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Fig. 1.

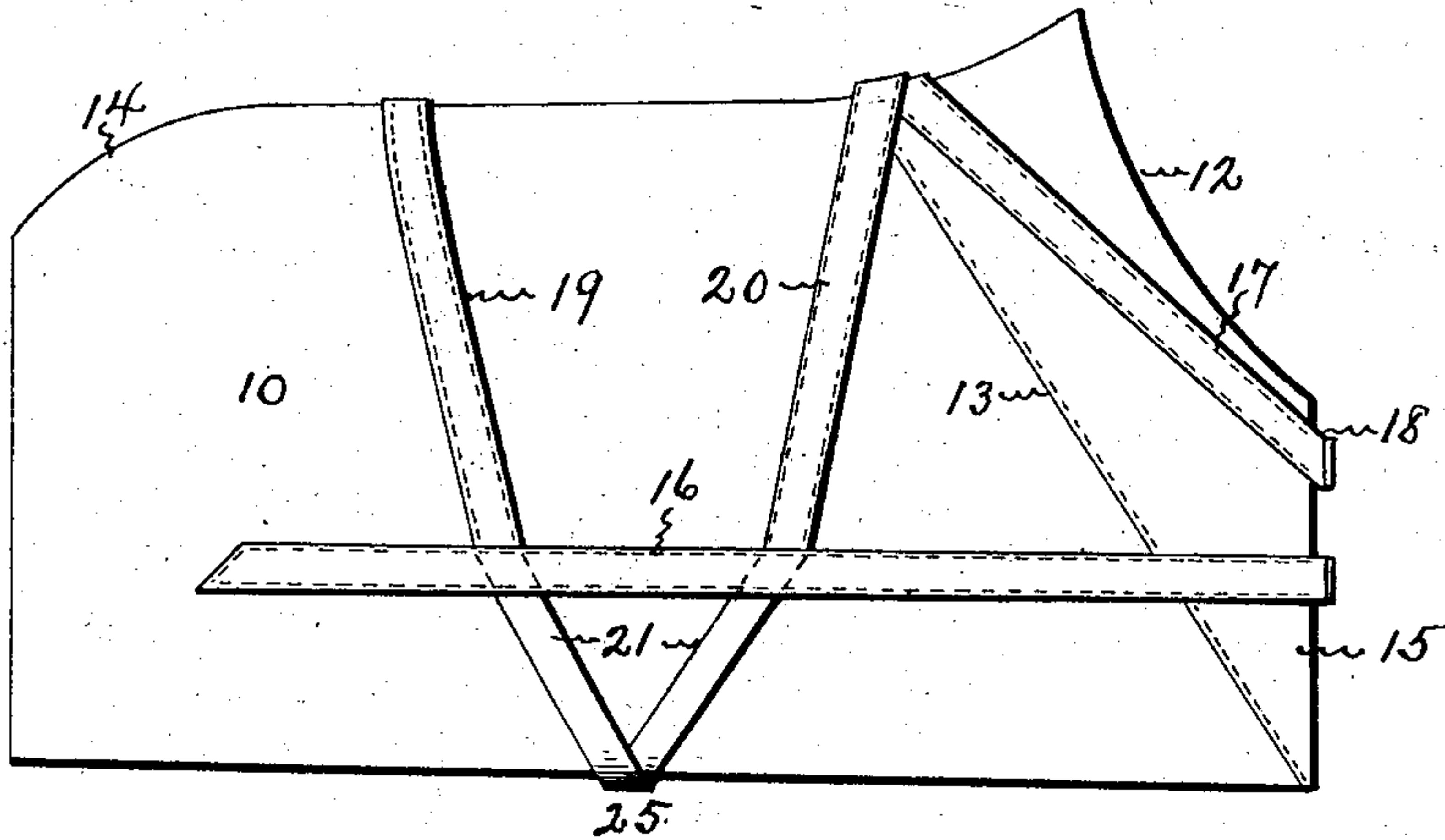


Fig. 2.

