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Riding Saddle.

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Fig. 1.

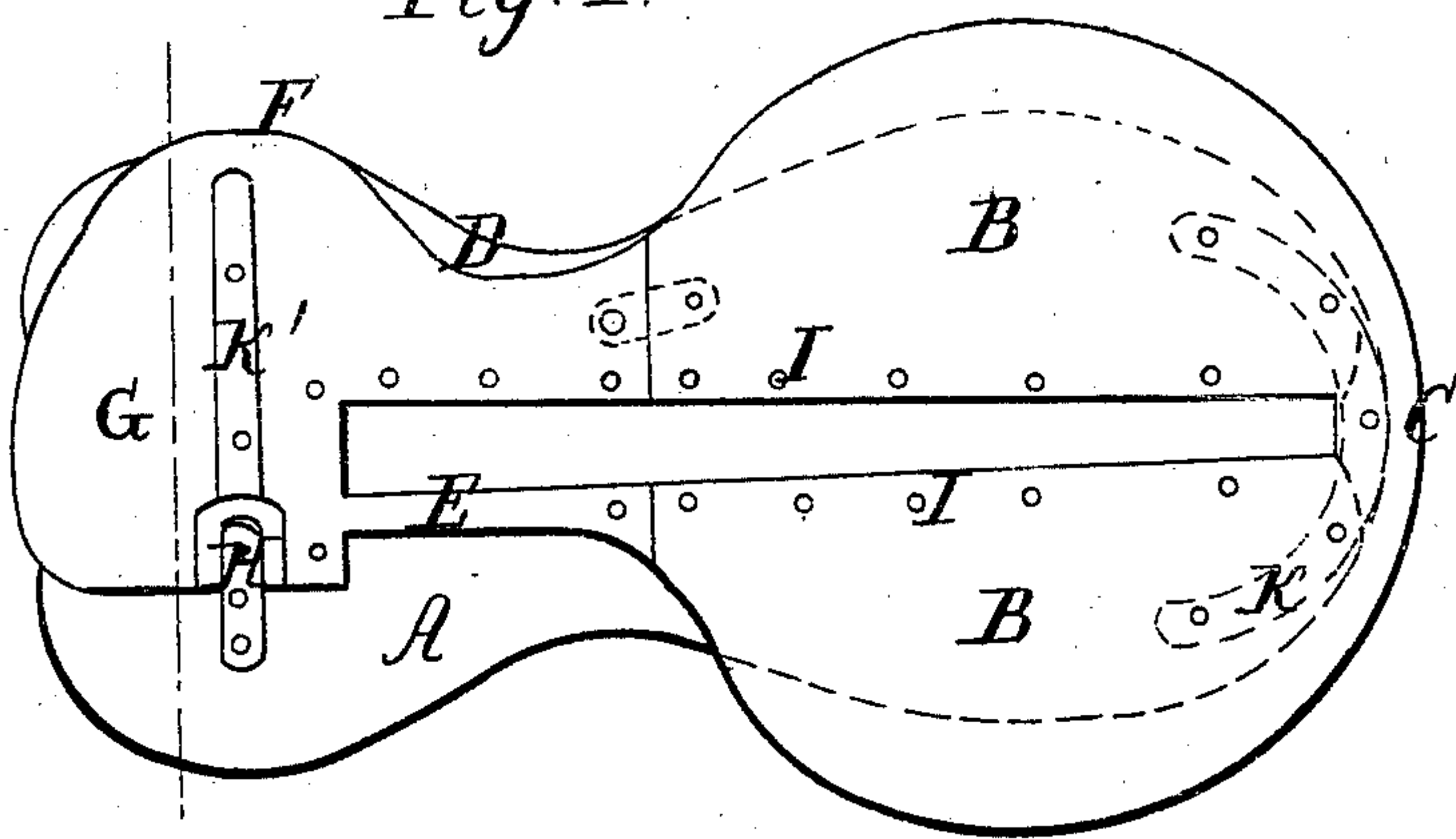
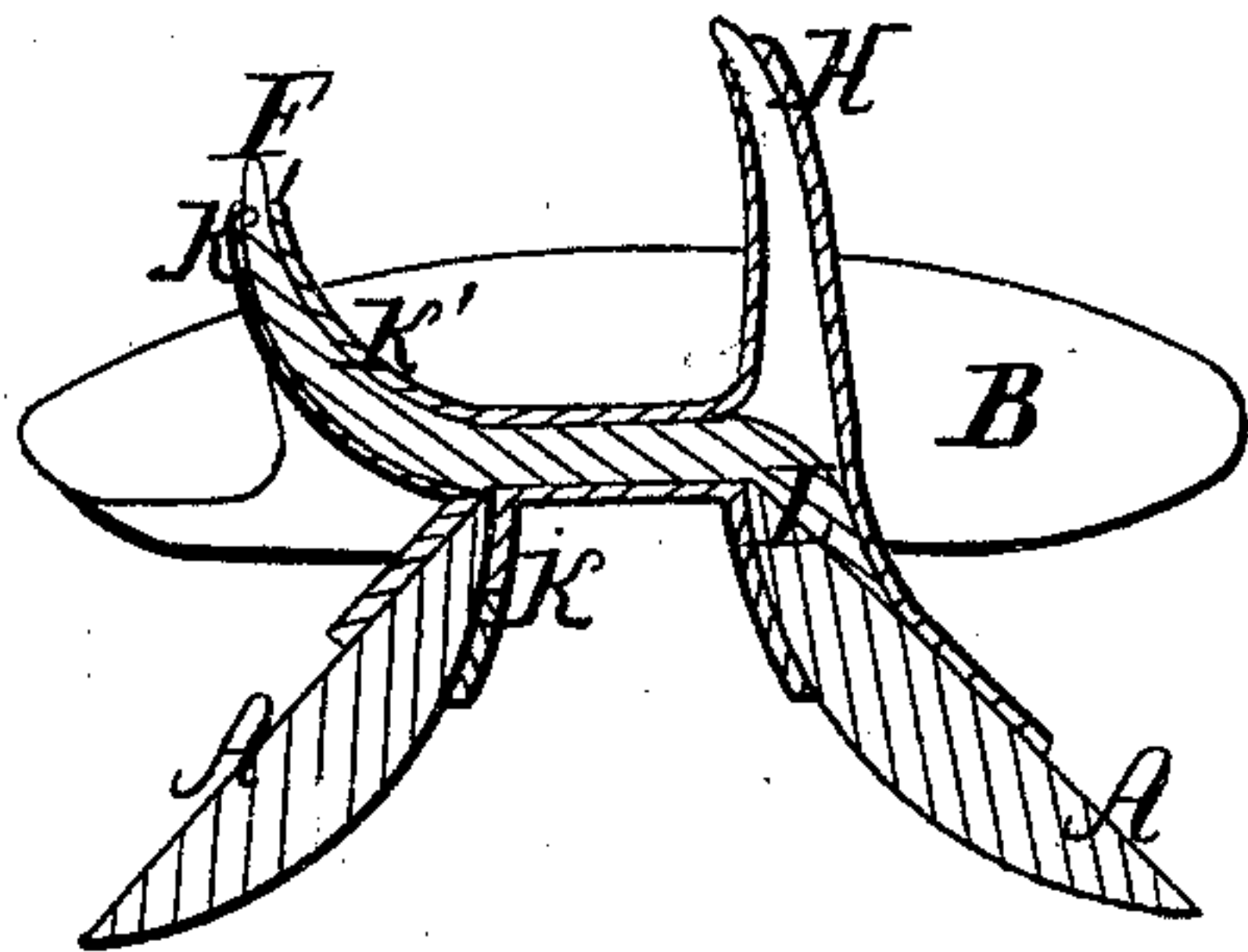


