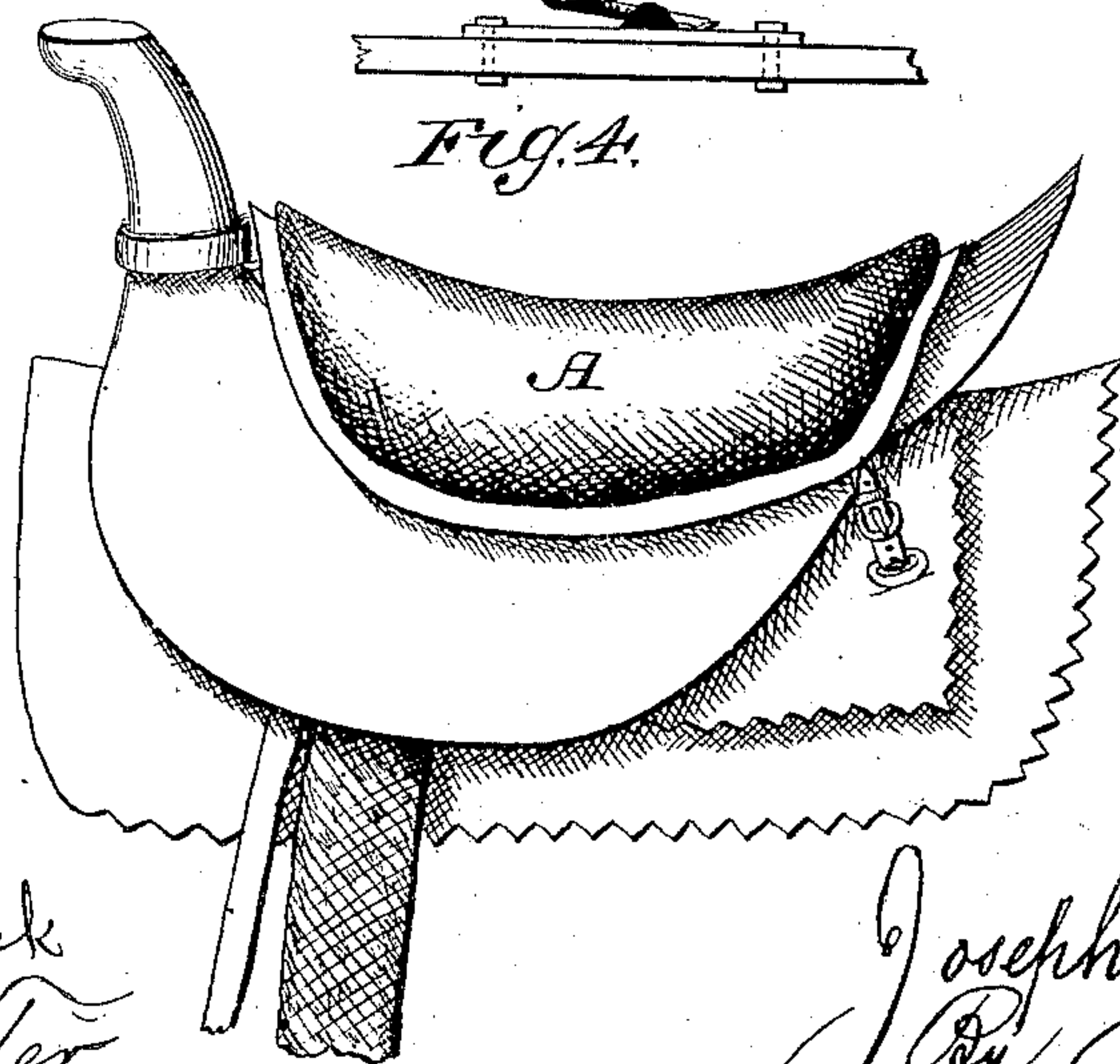
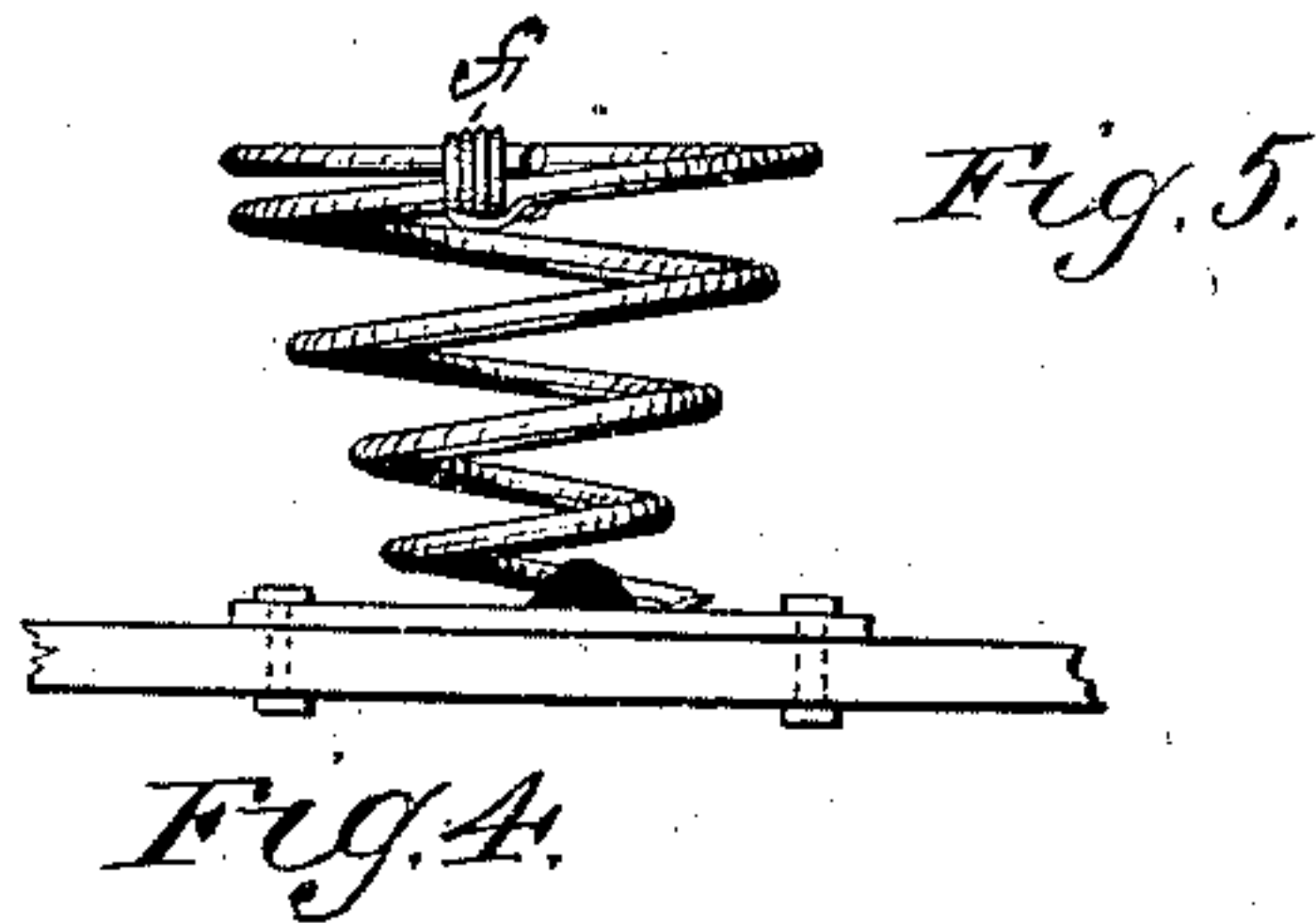
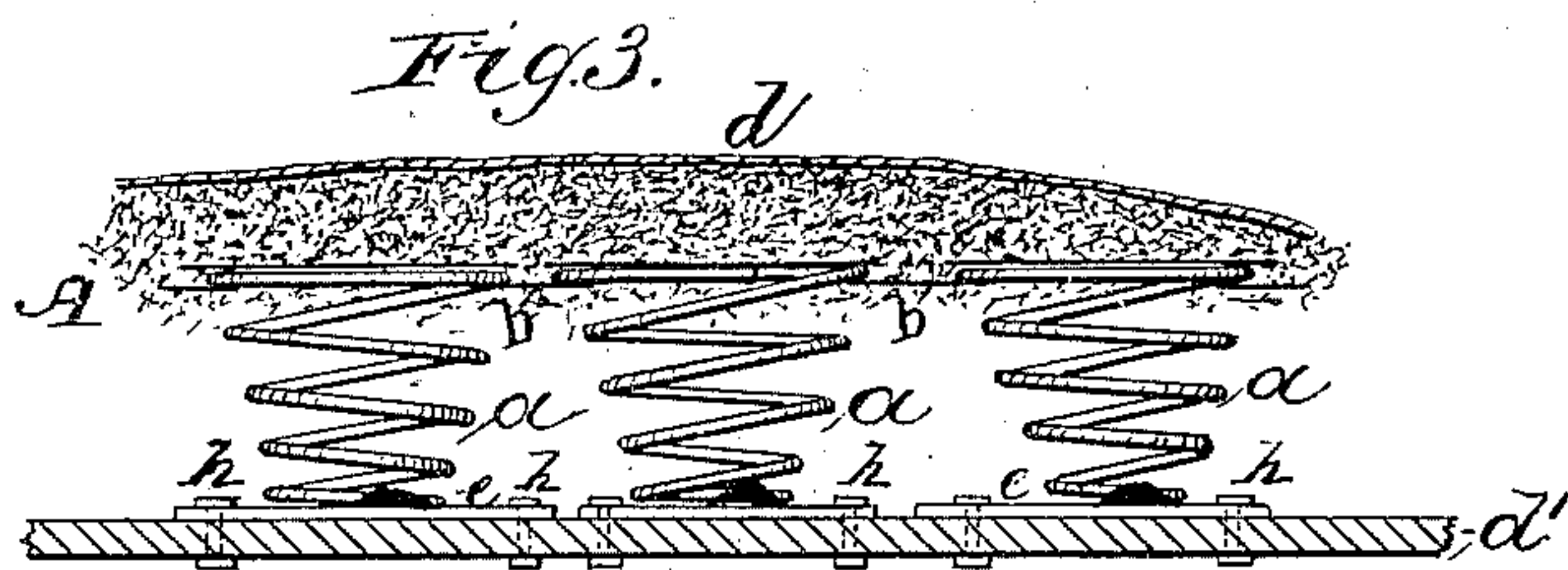
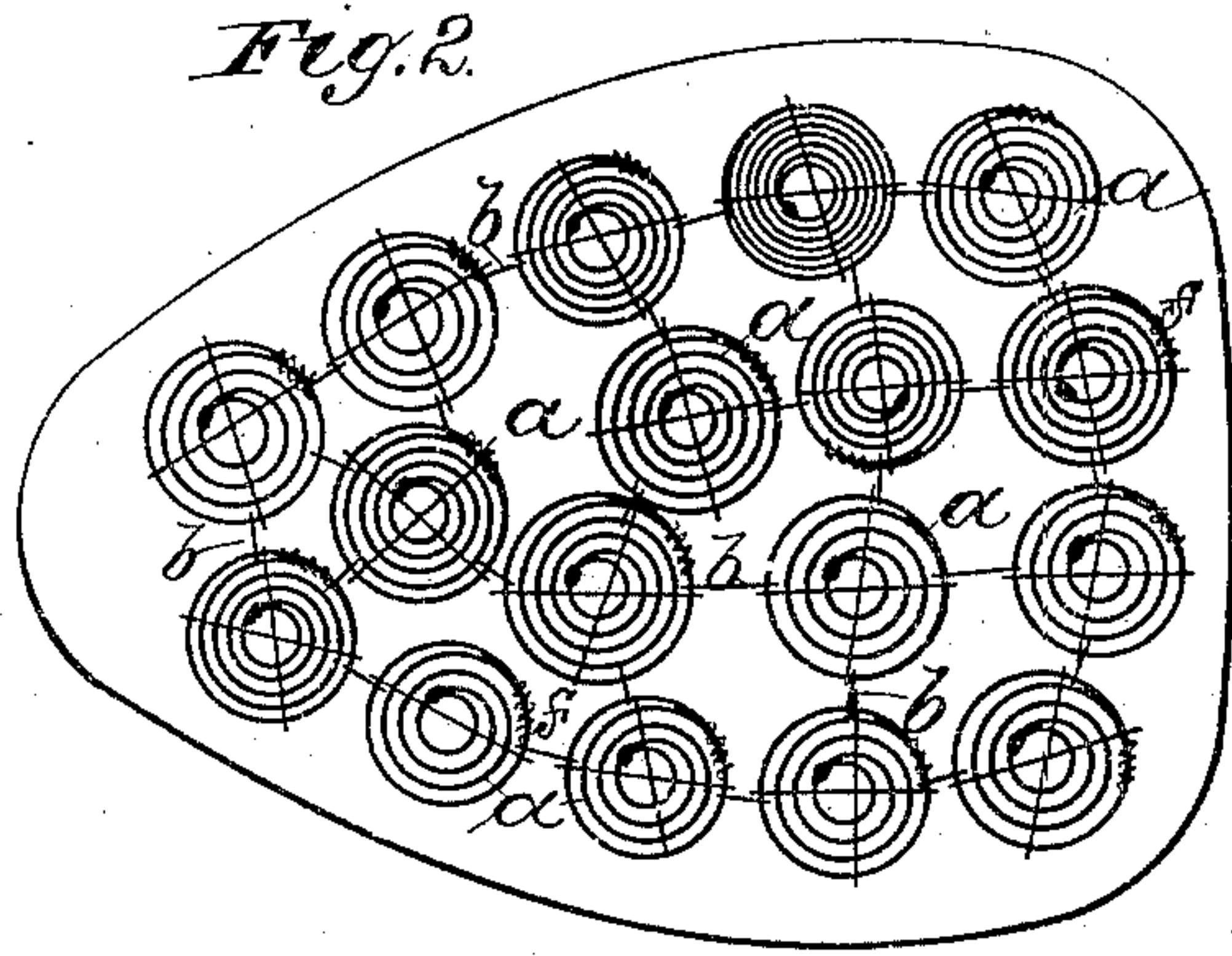
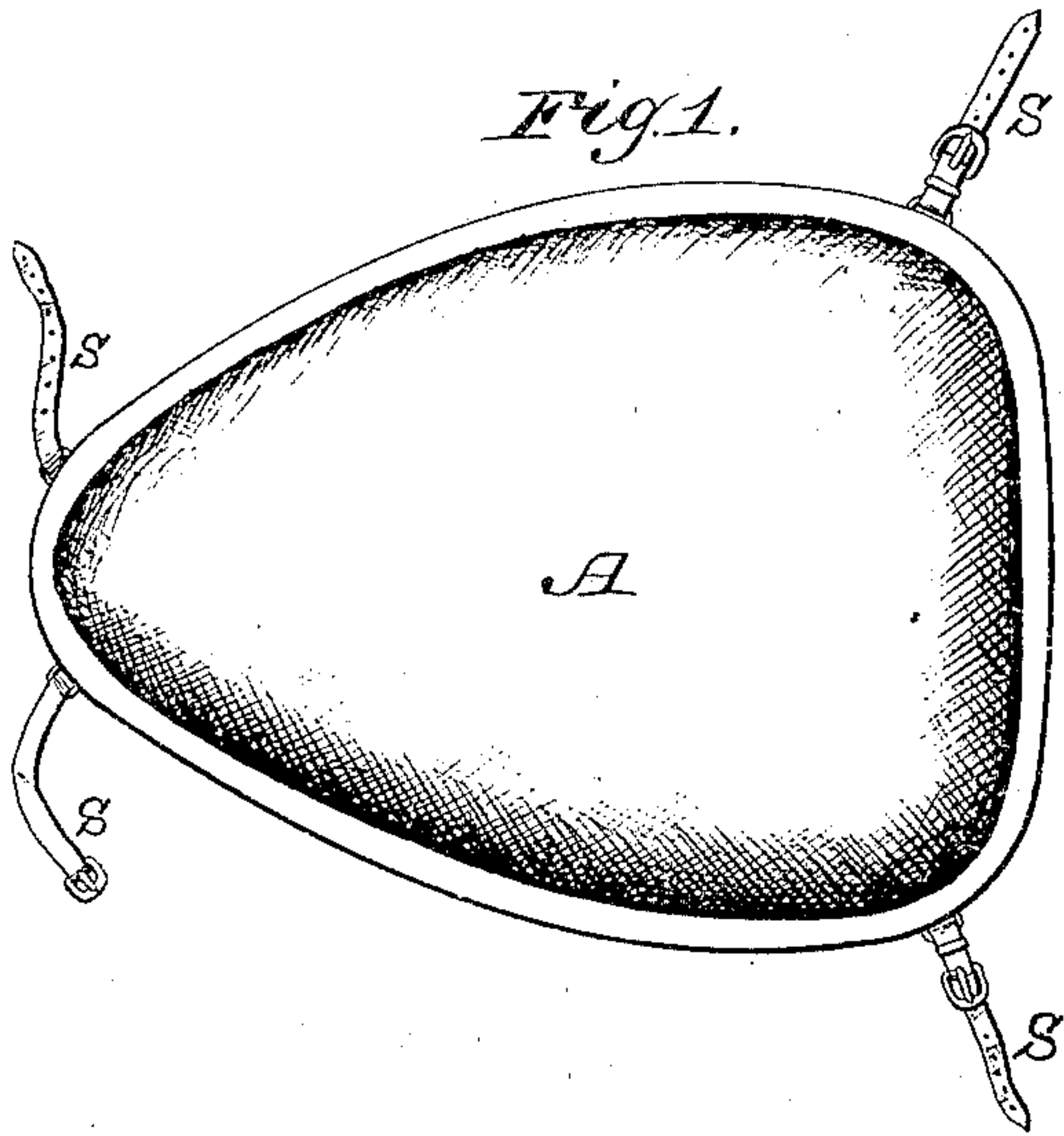


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. BASSLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at San José, in the county of Santa Clara and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Saddles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an improvement in saddles; and it consists in an elastic