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Fig. 1.

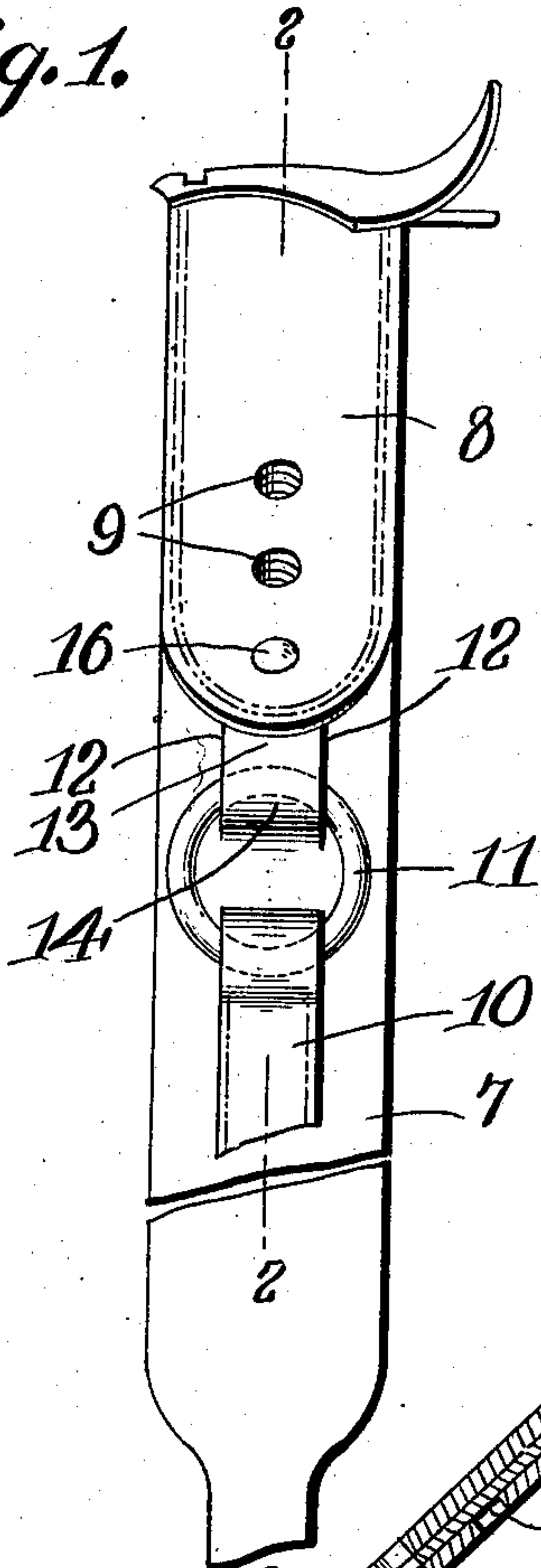


Fig. 3.

