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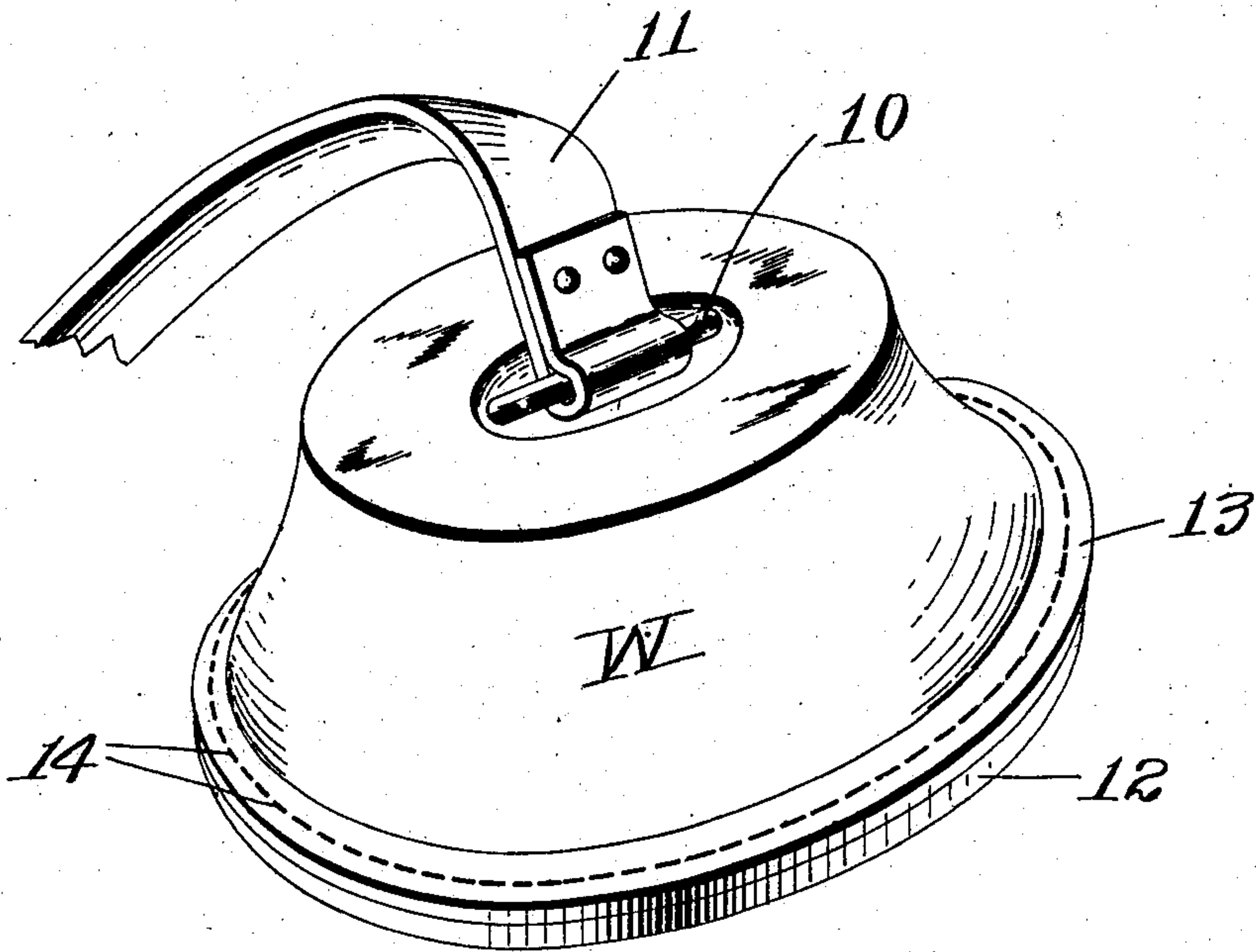


Fig. 1.

