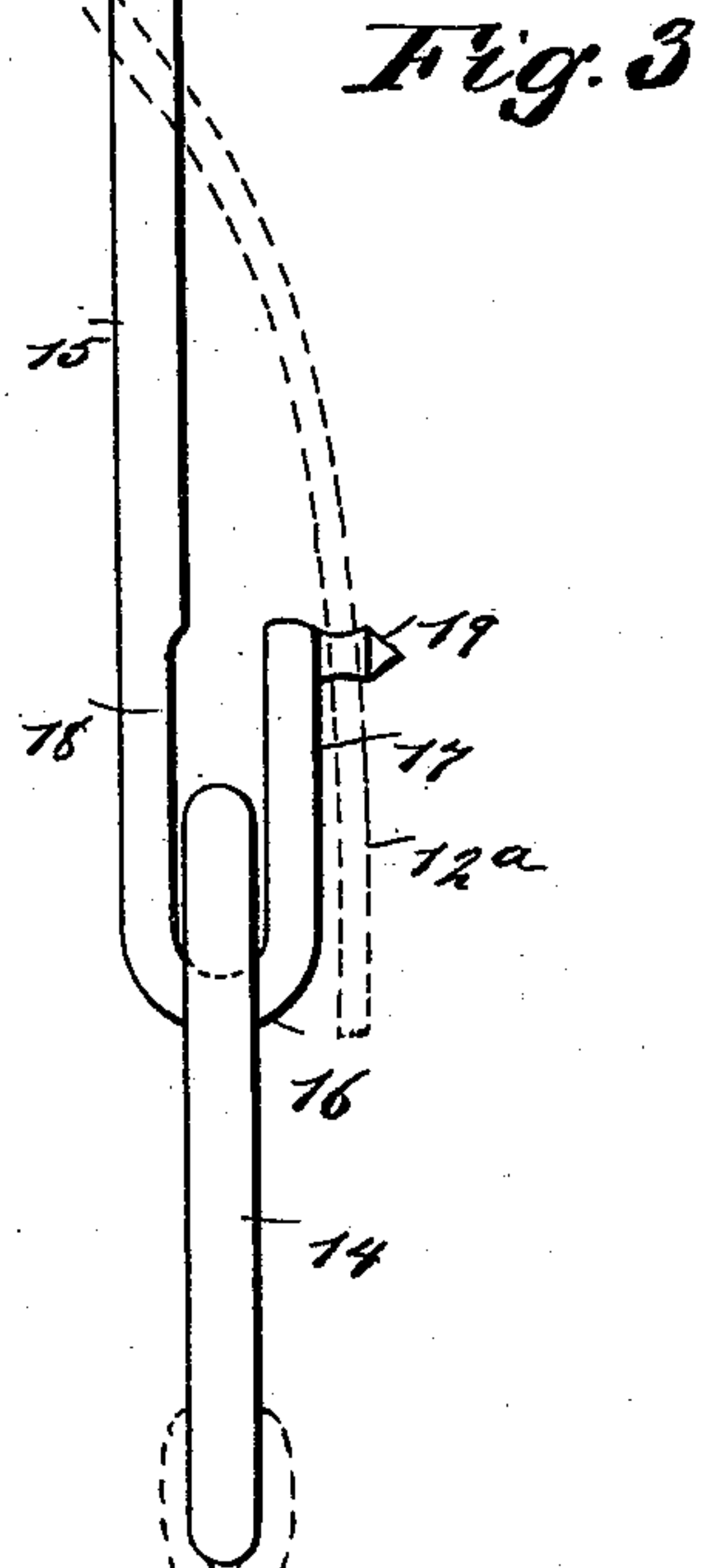
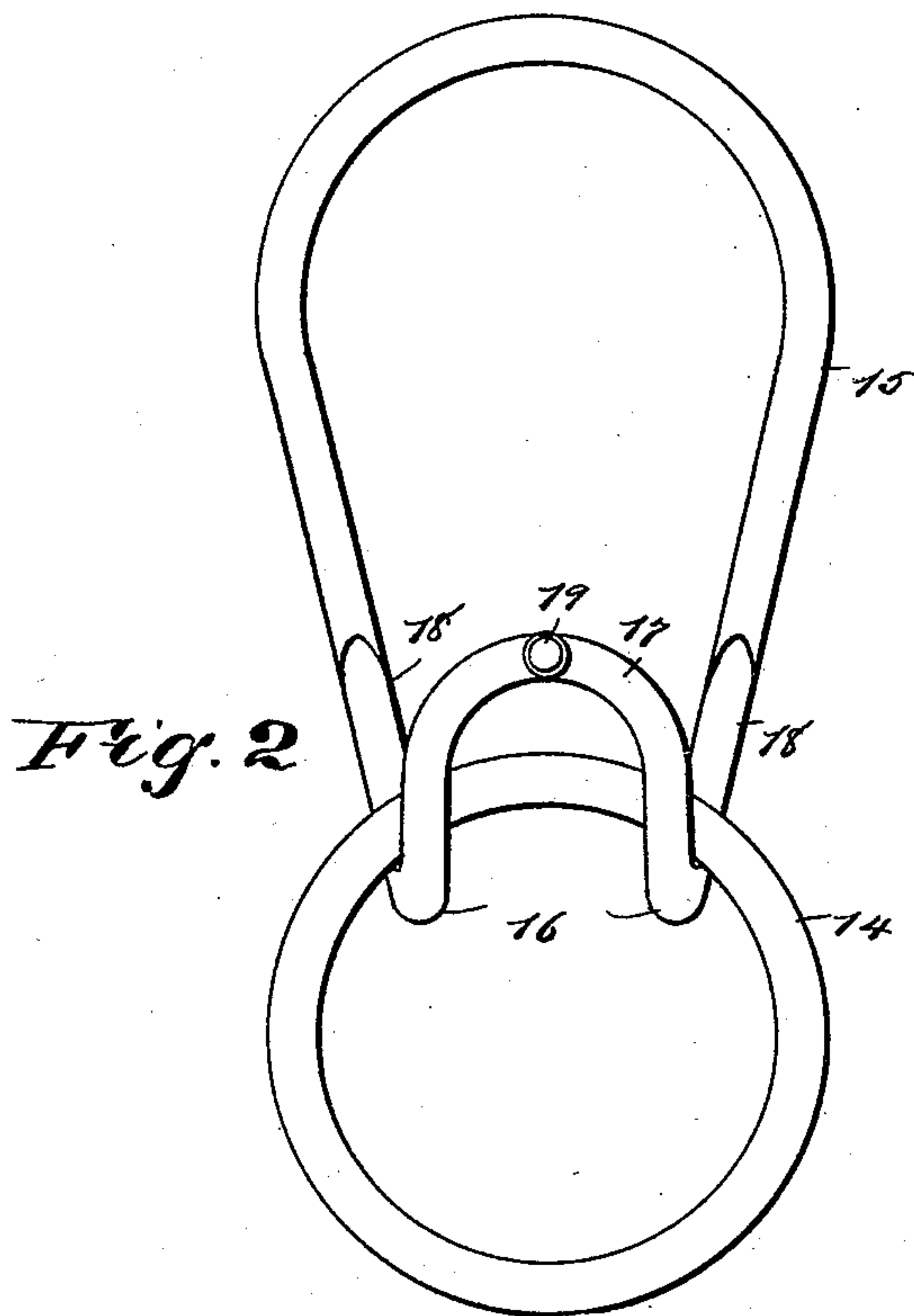
