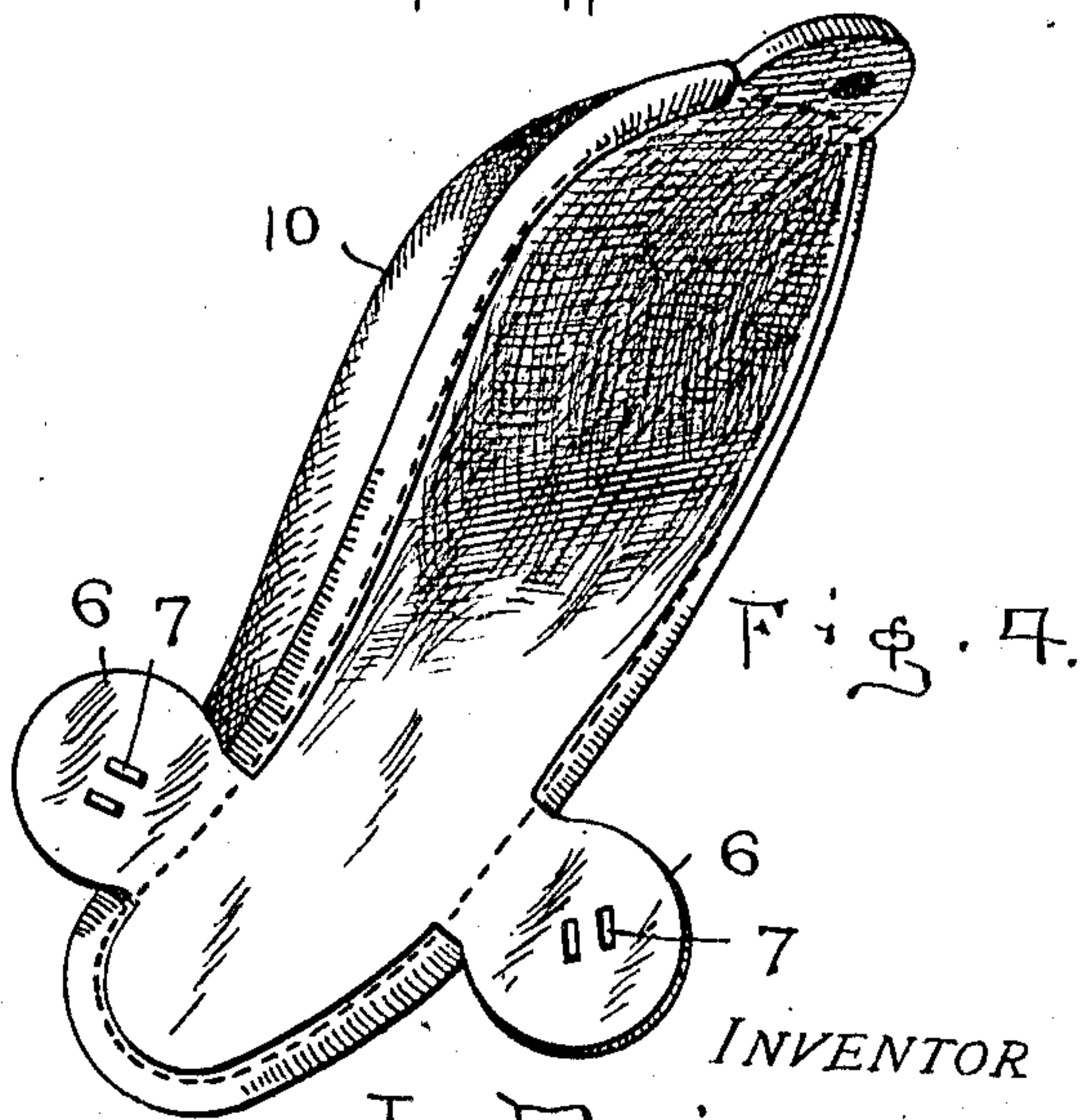
