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Fig. 1.

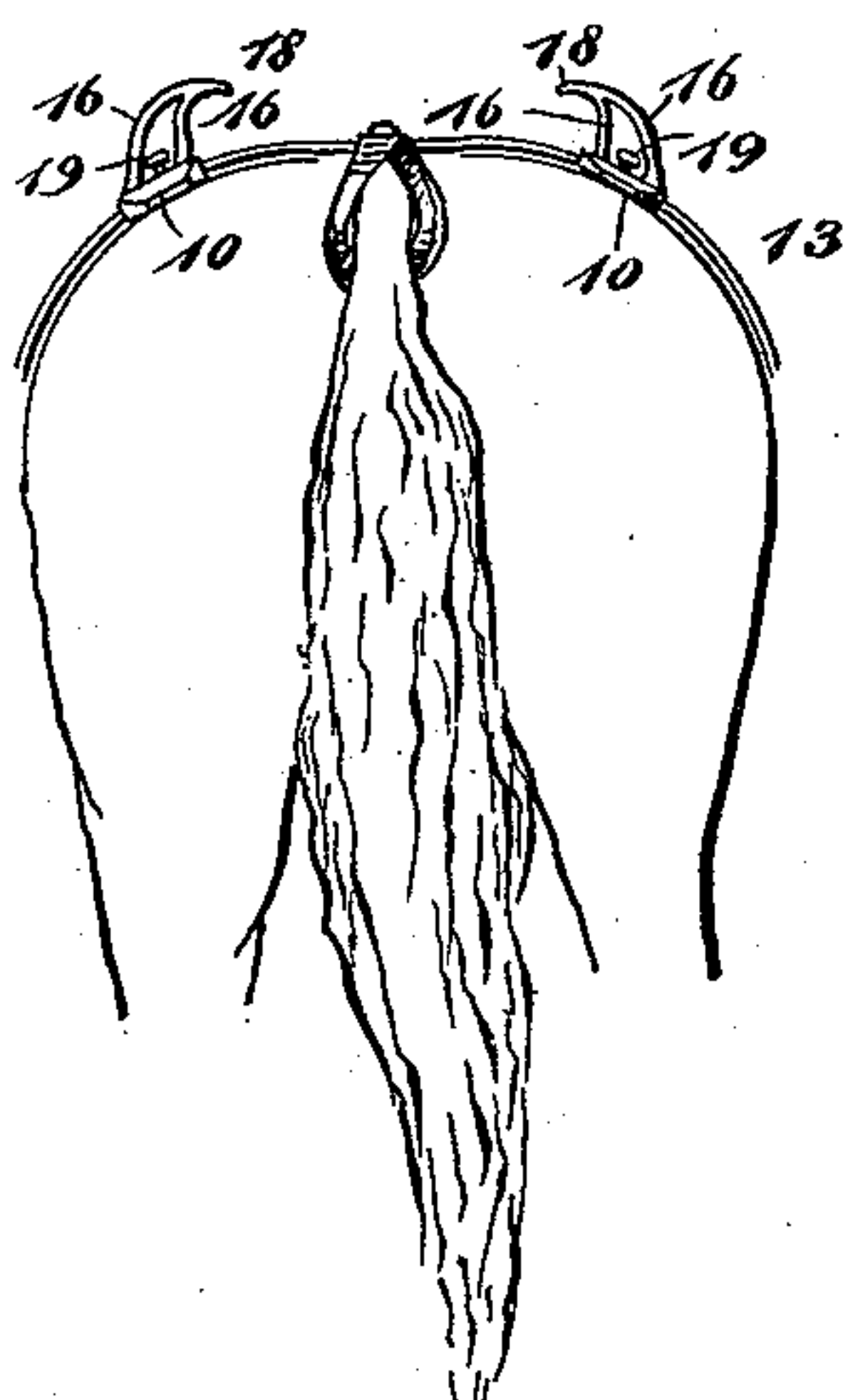


