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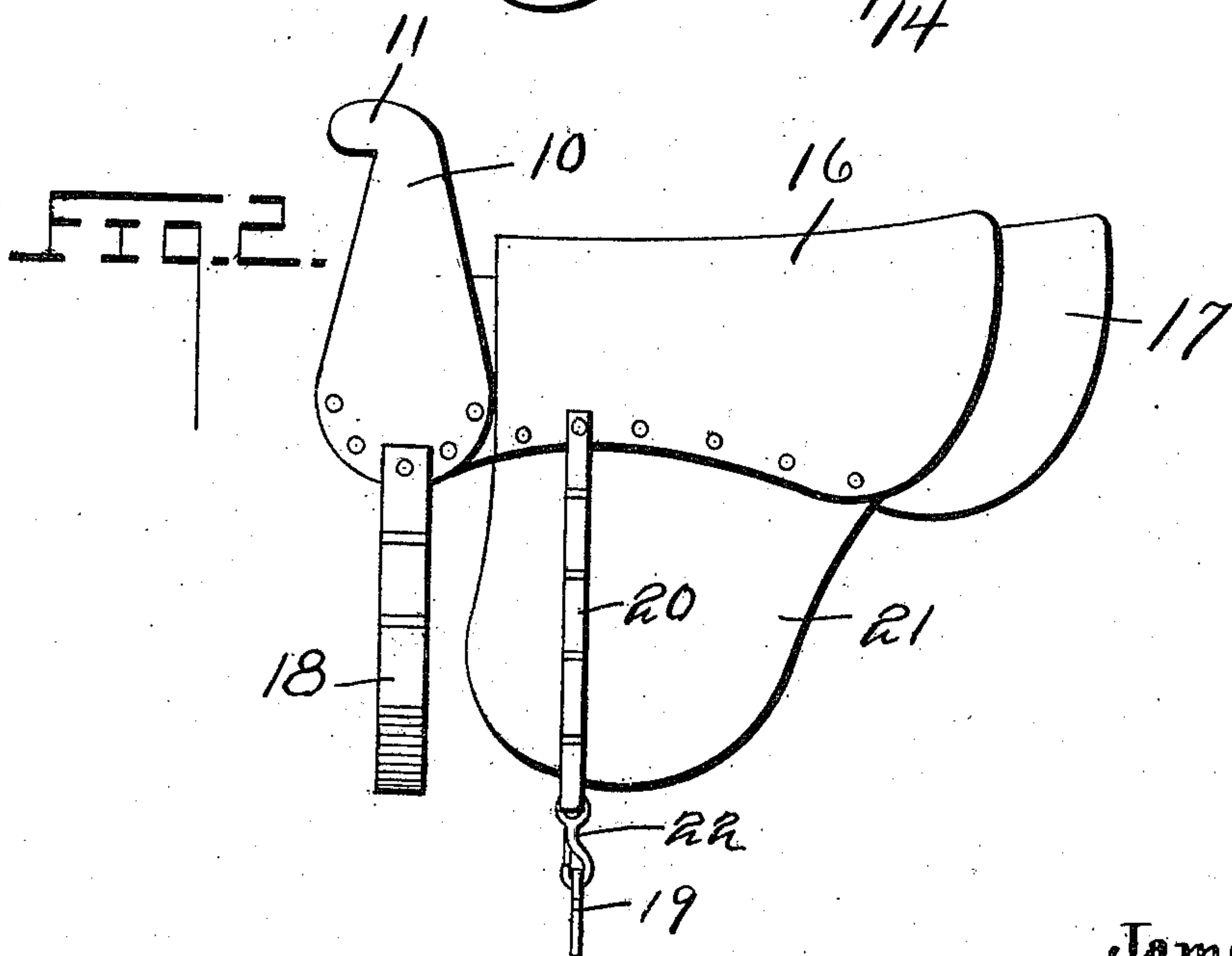
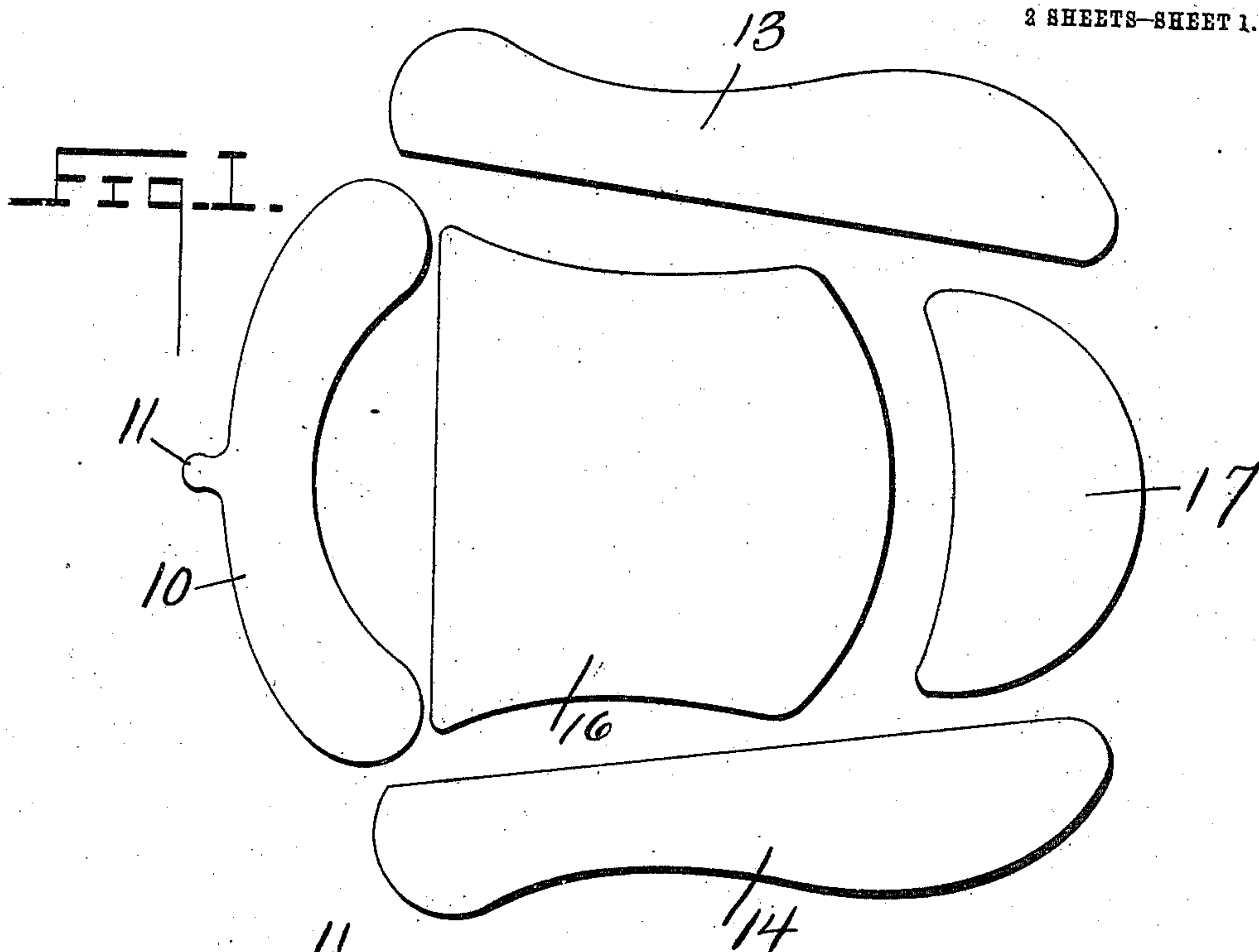
