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Military Saddle.

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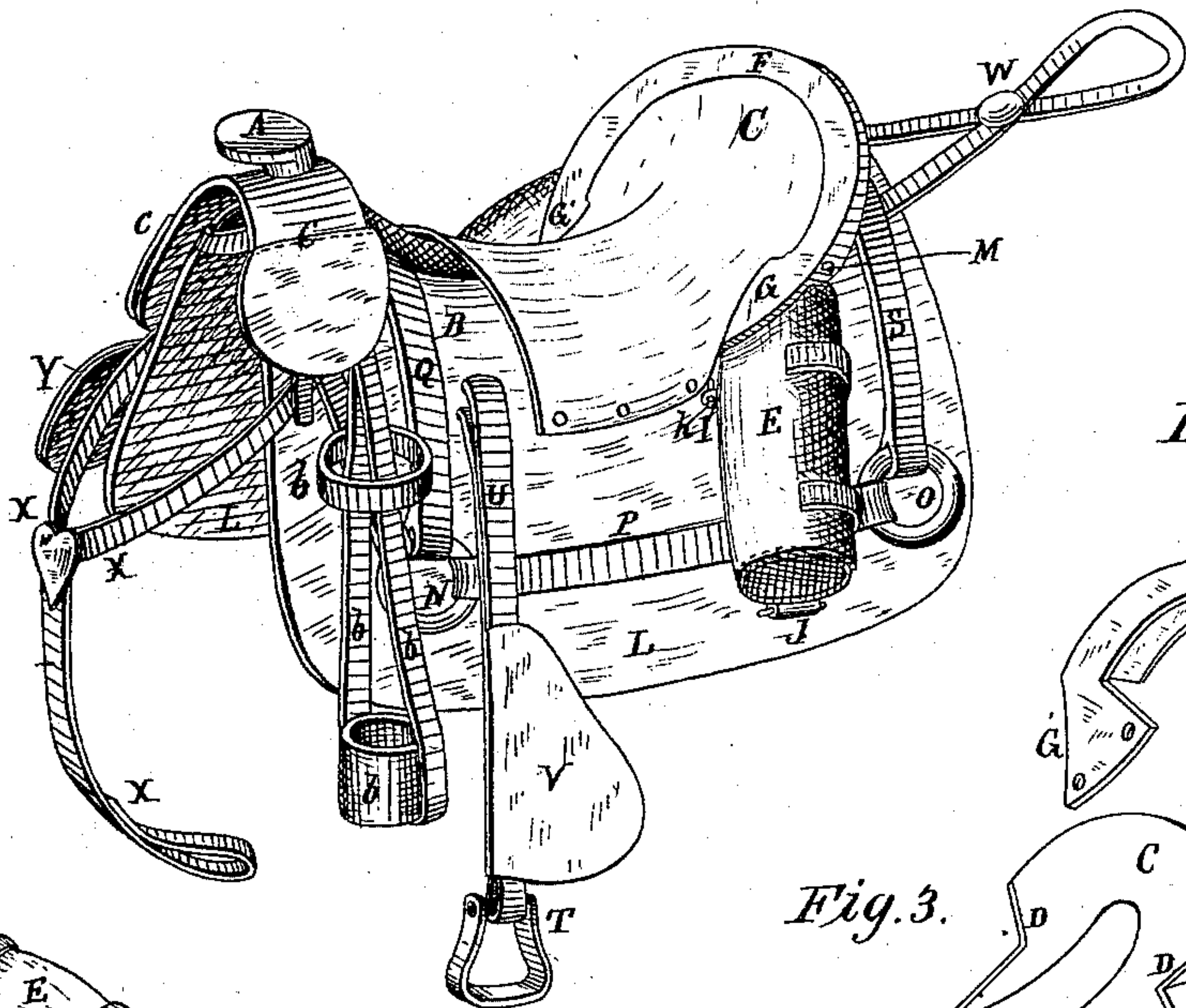