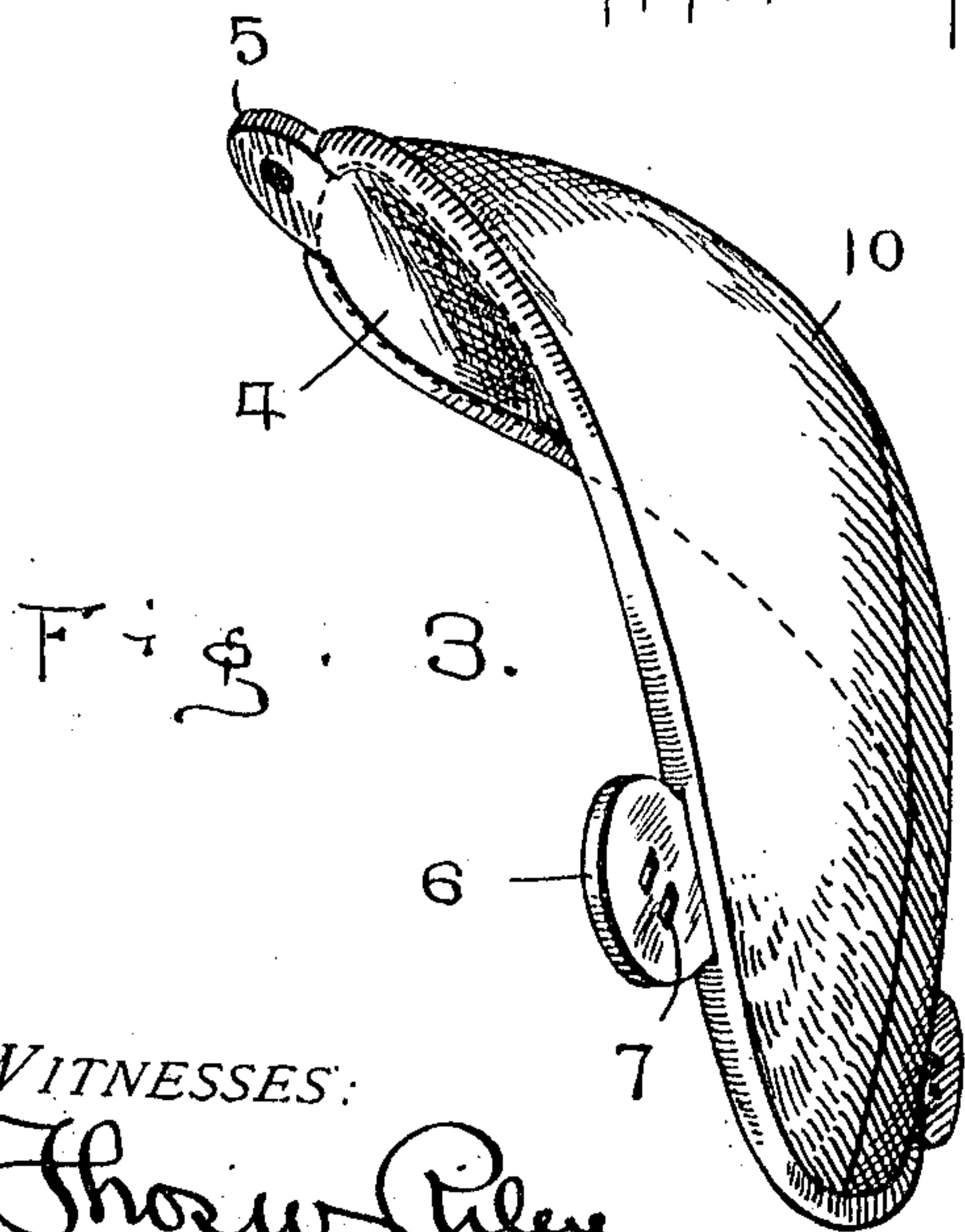
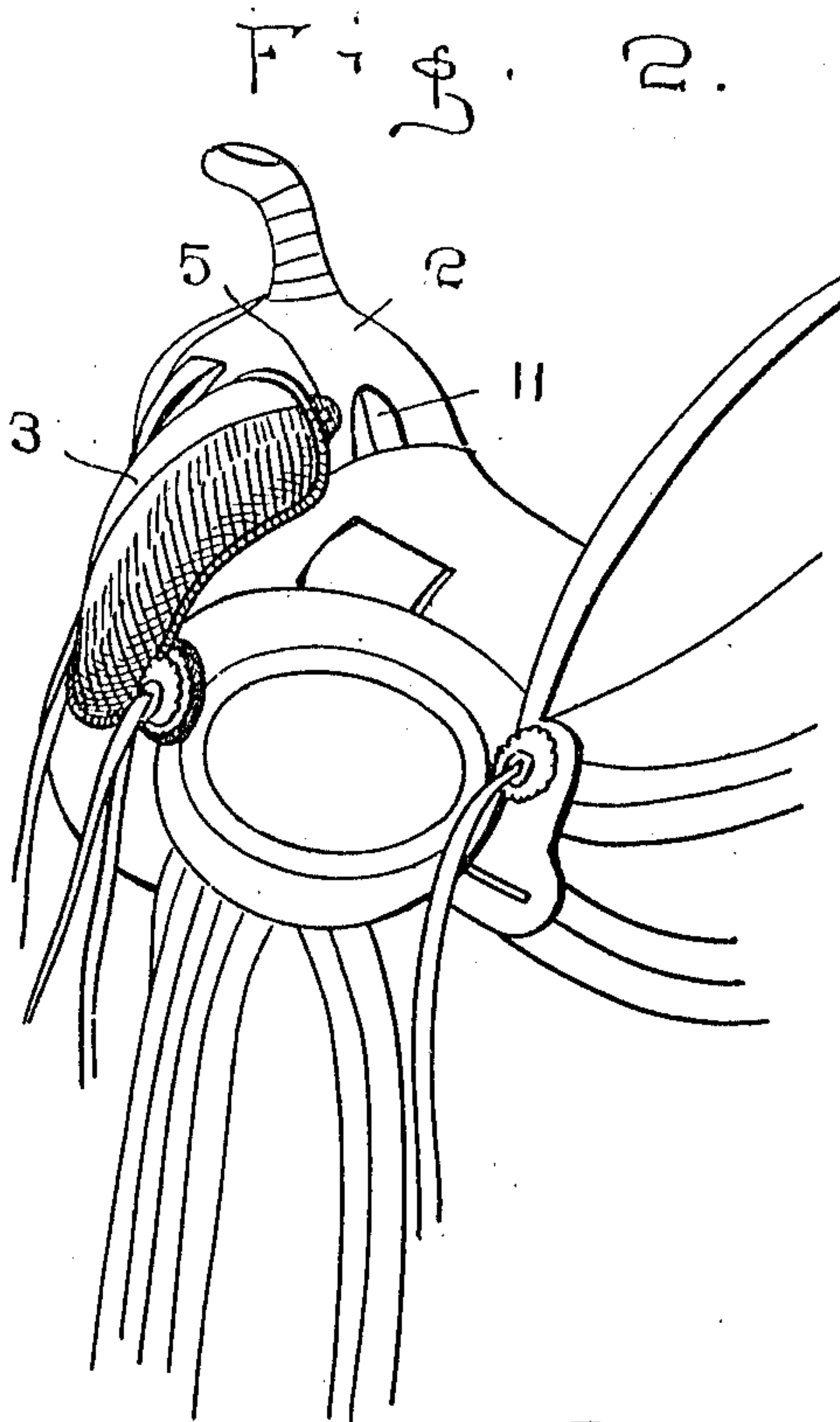