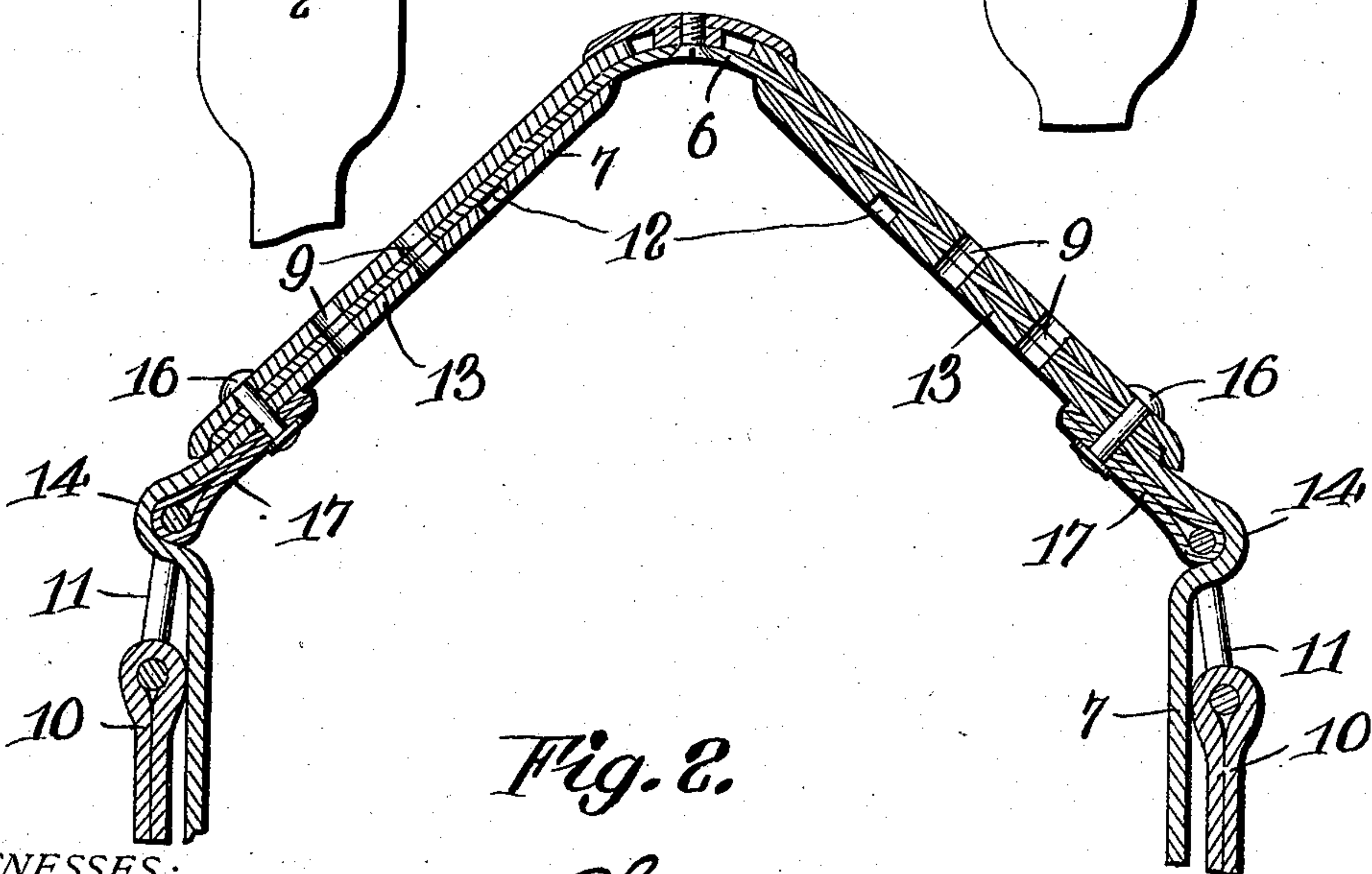
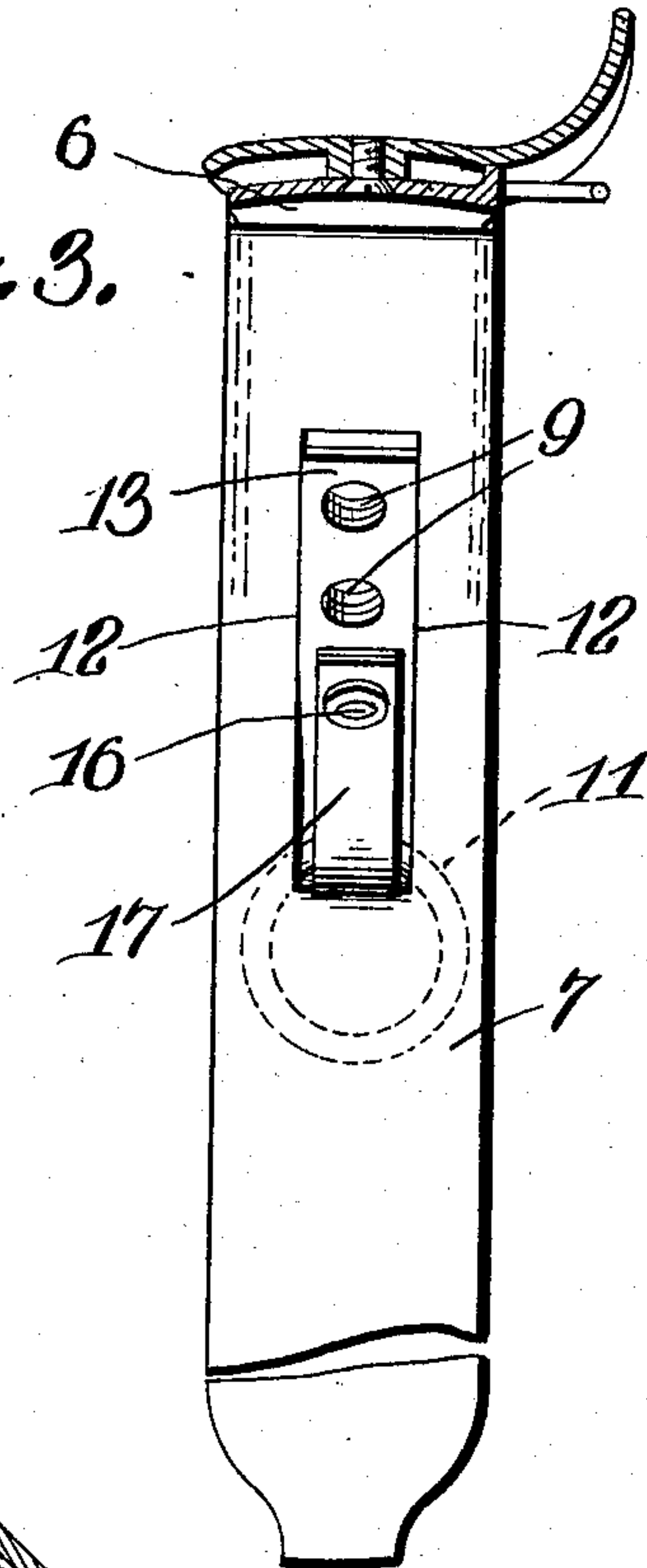