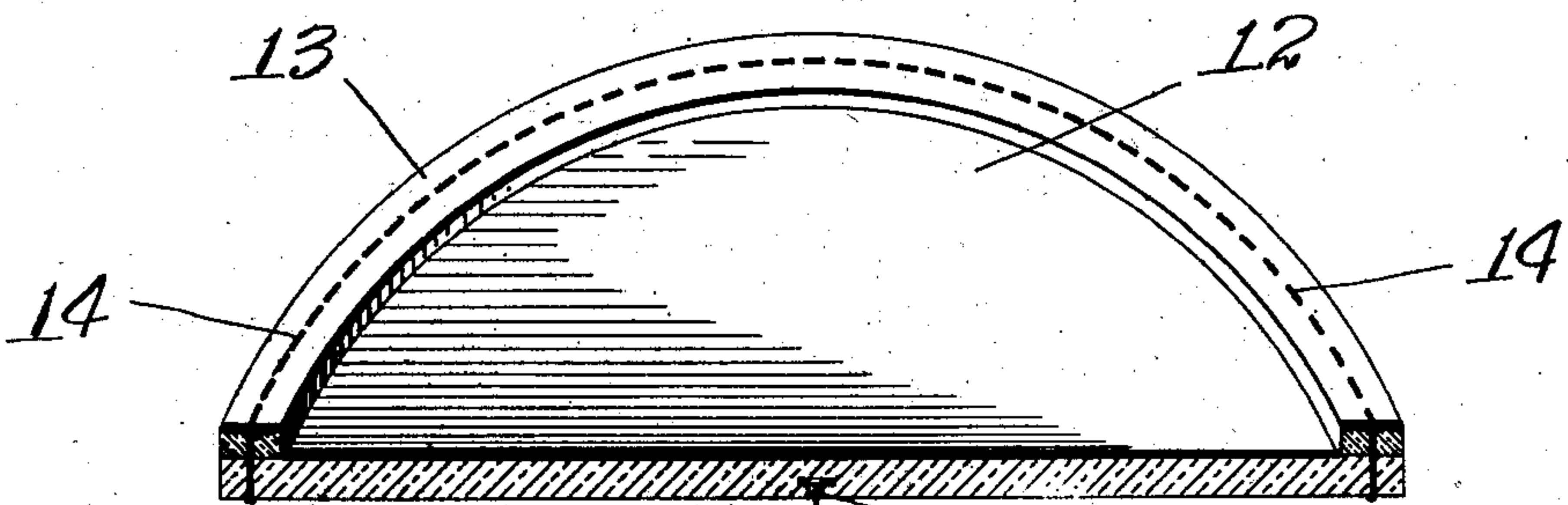


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. ALBEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Holder for Hitching-Weights, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to horse - hitching weights which are used for temporarily hitching horses; and the especial object of this invention is to provide a mat or holder for a hitch-weight which will prevent the hitch-weight from sliding or slipping about in the vehicle and will also prevent the floor of the vehicle from being jammed by the hitch-weight.

To this end this invention consists of the hitch-weight holder as an article of manufacture, as hereinafter described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hitch-weight resting in a mat or holder constructed according to this invention; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view, partially in section, of the holder.

The use of an ordinary hitch-weight, which has heretofore been thrown back under the seat of a vehicle when not in use, I have found to be exceedingly objectionable, as after a hitch-weight has been in use for some time the bottom of the hitch-weight becomes quite smooth or polished, so that the hitch-weight will slide around in the bottom of the vehicle, slipping back to the rear of the vehicle when going uphill and frequently sliding forward when going downhill. This rattling or shifting about of the hitch-weight under a vehicle-seat is not only objectionable for the reason that it jams and injures the vehicle-body, but is also objectionable for the reason that a driver desiring to use the hitch-weight is obliged to hunt around in the bottom of the vehicle to find the same. In fact, to take out a hitch-weight from an ordinary buggy or similar carriage the driver is sometimes required to go around to the back of the carriage, and instances have been known where runaway accidents have happened when a driver has

left the head of a horse to look for his hitch-weight.

The especial object of my present invention is to provide a holder for receiving and holding a hitch-weight, so that it will protect the vehicle-body and will also prevent the weight from slipping or sliding about under the seat.

In practice a hitch-weight holder constructed according to this invention comprises a disk-shaped leather mat or body portion with a leather beading or rim stitched onto the upper surface thereof to form a pocket corresponding substantially to the outline of the hitch-weight which is to be deposited therein. In some cases the body portion is provided with a pin or spur for positively fastening the holder in place in the vehicle-body, although in practice I have found that a leather holder will usually have sufficient friction to prevent it from shifting or moving about in the vehicle.

Referring to the drawings and in detail, the hitch-weight W (shown in Fig. 1) is substantially of the ordinary form, with a recess in its upper face having a cross-bar 10, to which the strap 11 is secured.

My holder or mat, in which the hitch-weight may be placed, comprises a disk-shaped or flat body portion 12, usually of leather, and a rim or binding 13, which is fastened thereon by a line of stitches 14, which pass both through the rim and body portion.

Secured in the center of the mat or body portion 12, as shown in Fig. 2, is a fastening spur or pin 15.

I am aware that changes may be made in the construction of my hitch-weight holder by those who are skilled in the art—such, for example, as the manufacture of the same from rubber or other materials instead of leather. I do not wish, therefore, to be limited to the construction I have herein shown and described; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a hitch-weight holder comprising a leather disk, and a leather binding or rim secured onto the face of the disk around the margin thereof and forming a socket for receiving a hitch-weight.

2. As an article of manufacture, a hitch-
weight holder comprising a leather disk or
mat, a rim or binding of leather stitched onto
the upper face of the disk by stitches extend-
5 ing both through the rim and body portion,
and a holding spur or pin secured in the body
portion

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
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