

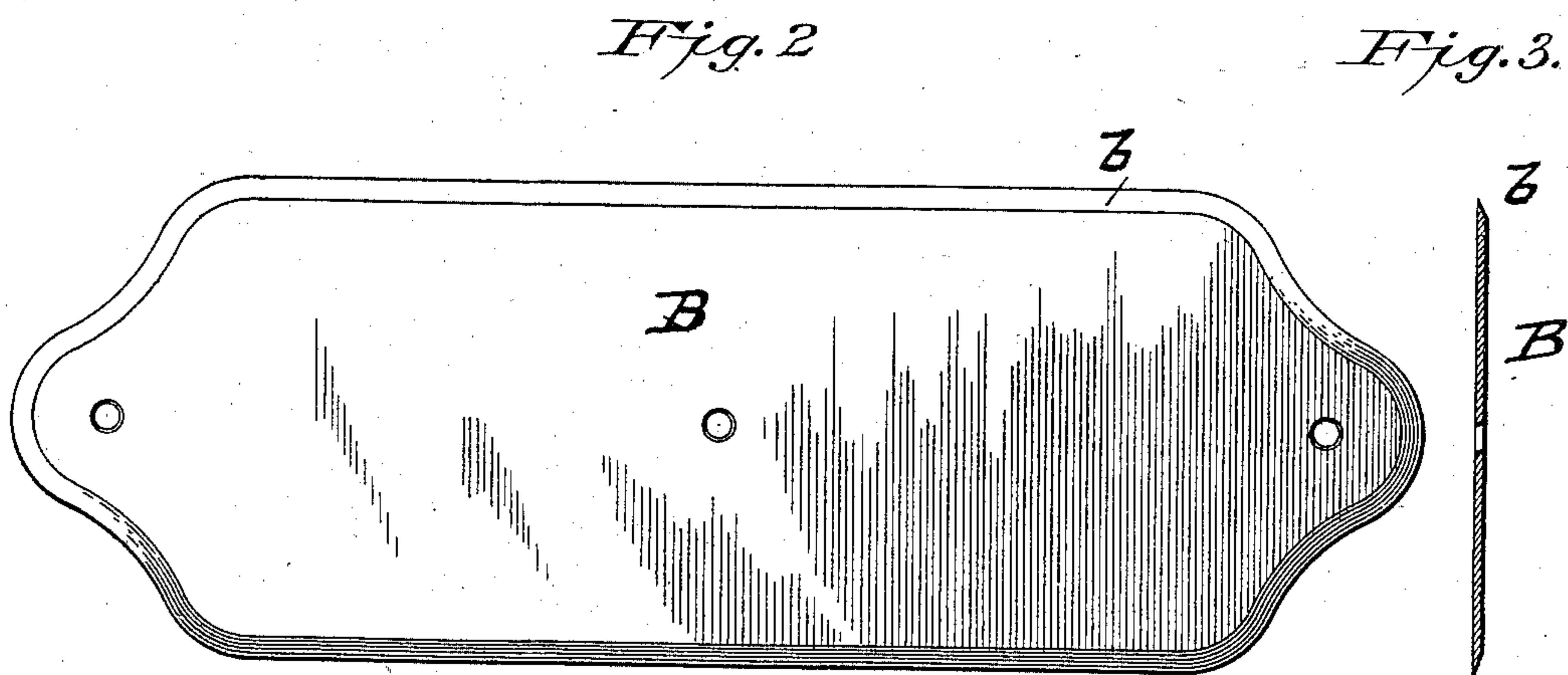
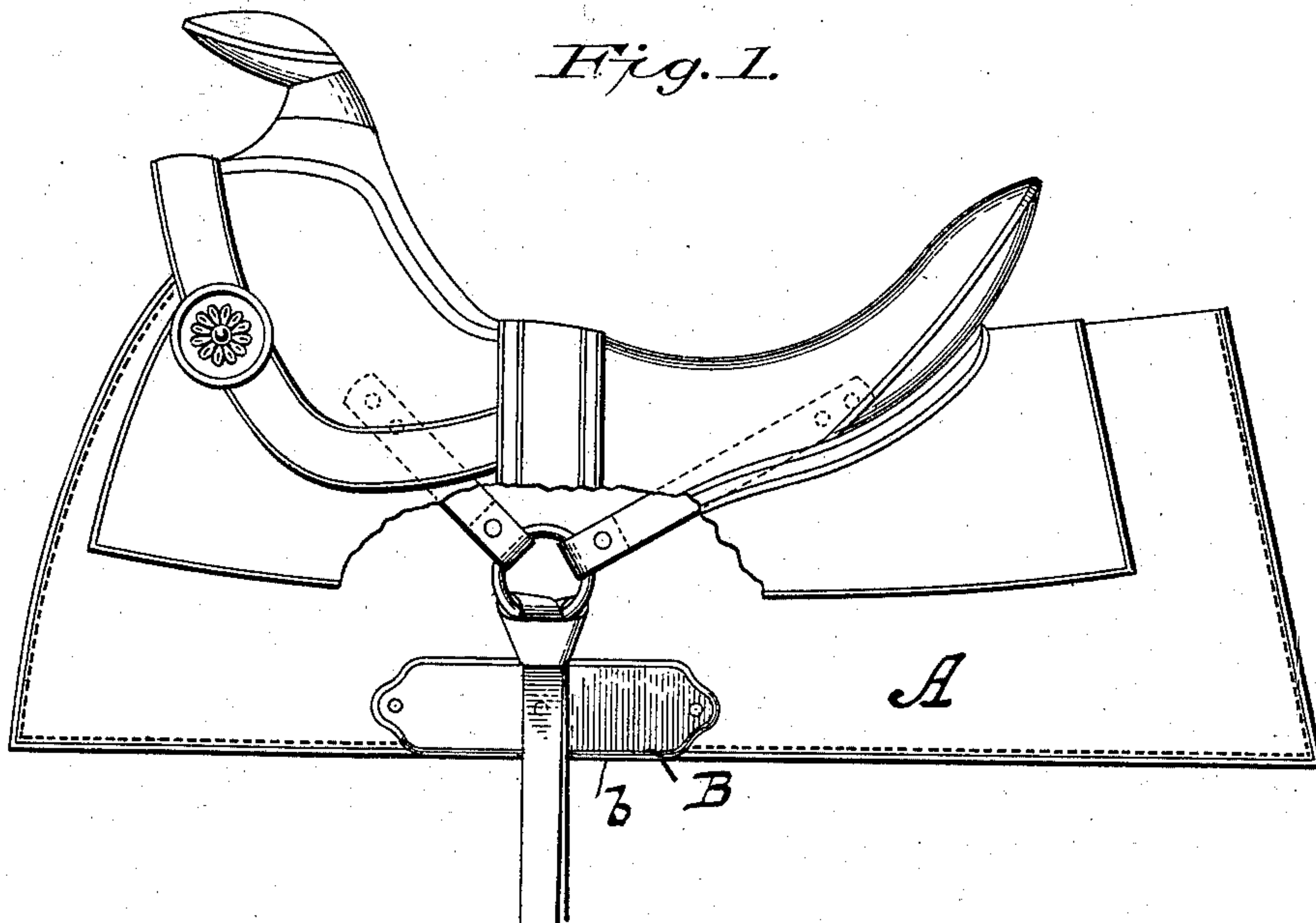
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. NYE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Walla Walla, in the county of Walla Walla and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shields for Saddle-Skirts; 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the marks of reference thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in saddle-skirts; and the invention consists in providing a saddle-skirt with resilient metallic shields which are attached adjacent to the lower edges of the saddle-skirt, so as to be engaged by the girth or girth-rigging.

