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HITCH STRAP.
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Fig I.

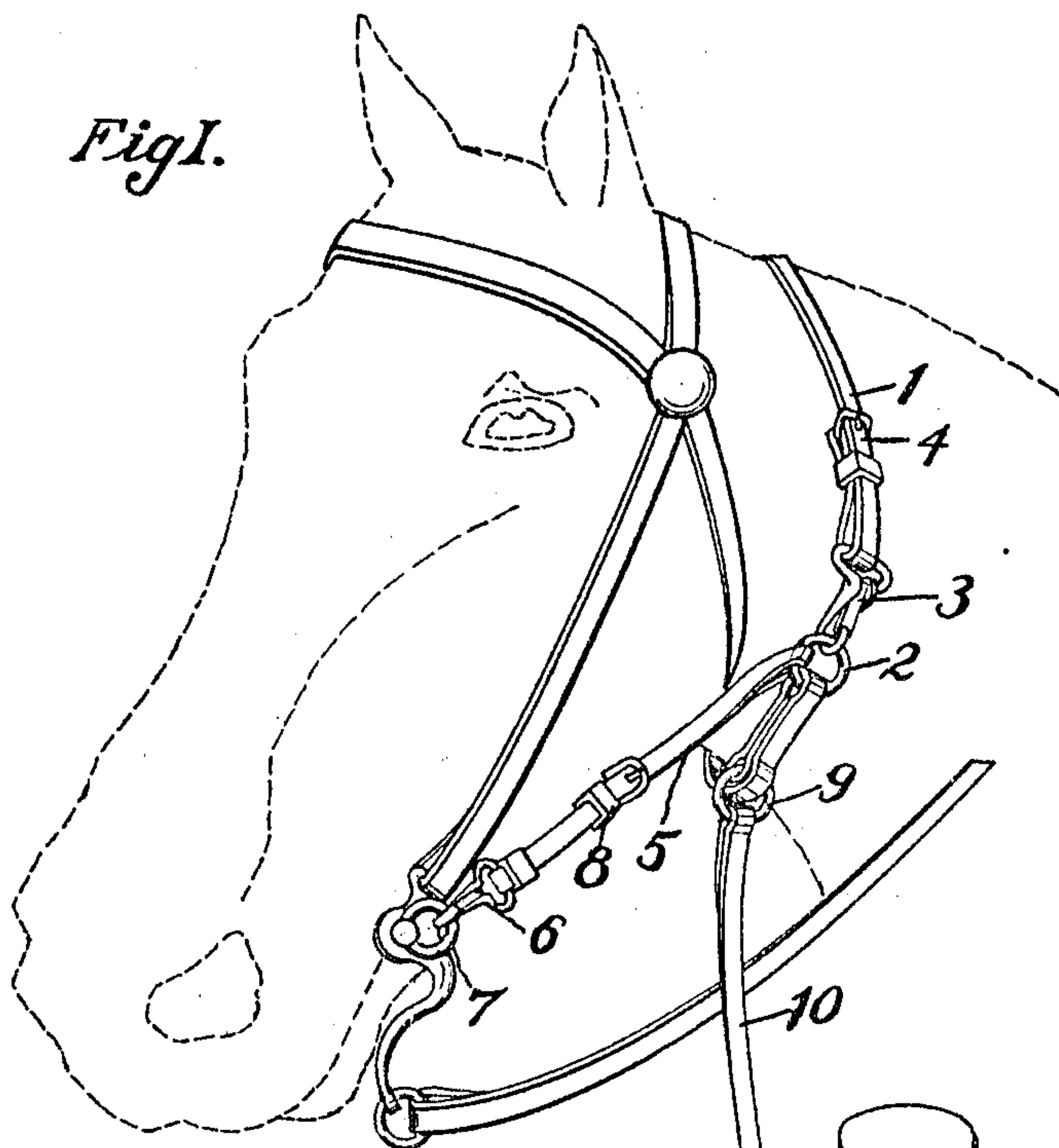


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