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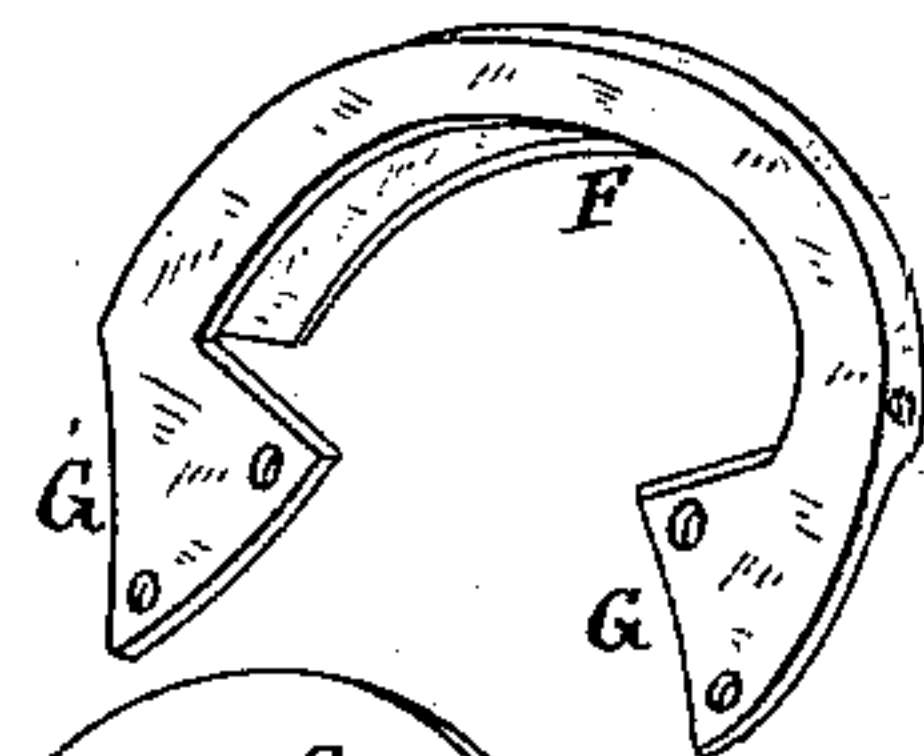


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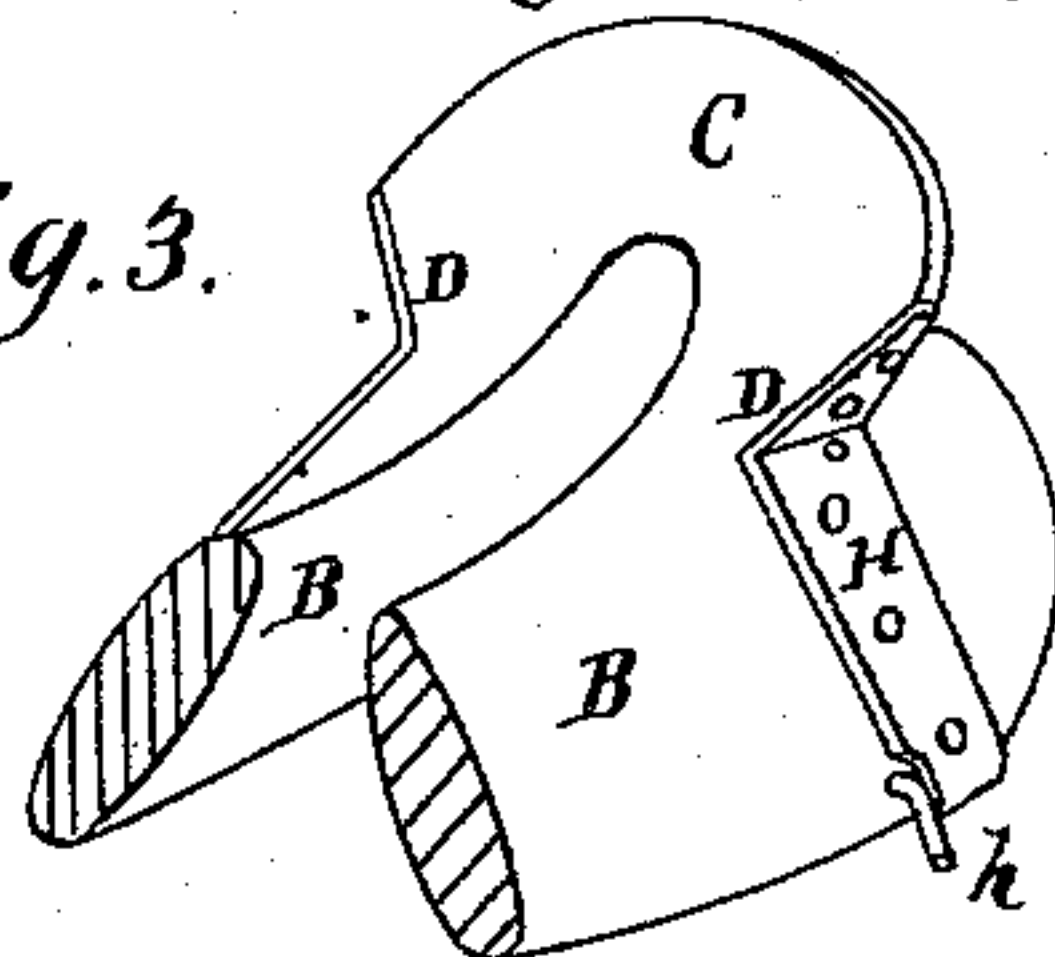