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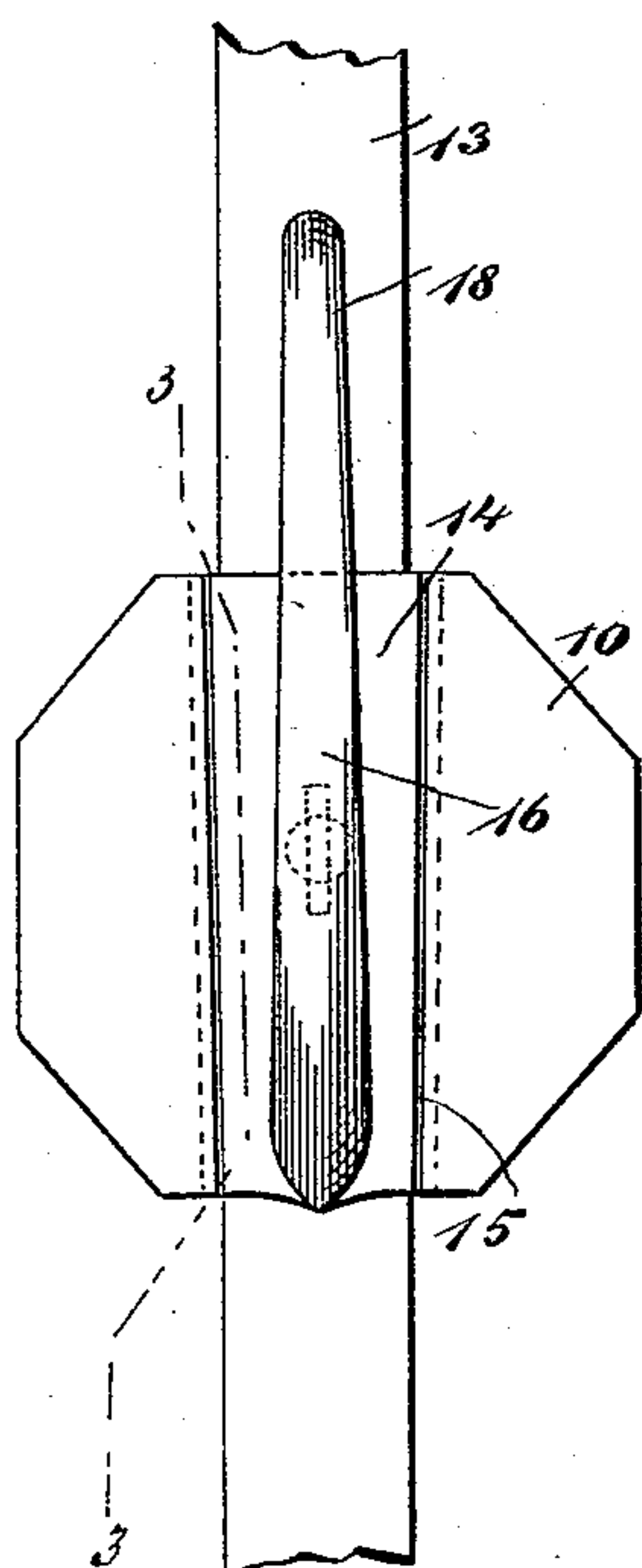