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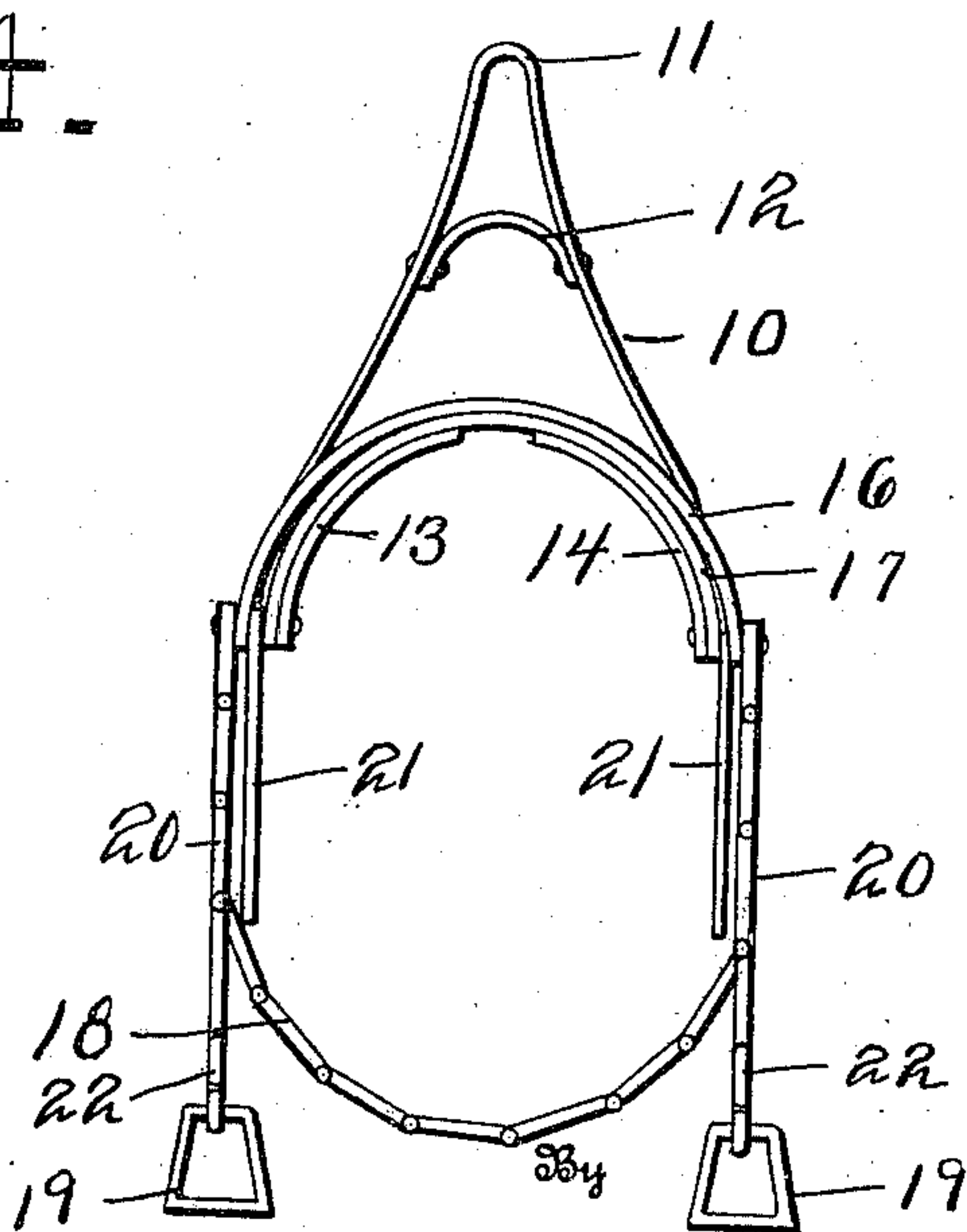
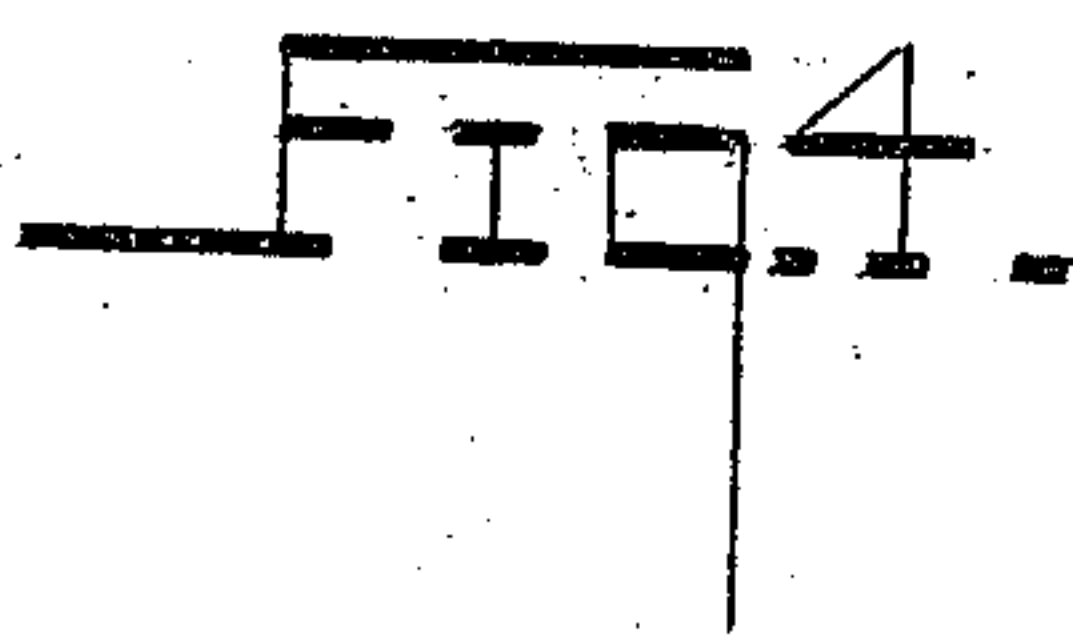