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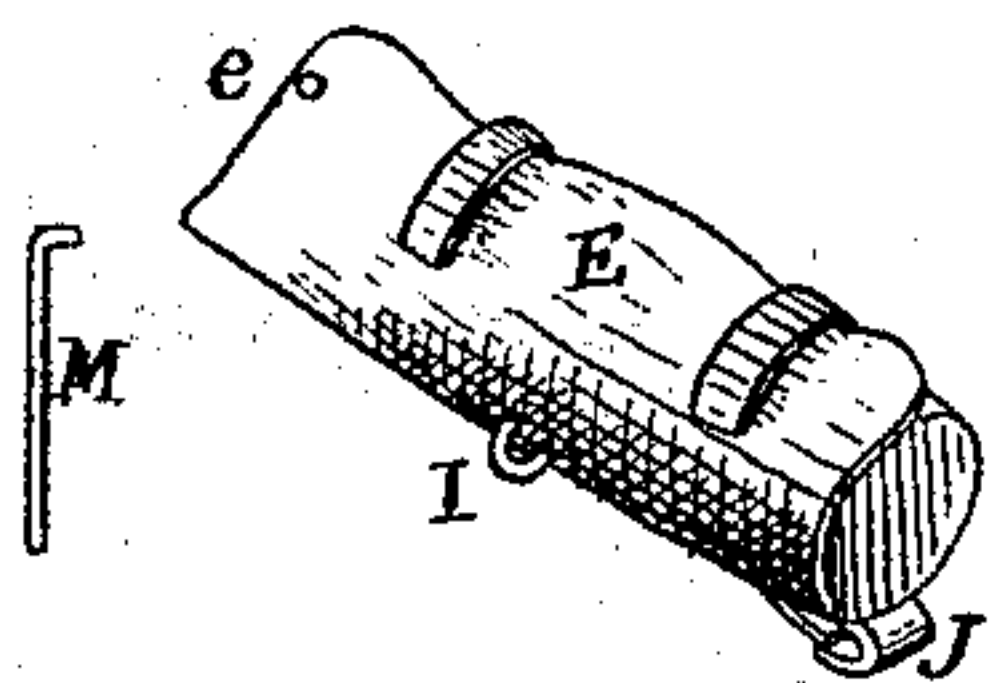


