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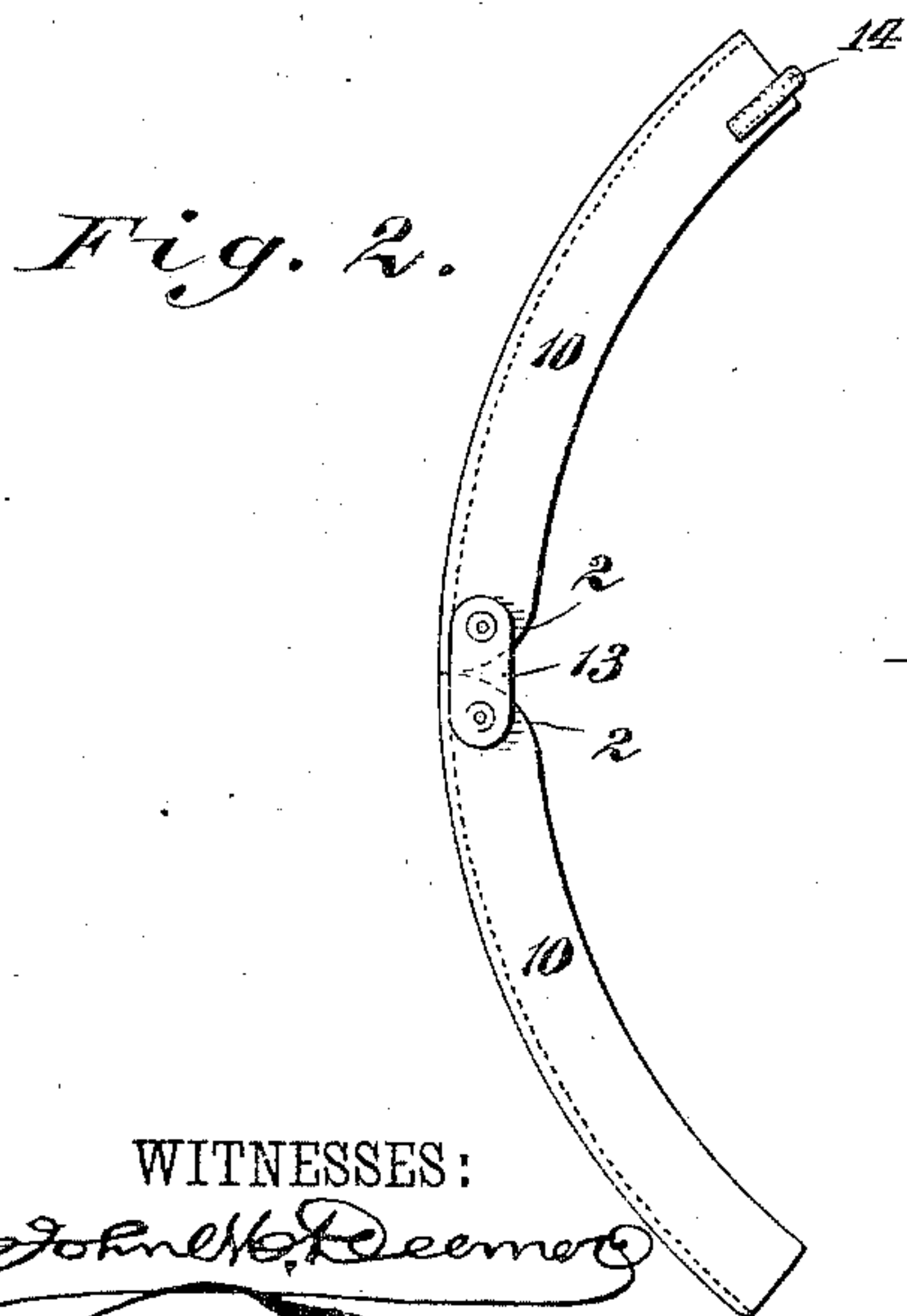
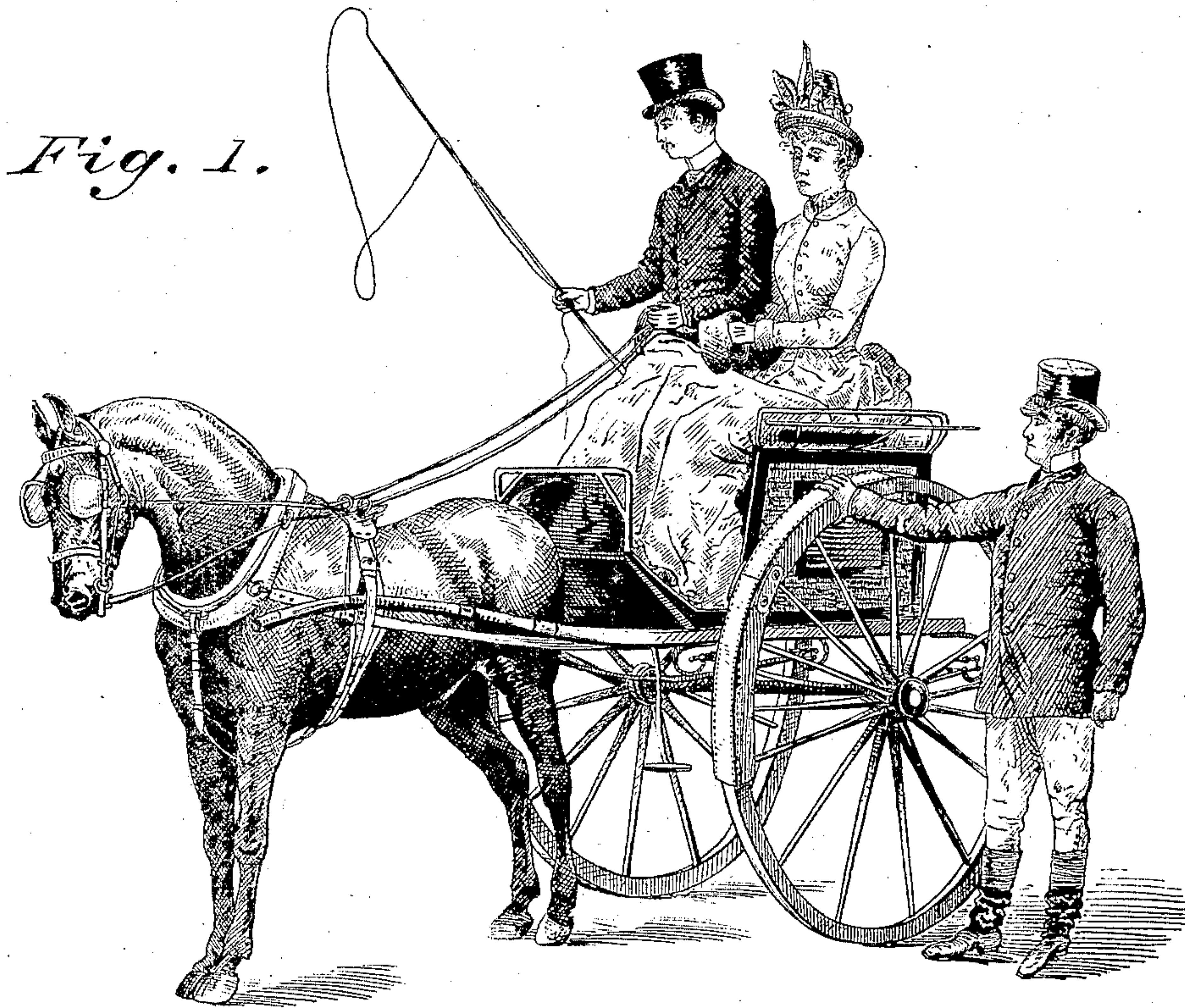