cushion secured to the seat of an ordinary saddle to prevent jolting, and in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully specified.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view. Fig. 2 is a plan view, the cushion being removed. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation. Fig. 4 is a view in perspective, and Fig. 5 is a detail view in perspective.

A represents a cushion, formed of wool, cotton, or other soft padding material, resting upon the larger part of the convolutions of the springs *a a* and the connecting-wires *b b*, and secured thereon by the leather cover *d*, which covers the springs and is sewed to the leather bottom *d'*. The lower ends of the spiral springs *a a* are respectively passed through the metallic base-supports *e e* and rigidly secured in position by being soldered in vertical orifices provided therein, and these supports are then secured to the bottom *d'*, which is made of sole or other suitable leather or material. The two

upper spirals of each spring are tied and thus secured together by the wire bands *f f* a short distance from their upper ends.

b b are strands of wire with which the springs are connected and held together in an upright position. The metallic base-supports *e e* are rigidly secured to the leather bottom by the metallic fasteners *h h*, and the leather bottom *d'* and the cover *d* are sewed together. The seat is securely held in position by means of the straps *s s*, one of which is buckled to the horn of the saddle, as shown in Fig. 4.

By this construction of my riding-saddle I avoid the jar and jolt to which equestrians are ordinarily more or less subjected, and by thus avoiding the greatest discomfort attendant upon horseback riding I very materially enhance the pleasure which it affords.

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

In a cushion for a riding-saddle, the combination of the springs *a*, secured by metallic base-supports *e*, and bottom *d'*, cushion *A*, and cover *d*, substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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