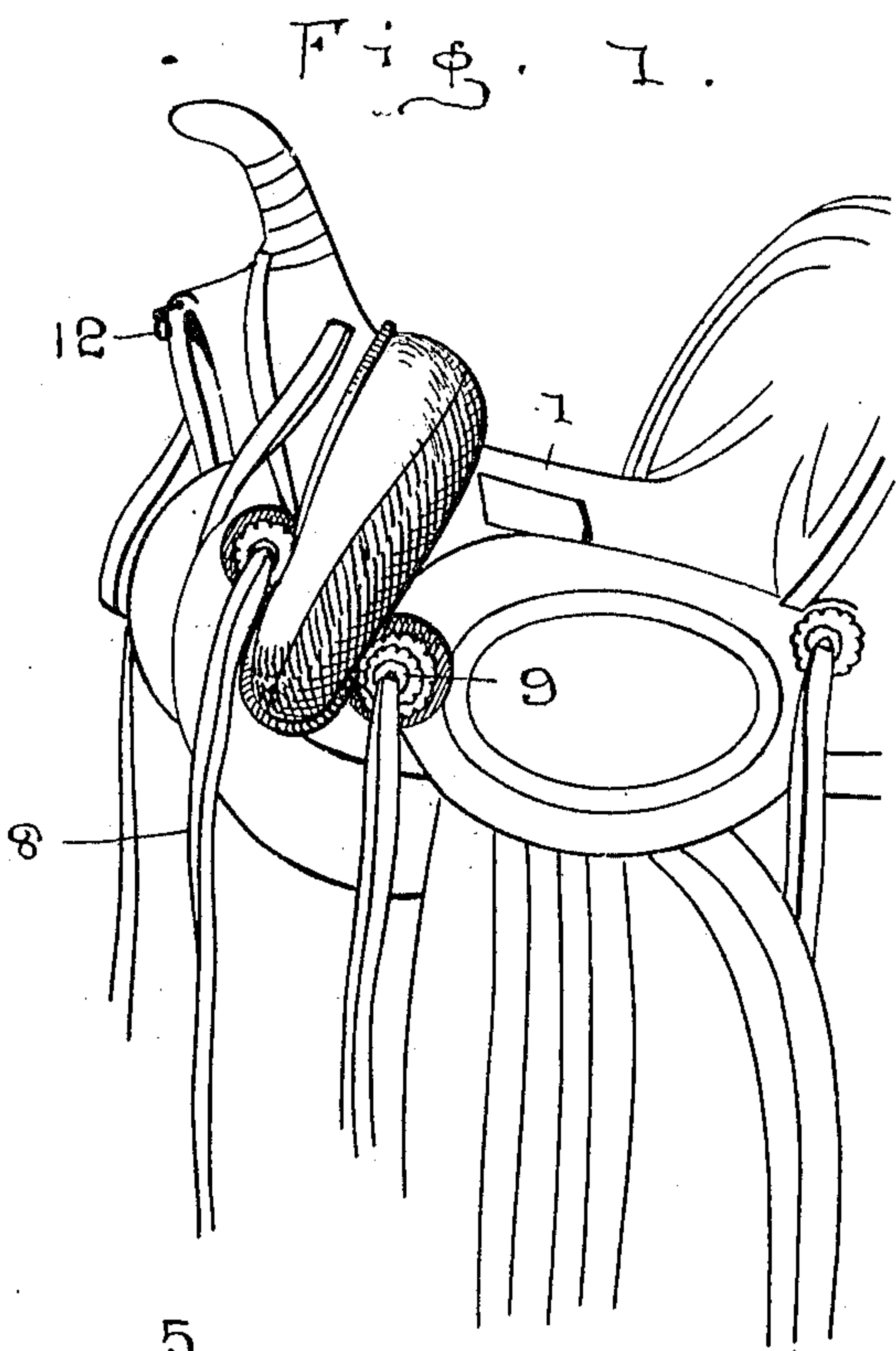