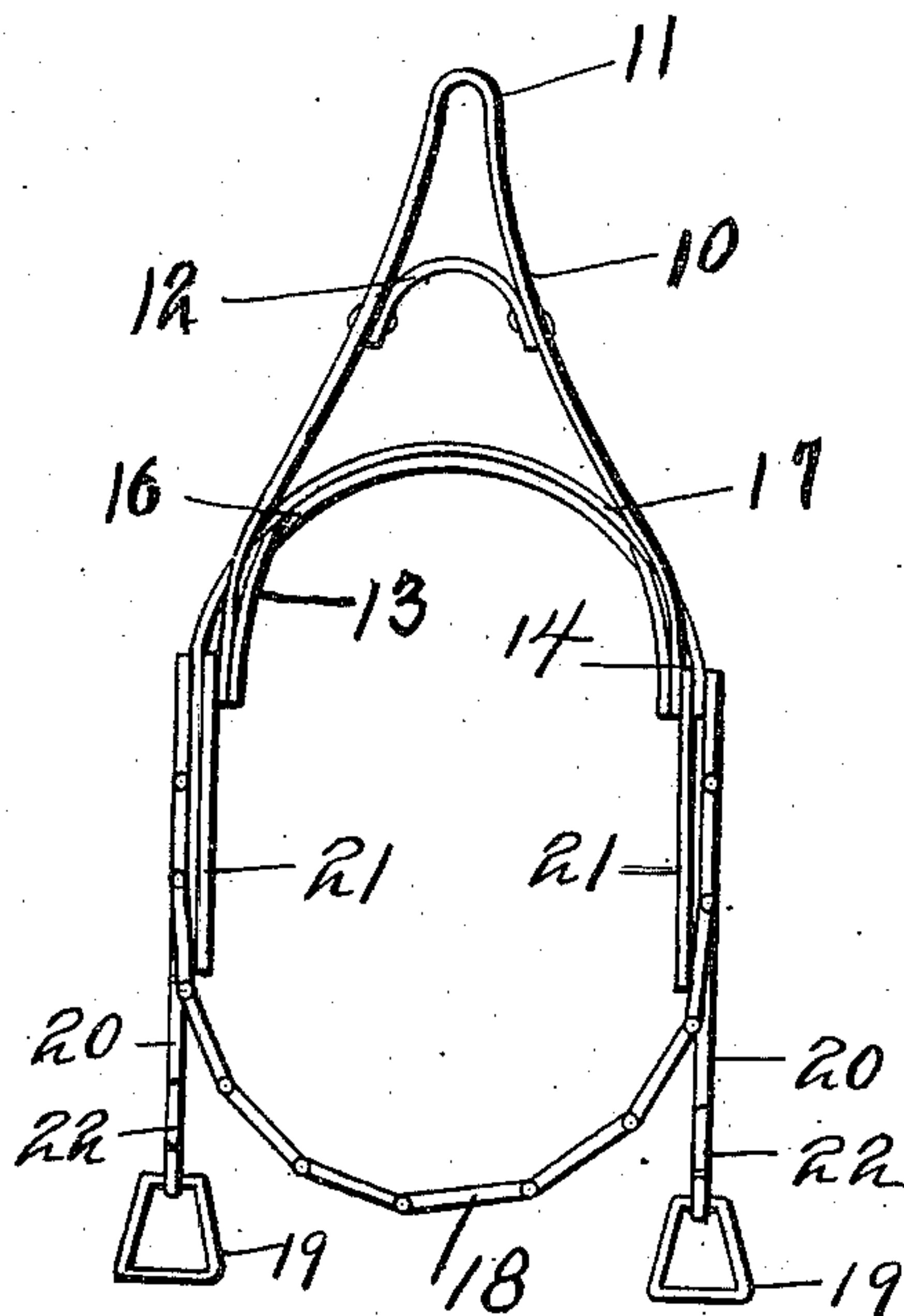
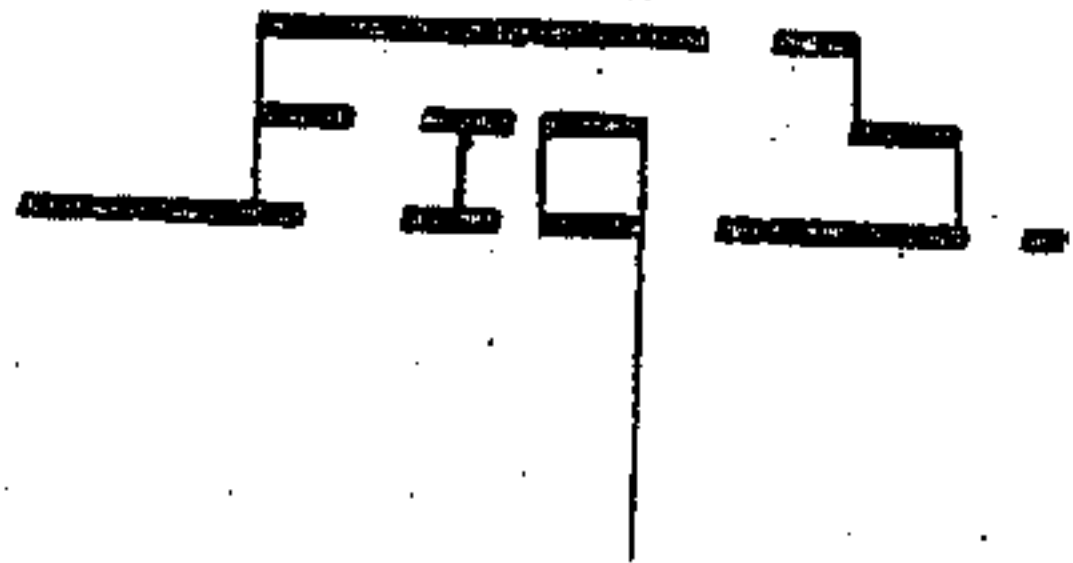
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES D. LOVE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Crawford, in the county of Lowndes and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Saddles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to harness and has especial reference to riding harness.