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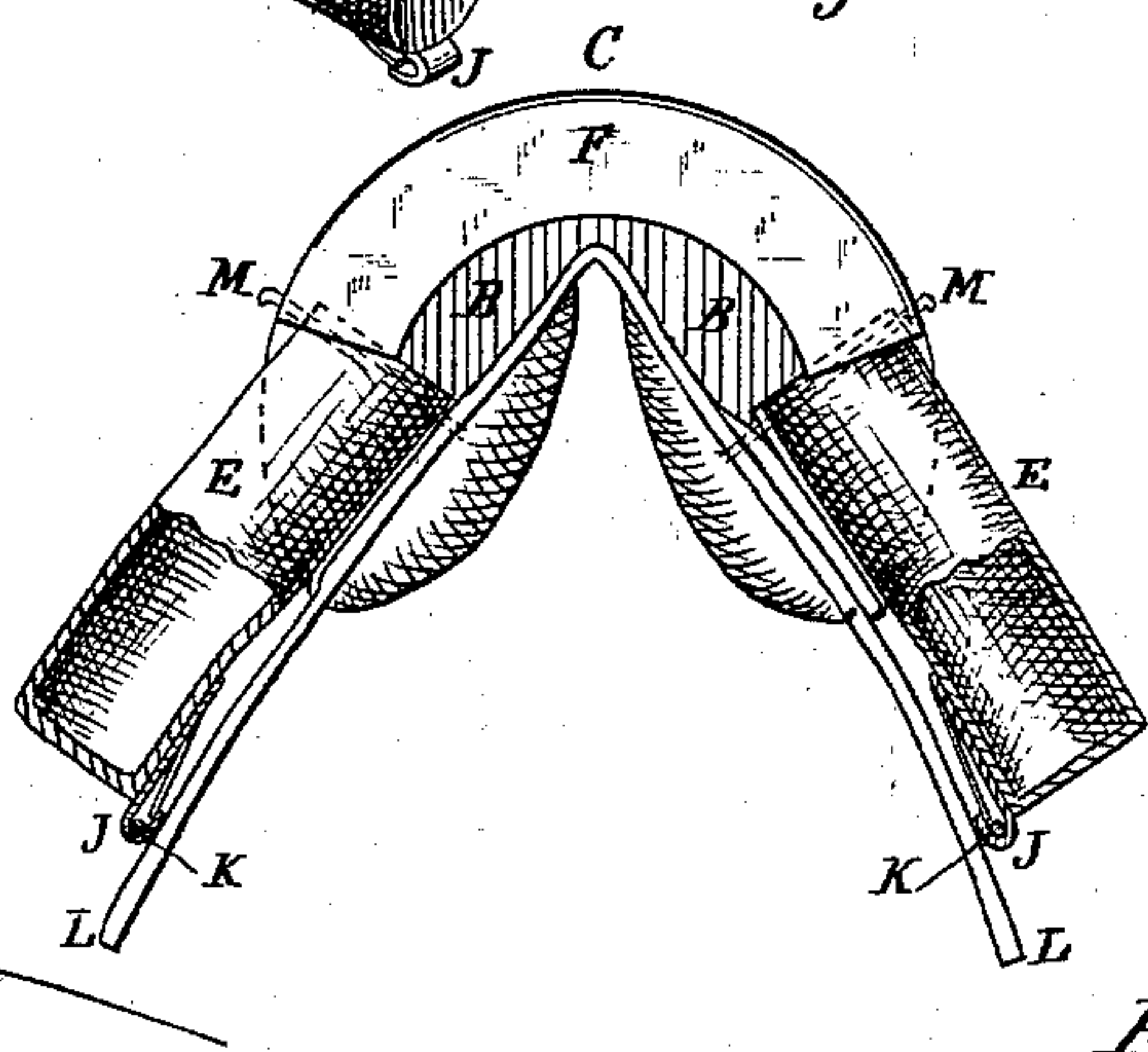


