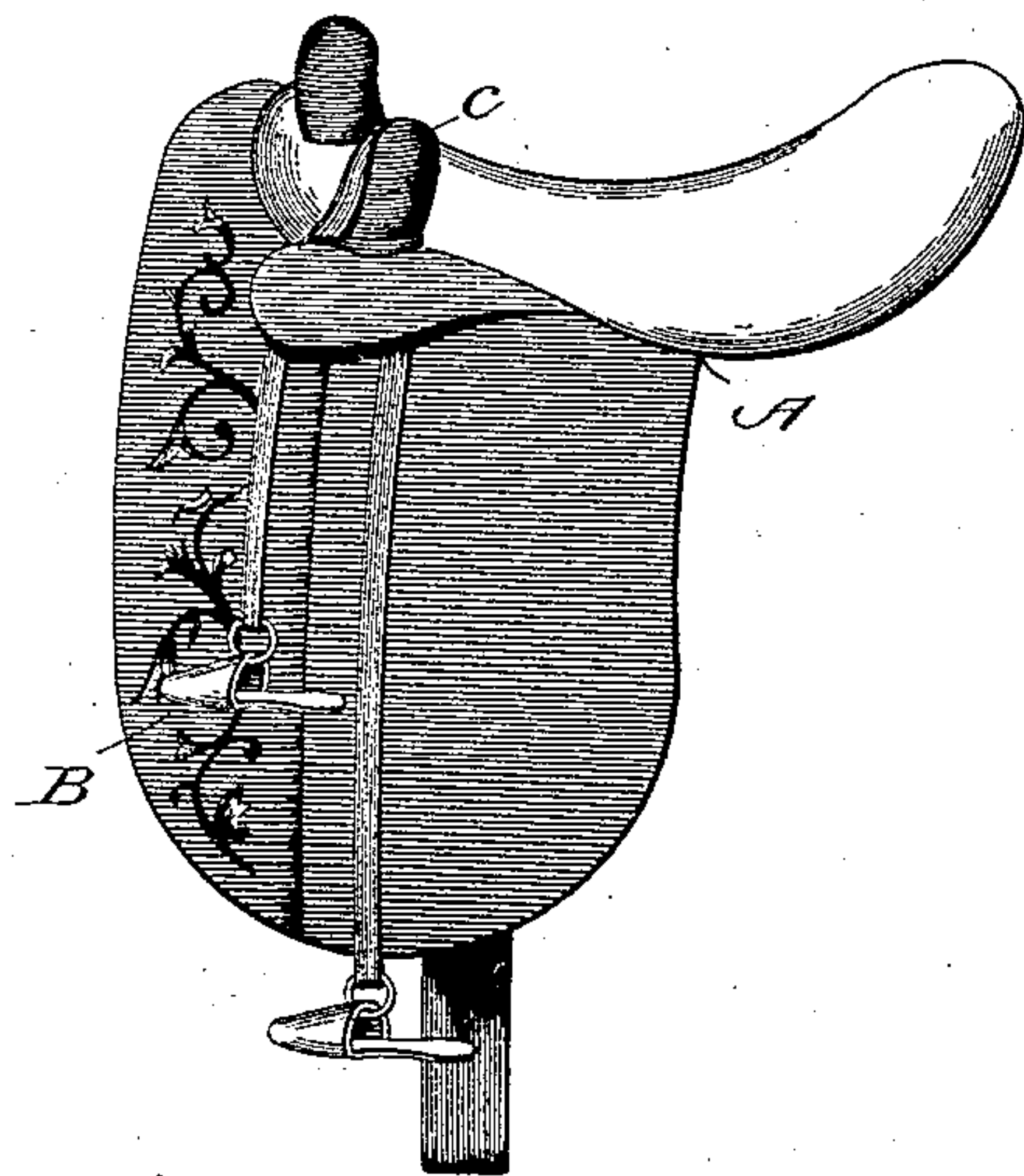


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FANNY LACY GEE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Burnsville, in the county of Dallas and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Side-Saddles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 My invention relates to improvements in side saddles.

The object of my invention is to provide greater comfort and security for the rider.

15 The figure in the accompanying drawing represents a side view of my improved saddle.

The great difficulty experienced by lady riders in retaining their seat in the saddle when a horse becomes ungovernable is well known to those familiar with equestrian matters. The weight of a lady rider is thrown on one side, which tends to balance the body on the foot in the stirrup, when the body is thrown from the seat, and this tends to disengage the right limb from the horn, in which case the rider is momentarily without other support than the stirrup, and any movement of the animal that does not tend to seat the rider, is almost sure to throw her to the ground.

20 To obviate this danger and to further provide for the comfort of the rider, I have provided a side saddle with an auxiliary stirrup, which I locate in a suitable position in front of the left horn of the saddle to receive the foot of the right limb, which makes it nearly impossible for a horse to throw a rider of ordinary experience. In riding there is little or no danger of a lady being thrown over the horse's back from left to right side, but, rather that the right limb will be thrown off the horn,

and being without support any further movement of the animal will throw the rider to the ground. 40

My improvement provides for a support for the foot of the right limb, so that if the limb is thrown from the horn, it will be supported, and in a position to immediately return the rider to her seat, as the gravity of the body will be in the direction of the saddle from which it has been thrown. By adjusting the strap of this stirrup, so as to take the weight off the lower part of the limb, but, without taking the weight of the upper part from the horn, the comfort of the rider will be greatly promoted, and she can remain in the saddle much longer without fatigue. 45 50 55

In the drawing, A, indicates a side saddle of the usual form; to which I attach a stirrup B, at a suitable distance in front of the left horn c, this stirrup receives the foot of the right limb after the limb is thrown over the horn, the advantage of which will be readily understood by the skilled rider. 60

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is: 65

The herein described side-saddle comprising the usual seat and horns, and two stirrups, both located upon the left side of the saddle, one of said stirrups supported by a long strap for the left foot of the rider, and the other by a shorter strap for the support of the right foot, substantially as described. 70

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

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