

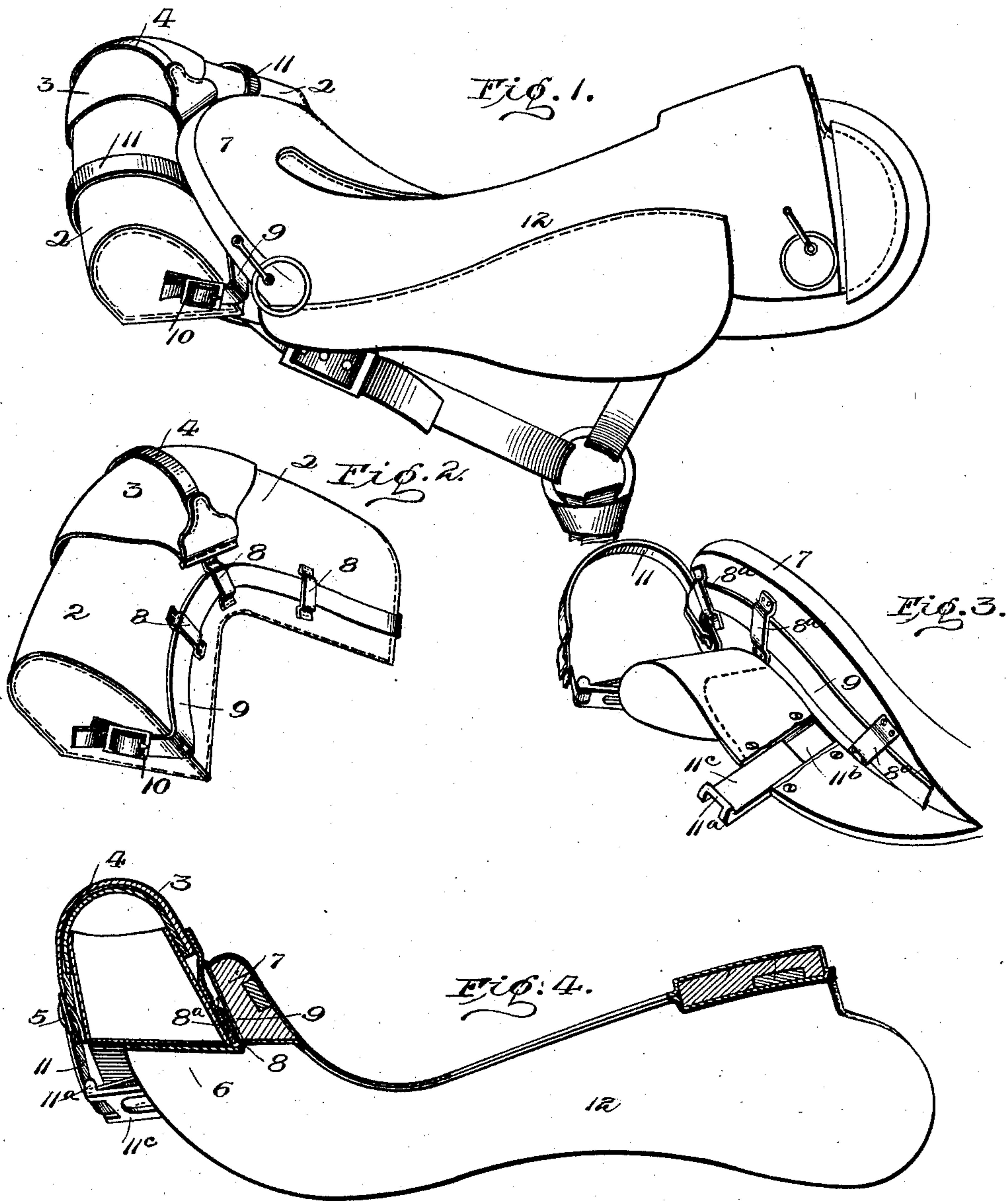
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROYAL E. WHITMAN, United States Army, retired, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Riding-Saddles and Saddle Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

10 The object of my invention is to provide an efficient means of supporting a portmanteau upon the rear of a saddle, whereby it is held at all times snugly upon the rearward extension of the side bars and against the cantle; and my invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of which it is composed, as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which corresponding parts are designated by similar marks of reference, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a complete device embodying all of the several improvements. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the portmanteau detached from the saddle. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the rear portion of the saddle. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal central section through Fig. 1.

30 The portmanteau is preferably constructed of sole-leather and comprises two downwardly-diverging legs 2, the converging ends of the legs being preferably united directly without a dividing-partition. It is obvious, however, that a partition might be used, if desired; but the inclination of the legs to each other is sufficient to prevent, under ordinary conditions, any shifting or intermixture of their respective contents. Access is had to the interior of the portmanteau by a cup-shaped flap 3, covering an aperture formed by cutting the tops of the legs 2 where they converge, the flap being held in place by a strap 4, fastened thereto, one end of the strap being broadened out and fastened to the portmanteau on one side thereof, forming a hinge for the cover, while the opposite end of the strap is adapted to be engaged by a suitable fastening device, such as a buckle 5, on the opposite side of the portmanteau to hold the cover firmly in place.

50 The portmanteau as constructed above rests upon rear extensions 6 of the side bars of the saddle and is protected thereby from

contact with the skin of the horse, and is thus not liable to be saturated, together with its contents, with the perspiration and odor therefrom. For this purpose the leather covering of the saddle extends uninterruptedly across from the extension of one bar to the extension of the other bar. The inclination of the legs 2 of the portmanteau to each other is such as to permit them to rest snugly upon the rearward extensions 6, while their cross-sectional contour is such as to permit them to rest snugly behind the cantle 7, the portmanteau where it projects above the cantle being in line with and forming a continuation of the latter. The forward face of the portmanteau has a series of loops 8 formed thereon, and the rear face of the cantle has a series of corresponding loops 8^a, the loops of the two series when the parts are assembled alternating with each other and receiving a strap 9, which is passed therethrough and drawn taut, the opposite ends of the strap being secured by the buckles 10 on the ends of the opposite legs. This strap, in connection with the straps 11, holds the portmanteau in place. The straps 11 extend around the portmanteau, one around each leg thereof, and pass through loops 11^a upon the saddle and under the strap 9, thus being connected at two points with the saddle to hold the portmanteau in place. The loops 11^a are formed upon the projecting rear ends of the slides 11^c, housed in recesses 11^b in the extensions 6 of the bars, the slides having a movement in the recesses whereby when not in use the slides may be shoved in and out of the way. By the use of such slides I am enabled to shorten the extensions 6 of the saddle-bars and at the same time provide for supporting the portmanteau at its rear edge, the slides forming, as it may be termed, a "telescopic" extension of the bars. The straps 11 when drawn tight hold both the portmanteau and the slides against movement.

The saddletree is formed by the saddle-bars 12, united at their front and rear by the pommel and cantle, respectively, the bars extending rearwardly beyond the cantle to form the portmanteau-supporting extensions, as before described.

Having thus described the nature of my invention, what I claim, and desire to receive by Letters Patent, is—

The combination with a saddle having loop-
carrying extensions sliding thereon in rear of
the cantle and supporting the rear of the port-
manteau, of a portmanteau, and straps pass-
5 ing around the portmanteau and held by the
cantle and loops upon the extensions, substan-
tially as described.

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