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Fig. 1.

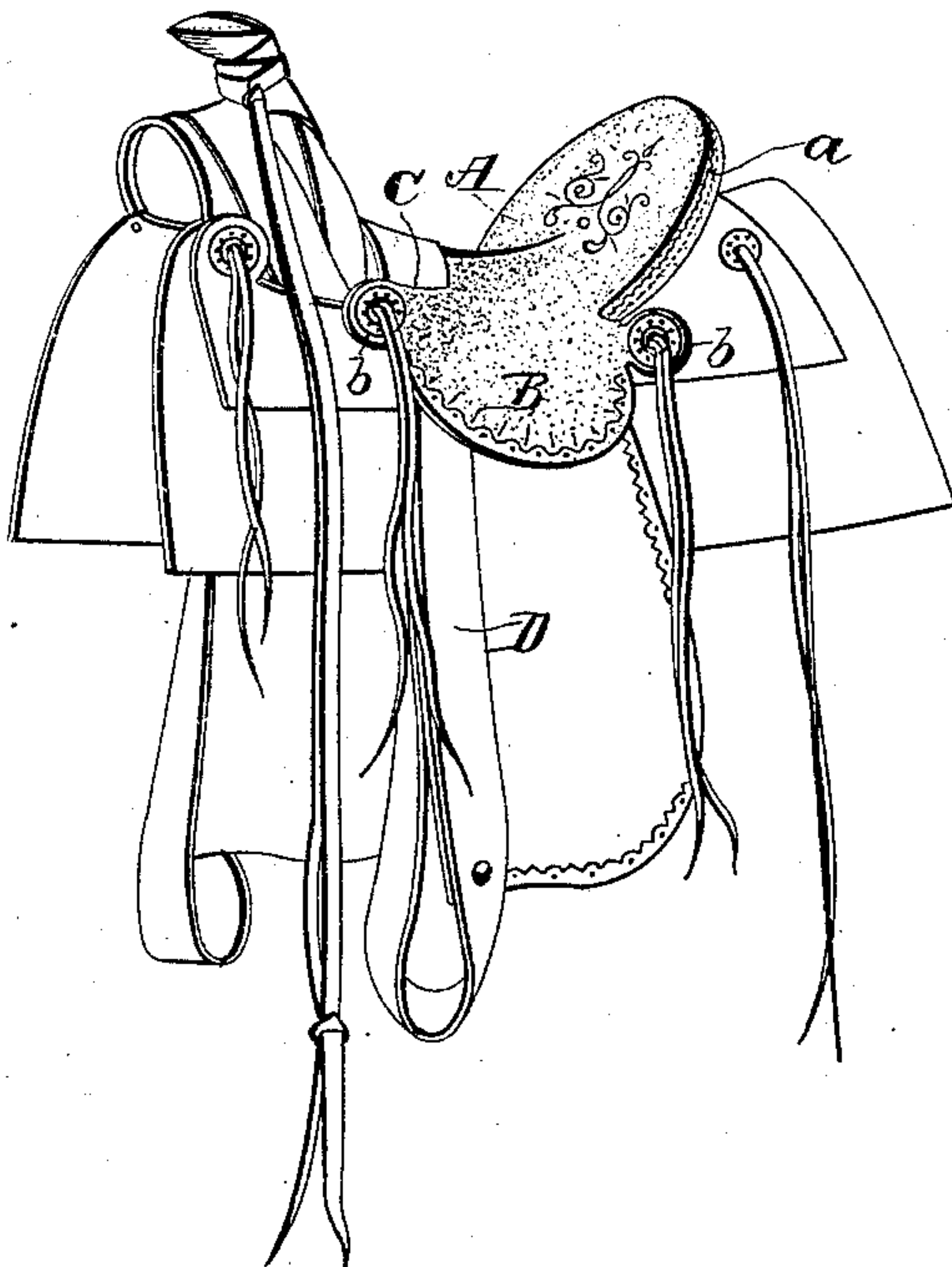
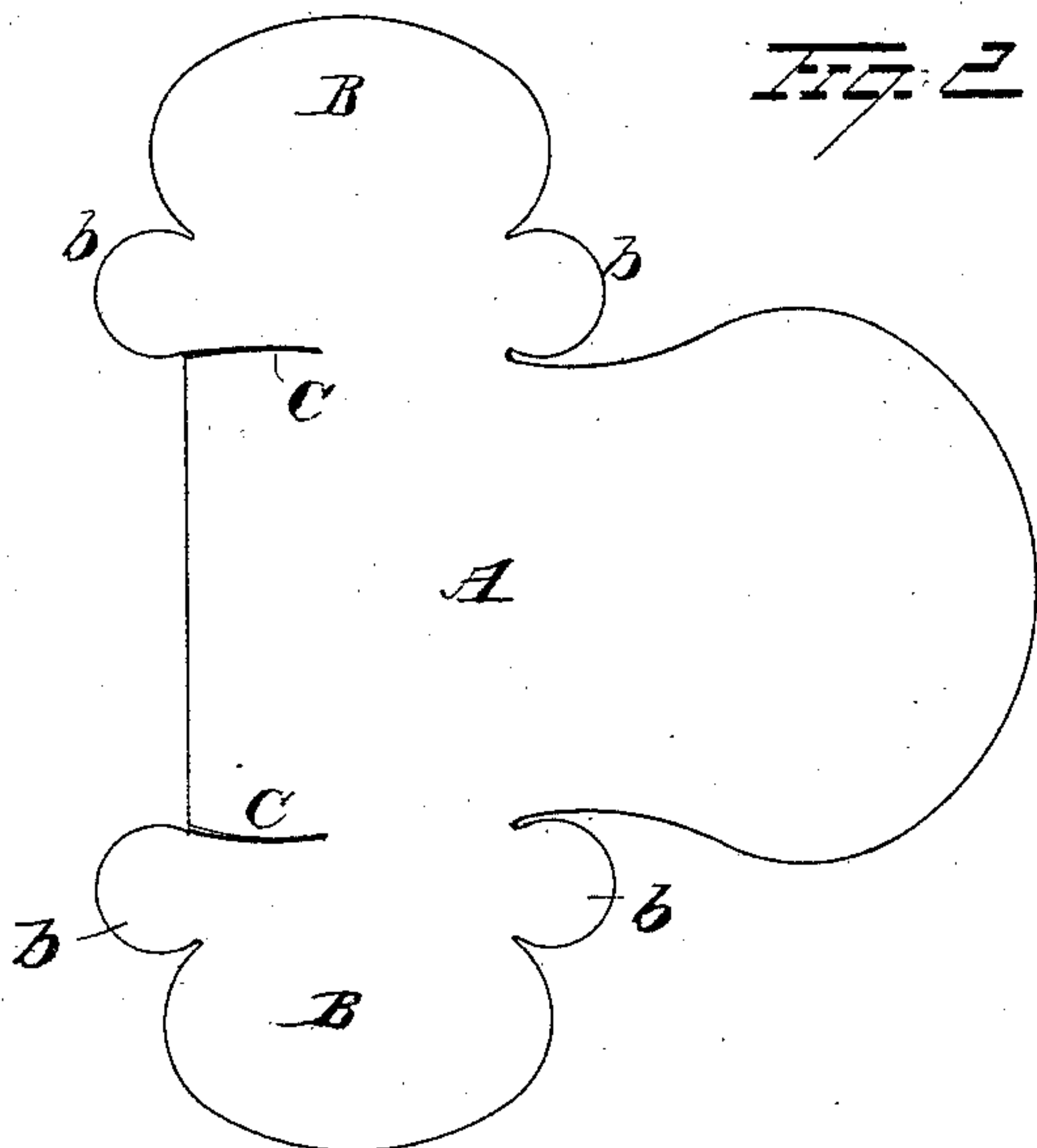