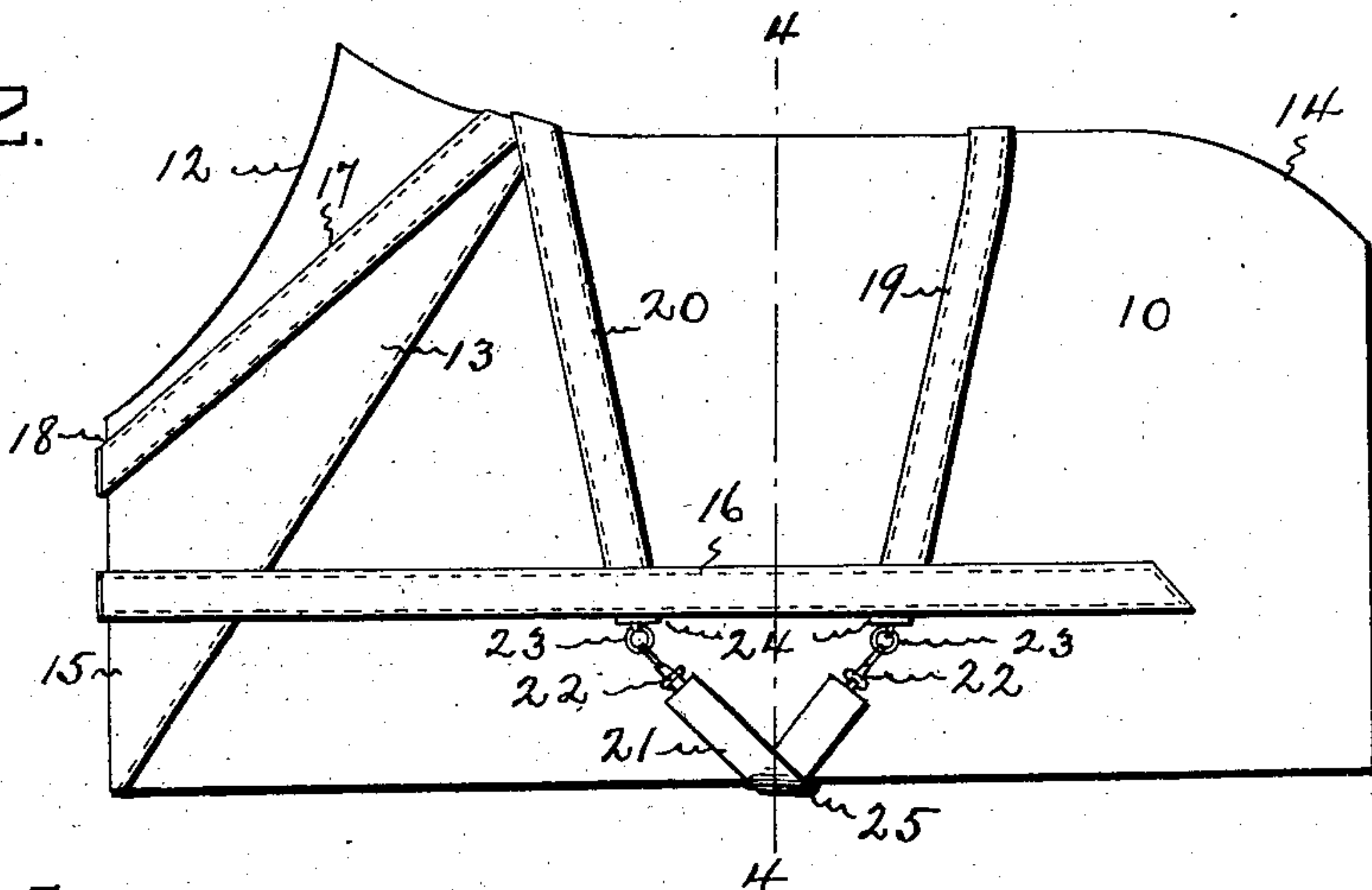


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