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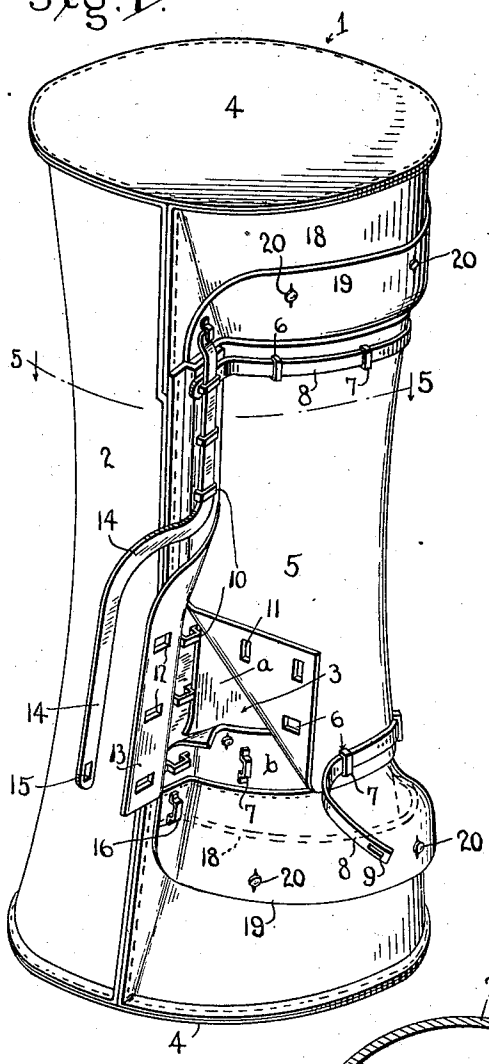


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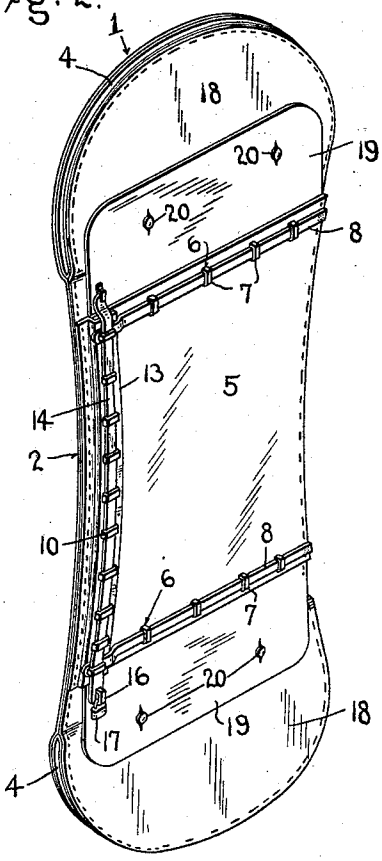
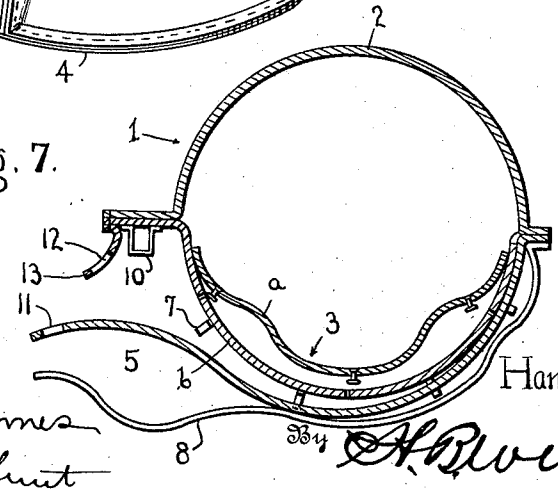


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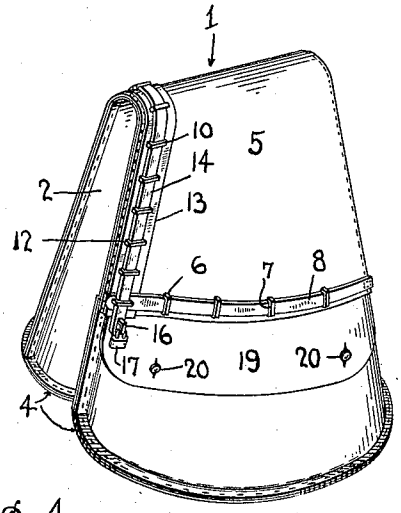