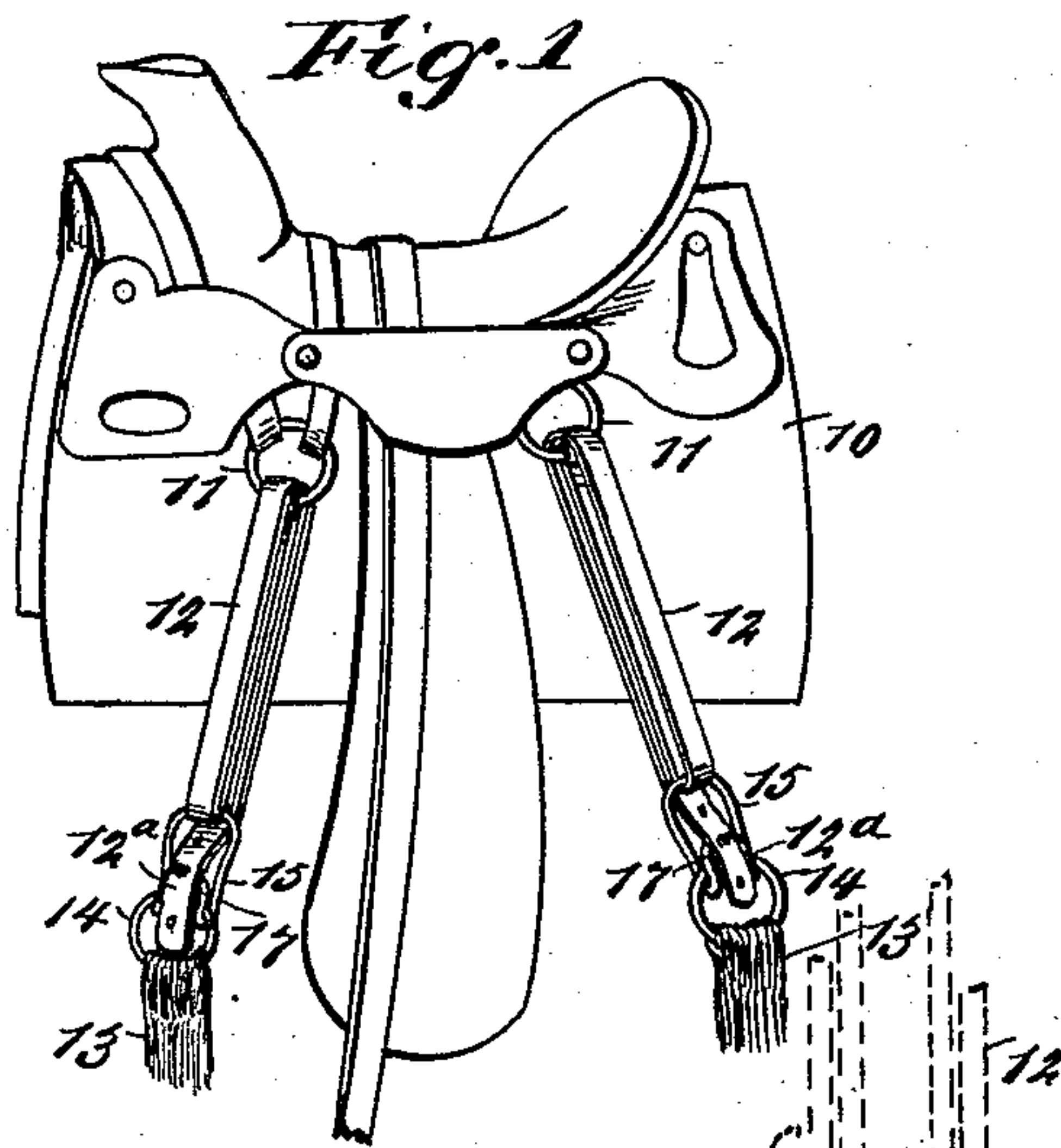