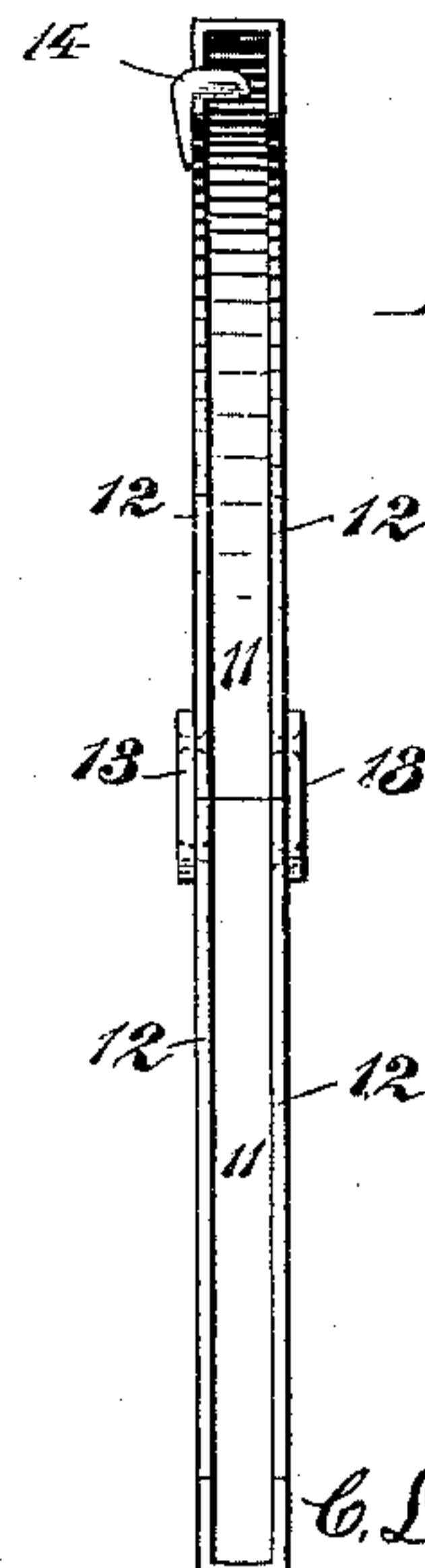
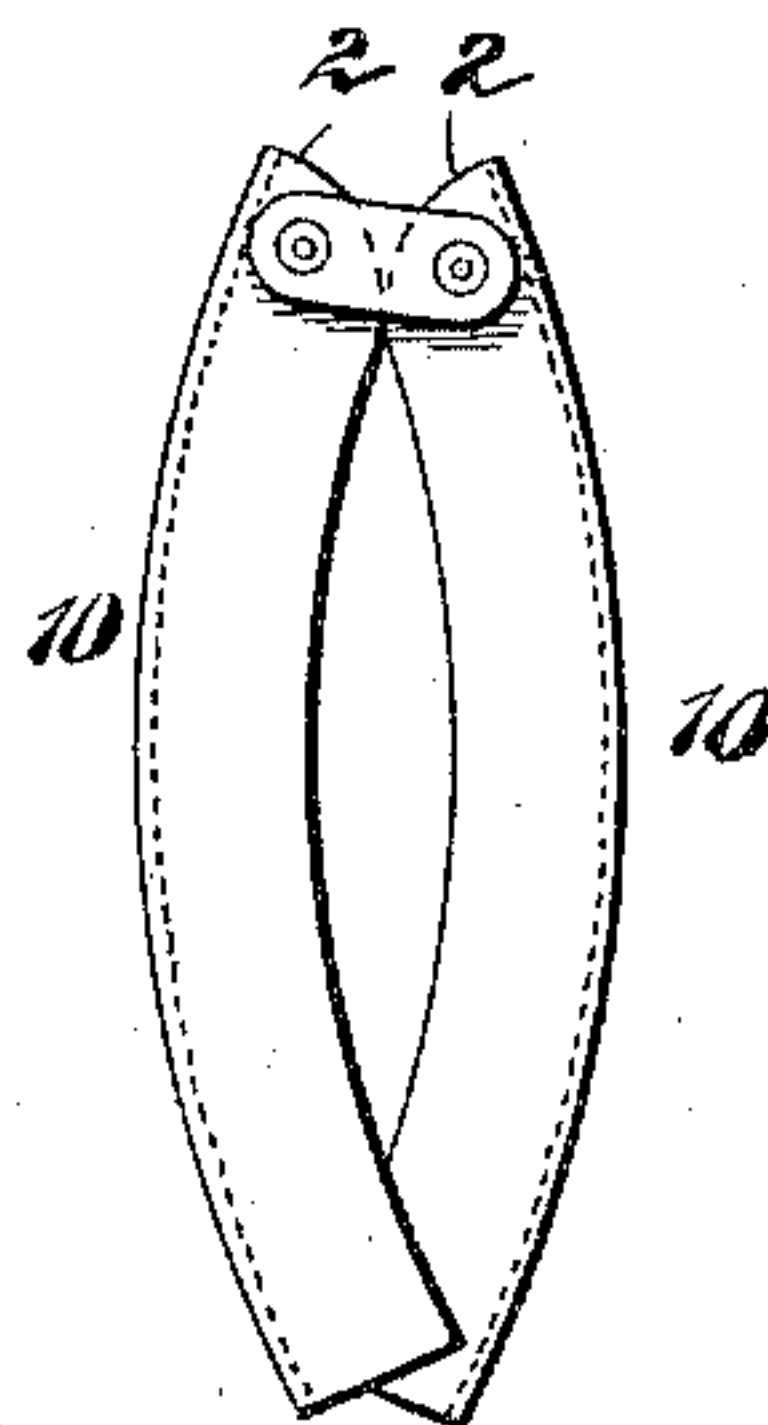


