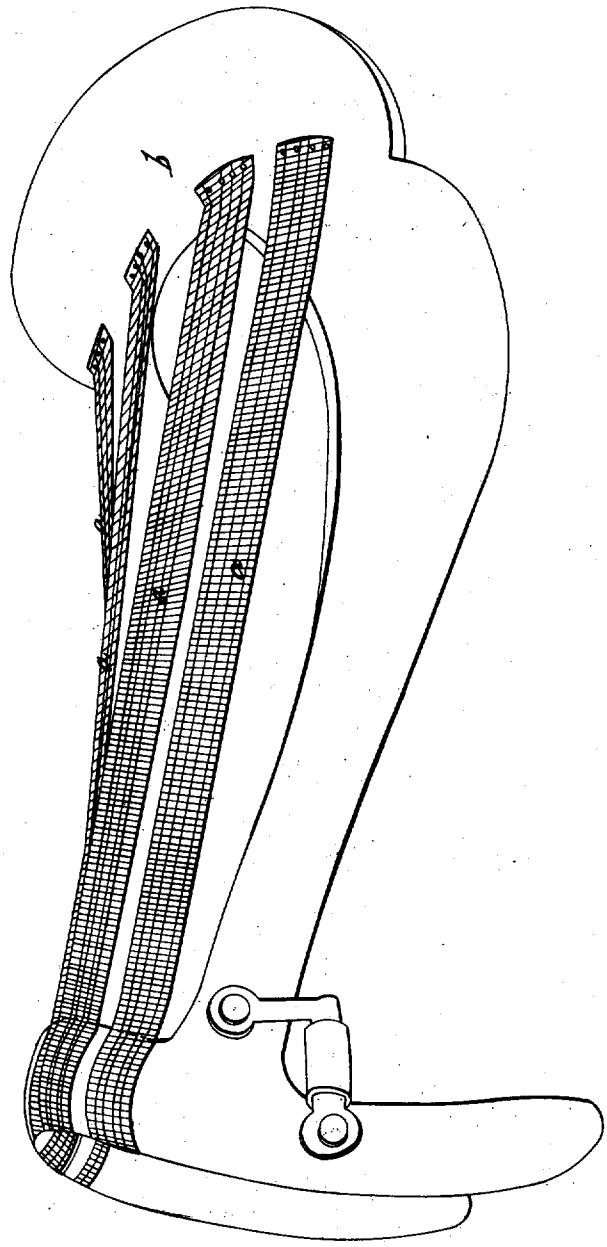
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The schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same containing a description in the words of the said N. L. Van Horn himself of his improvement in the mode of manufacturing Riding Saddles of all descriptions by the employment therein of gum elastic webbing

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Whereas I N L Van horn of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania have invented an improvement in the mode of manufacturing Riding Saddles of all descriptions. now be it known to whom soever it may concern that the following is a full and exact description of my said improvement. The saddle need not in its general construction be in any way altered from that now pursued by the manufacturers of that article. The saddle tree, the irons, the mode of covering and in fact all the parts may be the same with those now employed by different workmen, my improvement consisting solely in the substitution of webbing or cloth of the kind denominated India Rubber webbing for that which is usually strained upon the saddle tree and which forms the foundation for the seat. The India Rubber web- bing is a well known article. consisting of cloth of that substance interwoven with the ordinary materials of webbing and communicating to it great elasticity and that in a degree peculiarly adapted to my purpose to which I have applied it. In order to derive all the advantage possible from the use of this webbing, I take care in framing it to draw it as high upon the cantle as possible & by this means it will have sufficient play without descending so low as to come into contact with the back of the horse or with the saddle tree

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