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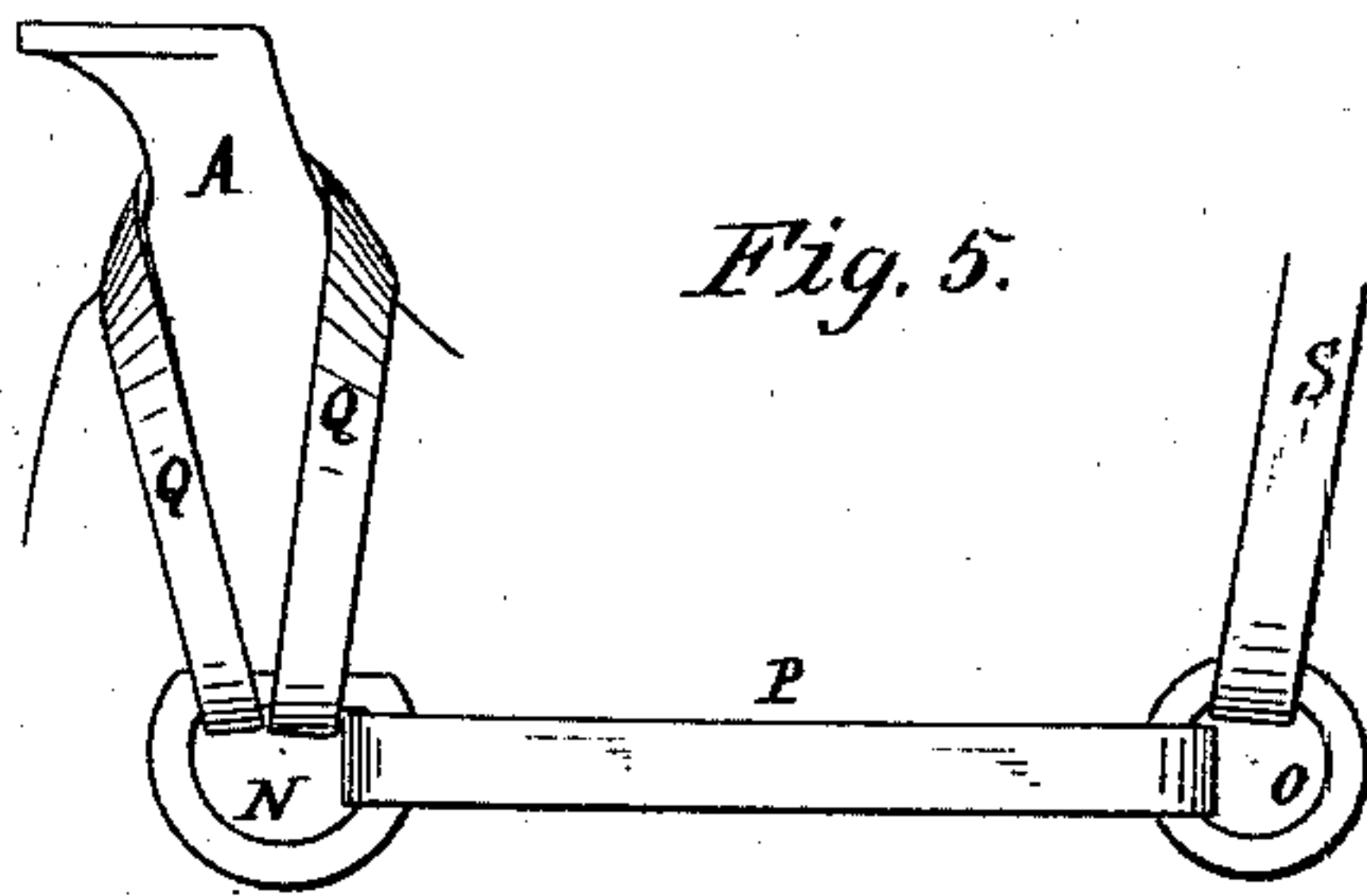
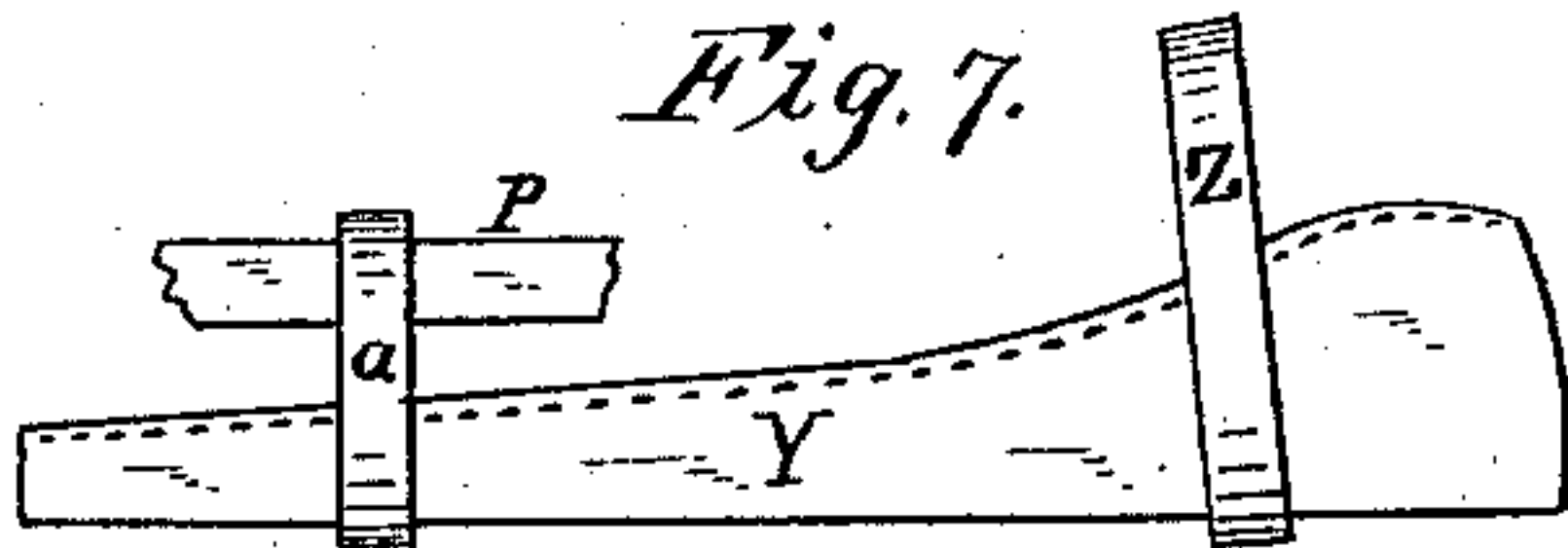


