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SADDLE PAD.

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Fig. 1.

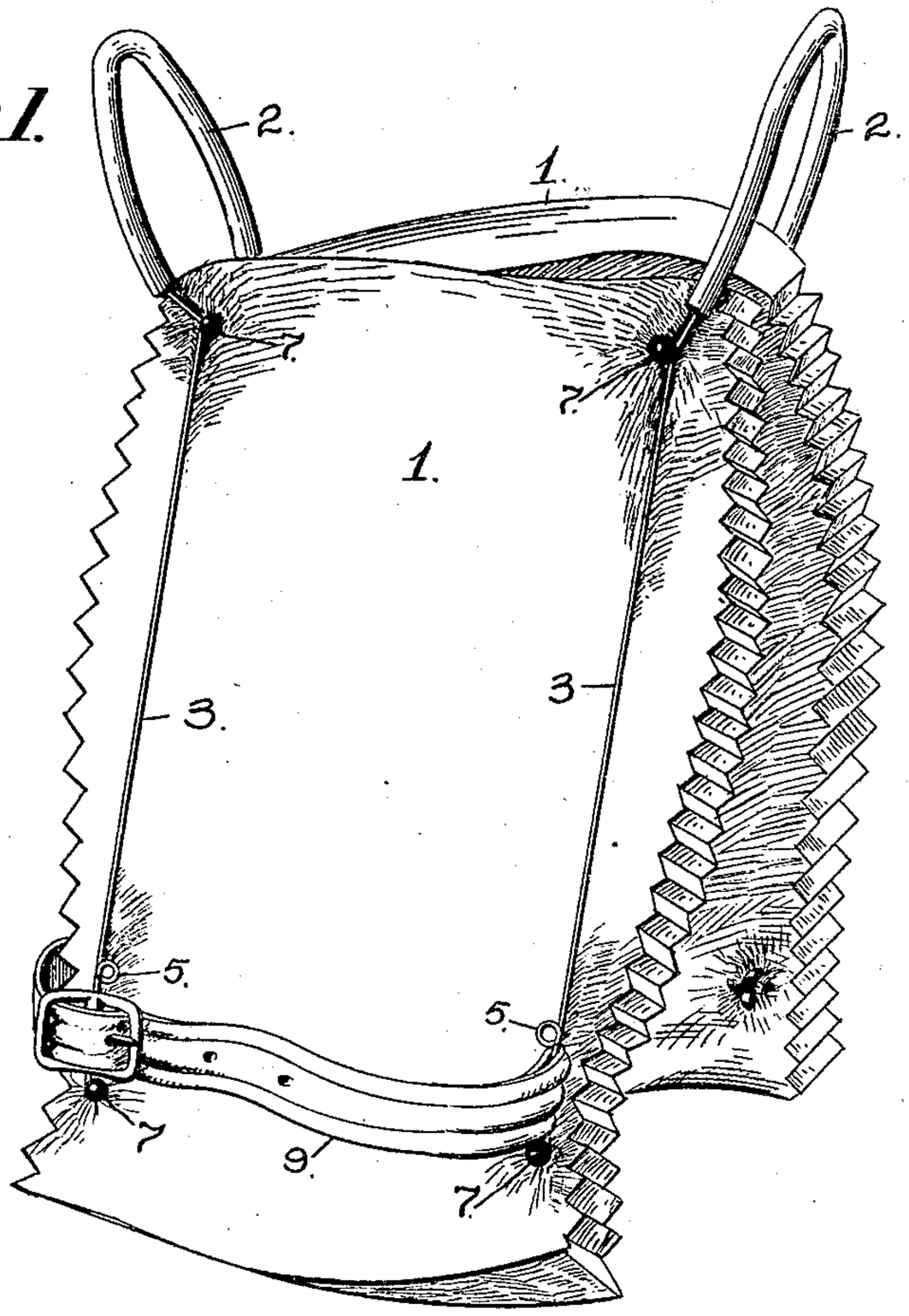
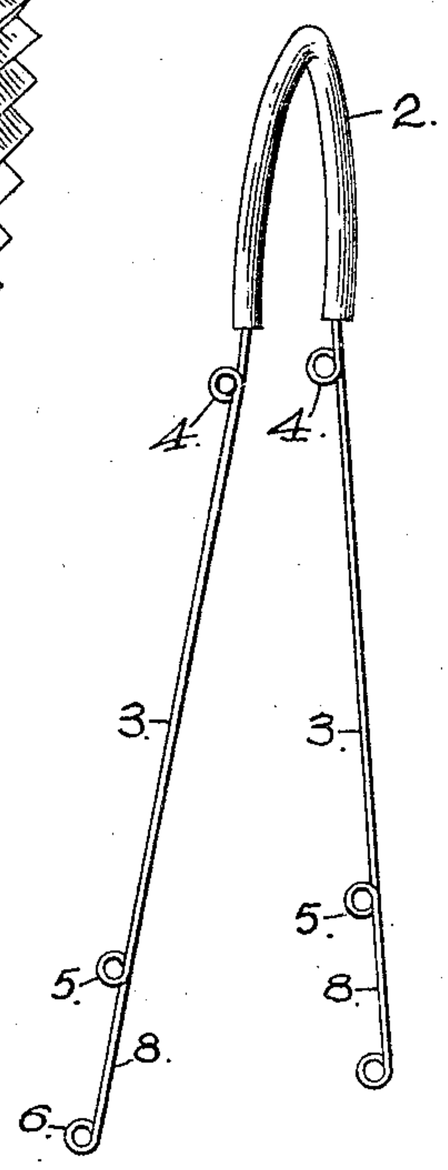