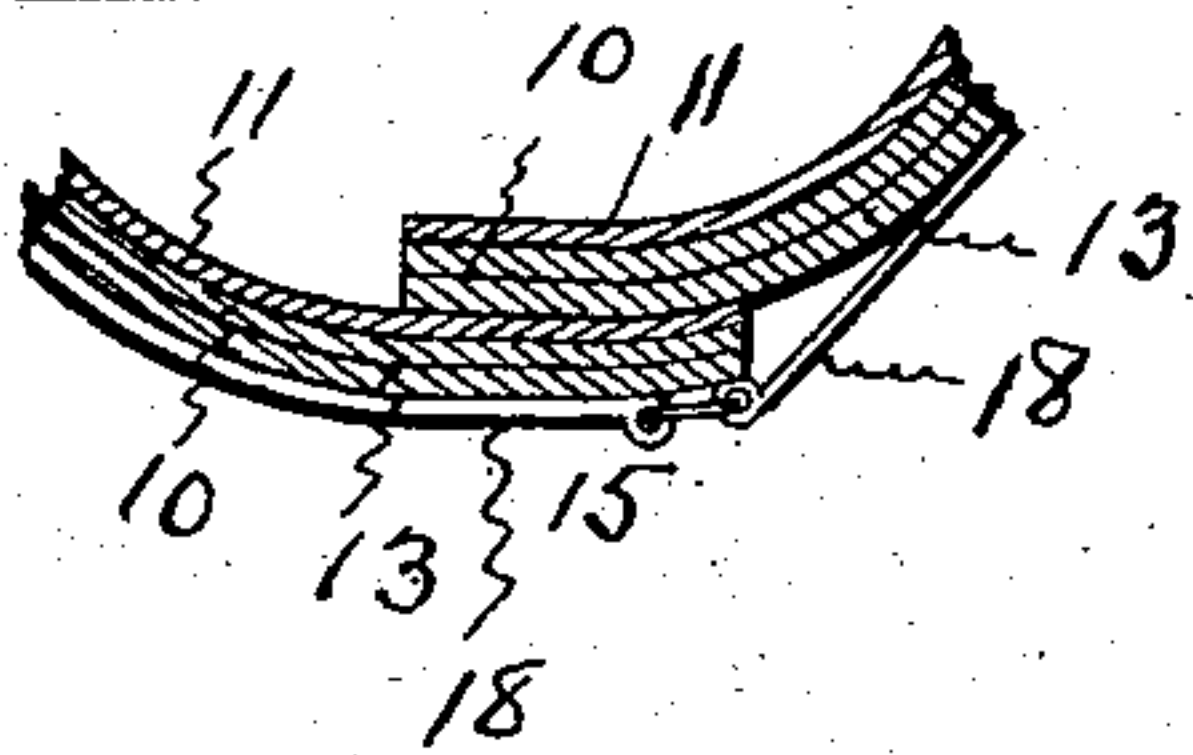