This invention also consists in providing a saddle-skirt with resilient metallic plates of special construction, as will be hereinafter set forth and specifically claimed.

This invention is designed especially for use with that class of riding-saddles usually designated as "cowboy" or "Mexican" saddles, said saddles not only having the usual skirts, shields, and flaps, but also an inner skirt, which consists of a thickness of heavy leather, to the inner side of which is attached a felt or fabric lining.

In use the saddle is provided with straps attached to a ring, through which is passed a strap or thong for connecting to the aforesaid ring the girth. Such girth-rigging engaging with the saddle-skirt bends the same inward, so as to form a permanent depression, which will chafe and injure the animal. To obviate the forming of a permanent depression in the saddle-skirt, and at the same time permit of the producing therein the temporary shallow cavity for the girth-straps which will hold the girth-strap and girth against lateral displacement, I attach adjacent to the lower edge of the saddle-skirt a resilient metallic shield, which is positioned so as to be engaged by the

girth-strap or the girth, so that when the pressure is relieved the plate and the saddle-skirt will be restored to their original form.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation showing my improvement as it appears in practical use. Fig. 2 is a side view of the plate detached from the saddle-skirt, and Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the plate.

A refers to the saddle-skirt, to which is attached by means of rivets a plate or shield B, preferably made from spring-steel, the securing-rivets passing through apertures therein and being upset directly thereon. The edges of this shield or plate B are beveled, as shown at *b*, so as to avoid any angular or sharp edges which might chafe the girth-rigging. The girth or girth-rigging engages with a ring which is connected to the saddle in the usual manner, and when a double girth-rigging is used two plates or shields will be attached to each side of the saddle-skirt. The shield is resilient, so that it may be bent inward by pressure. When the pressure is relieved, it will resume its normal shape. The plate not only holds the saddle-skirt in proper shape, but also prevents wear.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture a saddle-skirt, having rigidly secured thereto adjacent to its lower edges a resilient metallic shield, positioned so as to be engaged by the girth or girth-rigging, for the purpose set forth.

2. A saddle-skirt having rigidly attached thereto midway between the ends and adjacent to its lower edges, resilient metallic plates B, the edges of which are beveled, said plate being perforated for the passage of rivets there-through to provide the means for intimately connecting the shield to the saddle-skirt, substantially as shown.

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