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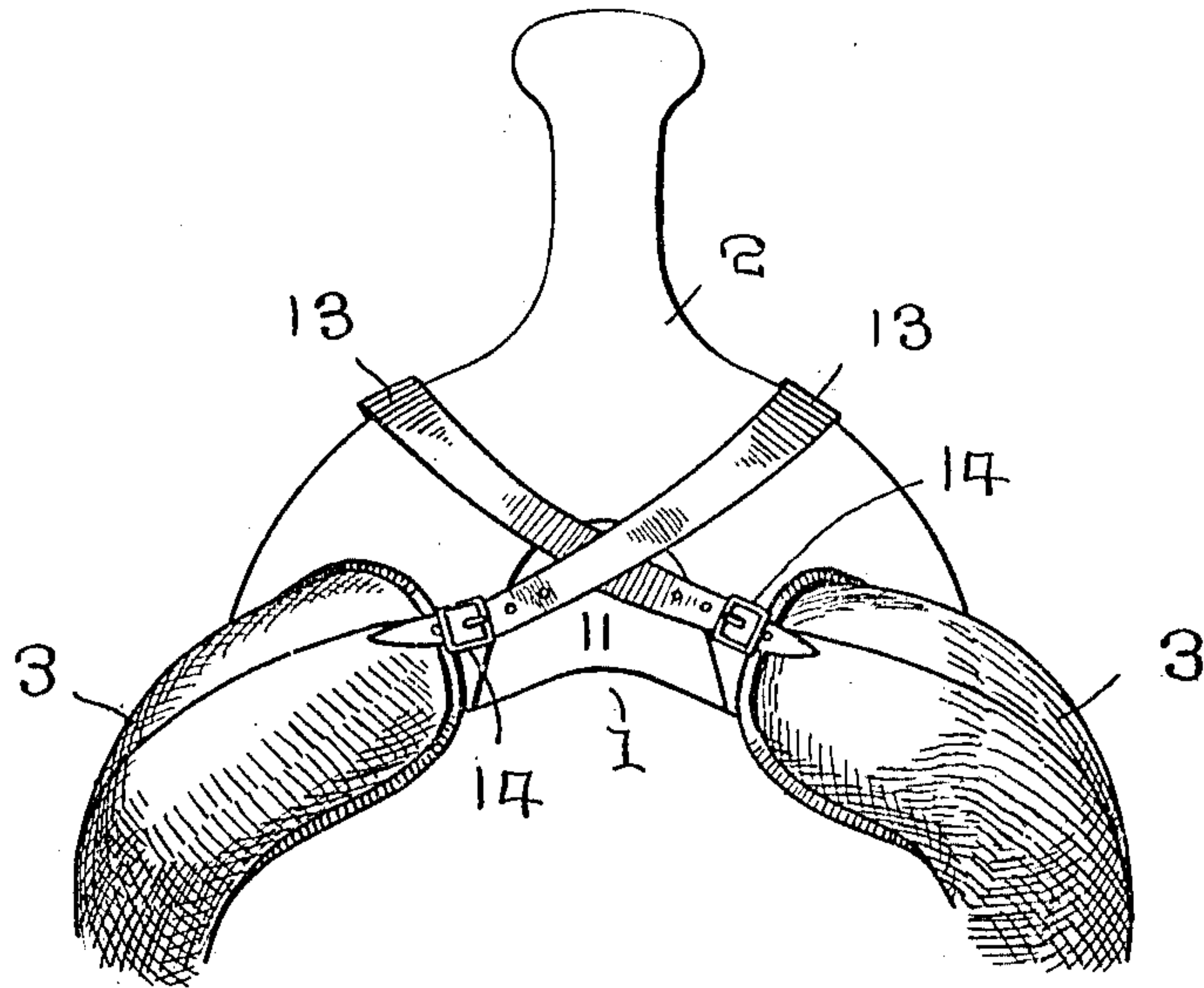
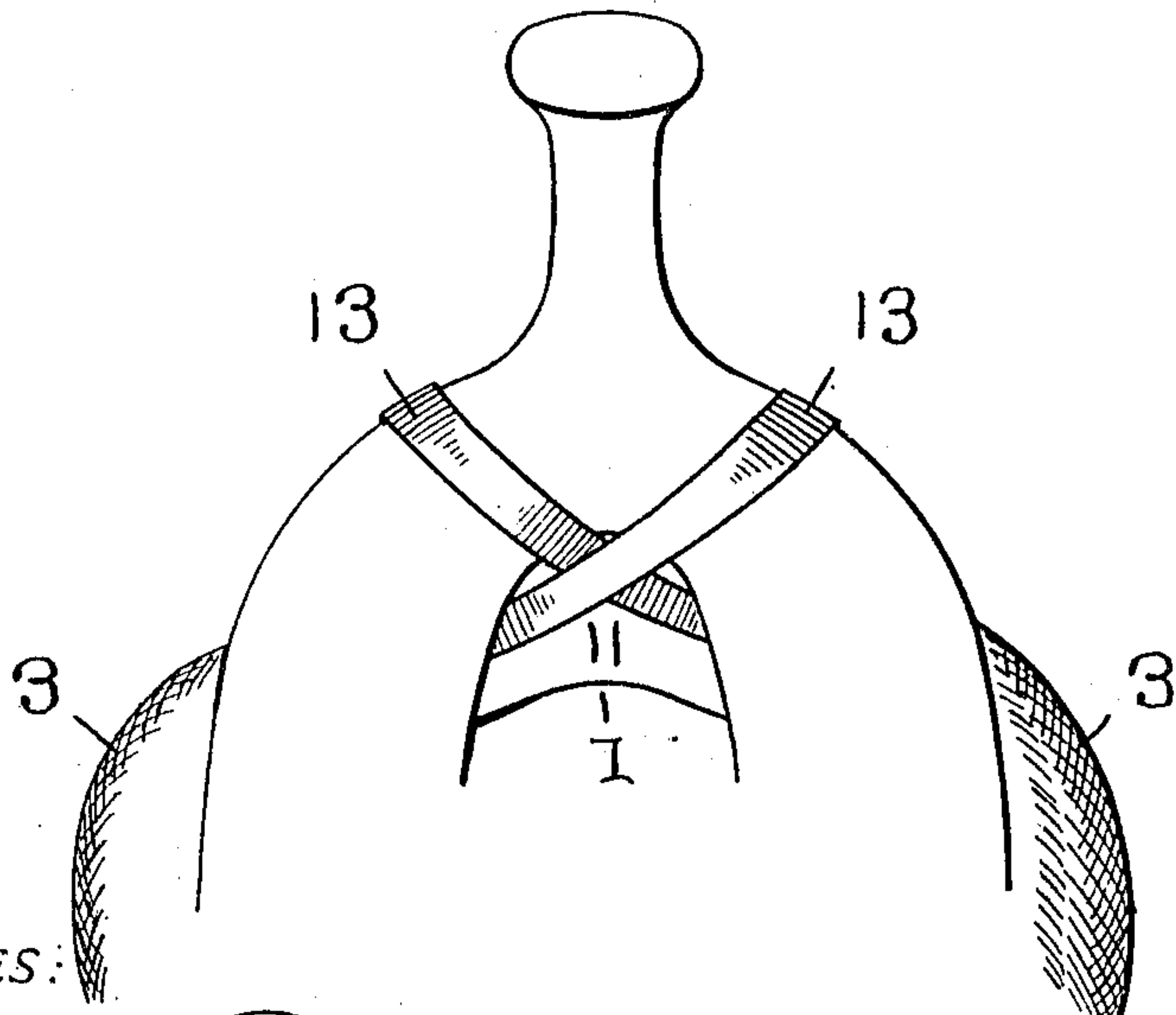