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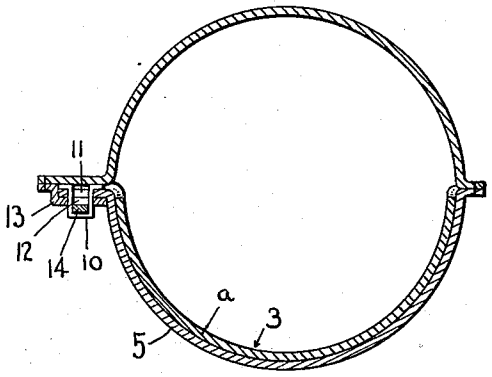


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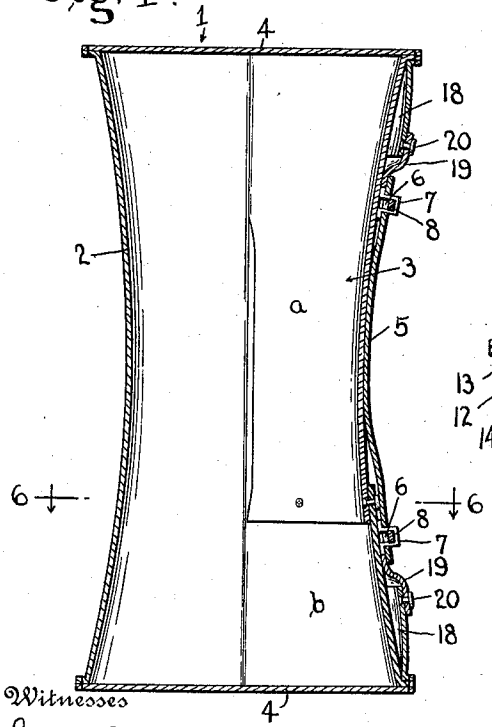
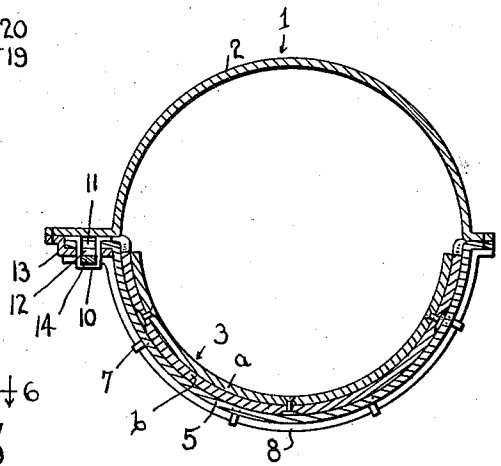


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HANSFORD F. GIVEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Upperglade, in the county of Webster and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Saddle-Bags; and I do 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.

This invention relates to improvements in saddle bags and particularly to saddle bags for carrying mail.

One object of the invention is to provide a saddle bag having in its end main pouches or receptacles for holding through mail or other matter to be carried through from one place to another and which is also provided with pockets for holding mail or other matter to be delivered or distributed along a route.

Another object is to provide a saddle bag of this character having main pouches provided with an improved construction and arrangement of double closures whereby the contents thereof are effectually protected and which when opened will afford ready access to the pouches in both ends of the bag at the same time and without turning the bag over, thus permitting the contents to be readily removed from and placed into the pockets and to be uniformly distributed between the two pouches so that both ends of the bag will contain substantially the same quantity of mail matter or other goods and will be of substantially the same weight thus obviating any danger of the bag slipping from the saddle or the animal's back.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, and the combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved saddle bag showing the position of the parts when filled and illustrating the manner in which the closures for the same are constructed and arranged; Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the bag in collapsed position as when empty; Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the bag folded or the position of the same when thrown over a saddle or across the back of a horse; Fig. 4 is a central longitudinal section of the bag with the parts in the position shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1; Fig. 6 is a similar view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4; Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 6 with the closures and fastening strips released.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 denotes my improved saddle bag which may be formed of any suitable material and which comprises a main body portion consisting of a continuous strip 2 which forms the inner side of the bag and a strip 3 formed in two sections *a* and *b*. The strips 2 and 3 are stitched together along their side edges for a suitable distance from each end of the bag and at their ends are secured to substantially circular end pieces 4 which form the bottoms of the main pouches in the opposite ends of the bag. The inner portion of the section *a* of the outer side strip 3 of the bag is slightly reduced in width from the point where the stitched part thereof stops and at its free end said section *a* is adapted to be buttoned or otherwise fastened to the inner end of the section *b* of said strip, said section *a* thus forming an inner closure for the pouches formed by the stitched ends of the strips 2 and 3 and the end pieces 4.

