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Fig 1

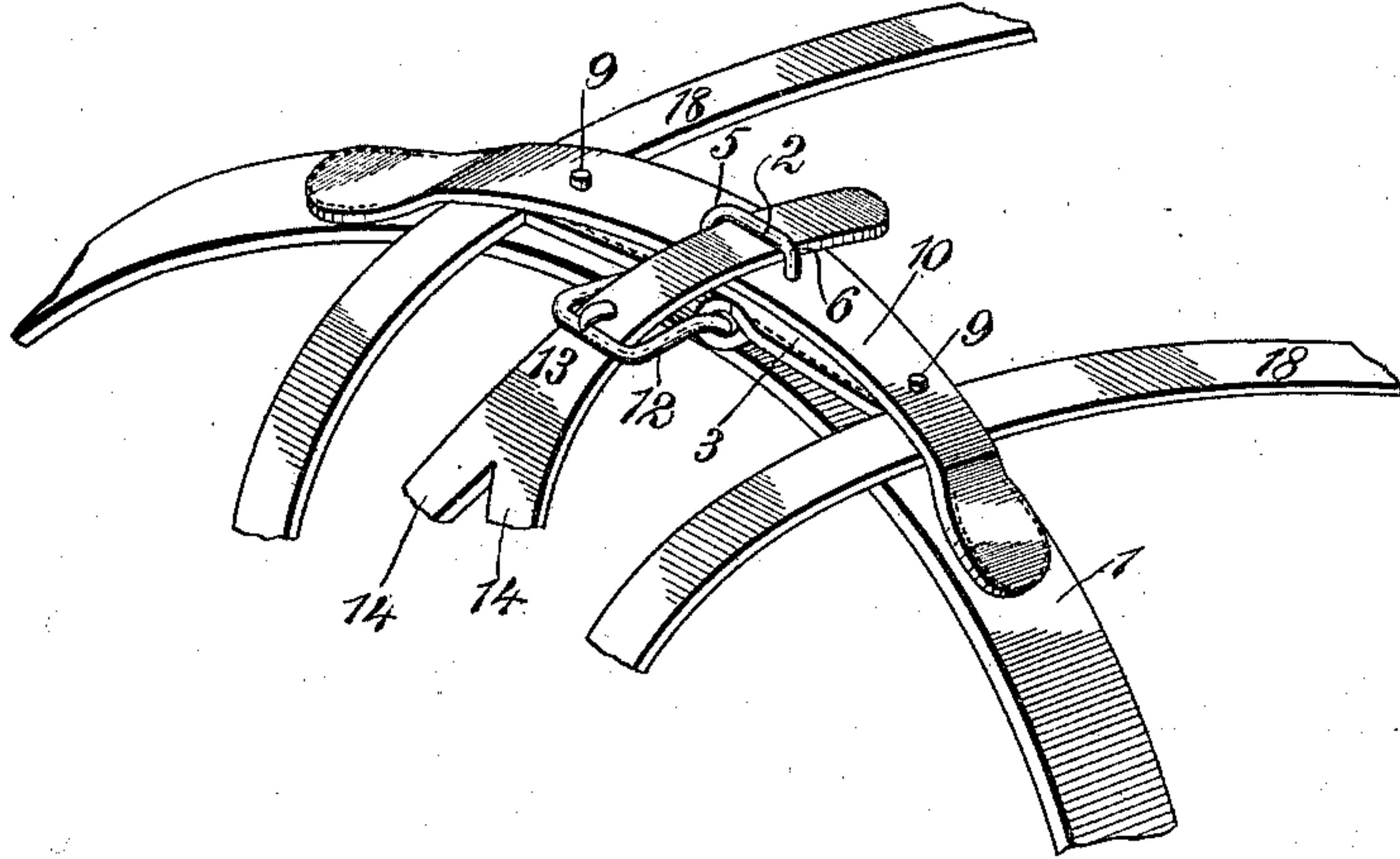