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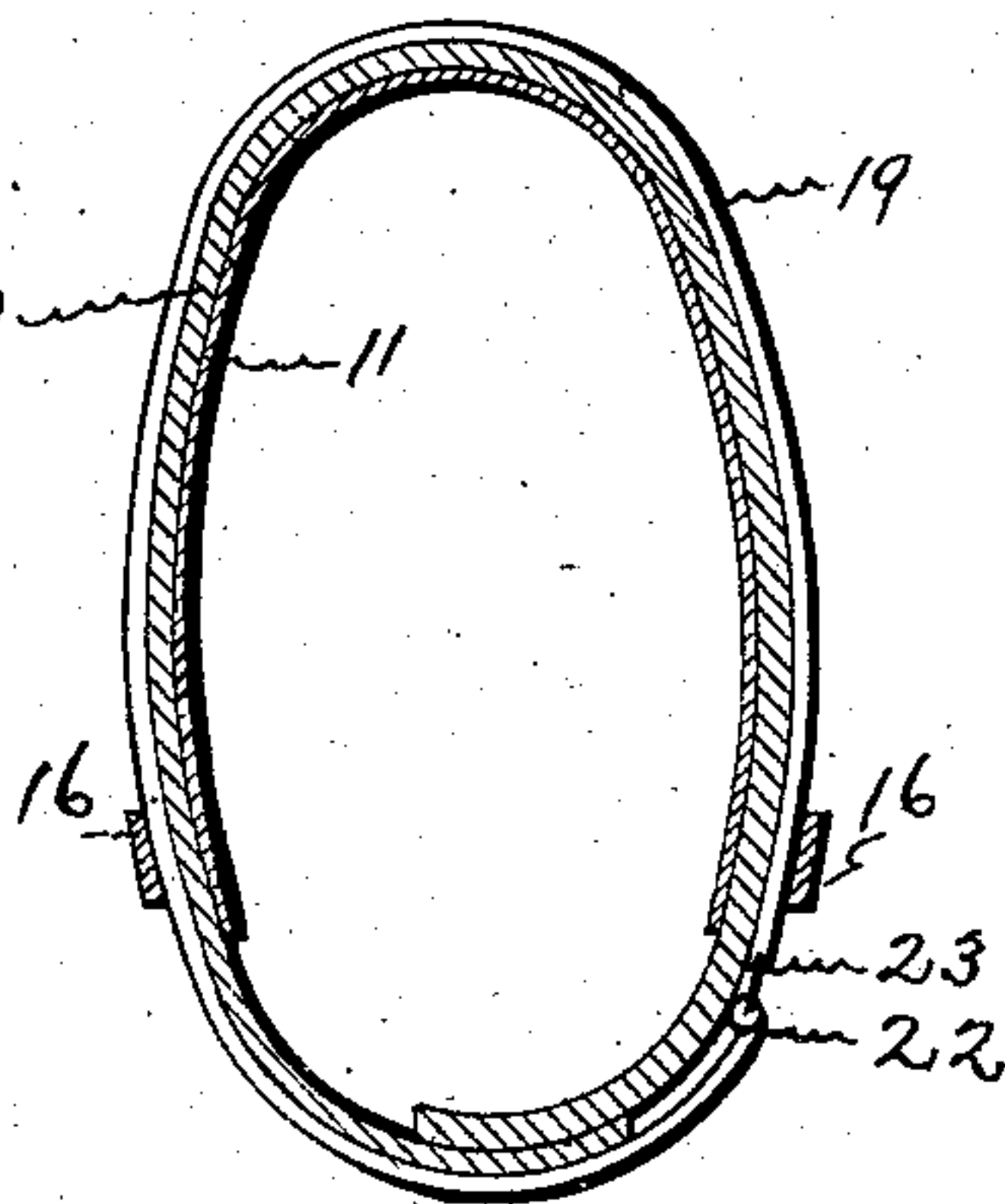
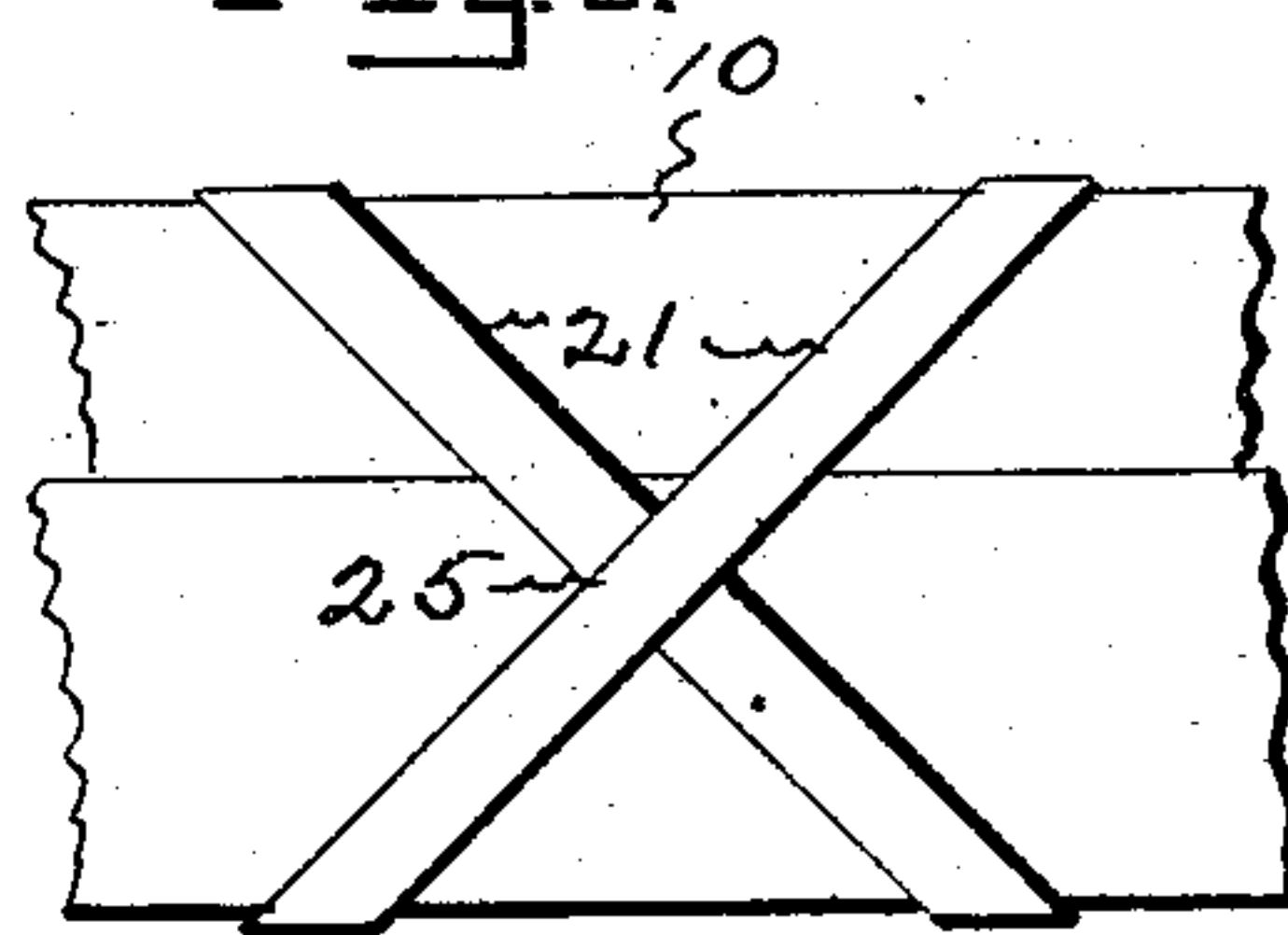