The central or intermediate portion of the strip 2 gradually narrows between the pouches formed at the outer ends of the bag and this intermediate portion of the strip together with the reduced intermediate portion *a* of the outer strip 3 forms the part of the bag which is engaged with the saddle or back of the animal on which the bag is placed. Stitched or otherwise secured at one edge to one of the edges of the intermediate reduced portion of the strip 2 is an outer closure or covering member 5 which corresponds in width to the width of the intermediate reduced portion of the strip 2 and corresponds in length to the distance between the stitched end portions of the inner and outer strips 2 and 3 as shown. The outer closure or covering member 5 has in its ends series of slits or elongated eyelets 6 with which when the member is brought down into engagement with the outer side strip 3 of the bag are adapted to engage series of staples or loops 7 which project through said eyelets and are adapted to receive fastening straps 8 which are inserted through said staples or loops and have in their free ends slits or eyelets 9 which are engaged with the end staples or loops 10 of a longitudinal series of

fastenings which are secured to the free longitudinal edge of the inner strip 2 of the bag. The staples or loops 7 are secured in the outer strip 3 at the inner ends of the pouches formed in the ends of the bag and when engaged with the slits or eyelets 6 in the ends of the covering member 5 and the straps 8 are engaged with said staples will form a secure fastening for the ends of the closing member.

The staples or loops 10 for the side fastening of the member 5 are secured to the inner side of the inner strip 2 of the bag and are adapted to project through a series of slits or eyelets 11 formed in the covering member 5 along its free edge and to also engage and project through a series of slits or eyelets 12 formed in a covering flap 13 secured at its inner edge along the adjacent edge of the inner strip 2. The flap 13 is adapted to be swung over into engagement with the free edge of the covering member 5 and into engagement with the staples 10 which project through the eyelets in said covering member thereby effectually closing the opening between the free edge of the covering member and the adjacent edge of the inner strip 2 of the bag. The flap member when thus closed and engaged with the staples 10 is fastened in a closed position by a strap 14 one end of which is suitably secured to the bag at one end of the flap and which is adapted to be inserted through the staples 10. In the free end of the strap 14 is formed a slit or eyelet 15 which is adapted to be engaged with a locking staple 16 secured in the bag at the adjacent end of the flap 13 and with which is adapted to be engaged a padlock or other suitable fastening 17 whereby the strap 14 is locked and prevented from being retracted from the staples 10. The engagement of the strap 14 with the staples 10 also fastens the free ends of the end fastening straps 8 which as hereinbefore described are engaged with the end staples 10 and which are clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings.

In addition to the main pouches in the ends of the bag I also provide supplemental pouches or pockets 18 which are formed on the outer sides of the ends of the bag by pieces of material stitched or otherwise secured around their outer edges to the outer edges of the ends of the outer strip 3 as shown. The pockets 18 are provided with closing flaps 19 fastened along their upper edges to the strip 3 above the upper open edge of the pockets and adapted to be folded down over the outer side of said open upper edges thereby forming a water-proof closure for the pockets. The flaps are securely fastened in closed position by buttons or other suitable fastening devices 20 whereby mail or other matter will be prevented from losing out of the pockets.

By constructing and arranging the pockets 18 as herein shown and described it will be seen that they will be on the outer side of the bag and within convenient reach, so that mail or other matter which is intended to be distributed or delivered along the route or at short intervals may be conveniently carried and readily obtained when desired without interfering with the matter contained in the main pouches of the bag and which is intended to be carried through or from one place to another place at a distance thereby permitting such matter to be securely locked in the bag at one end of a route and to remain locked therein until the other end of the route is reached.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A saddle bag comprising a main body consisting of a continuous strip forming one side of the bag and a sectionalized strip formed of two sections comprising the opposite side of the bag, said strips being secured together along their side edges for a suitable distance from each end of the bag, bottoms secured to the ends of the strips to form pouches, fastening devices for securing the meeting ends of said sections, a covering member having one of its longitudinal edges secured to one edge of the bag between the pouches, the ends of said covering member being detachably secured to the adjacent ends of the sections comprising the sectionalized strip, a narrow flap secured to the opposite detached longitudinal edge of the continuous strip, the latter being detached along the length of the flap and having its edges covered thereby, means for securing the flap over the covering members, and pockets secure to the ends of the bag thus constructed and provided with overlapping flap closures.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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