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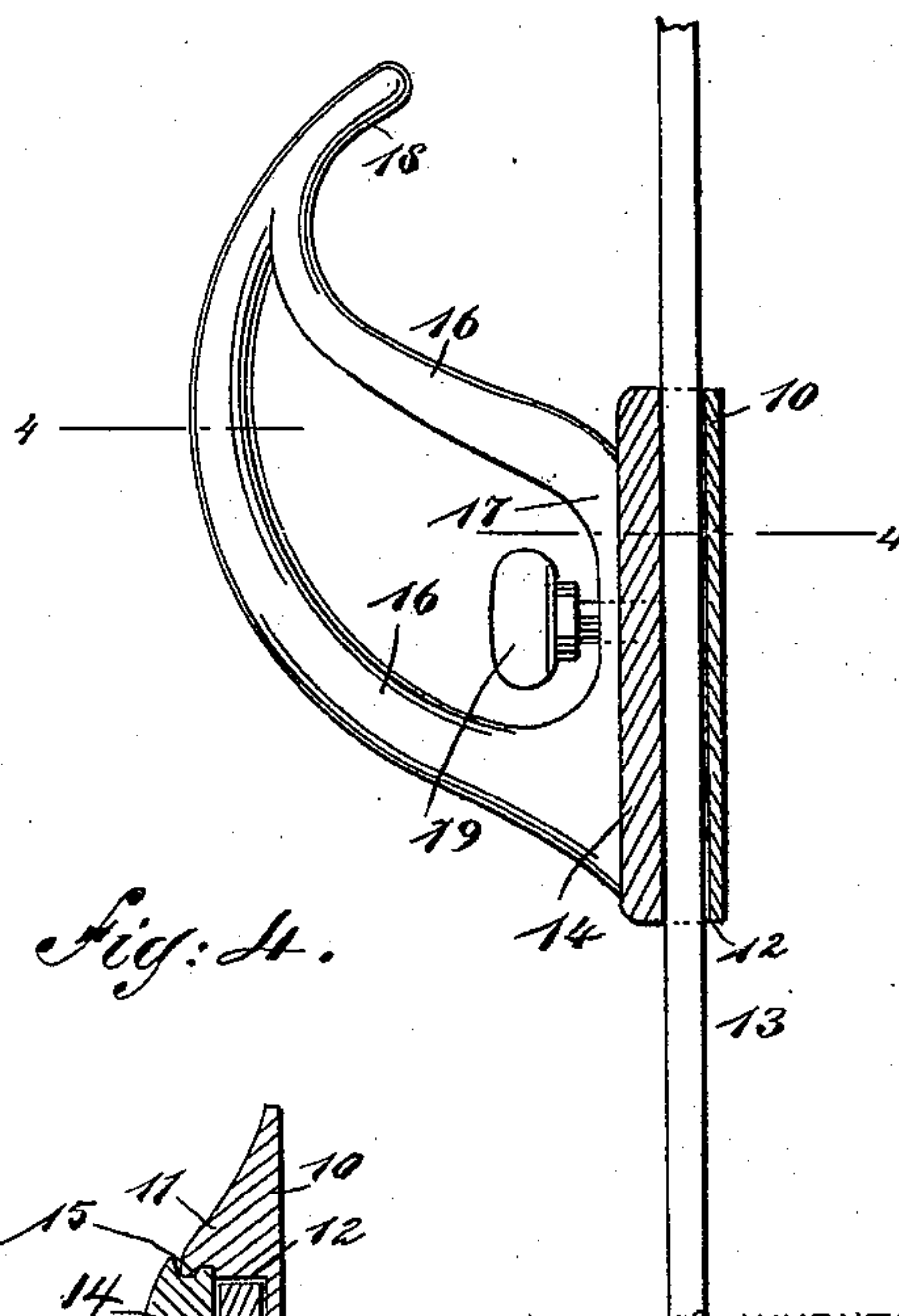
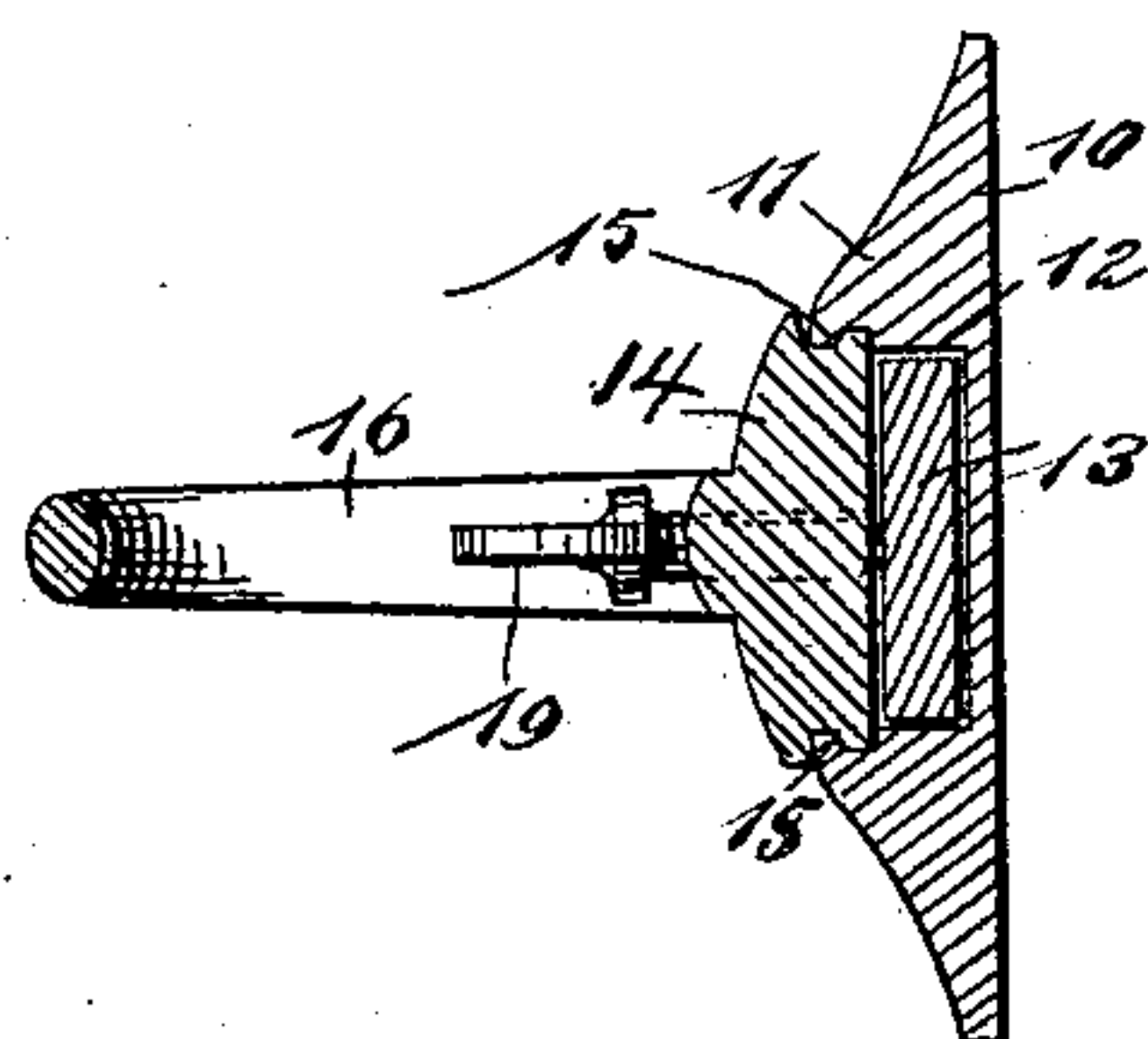