Fig 2

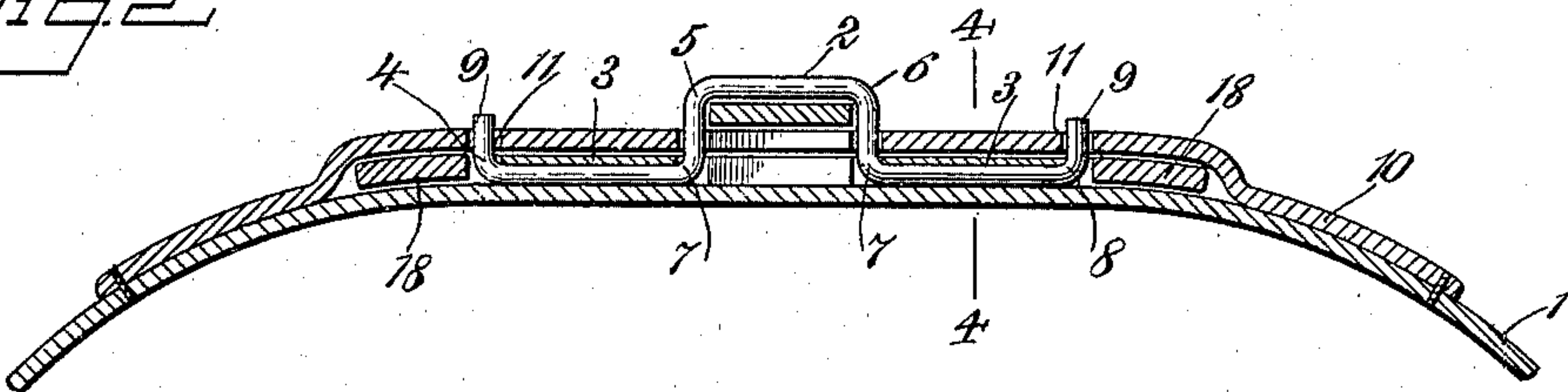


Fig 3

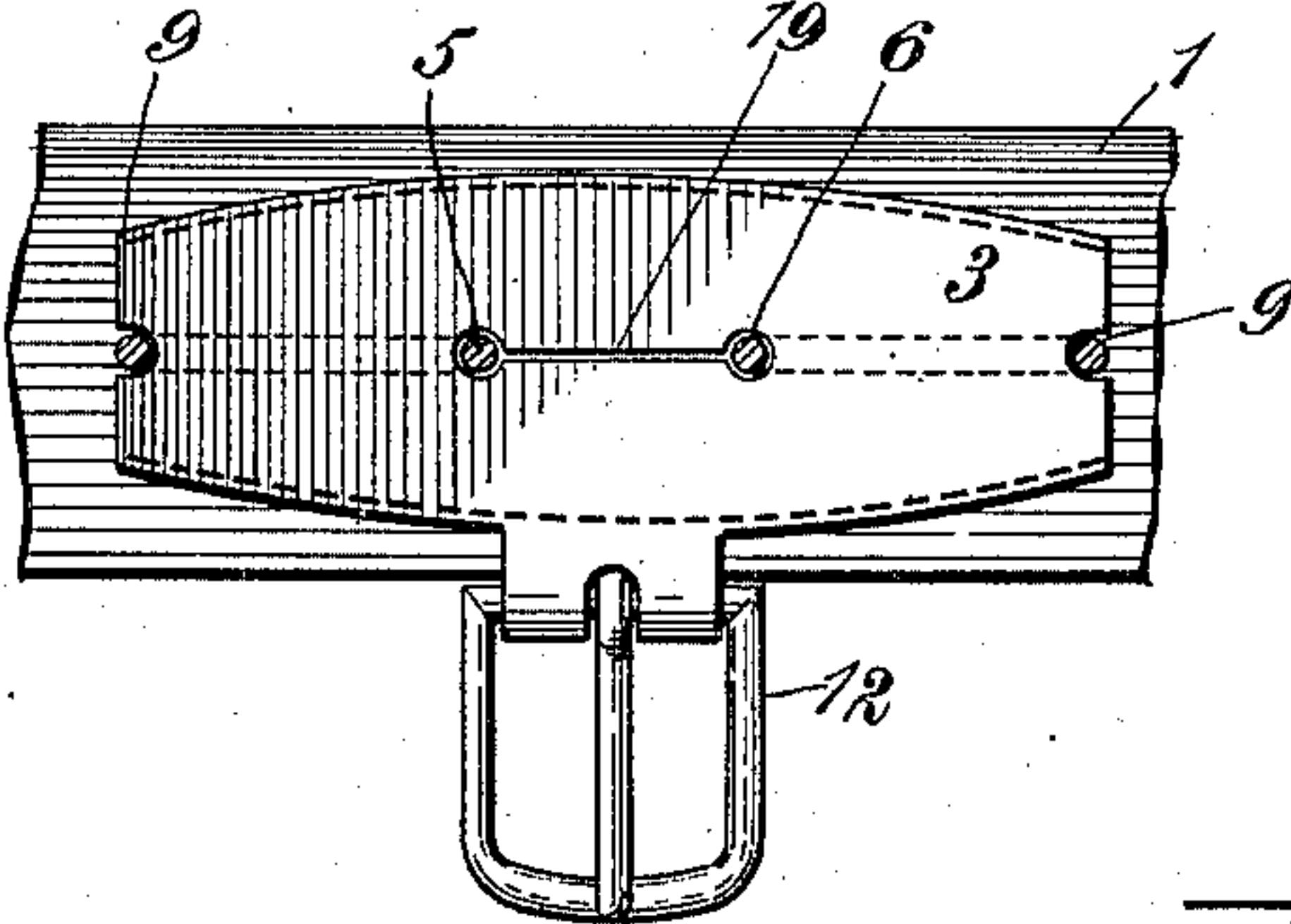


