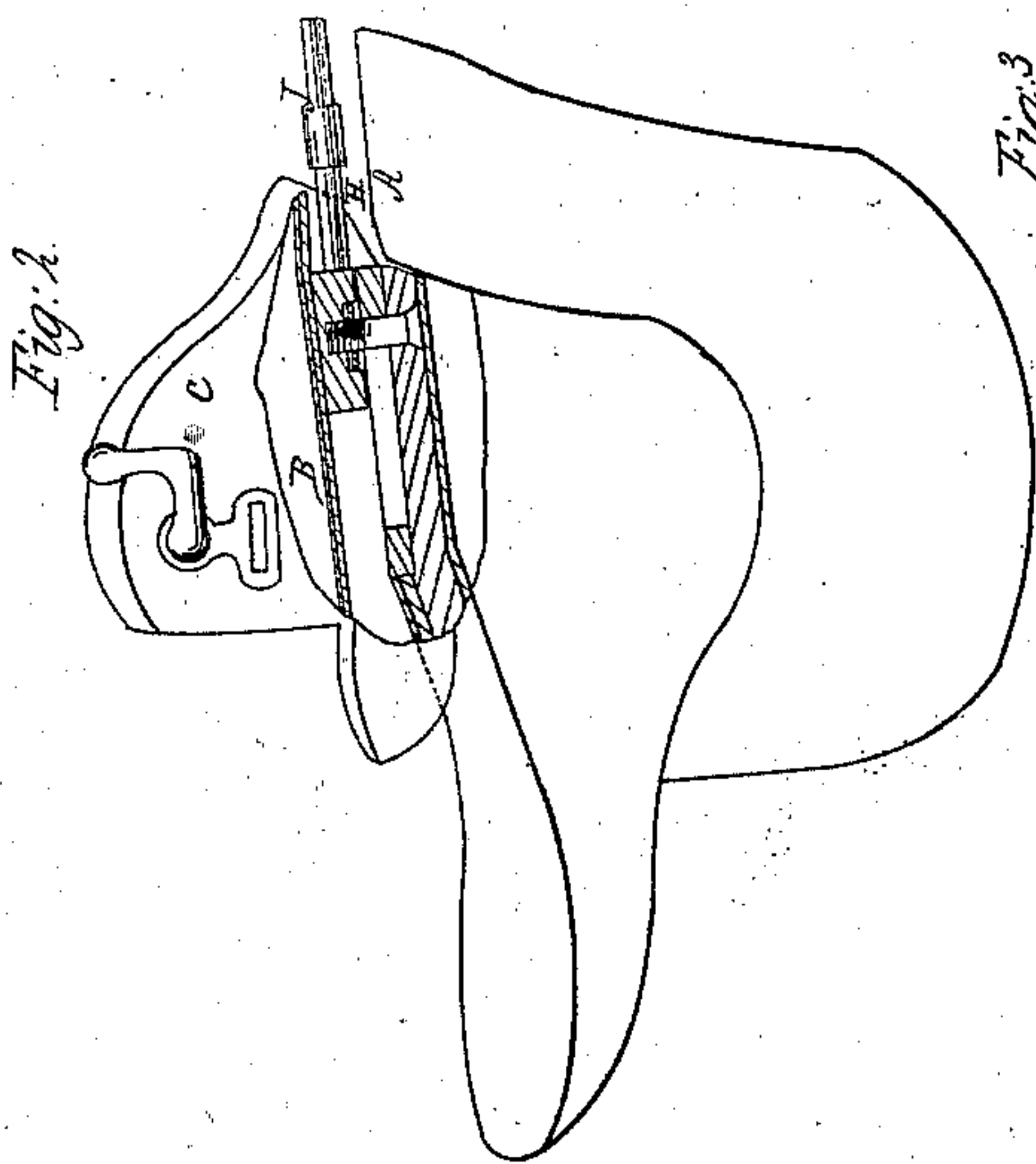
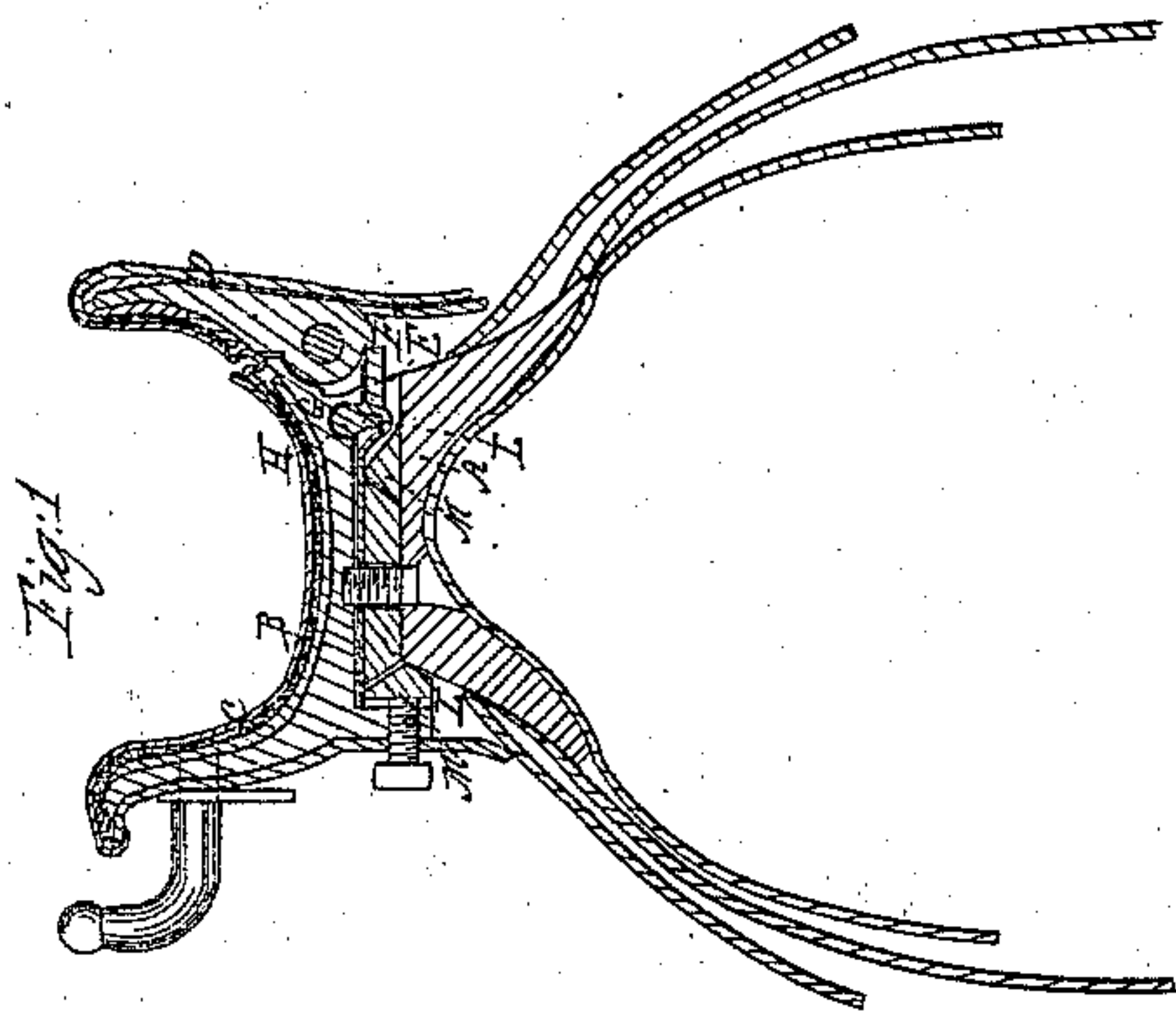