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPH A. SPIES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Harness-Saddles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to harness or gig saddles, and has for its object to provide improved means for supporting a bearer, or connecting the same to the body of the saddle.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is an outer side view of the saddle, or of so much thereof as is necessary to illustrate this invention. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an inner side view, of the skirting.

The saddle tree is indicated at 6, fitting between the inside skirting 7 and the outside short skirting or cover piece 8. All of these parts have the usual holes 9 for the terret bolts and attaching screws.

The bearer strap is indicated at 10, looped at its upper end into a ring 11. In order to support said ring and the bearer I make two longitudinal slits in the skirt, as indicated at 12, which forms a long tongue 13, being detached at the upper end and remaining attached at the lower end. This tongue is run or passed through the ring 11 forming a half loop or bend at the lower ends of the slits, as indicated at 14. The effect of this is to draw the tongue down a piece, but after the ring is inserted the tongue is fixed by the terret bolt, which passes therethrough, as well as by a rivet 16 which extends through the tree and the tongue. The bearer ring 11 is further held or supported by a leather

loop 17 through which the ring extends, and which is located under the tongue referred to near the lower end, the ends of the loop being fastened by the rivet 16. This takes the wear off of the skirt or tongue, and the leather loop 17 can be renewed when it becomes necessary in consequence of the wear. Of course the under parts will be covered by the pad or cushion which is omitted in the drawings. This novel or simple method of attaching the bearers to a harness saddle is decidedly efficient and cheap, and avoids the use of several other parts heretofore considered necessary for the purpose of making the connection. The tongue can be cut in the skirting and the bearer ring applied thereto in a very few minutes without the necessity for any sewing and without the use of a separate skirt or band.

I claim:

1. A harness saddle having a skirt with longitudinal slits forming a tongue, and a bearer ring through which the tongue extends, said tongue being fastened to hold the ring.

2. A harness saddle having a tree, a skirt having an integral tongue formed by slitting the skirt lengthwise, and a bearer ring through which the tongue passes, the end of the tongue being fastened to the tree.

3. A harness saddle having a skirt slitted lengthwise to form a tongue, a loop under the tongue, and a bearer ring which extends through the slits at the lower ends thereof and through the loop, the tongue and loop being fastened to the skirt and the saddle tree.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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