Fig 4

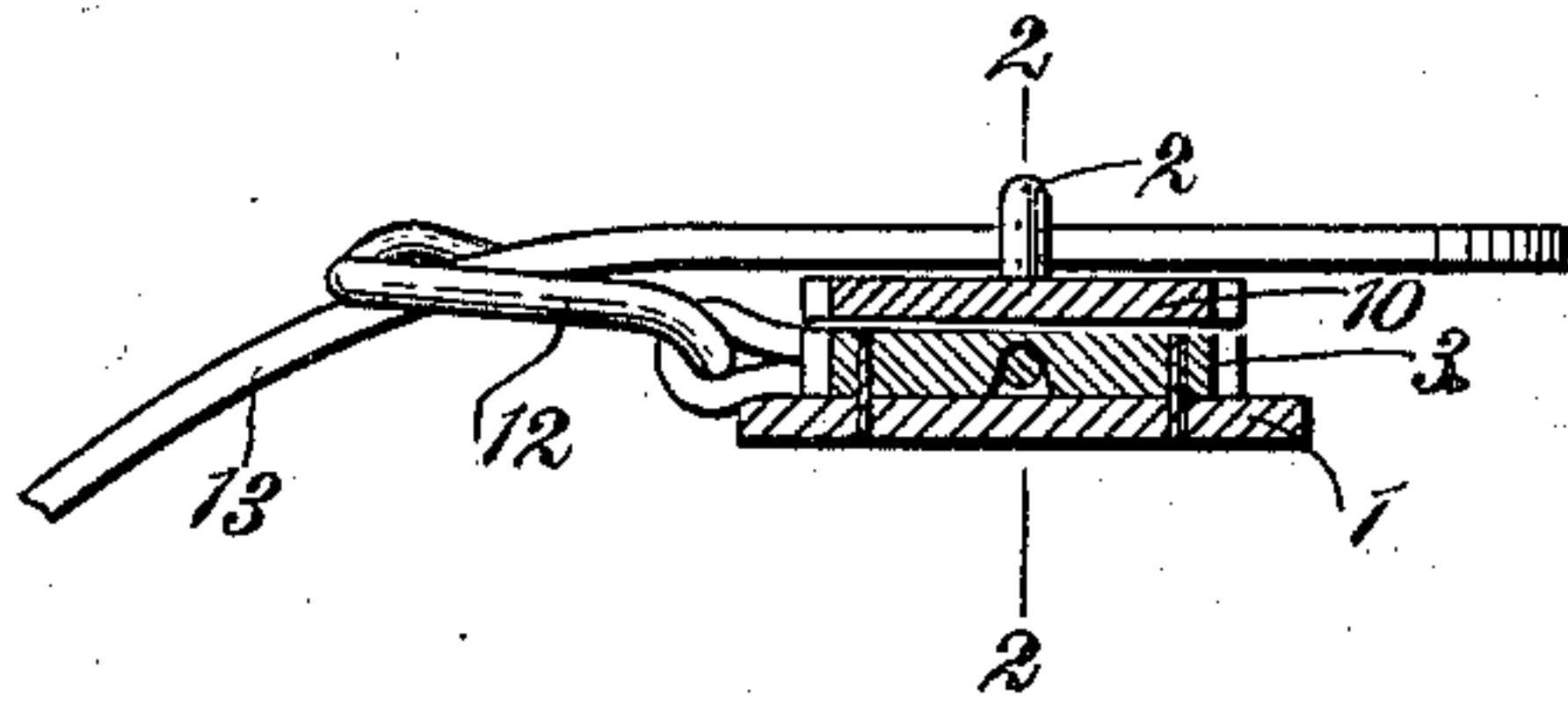
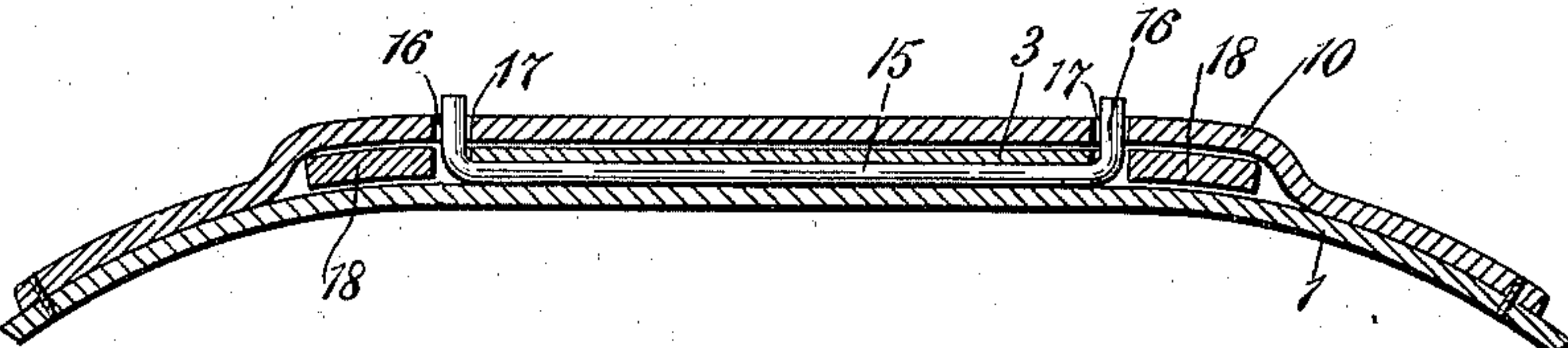