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN REISACHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Thigh-Pads for Saddles; 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.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in pads or rolls and more particularly to what is known as thigh pads for saddles and my object is to provide a device of this class, which will serve to prevent injury to the rider when the animal is jumping or bucking.

A further object is to so construct the pads that they will engage the thigh of the rider substantially its full length.

A still further object is to form the base of the pad substantially spiral shape whereby it will fully conform to the shape of the saddle and be in position to engage the thigh of the rider throughout the length of the pad and a still further object is to provide means for securely attaching the pads.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings which are made a part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a saddle showing my improved thigh pad secured thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 1, but at a different angle. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the pad removed from the saddle, Fig. 4 is a similar view of the pad as seen from the opposite side from that shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of the forward portion of the saddle, showing a modified means of fastening for the pads, and, Fig. 6 is a detail view of the forward end of the saddle, showing the pad attached thereto.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 1 indicates a saddle, which may be constructed in the usual or any preferred style and has at its forward end a pommel 2, the lower end of which is forked.

Located at each side of the forward portion of the saddle 1 is a roll or pad 3, the

base 4 of which is preferably formed of heavy leather or like substance, extending from the end of which is an ear 5, by which means the upper end of the pad is fixed to the pommel of the saddle, while adjacent the lower end of the base are laterally extending ears 6, through which are extended slots 7 to receive any suitable form of securing means such as thongs 8, which thongs are preferably fixed to the saddle and have their free ends introduced through the slots and are then tied together to hold the ears from leaving the thongs and if preferred, rosettes 9 formed of leather or other ornaments may be introduced onto the thongs before they are tied together.

