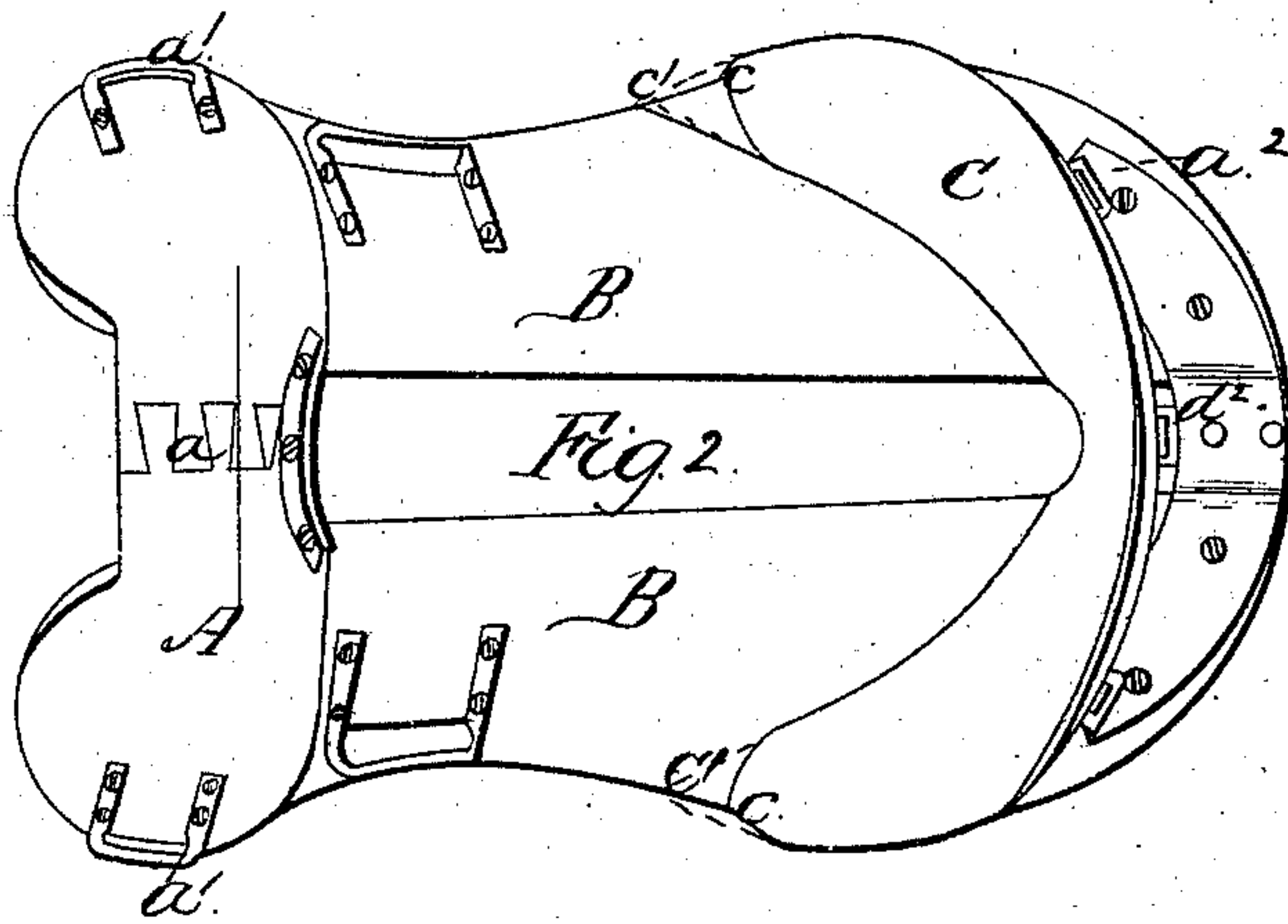
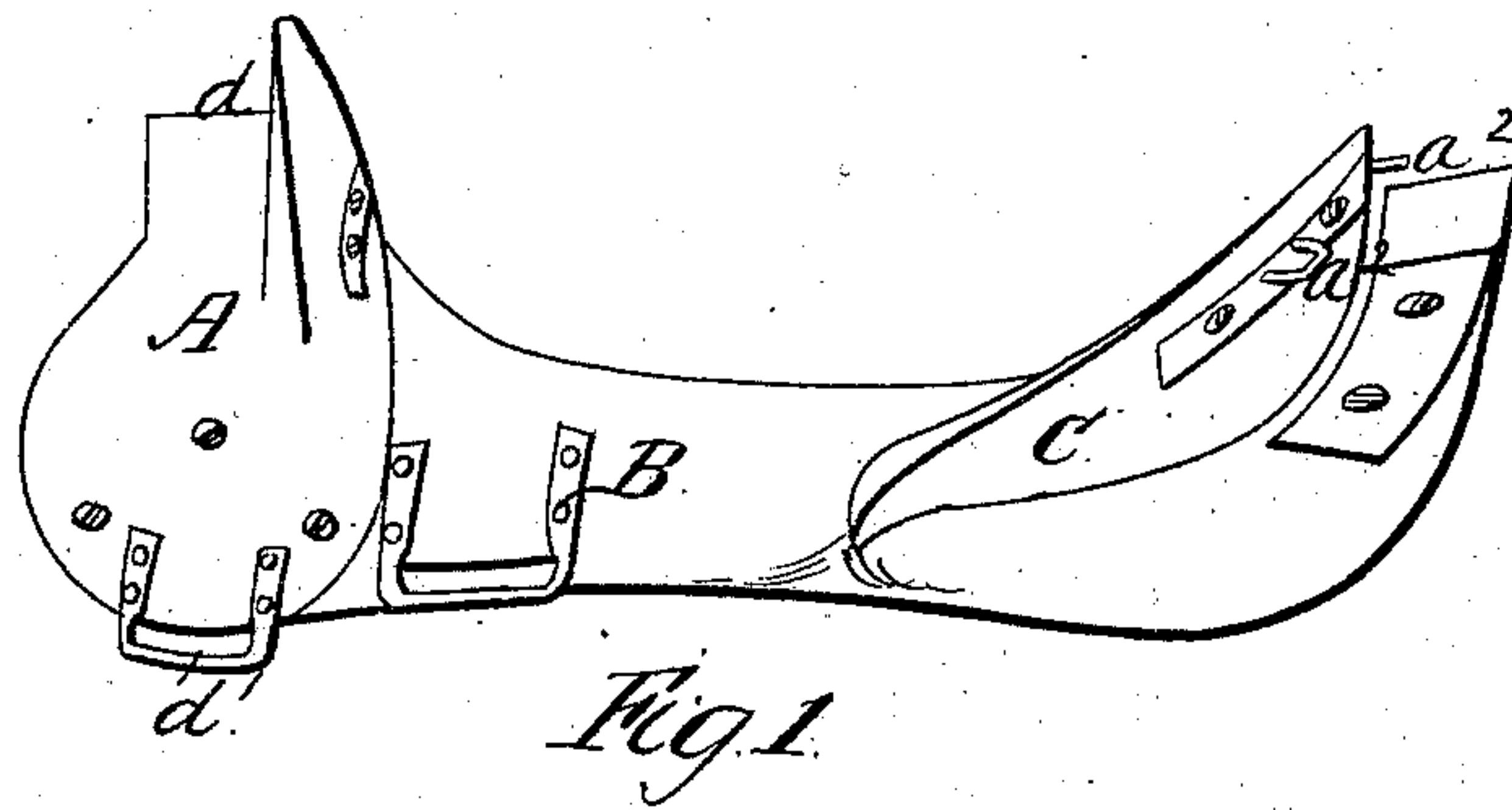


