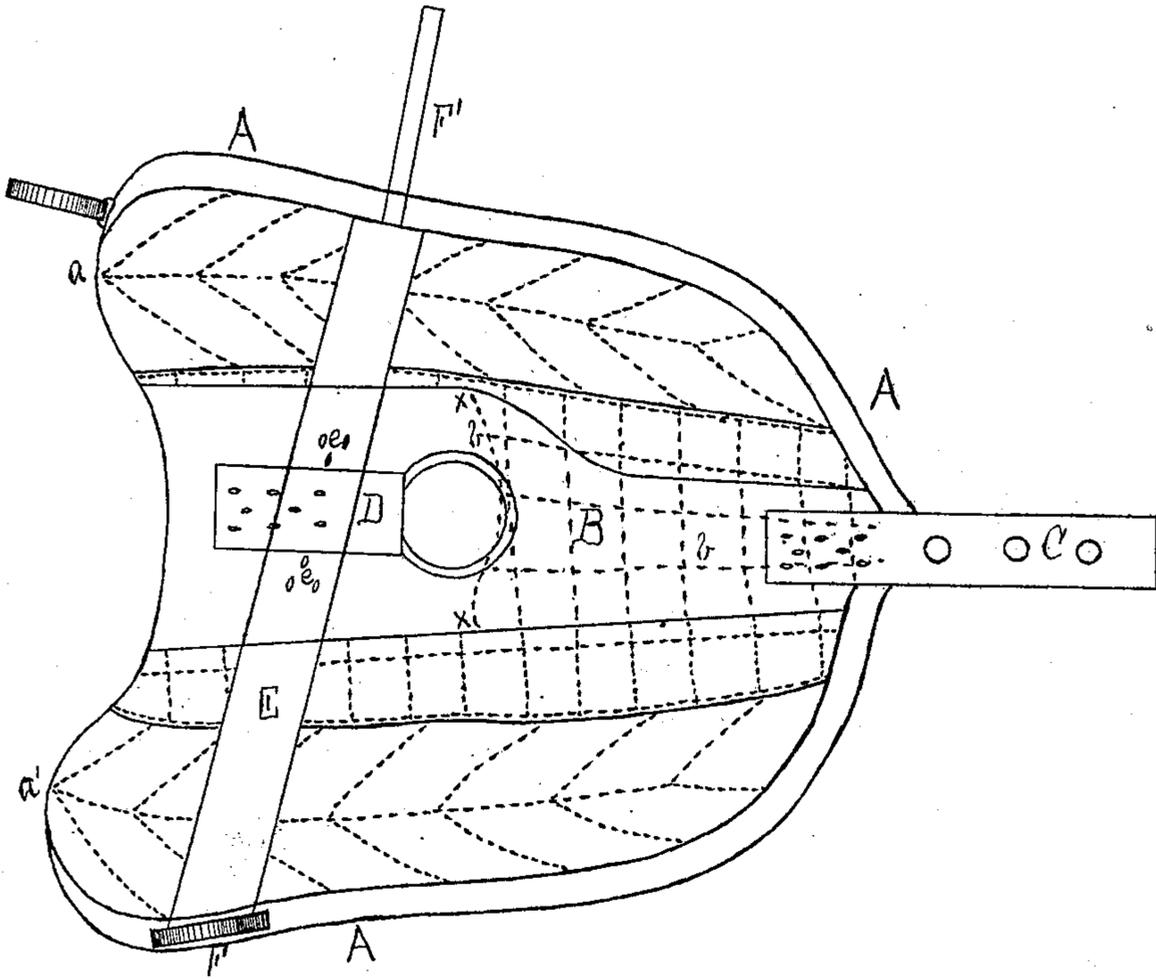


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IMPROVEMENT IN PAD-SADDLES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, ROBERT McCLARY, of Crestline, in the county of Crawford, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pad-Saddles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making part of this specification, in which is represented a side of the pad-saddle, with a portion of the outer or dress-face or skirt removed, in order to clearly illustrate my improvement.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a pad-saddle, so arranged that it shall have all the advantages in form possessed by the ordinary tree-saddle, being provided with seat, pommel, and cantel, and this being accomplished without the introduction of tree, spring, or any other like device.

My invention also consists in so inserting between the skirt and lining, and securely quilting therein, cross-straps or strips of leather, to which the stirrup-ring, girth-billets or straps, and crupper-rings, are all attached, and in such manner that the skirt is relieved of all strain, and, consequently, all danger of the same being either torn or drawn out of form is entirely avoided.

To any one at all familiar with this style of saddle, the advantages of my invention will readily suggest themselves. It is cheap and most durable, exceedingly neat in appearance, and, owing to its form, is as comfortable and easy to ride on as if constructed with a tree.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

A is a saddle-skirt, and is lined, stuffed, and quilted in the usual manner.

The leather facing of the skirt and the lining are cut in such manner as to allow of the formation, in stuffing and quilting, of the pommel *a* and cantel *a'*, which gives to the finished saddle all the advantages in shape and form that are possessed by the ordinary saddle.

In the drawing, a portion of the leather-dress facing or skirt is cut away, in order to clearly show the bearing-strap B and its attachments.

This bearing-strap B is constructed of leather, and may be cut in any desired form. I usually adopt the style shown in the drawing.

This strap B, in the finished saddle, is hid entirely

from view, being inserted between the skirt and lining, and quilted therein to the line *x-x*, where its slope begins, as clearly shown at *b*.

To this strap B is securely stitched, or otherwise fastened, the girth-billet or strap C, and the stirrup-strap D, the former being done before the strap B is fastened.

Suitable openings are cut in the skirt, through which the ends of these straps C D protrude.

It will be observed that the skirt A is thus freed from all strain in connection with these straps, the same being borne by the strap B, to which they are attached; and as this strap B runs clear through the pad, all danger of the skirt being torn or drawn out of shape is entirely removed. This is a great advantage, and renders my pad-saddle far superior to those now in use.

E is an additional bearing-strap, running diagonally across the strap B, and to which it is securely fastened by stitching, as seen at *e*, or other equivalent device.

These straps E E cross the strap B, at such angles as to protrude at the front and rear of the saddle, at such points as to afford suitable bearings for the crupper-rings F F and breast-billets or straps F' F'.

These straps E E need not necessarily protrude at the edges of the saddle, as the crupper and breast-strap fastenings may be secured to them before the saddle is quilted, and they may protrude.

The attachments for the breast-straps may be dispensed with when deemed desirable.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim therein as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The strap B, when the same is so arranged and secured between the skirt and lining as to afford a suitable bearing for the girth-billet or strap C, and stirrup-strap D to be attached, substantially as described.

2. The bearing-straps B E, when the same are secured within a pad-saddle, the whole being so arranged as to operate substantially as described, as and for the purpose specified.

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

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