10 An object of this invention is to produce a saddle for rough usage so that it can withstand the wear better than any saddle heretofore constructed.

15 A further object is to construct a saddle of sheet metal which will be strong, durable and will be of the proper shape and construction.

The invention has for a still further object the construction of a metal saddle which 20 can be compressed, rolled, stamped and reinforced in the manufacture of the same to insure the proper strengthening of the same in those parts which are subject to the greatest strain.

25 Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description and it will be understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claim without departing from the spirit of the invention.

30 In the drawings forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a top plan view of the 35 several parts of the saddle flattened and disengaged. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the saddle complete. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the 40 complete saddle.

In carrying out the object of my invention, I employ a seat plate, approximately rectangular in cross section having a straight forward edge, a rear outwardly curved 45 edge, and two inwardly curved opposite edges, as clearly disclosed in Fig. 1. In connection with this seat plate 16, I use two similar oblong jockey forming plates marked 13 and 14 in the drawings, each jockey plate having a straight upper edge, while its opposite 50 ends are outwardly rounded, the lower edge having a slight reverse curve uniting with the rounded ends, as clearly disclosed in Fig. 1. These jockey plates 13 and 14 as 55 shown are of a length greater than the seat plate 16, and are riveted below the inwardly

curved edges of the seat plate, as is shown in Fig. 2. The cantle 17 is in the form of a plate secured below the seat plate 16 and on top of the jockey forming plates, and is crescent shaped, as disclosed in Fig. 1. Secured 60 to the forward ends of the jockey plates 13 and 14, is an oblong pommel forming plate 10, which is bent V-shaped and secured to the jockey plates immediately in front of 65 the seat plate 16, as illustrated in Fig. 2. A U-shaped spring is secured to the inner faces of this pommel forming plate, as is shown in Fig. 3, where this spring is marked 12. The bight portion of this spring is disposed 70 upwardly, the opposite arms thereof extending downwardly, whereby a space is left for the free reception of the withers of an animal. The jockey plates carried at the lower 75 portion of the arms of the pommel are firmly held for engagement against the horse's sides, and the spring 12, drawing inwardly upon the central portion of the pommel arm, causes these to adapt themselves to the configuration of the horse's back in a comfort- 80 able manner.

The girth used in my invention is in the form of a plurality of sheet metal sections which are hingedly connected, one to the other, and is arranged to be carried at the 85 end of the pommel plate, as is shown in Fig. 2. The two skirt forming plates are approximately semicircular in shape having their upper straight edges of a width equal to the width of said seat plate 16, these 90 skirt plates 21 being secured below the seat and on top of the jockey plates, as disclosed.

Stirrups 19 are supported by a plurality of metallic hinged sections 20, which form in effect a chain, the upper end of which is 95 secured to the seat plate 16, the lower end carrying a snap hook 22 which engages the stirrup 19 as disclosed.

And having thus described my said invention, what I claim as new and desire to se- 100 cure by United States Letters Patent is:

As a new article of manufacture, a sheet metal saddle having in combination, a seat plate approximately rectangular in cross section having a straight forward edge, a 105 rear outwardly curved edge and two inwardly curved oppositely positioned side edges, two oblong jockey forming plates each having a straight upper edge with its ends rounded outwardly the lower edge 110 having a slight reverse curve uniting with said rounded ends, said jockey plates being

of a length greater than said seat plate and being riveted below the inwardly curved edges of said seat plate, a crescent shaped cantle plate secured to the rear edge of said seat
5 plate and to the rear ends of said jockey plates, an oblong pommel forming plate bent in V-shape and having lower back rest portions secured to the forward ends of said jockey plates, a U-shaped spring secured to
10 the inner faces of said pommel plate to hold the opposite lower portions in yieldable engagement against a horse, a girth carried at the lower ends of the pommel plate and adapted to compress the lower ends of the

pommel plate for adjustment upon backs 15 of different shapes, two skirt forming plates approximately semicircular in shape having their upper edges of a width equal to the width of said seat plate and being riveted thereto, all arranged substantially as and 20 for the purpose set forth.

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

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