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN GEORGE LENTZ, of Colorado Springs, in the county of El Paso, and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in 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 an improvement in saddles, and more particularly to that class of saddles employed by the "cow-boys" throughout the West, and commonly termed "stock-saddles." Hitherto it has been customary in this type of saddle to attach the flaps or jockeys, which project well down at the sides, to the saddle-seat by a seam. This has been found objectionable even when made as flat as possible because of its tendency to chafe the breeches or leggins of the rider and the frequent ripping of stitches; and, further, because of its clumsy appearance.

The object of my present invention is to provide a saddle-seat, jockeys, and cantle of a single piece of leather shaped to conform to the saddle-tree and having a smooth surface from the cantle to the lower edges of the jockeys.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a portion of a saddle, showing the combined saddle-seat, cantle, and jockeys in position for use; and Fig. 2 is a detached view of the flat piece of leather as cut from the blank which is to form the seat, cantle, and jockeys.

A represents the seat portion of the leather, the rearwardly-extending rounded edge of which is crimped or pressed into a roll, *a*, which is intended to fit snugly over the rounded edge of the cantle and be secured underneath.

On both sides the seat portion is extended a considerable distance in the form of wings B, having rounded ends, the said wings being commonly called "jockeys," and are intended to extend down over the upper ends of the skirts. At the point where the front and rear

edges of each jockey meet the seat proper the leather is cut to form rounded extensions or scallops *b*, which serve as the groundwork for the attachment of rosettes employed to ornament the saddle, and usually having streamers flying therefrom. On each side of the front portion of the seat the leather is provided with a slit, C, through which the stirrup-strap D extends, passing over the front portion of the leather-seat A, as shown in Fig. 1.

Where a person occupies a saddle day after day the shaping of any portion of the seat to make it easier, or the reduction of a chafing-seam, becomes a matter of considerable importance, and in the present case in particular where the neatness, utility, and ease are all enhanced.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a stock saddle, the combination, with a saddle-tree, of the single piece of leather forming the seat, jockeys, and cantle, the front edge of said piece of leather preferably on a line between the seat portion and jockeys being provided with slits for the passage of the stirrup-strap.

2. In a stock-saddle, the combination, with the saddle-tree, of a single piece of leather adapted to form the seat, cantle, and jockeys, the edge of the cantle portion being rolled to fit the edge of the cantle, and having projections for the attachment of rosettes, and with slits for the adjustment of the stirrup-strap, substantially as set forth.

3. In a stock-saddle, the combination, with a saddle-tree, of the single piece of leather forming the seat, cantle, and jockeys, and provided with a slit for the stirrup-strap, the front and rear edges of the jockeys at the points where the latter meet the seat proper being provided with rounded extensions, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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