The body of the cushioning portion of the roll is formed of any suitable material, such as hair or the like, over which is placed a covering 10 of soft pliable leather, the edges of the covering being secured to the edges of the base 4 as by means of stitching or other preferred manner and as the filling extends above the base, said base is left flat to snugly fit the contour of the saddle, while the padded portion will be in position to engage the thigh of the occupant of the saddle.

I am aware that pads have been provided for use on saddles and known as bucking rolls to prevent injury to the rider, but said rolls extend across the pommel of the saddle and cover the space 11 between the forks of the pommel of the saddle, while in my construction the ear 5 is secured to the pommel of the saddle in any preferred manner at one side of the space 11, the pad extending thence downwardly a distance along the sides of the saddle and the ears 6 at opposite sides of the pad, secured to the thongs in the manner described.

As the thigh of the rider is extended at an angle when seated in the saddle, the pads are likewise extended forwardly and downwardly, each at a corresponding angle to conform to the outline or contour of the thigh and thus provide for cushioning the latter against injury from contact with the pommel of the saddle when the animal may be jumping, lunging or bucking, said pad also being adapted to conform closely to the spiral curvature of the saddle and pommel by making said base of spiral outline, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, the curvature of said base compensating for the curvature of the pommel and sides of the saddle.

The form of rolls now in use are secured to the saddle at one point only and should the fastening of either roll become loosened, said roll is liable to cause injury to the rider and the advantage obtained by providing the roll, is entirely lost, while in the present construction, the pad would still remain in a fixed position even should one of the fastenings be broken and neither do the pads extend over the space formed between the forks of the pommel, which is a very desirable feature, in view of the fact that a lariat is frequently attached to the saddle by passing the end of the lariat through the space and tying the same around the pommel of the saddle.

In the form of rolls heretofore patented, base strips and upholstery have been provided, which partially covers the space 11, but in view of the absence of the base strip in the present device, this space is left entirely free, thus affording a greater degree of protection and security to the rider than is possible with the style of rolls now in common use.

The ears 5 are preferably secured to the pommel of the saddle by introducing a screw or the like through the ear and into the pommel, but if desired, a strap may be fastened to the ear and passed through the space 11 into engagement with a ring 12 fixed to the forward portion of the pommel.

In Figs. 5 and 6 I have shown a slightly modified means for securing the pads to the saddle in which instance a strap 13 is attached to the ear 5 and the rolls secured in position on the saddle by entering the free end of the strap 13 through the opening 11 and then around the pommel of the saddle and back to the starting point, where it is secured in any preferred manner, as by engaging the same with a buckle 14. In attaching the pad in this manner, the straps 13 are extended across each other and are

looped around the arm of the pommel farthest from the pad to which the strap is secured, the horn of the saddle serving to retain the straps on their respective side of the pommel. The main object of my improved pad is to prevent the rider from being pitched against the pommel of the saddle, as when the animal is lunging or bucking and it will be readily seen that by extending the pads as shown, a greater portion of the thigh will engage the pads than would be possible with the rolls now commonly used, and it will likewise be seen that my improved pad can be much more firmly secured in position and will rest more firmly upon the parts of the saddle, in view of the curvature of the base of the pads.

What I claim is:

A device of the character described, comprising a pad consisting of a base member having a permanent spiral outline adapted to conform to the curvature of that part of the saddle upon which it is to rest, an upper rounded covering member connected to the edges of the base member from top to bottom thereof, and a filling inserted between said base member and said upper member, said base member with the covering member and the filling being extended forwardly and downwardly at a corresponding angle with that of the thigh of the rider for conformity therewith to provide a cushion for the thigh for the purpose set forth, said base member having at its upper end an integral attaching ear and near its lower end opposite lateral integral attaching ears.

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

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