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. THOMPSON, of Sag Harbor, in the county of Suffolk and State of New York, have invented a new and
5 Improved Rein-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in rein-holders such as are adapted to hold the reins of a harness in such a manner that the
10 horse cannot easily throw his tail over them.

The object of my invention is to produce a simple and cheap rein-holder of this kind which may be easily and securely fastened to the hip-straps of a harness, so as to prevent
15 the reins when slack from dropping down over the horse's sides, and which will hold the reins in such a manner that they may be easily handled, so as to properly drive the horse; but so that the horse cannot throw his tail over
20 them.

To this end my invention consists in a rein-holder the construction of which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

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

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a pair of rein-holders applied to a harness and horse.
30 Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan of one of the rein-holders, showing the same applied to the hip-strap of a harness. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of the same on the line 3 3 in Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a cross-section on the line 4 4 in
35 Fig. 3.

The rein-holder has a flat or nearly flat base 10, the under side of which is made perfectly smooth, so that it will not injure the skin of a horse, and the middle portion of which is thickened, as shown at 11 in Fig. 4, the base
40 being thickened to provide for the recess 12 and the slide which is held therein. The recess 12 extends longitudinally through the middle portion of the base 10, and is adapted
45 to receive the hip-strap 13 of the harness. The recess 12 may be made wide enough to receive several sizes of hip-straps, and several sizes of the holders may also be used, so that where there is a great difference in the
50 width of the hip-straps a holder may be made to approximately fit each strap. A slide 14 is

held removably in the upper portion of the recess 12, the slide having its side edges dovetailed in the base 10, as shown best at 15 in Fig. 4, and the recess 12 and the slide 14 are
55 made slightly wedge-shape, so that the slide may be slipped in the recess from above—that is, from near the back-strap of the harness—and it cannot be slipped out through the lower end of the recess.
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Upon the slide 14 is the holder proper, comprising the curved members 16, which are united at the base, as shown at 17, and the base is formed preferably integral with the slide 14. The outer ends of the members 16
65 merge in a horn 18, which when the holder is applied to the hip-strap is adapted to extend inward toward the back-strap of the harness, as shown in Fig. 1, and thus prevent the too easy removal of the reins.
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It is not essential that the holder proper be made in the design shown, as it may be made in very many fanciful designs, the only essential thing being that the holder form a suitable abutment for the reins, that it be at-
75 tached to the base in substantially the manner indicated, and that it have the inwardly-extending horn or guard 18.

A thumb-screw 19 extends inward or downward through the base 17 of the holder proper, 80 and through the slide 14 of the holder, this thumb-screw being adapted to engage the hip-strap so as to prevent the holder from moving upon the strap. The holder will work all right without the thumb-screw; but in
85 case the hip-straps fit loosely in the holder the thumb-screw is an advantage, as it prevents any possible slipping; but from the construction shown it is evident that the strap may be wedged at the narrower end of the
90 recess 12 and be thus crowded upward in the recess and the slide 14 caused to bear with sufficient friction against the strap to hold the device in place.

When the holders are applied to a harness 95 one is placed on each side of the back-strap, the slides 14 are removed, the bases 10 placed underneath the hip-straps, so that the hip-straps will lie flat in the recesses 12, the slides are again inserted in the recesses, and the
100 thumb-screws 19 are tightened so as to bind the holders to the straps.

It will be seen that the holders may be adjusted so as to bring them near to the back-strap, or some distance from the same, this depending upon the character of the horse—
5 that is, as to whether or not he has the bad habit of swinging his tail over the reins, as if the horse is very likely to do this the holders may be placed very near to the back-strap, and if the horse is less likely to do this they
10 may be placed farther from the same.

The removable slides enable the holders to be applied to any kind of a strap, as it is not necessary to push the holders endwise upon the strap, and consequently the holders may
15 be applied to any harness.

In practice, the holders may be made of light metal or other material, and they may be plated or ornamented in any desired way.

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

1. A rein-holder comprising a flat-bottomed base having a recess in its top, a curved horn or guard having a base-piece to close the top
25 portion of the recess and forming a space be-

tween itself and the base-wall of the recess to receive the hip-strap of a harness, and a fastening device to secure the horn to the strap, substantially as described.

2. A rein-holder comprising a flat-bottomed 30 base having a top recess therein, a wedge-shaped slide dovetailed into the upper portion of the recess and forming a space between itself and the base to receive the hip-strap of a harness, a rein-guard or horn carried by the 35 slide, and a thumb-screw extending through the slide and adapted to engage the hip-strap, substantially as described.

3. A rein-holder comprising a base having a top recess to receive the hip-strap of a har- 40 ness, a wedge-shaped slide dovetailed into the upper portion of the recess, and a curved horn or guard produced upon the outer portion of the slide, substantially as described.

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