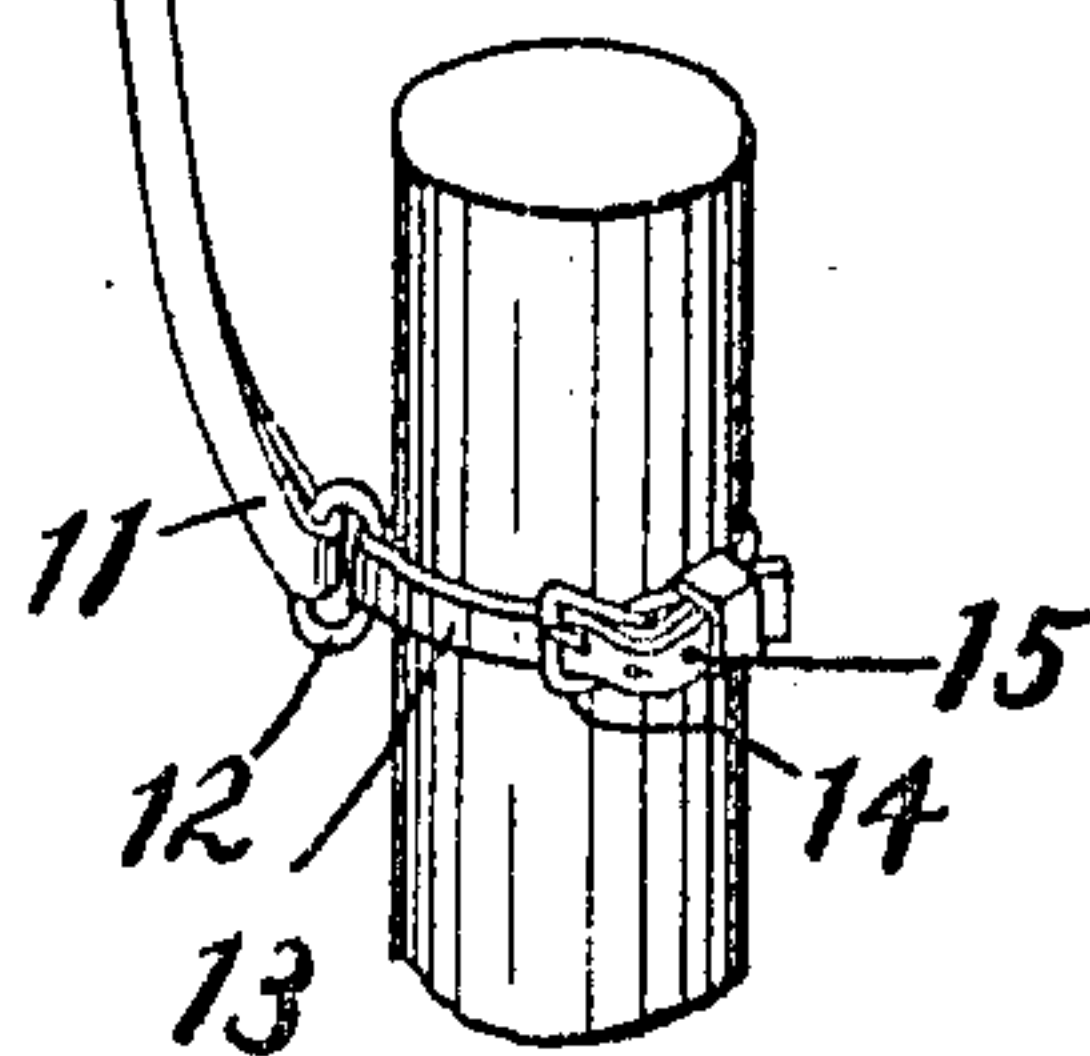
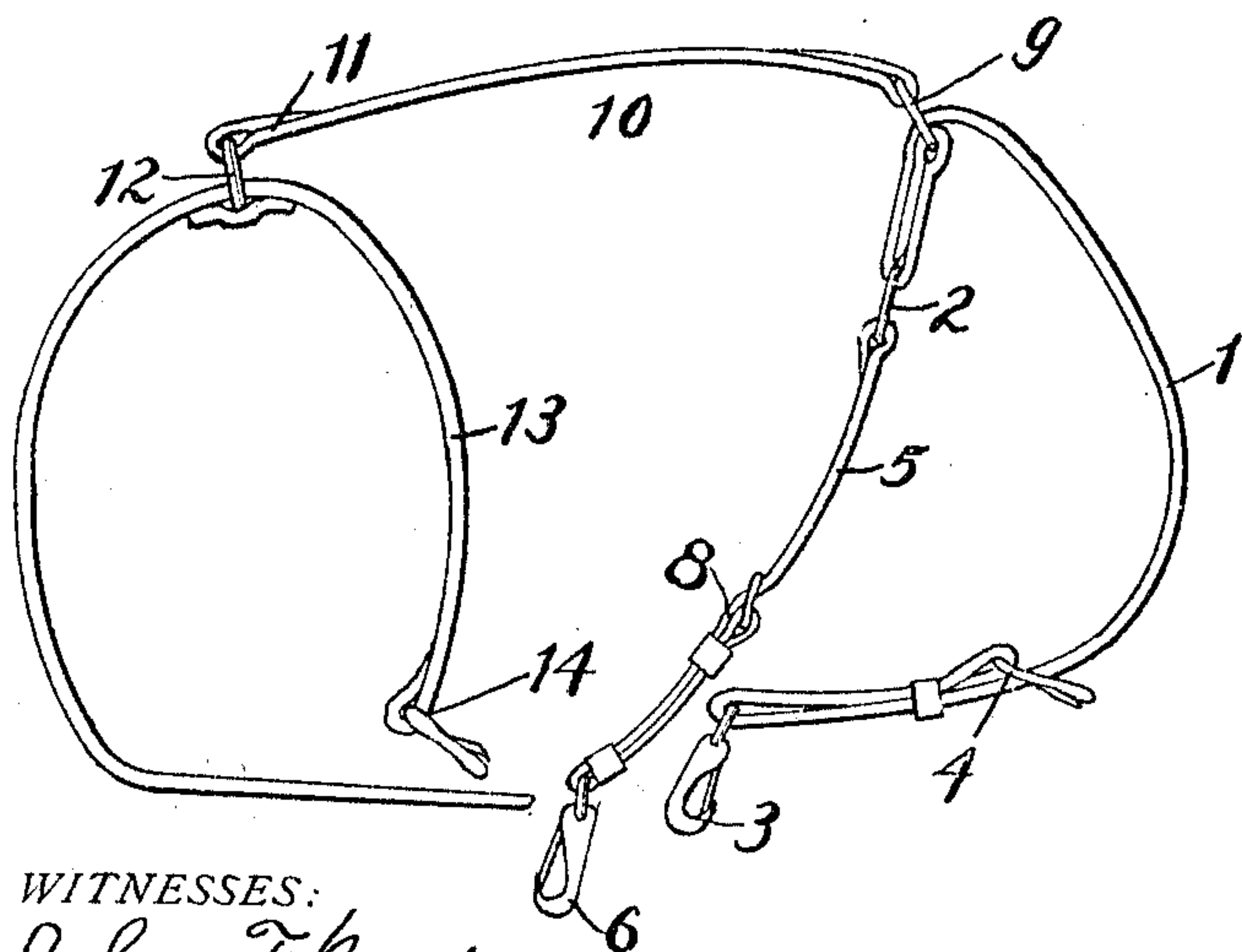
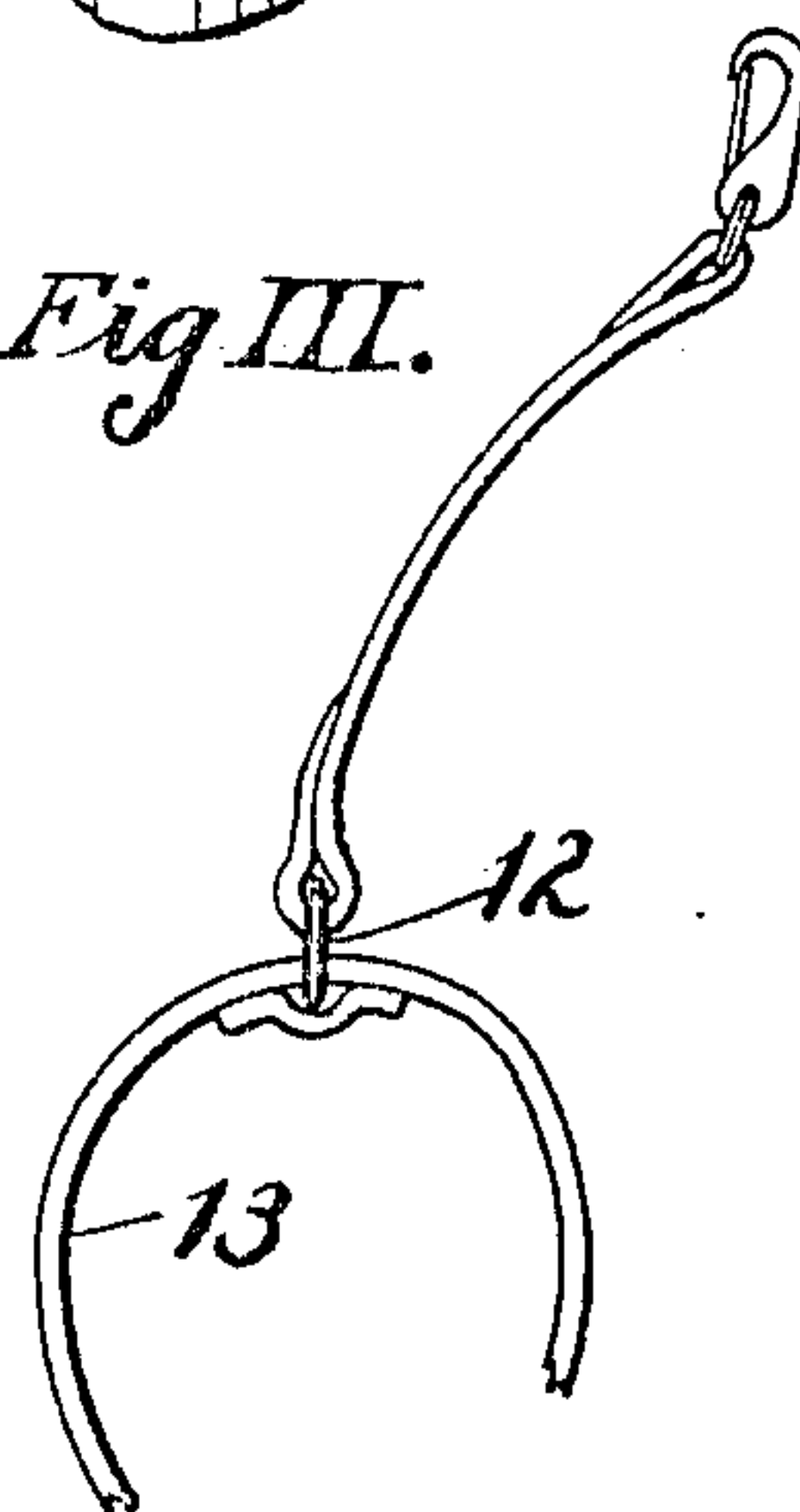