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MILITARY SADDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN REED HASTINGS, of Lampasas, in the county of Lampasas and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Military Saddles, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cantle and the rear part of the tree. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the cantle-molding. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the girth-rings and their supporting and connecting straps. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of one of the valises. Fig. 7 is a side elevation of the gun-scabbard and its supporting-straps.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish military saddles so constructed that the valises and other equipments may be connected with the saddle in such a way as to distribute and balance their weight, and at the same time make the saddle comfortable for the rider.

The invention consists in constructing a saddle with appliances to receive valises, a pair of girths, a gun, and an overcoat, as will be hereinafter fully described.

A represents the pommel, B the tree, and C the cantle, of the saddle. In the ends of the cantle C are formed recesses or offsets D to receive the ends of the valises E. Upon the cantle C is placed a metal molding, F, which has plates G formed upon its ends to cover the recesses D and protect the upper ends of the valises E.

To the cantle C are attached metal bars H, which extend down along the lower bars of the tree, and are secured to the said bars. The bars H terminate at the lower edges of the lower tree-bars, and have hooks h upon their lower ends to hook into loops I, attached to the under side of the valises E.

To the under side of the lower ends of the valises E are attached snap-hooks J, which hook into loops K, attached to skirts L of the saddle. The upper ends of the valises E are pressed into the offsets D of the cantle C, and are secured in place by pins M, which pass through holes in the molding F, through loops e, attached to the upper ends of the valises E,

and into sockets in the upper parts of the bars H. The pins M should be made with spring-catches, so that they will be held securely in place.

As thus arranged the valises E serve as puffs or cushions for the rider's thighs to rest against, and also protect the rider's thighs from gunshots from the rear.

Pistol-holsters may be attached to the outer sides of the valises E, and at the upper ends of the said valises may be attached pockets to carry a match-box and a liquor-flask, which holsters and pockets are not shown in the drawings.

N O are the rings for the forward and rear girths, which rings are connected by a strap, P. The forward ring, N, is supported by a strap, Q, from the pommel A. The rear ring, O, is supported by the strap S from the rear parts of the saddle-tree bars.

T are the stirrups, the straps U of which are attached to the saddle-tree B. To the stirrup-straps U are attached the sweat-leathers V to protect the rider's legs.

To the rear part of the saddle-tree B is attached the crupper-strap W, and to the forward part of the saddle-tree B is attached the branched upper end of the breast-strap X, through a loop at the lower end of which the forward girth is passed.

Y is the gun-scabbard, the forward end of which is supported from the forward part of the saddle-tree B by a strap, Z. The rear part of the scabbard Y is supported by a strap, a, from the strap P that connects the girth-rings N O.

From the pommel A, upon the other side of the saddle from the gun-scabbard Y, is suspended a boot, b, to receive a closely-rolled overcoat. From the pommel A are also suspended pouches c, to receive a comb and brush and other small articles to be carried.

By this construction the various articles to be carried are so distributed as to balance each other, and the breast-strap, girths, and crupper will hold the saddle and its attachments securely to the horse.

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

1. A saddle constructed substantially as here-

in shown and described, consisting of the tree B, the cantle C, having recesses D at its ends, the molding F, having extension-plates G, and the bars H, having hooks *h*, whereby the saddle is adapted to receive and carry valises, as set forth.

2. In a saddle, the combination, with the tree B and the cantle C, having recesses D, of the molding F, having plates G at its ends. substantially as herein shown and described, whereby spaces are formed to receive the ends of valises E, as set forth.

3. In a saddle, the combination, with the

pommel A and the tree B, of the supporting- straps Q S, the connecting-straps P, and the rings N O, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the girths are connected with the saddle, as set forth.

4. In a saddle, the combination, with the pommel A, of the boot *b*, substantially as herein shown and described, to receive and carry an overcoat, as set forth.

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