Fig 5



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OVERDRAW-CHECK FOR BRIDLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. SCHOTT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Quincy, in the county of Adams and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overdraw-Checks for Bridles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to bridles, and has for its object to produce a neat, simple, and efficient overdraw-check to be connected with the crown-piece and with means for supporting the blinds of a bridle.

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

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of the device as applied to a bridle. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same on the line 2 2 in Fig. 4. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing the means for fastening the metallic member upon the crown-piece and also for mounting the buckle. Fig. 4 is a section taken on the line 4 4 in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section showing a modification in the form of metallic member employed.

Upon the crown-piece 1, which is to be mounted in the usual position upon the horse's head, is located a metallic member 2, of spring-wire, the same being secured firmly in position by means of a leather plate 3. The metallic member 2 is provided with a number of right-angle bends 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and terminates abruptly in the two cylindrical ends 9. A crown-plate 10 is secured by any means, preferably by sewing, upon the crown-piece 1 and is provided with holes 11 for engaging the outwardly-projecting ends 9. A buckle 12 is secured to the flexible leather plate 3, as shown more particularly in Figs. 1 and 3. The object of this buckle is to support the flexible strap 13, which is bifurcated at 14 14 and leads to the blinds adjacent to the animal's eyes.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5 the arrangement is practically the same as that just described. In this figure, however, instead of the metallic member having a sinusoidal shape, as above described, it is merely

provided with two right-angle bends 16, which pass through the holes 17 in the crown-plate 10. The overcheck-reins are shown at 18. They merely straddle the metallic member 15 and are threaded between the crown-piece 1 and the crown-plate 10. A slit 19 is provided in the leather plate 3 for facilitating the insertion of the central loop of the metallic member 2, as shown more particularly in Fig. 3.

The modification shown in Fig. 5 is used principally on open-face bridles.

My invention has quite a number of advantages, among which may be mentioned the following: The parts are readily interchangeable, as one part can be removed and replaced by another without inconvenience and with little or no work. The device is not liable to get out of order. By making the crown-piece interchangeable the maker or user is enabled to use other styles of check-line than the one shown. The invention may be made and used by any person of ordinary intelligence and is quite humane in its action upon the horse.

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

A bridle, comprising a crown-piece, a single section of spring-wire bent six times at right angles and in the same plane so as to present a central raised loop and a pair of upturned ends in alinement therewith, a flexible plate secured upon said crown-piece and provided centrally with a longitudinal slot for engaging said loop and also provided with holes for engaging said upturned ends, said slot and said holes being in alinement with each other, a buckle secured upon said flexible plate, and a flexible strap engaged by said buckle and disposed within said central raised loop.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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