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IMPROVEMENT IN SIDE-SADDLES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 56,875, dated August 7, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA A. BARTLETT, of Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Side-Saddles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention consists in so arranging and attaching one of the horns of the side-saddle upon and to its tree or frame that it can be dropped down into such a position as to allow the rider to mount or dismount with the greatest facility and ease and without the least danger of the skirts becoming caught upon such horn, which, with the side-saddles now in common use, oftentimes endangers not only the limbs but the life of the rider.

In accompanying plate of drawings my improvement in side-saddles is illustrated, Figure 1 being a transverse section of a side-saddle made according thereto and taken in the plane of the line *x x*, Fig. 3; Fig. 2, a longitudinal vertical section taken in the plane of the line *y y*, Fig. 3, and Fig. 3 a plan view of the under side of the seat of the saddle detached from its tree or framing.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A in the drawings represents the tree or framing of the side-saddle, which may be made of the usual or any other proper construction, except so far as the present invention extends; B, its seat portion, provided with horns C and D, one upon each side, one of which, C, is fixed in position, while the other, D, is hinged to the seat so that it can be either swung up into a vertical position or down into a horizontal position, or nearly so, the said horn, when in a vertical position, being held there by means of a spring-catch, E, suitably arranged upon the under side of the saddle-seat to engage or interlock with the notch or shoulder F, made in the lower end of the said

horn D, and also prevented from swinging down too far by its said shoulder F coming to a rest against the shoulder G of the saddle-seat.

To relieve the spring-catch E from the horn-notch F a rod, H, is hung in the seat of the saddle, in suitable position for its cam or eccentric portion I, as the said rod is turned by its head J upon the outside and front end of the saddle in the proper direction, to come to a bearing against the upper side of the said spring-catch, and, forcing it down, disengage it from the notch or shoulder of the horn.

From the above description of the manner in which one of the horns is secured and hung to the side-saddle, whereby such horn is enabled to be swung down into a horizontal position, or nearly so, it is plainly apparent that the mounting of or dismounting from the saddle can be accomplished with the greatest ease and facility, and without the least danger of the skirts of the rider, whether a lady or miss, becoming caught in such horn, the advantages and importance of which are self-evident to all without any especial mention herein.

The saddle-seat is arranged upon the upper side of its tree or framing A by its dovetailed strip L, within and between the corresponding-shaped raised parallel flanges or ribs M of the tree, so that the seat can be adjusted either farther forward or backward upon the tree, according as may be necessary or desirable, any suitable means being provided for setting it at such adjustment—as, for instance, a set-screw.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A side-saddle having one of its horns arranged thereon and attached thereto so as to be operated substantially in the manner described and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 4th day of April, 1866.

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