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAMIE CLEAVER, of Lebanon, in the county of Marion and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Horse-Blankets; 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.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in horse-blankets; and it has for its object to provide suitable means for taking up the strain in the wear of the blanket, whereby its durability is greatly increased.

A further object is to provide simple and efficient means for securing the blanket in position upon the animal; and a further object is to provide ample protection for the animal's breast.

The invention will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are opposite side views of my improved blanket. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view illustrating the front flap. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4 4, Fig. 2, illustrating the position assumed by the blanket while being worn. Fig. 5 is a detail view illustrating the crossed securing-straps.

Referring to the drawings, 10 designates the body of the blanket, the same being provided with a suitable lining 11. Said body is cut out upon a curved line at 12 to pass around the animal's neck, the fabric forming said body being turned back along said curved line to form a reinforced portion 13, which may or may not extend to the lower edge of the blanket. Said body is also curved or rounded at 14 to fit over the animal's hips. The forward end of said body is provided with flaps 15, which fit one over the other, whereby the animal's breast is completely protected from cold and exposure.

On each side of the blanket, near its lower edge and extending approximately parallel with the latter, is a strap 16, which is securely fastened to the body of the blanket by stitches or other suitable means, the forward ends of said straps being extended beyond the flaps 15 and provided with buckles, snap-hooks, or

other preferred fastening means. A strap 17 extends downwardly on both sides of the body 10 in a diagonal direction from the shoulder-line to the front of the blanket, said strap being secured to said body preferably by stitching and provided with free ends 18, which are designed to be connected by buckles, snap-hooks, or the like. The straps 16 and 17, with their fastening means, serve to hold the flaps 15 in their proper relation to each other.

On each side of the body 10 and extending from the top toward the lower edge of the blanket are converging straps 19, 20, said straps being passed under the straps 16. Said straps are secured by stitching or otherwise to the body of the blanket for that portion of their lengths extending from the back to the straps 16, their extended ends being passed under and left free below said latter straps. The straps 16 also serve to more securely fasten the straps 19, 20 to the blanket at the points where they cross. On one side of the blanket the ends 21 of the straps 19, 20 are of sufficient length to pass beneath the body of the animal. These ends 21 are provided with suitable fastening devices 22, which are designed to engage with corresponding devices 23, carried by the opposite ends 24 of straps 19, 20, said extended portions 21 being crossed at 25, as shown, whereby when they are secured in position the strap 20 on one side of the blanket becomes a substantial continuation of the strap 19 on the other side thereof. By this means the lower edges of the blanket are securely fastened one over the other, thus fully protecting the animal and securing the blanket firmly in position.

The advantages of my improved blanket will be at once apparent to those skilled in the art to which it appertains. It will be particularly noted that strap 17 holds the blanket up on the animal's withers and, together with the reinforced portion, greatly relieves the strain upon the straps 16, which latter are designed to take up the strain when the animal gets up or down. It will be understood, however, that I do not limit myself either to the reinforced portion or the strap 17, as one or the other may be omitted without departing from the spirit of my invention, which in this instance contemplates a reinforcing strap or strip designed to hold the blanket well up on

the withers and to prevent strain upon the body of the blanket under the circumstances above set forth. Said straps 16 and 17 also serve to hold the front flaps 15 in proper position. It will also be observed that by securing the straps 17 and 19 at the same point over the animal's shoulder and converging the straps 19 20 and crossing them under the animal's belly the blanket will be more securely held in position and the entire strain will come upon the straps instead of upon the blanket, as would be the case were the straps parallel. For instance, any strain upon strap 20 on either side of the blanket will be brought to bear upon the strap 19 on the other side of the blanket through the medium of the crossed strap 21. The strain thus brought about will be taken up by the straps 16 17 and the reinforced portion, so that the fabric will not be torn or drawn out of shape and at the same time the blanket will not shift, but will be held securely in place. It will also be observed that while I have described my improved blanket as designed particularly for horses, yet the same can with but slight modification be used for other animals without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. A blanket comprising a body portion, and converging hip and shoulder straps secured to both sides of said body portion and extending downwardly from the hip and shoulder

lines, respectively, the hip and shoulder straps on one side of said blanket having relatively long free ends arranged to be crossed beneath the animal for direct engagement with the shoulder and hip straps, respectively, on the other side of said body portion, whereby the hip-strap on one side becomes, in effect, a continuation of the shoulder-strap on the other side, as set forth.

2. A blanket comprising a body portion, converging hip and shoulder straps secured to both sides of said body portion and extending downwardly from the hip and shoulder lines, respectively, the hip and shoulder straps on one side of said blanket having relatively long free ends arranged to be crossed beneath the animal for direct engagement with the shoulder and hip straps, respectively, on the other side of said body portion, whereby the hip-strap on one side becomes, in effect, a continuation of the shoulder-strap on the other side, and forwardly-extended neck-straps secured to said body at the same point as said shoulder - straps and leading downwardly therefrom, as set forth.

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

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