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IMPROVED RIDING-SADDLE.

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, GEORGE HORTER, of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in 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 forming a part of this specification, in which--

Figure 1 is a side elevation, and

Figure 2 is a transverse vertical section in the line *x x*, fig. 1.

The object had in view in making this invention was the production of a very cheap, and, at the same time, a very durable saddle, mainly for use in districts like the southern and south-western parts of the United States, where horseback riding is the chief means of locomotion, and where most of the inhabitants are very poor. To this end,

The invention consists in a saddle whose skirts are made of a foundation of "split," *i. e.*, the portion that remains after the surface of leather has been taken off by splitting; and which is rough and generally unfit for the uses to which leather is put, and a covering of

enameled muslin, drill, duck, or hogskin, all which materials fulfill the the necessary conditions of cheapness and durability.

In the drawing—

a is the foundation;

b the covering; and

d the binding.

A side of skirting-leather is worth \$7.50, while a side of "split" is worth only \$1. Excess of cost of leather over "split," \$6.50.

The seat of the saddle is made of the usual material.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A saddle-skirt, made of a split foundation and a covering of muslin, drill, duck, hogskin, or other equivalent material, substantially as described.

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