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. KOHLER, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Saddle Attachment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in attachments for riding saddles, and the object of my invention is to produce a simple device by means of which the connection between the saddle strap or straps and the belly girth or girths may be quickly and easily made, and by which also, the girths may be quickly tightened and securely fastened without the necessity of making a hitch in the saddle strap or straps. By this means a person may tighten the saddle when necessary, even though his fingers be numb with cold, and the device is further intended to keep the saddle straps together and in their appropriate places when the saddle is hung up.

A further object of my invention is to construct the combined loop and hook which is the main feature of my invention in such a way that it shall be very strong, durable and cheap.

To these ends, my invention consists in a saddle attachment, the construction of which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

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 broken perspective view of a saddle provided with my improved attachment. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the loop and hook as applied to a girth ring; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same, showing also in dotted lines, the position of the saddle strap.

The saddle 10 is of the usual kind and may be of any ordinary construction, and it has the customary saddle rings 11, and saddle straps 12, which are fastened in the rings and by which connection is usually made with the girths 13, which girths have the usual rings 14, to facilitate connection with the straps.

The above construction is of the common kind, and forms no part of my invention, and while the drawings show two rings and straps

and girths, the saddle may be used with one ring on a side, and consequently with one strap and girth.

The part embodying my invention is the device by which the connection is made between one of the straps 12 and the ring 14 of the girth 13. This device comprises an elongated metallic loop 15, which is relatively large at its upper end so that the strap 12 may be readily passed through it several times if desired. The loop narrows toward its lower end, at which point it is doubled, as shown at 16, and returned upon itself, as shown at 17, thus forming a hook adapted to engage the ring 14 of the girth. That portion of the loop opposite the part 17 is preferably flattened, as shown at 18, to decrease the thickness of the metal. On the upper part and outer side of the turned-up portion 17 of the hook is a laterally-extending stud 19, which is adapted to engage the perforations in the saddle strap 12. The ring 14 of the girth 13 is secured in the hook of the loop 15, and the strap 12, which is fastened to the ring 11 is passed through the loop 15, thence upward through the ring 11, then back through the loop 15, any necessary number of turns being given, and the free end of the strap is finally made fast by pushing the stud 19 through one of the holes in the strap. It will be seen that the tension of the girth and straps will tend to hold the saddle in place so that it cannot accidentally get loose, and it will also be noticed that the strap may be fastened to the stud with the greatest ease and consequently with great rapidity. This is an important consideration, as in many cases a rider's hands are too cold to manipulate a buckle or to make a hitch in the strap. This connection just described also enables the strap and loop to be always in position when the saddle is removed from the horse. It will be understood, however, that in case a rider, for greater security, prefers to make the free end of the strap 12 fast to the ring 11, he can do so by the usual hitch, the strap being fastened in the same way that it is customary to attach it.

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

1. The combination, with the saddle strap and the girth having the usual ring, of the loop adapted to engage the strap, and having at its lower end a hook to engage the girth ring, and an outwardly-projecting stud formed on the hook and adapted to engage perforations in the strap, substantially as described.
2. As an improved article of manufacture, the loop and hook adapted to make connection between a saddle strap and girth, and consisting of an elongated metallic loop having its lower end formed into a hook and having upon the hook an outwardly-extending stud, substantially as described.

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