

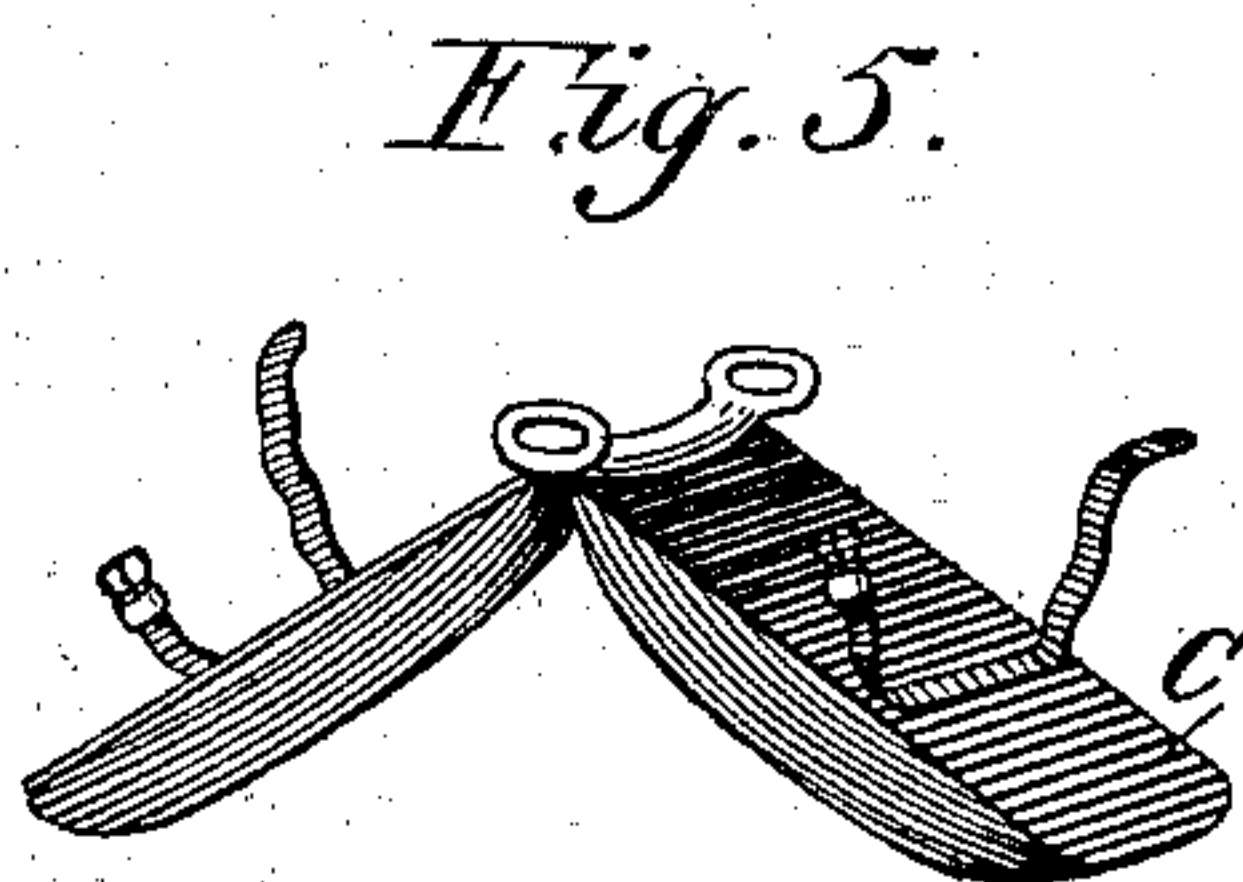
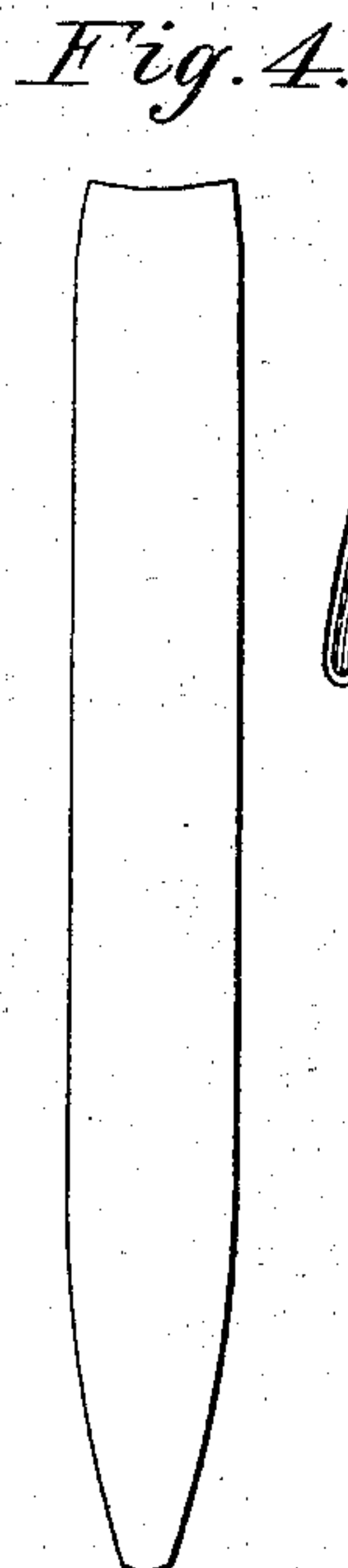
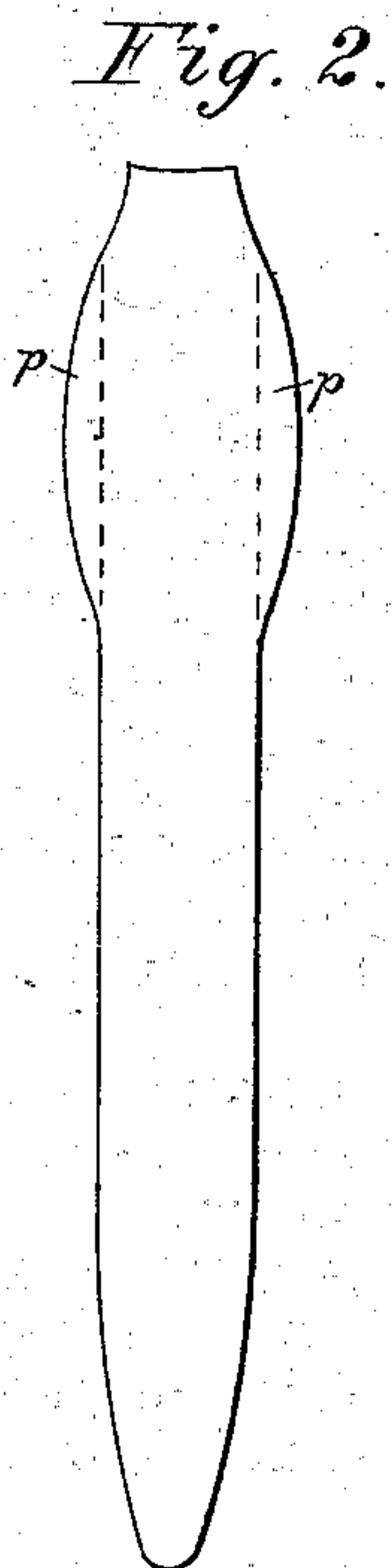
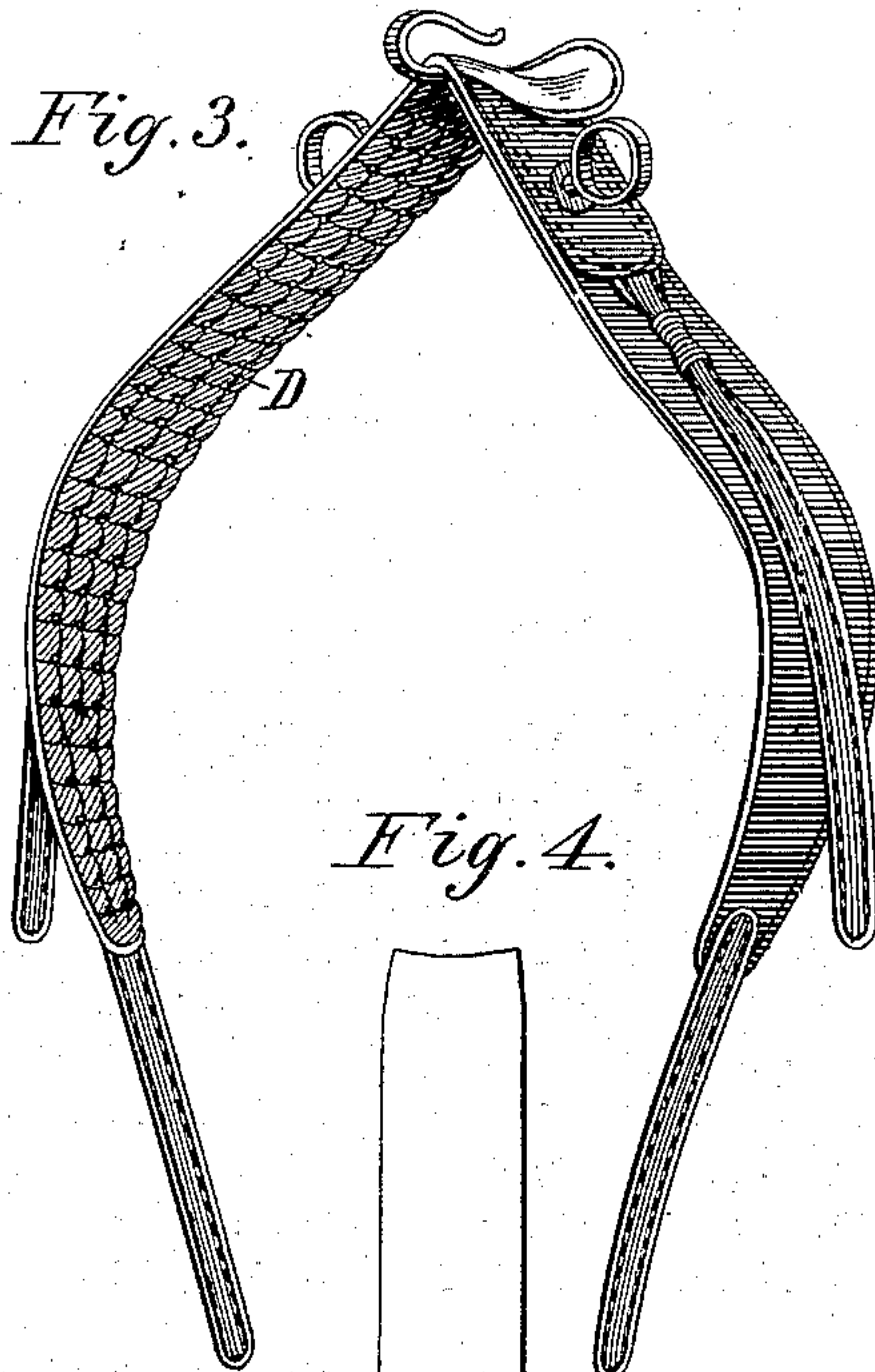
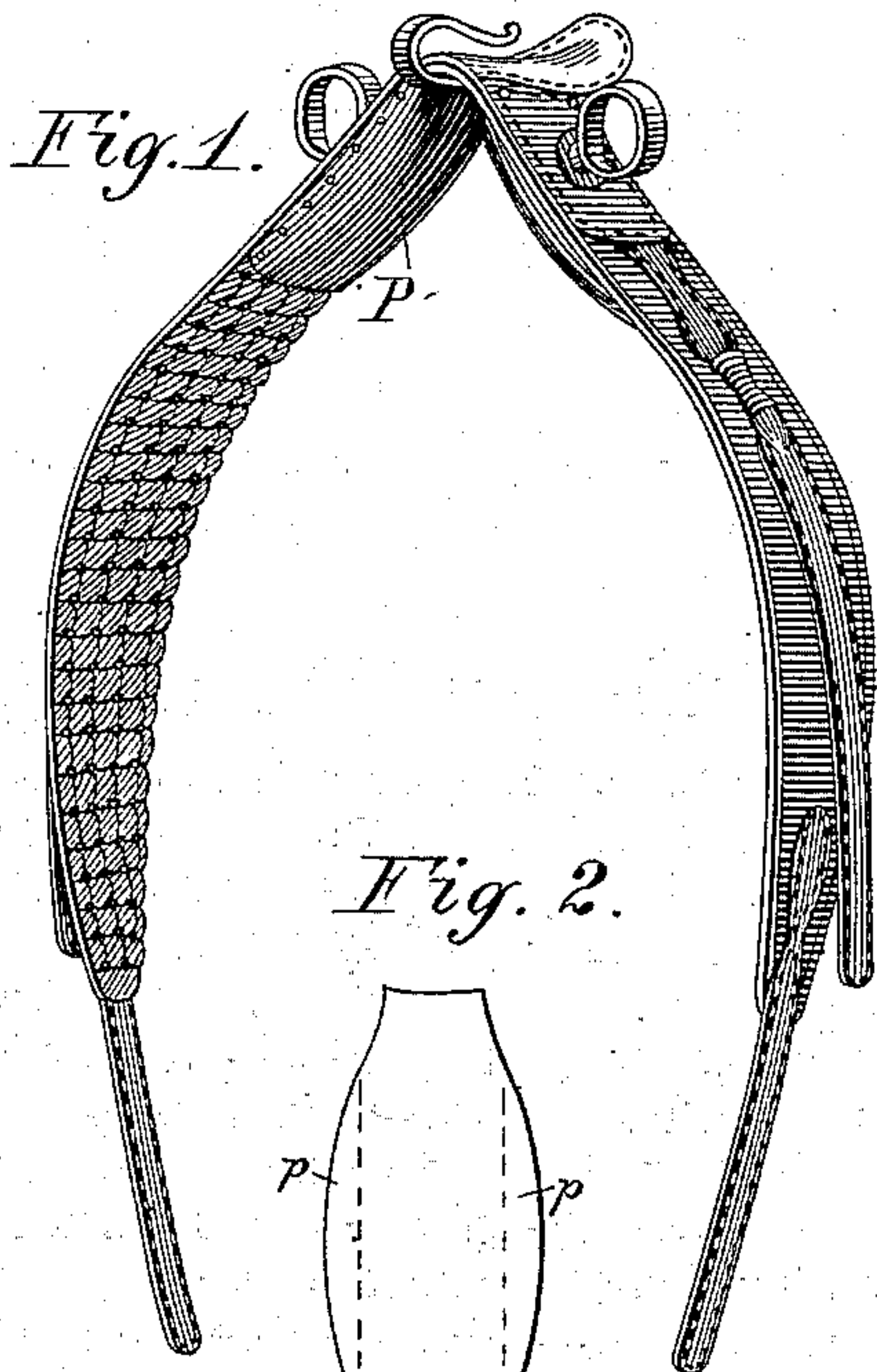
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSIAH B. GATHRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gig-Saddles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 The nature of my invention will be readily seen by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a "long-pad" gig-saddle as heretofore constructed, while Fig. 3 shows one
20 constructed according to my invention, needing only to have the short pad shown in Fig. 5 attached to it to complete it for use. Fig. 2 shows approximately the shape of "pad-linings" as heretofore cut for long-pad gig-saddles,