Fig. 4.



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DRESS-GUARD FOR VEHICLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. B. MARTIN, of Montclair, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Dress-Guard, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The dresses of ladies entering vehicles wherein the step is in close proximity to the wheels, as is the case with dog-carts, buggies, &c., are liable to become defaced by coming in contact with the mud carried by the felly of the wheel; and it is the object of this invention to provide a shield or guard which may be placed over that portion of the wheel against which the lady's dress is likely to drag, and thereby prevent all injury to the garment.

To this end the invention consists of a circular guard or shield arranged for connection with the wheel, as will be hereinafter described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved form of dress-guard, representing the same as it appears when applied to the wheel of a dog-cart. Fig. 2 is a side view of the shield. Fig. 3 is a view of the concave edge thereof, and Fig. 4 is a view of the shield as it appears when folded.

In constructing such a shield or guard as the one illustrated in the drawings above referred to, I form two circular troughs, 10, that are open at each end, said troughs being preferably formed of back pieces, 11, and side pieces, 12, the parts being of leather or any other suitable material, and stitched or otherwise joined together, as is indicated in Figs. 2 and 4. These two troughs 10 are placed end to end and are united by links 13, that are riveted to the sides 12, as best shown in the

last three figures of the drawings, the side walls of the approaching ends of the two troughs being rounded off, as shown at 2, so as to provide for the folding of the troughs to the position in which they are shown in Fig. 4, or for their extension to the position in which they are shown in Fig. 2; and when the troughs are so extended they should form a curve corresponding to that of the peripheral face of the wheel in connection with which they are to be employed. To the outer side wall of the upper trough there is secured a hook, 14.

In using such a guard as the one above described the troughs are extended to the position in which they are shown in Fig. 2 and applied to the wheel, as shown in Fig. 1, the hook 14 being adjusted so as to bear against the rear face of one of the upper spokes of the wheel, in which position the shield will be held mechanically; or the shield might be held by an attendant, as in the manner illustrated in the drawings. When not in use, the guard or shield may be folded to the position shown in Fig. 4 and stored beneath the seat.

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

1. A dress-guard consisting, essentially, of two circular troughs that are connected by links, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with an upper circular trough provided with a hook, of a lower circular trough and links connecting the troughs, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with troughs 10, the side walls of which are rounded at 2, of links 13, riveted to said side walls, and a hook, 14, connected to the upper trough, substantially as described.

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