Fig III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RALPH BELLAMY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hitch-Straps; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to hitch straps and more particularly to a device of that class comprising a neck band having an extension adapted for attachment to a bridle bit ring, and a hitch strap connected with such parts and adapted for attachment to a suitable post.

It is the principal object of my invention to provide a hitch strap which may be suitably connected with a neck band or the like and is so constructed and arranged that it may be secured to a hitching post in a manner to prevent its slipping thereon.

A further object is to provide the improved details of structure presently described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure I is a view of my improved hitch strap, showing the manner of attaching same to a post, and its combination with a neck band and bit strap. Fig. II is a detail view of same. Fig. III is a view of a modified form of hitch strap, showing the link provided with a snap hook instead of connected with a neck band.

Referring more in detail to the parts:—1 designates a neck band, one end of which is provided with a ring 2, and the other with a snap hook 3, either the ring or hook, preferably the latter, being secured to such band by a billet and buckle 4 to provide for adjustment on different animals.

Suitably mounted on the band 1, preferably by looping same through the ring 2, is a strap 5, having a snap hook 6 on its

free end for connection with the bit ring 7 of an ordinary bridle, strap 5 being preferably provided with a billet and buckle 8 by which its length may be adjusted when desired. Also connected with the neck band 1, preferably by means of a ring 9, which is adapted for revoluble movement in its strap mounting but not for sliding movement on the band, is a hitching strap link 10.

Secured to the end of link 10, preferably by means of loop 11 and ring 12, is a tie strap 13, the strap being connected with the ring at a point between its ends, the loose ends being respectively provided with the buckle 14 and perforations 15.

While I prefer to attach the hitch strap to a neck band, as shown in the principal views of the drawing, it is readily apparent that it may be provided with a snap hook adapted for attachment directly to a bit ring.

In the use of the device, in combination with the neck band and bit strap, the neck band is placed about the animal's neck and the hook 3 connected with the ring 2, as shown, the bit strap being extended to the bit ring 7 and connected therewith by the snap 6. The hitch strap is then extended to the hitching post and the tie strap extended around and tightly buckled thereto, as illustrated in Fig. I, the strap being led around the post one or more times according to the size of the post and length of the tie strap. When the tie strap is so secured to the post, it will not slip down or become loosened, as commonly occurs when the strap is knotted on the post.

In combining the link 10 and tie straps by means of the ring 12 and providing the ring connections for the other parts, a free movement of the parts relative to each other is secured, that obviates twisting the strap and discomfort to the animal to which it is applied.

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

The combination of a neck band provided at one end with a ring and at the other end

with a snap hook, and passed through said
ring forming a loop; a ring engaging said
loop, a bit strap attached to said second
ring and provided with a snap hook for en-
5 gaging a bit ring; a flexible tie-strap link
attached to said first ring and provided with
a ring at its opposite end; and a tie strap,
adapted for tying to a post, non-slidably

attached between its ends to the last men-
tioned ring.

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In testimony whereof I affix my signa-
ture in presence of two witnesses.

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