25 while Fig. 4 shows the shape of linings cut for my improved gig-saddle.

It will be seen that I cut the linings practically straight—i. e., without the swells *p p* to form the bearing-puffs P, and hence when the
30 linings are stuffed (or merely padded slightly, as I make them) no puffs are formed, but the pad presents substantially a uniform thickness from the center to the billets. In cutting the pad-linings without swells much material is
35 saved, and as there are no puffs to stuff out, labor also is saved, and I have as a result a saddle with an under surface adapted to combine nicely with the short pad shown in Fig. 5, which is attached in the usual way, and
40 supplies the place of the puffs P. Heretofore when these short pads or "sweat-pads" were

attached to long-pad gig-saddles the more or less rounded surface of the puffs did not fit nicely upon the flat surface of the short pads, and the two formed a bungling combination
45 difficult also to keep in place. To avoid this it has become common of late years to construct gig-saddles called "short-pad" saddles, which have no long pad, the skirts not even being lined. These, however, require the heav-
50 iest and best material for skirts, and hence cannot be made cheaply. My invention retains the long pad, because it can be cheaply constructed by using light leather backed up by pasteboard stiffenings covered by the lin-
55 ings; but I adapt it, as hereinbefore described, to work properly and finish nicely in combination with an independent short pad, and in so doing am enabled to construct a saddle having a good bearing-surface upon the horse more
60 cheaply than by any method of construction heretofore in use.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. As an improvement in gig-saddles, the long pad provided with a lining cut practically straight and stuffed throughout of uniform thickness, as shown and described, for the purpose set forth.

2. As an improvement in gig-saddles, the long pad stuffed throughout of uniform thickness and provided with a lining cut practically straight, in combination with a short pad, all as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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

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