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS I. MORRISH, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Saddle-Pads, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates more particularly to the construction of the frames for the securing of the pads in proper position, which frames shall be simple and inexpensive of manufacture, easily and quickly secured to the pads, and by the use whereof the appearance of the saddle-pad is considerably enhanced, and the cost attached to the manufacture of the saddle-pads materially reduced.

Ordinarily the pads are united to a wire frame composed of a single piece of wire bent into proper shape, the body portions of such frame being embedded within layers of felt composing the pads. The main objection to such a constructed saddle-pad frame, resides in the difficulty of properly embedding the body portions thereof within the layers of material constituting the pads for the proper uniting of the same. Again, during use of such constructed saddle-pads, the outer layer of the felt by reason of its contact with the harness saddle quickly becomes worn, and loses its shape.

To comprehend the invention reference should be had to the accompanying sheet of drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved saddle-pad. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the securing frames removed from the pads.

In the drawings, the numeral 1 is used to designate the pads, preferably composed of felt suitably shaped. These pads are united to and held between substantially V-shaped frames, which frames are arranged near the outer edge portions of the pads, and bear on the outer faces thereof. Each securing frame consists of a single piece of wire, the central portion of which is thrown upwardly to form a projecting loop 2, through which the back-strap of the harness-saddle may be passed. The body portions 3 of each of the securing frames extend downwardly to within a short distance of the lower edge portion of the pads 1, and each body extension of the securing frames is bent to form a series of loops, eyes, or shoulders 4, 5, 6. Through two of the said eyes, loops, or extensions (4—6) extend the headed eyelets 7, which eyelets are passed through the felt pads 1, and the inner projecting end thereof clenched or flanged over against the inner face or surface of the pads, so as to hold the same firmly united to the said securing frames. The eyes, loops, or extensions 5 of the body portions of the securing frames are formed adjacent to the lower eye, loop, or extensions 6, so as to leave a space 8 through which the securing strap 9 is passed, the eye, loop or extension 5 acting as a shoulder to prevent slippage of the said straps. However, the same object may be accomplished by merely upsetting the body portions of the securing frames adjacent the mentioned lower eye, loop or extension 6.

The described manner of constructing the securing frames, and of securing the pads thereto, materially reduces the cost of manufacture of the saddle-pads, over the construction of a single securing frame having its body portions embedded within the pads.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is—

1. In a saddle-pad, the combination with the pads thereof, of a plurality of independent and unconnected securing frames to which the said pads are united, each frame consisting of a single piece of metal conforming in shape substantially to the back of an animal, the body portions of the said frames being formed with projections for the reception of securing means whereby the frames may be applied to the outer surface of said pad, and of devices extended through the said projections and the pads for uniting the pads to the securing frames.

2. In a saddle pad the combination of a pad member and a securing frame upon one side of the pad, the said frame having a supporting shoulder intermediate the top and bottom of the pad; means for securing the frame to the pad member, and a securing strap supported by said shoulder.

3. A saddle pad, the same comprising a pair of pad sections, a plurality of securing frames each composed of a single piece of wire substantially V-shaped, the central por-

tions of which frames are projected upwardly to form loops, and means engaging said body portions of the frames for securing the latter directly to the outside of the pad sections, and a securing strap on the outside of the pads extending between the body portions of the respective frames.

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

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