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## IMPROVED SADDLE-TREE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, D. A. DIXON, of the city and county of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Saddle-Trees; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and clear description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference thereon.

This invention relates to an improved construction of the pommel, whereby it is extended far enough forward to receive and sustain the connecting-belt of the saddle-bags, thereby enabling the animal to support the weight of the said bags directly over the shoulders, which is the strongest part of the body, and not over the small of the back, as formerly. The bottom part of the pommel is also improved by the addition of a metallic loop, from which to suspend the carbine. The invention also relates to an improved construction of the cantle, whereby its ends are rounded off on their forward parts, so as to form an easy curve between them and the side bars, thus enabling a trooper to swing the leg back as in the use of the sabre, without unpleasantly pressing against the ends of the cantle. Iron staples are also inserted in the cantle-plate for the cloak-straps, instead of using straps passed through mortises in the cantle, which always wear the rider unpleasantly.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my improved saddle-tree, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

Figure 1, of the drawings, represents a side elevation of the improved tree.

Figure 2 is a plan of it.

The pommel A is attached to the side bars B, in the usual manner, and the improvement in its construction consists in the extension of it further forward than the old-style trees were made, so as to form a shelf, *a*, over which to carry the saddle-bags. There is also an iron loop, *a'*, at the bottom end of the pommel, on either side, for the attachment of the carbine of a trooper. The cantle C is improved by rounding off the corners *c c*, as shown in the drawings, instead of allowing them to extend forward to an acute angle, as shown by dotted lines *c'*. Iron staples, *c''*, are also added to the back part of the cantle for the attachment of the cloak-straps.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination and arrangement of the loop *a'* with the pommel A.
2. I claim the construction of the cantle C, substantially as described and set forth.

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