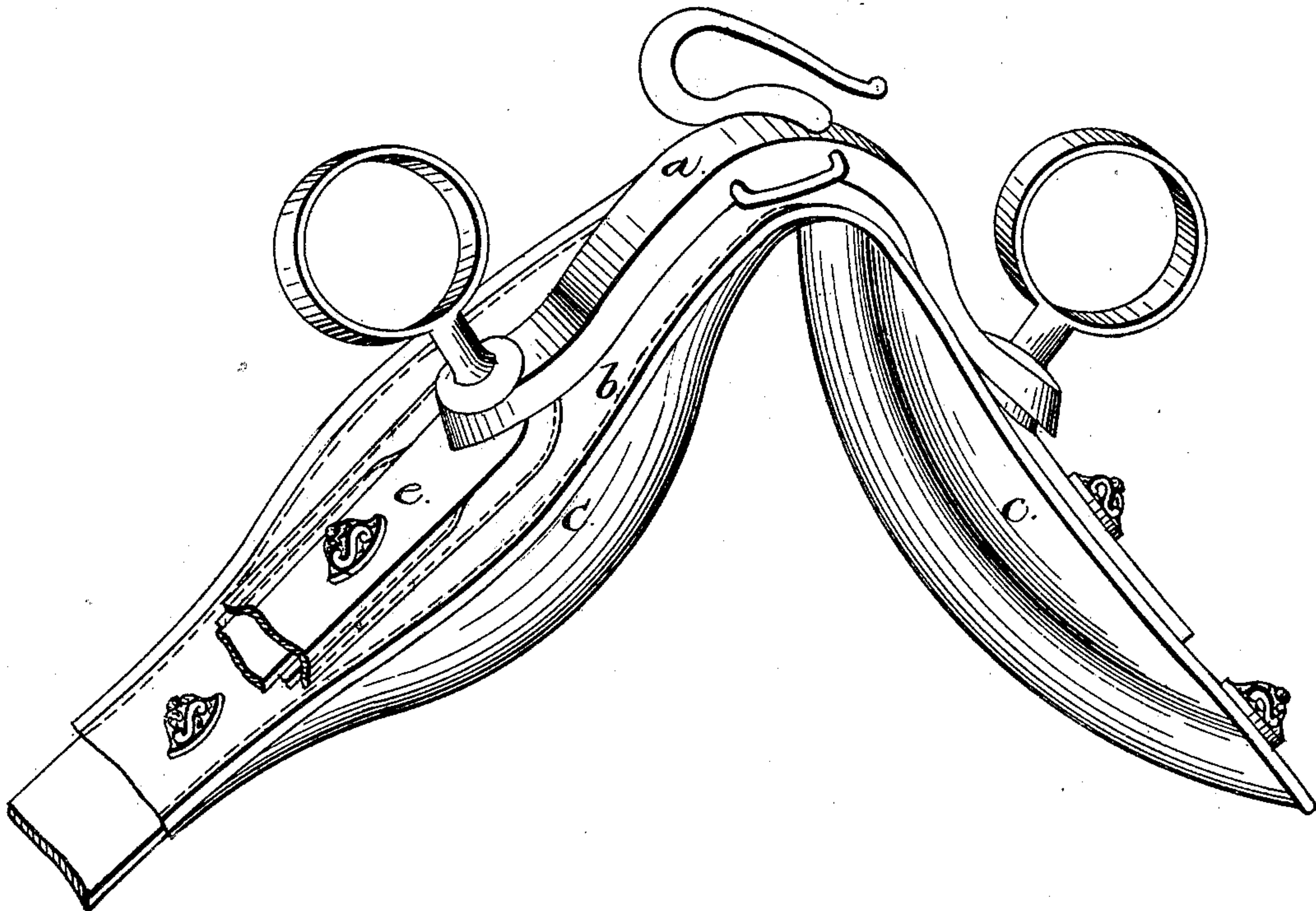


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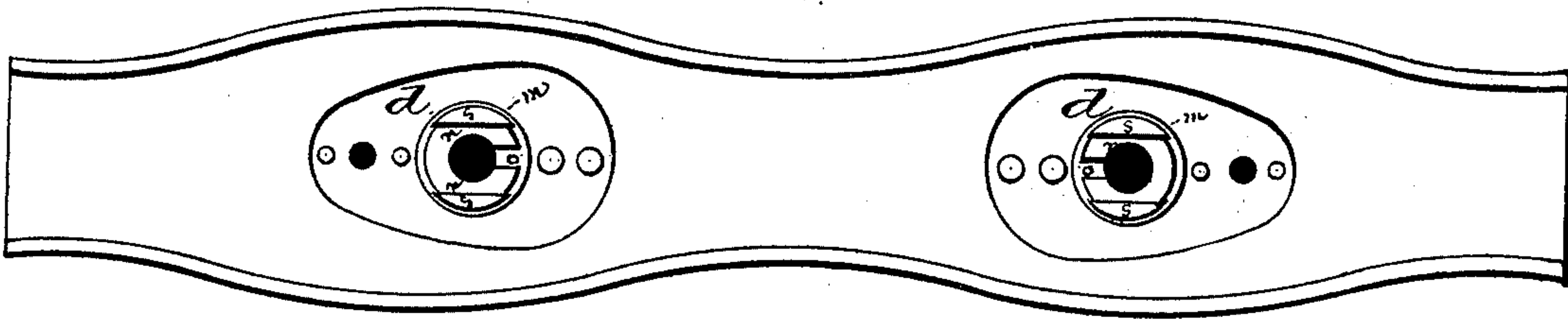
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN COACH-PADS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **175,911**, dated April 11, 1876; application filed January 4, 1876.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES F. BEST, of Galva, in the county of Henry and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coach-Pads, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in coach-pads; and consists in the employment of an arched bridge or tree, in connection with a continuous housing provided with adjusting-pads, whereby the motion of the self-adjusting pads is limited, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, *a* represents an arched bridge or tree, constructed in the usual manner, and provided with terrets, connecting it with the saddle in the usual way. *b* indicates a housing, made continuous to limit the motion of the self-adjusting pads *c c*, applied to the lower face thereof. The letters *r* are the rocking terret-nuts, each provided

with a slot, *o*, in its upper end, and recesses in its sides, which, when the bridge *a* is applied thereto, engage with flanges and a projection in the end opening in the tree or bridge, in the ordinary manner.

By the employment of a continuous housing the motion of the self-adjusting pads is limited, and likewise prevents the arched bridge from ever coming in direct contact with the back of the horse, which is the case with the ordinary coach-pad of this class, causing injury to the horse's back.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with a coach-pad provided with the arched bridge *a* and adjusting-pads *c*, as described, a continuous housing, as and for the purpose set forth.

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