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED SIDE-SADDLE.

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN T. GATHRIGHT and JOHN C. FREEMAN, of the city of Louisville, in the county of Jefferson, and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Side-Saddles; and we 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 drawing, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in the construction of side-saddle trees, the object of which is to provide a more perfect and properly-formed seat than the saddles now in use have, and to provide a simple and cheap arrangement of the same.

The invention consists in a seat of peculiar construction and application to the side bars or pads usually employed, the said seat being made of thin wood, and pressed into the proper shape, to comprise the cantle, seat proper, back and fore-springs, off horn, and the support for the near horn, and in the manner of securing it to the side-bars, all as hereinafter more fully specified.

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a saddle, constructed according to our improvement, and

Figure 2 represents a transverse section, taken on the line *x x* of fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

To the ordinary bars A, which rest on the back of the animal, we propose to apply a seat, B, preferably of wood, comprising the cantle C, seat proper, off spring

D, near spring E, off horn F, front G, and support for the near horn H.

This seat we propose to make of thin, tough wood, capable of being pressed into the proper shape, and of retaining said shape, and we connect it to the said bars A by flattening them at the upper edges, to make a suitably broad space for securing the seat by screws, nails, or otherwise, as shown at I.

Suitable braces, K, of thin flat strips of metal, may also be used for making the connection more permanent.

This seat may be pressed into shape by any suitably-shaped formers, being first steamed, or it may be pressed dry, the formers being heated; or any preferred means may be used for producing the desired shape.

The off horn F may have the braces K continued to or near to the top, as shown in fig. 2, for assisting to maintain the required position thereof.

The near horn H is connected to the front G, which is bent down and lapped over the side-bar A, as shown at L, by inserting the base thereof in recesses, in the bent portion of the said front part.

Having thus described our invention,

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the side-bars A, of a seat, B C D F G, pressed into the form shown and described.

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