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SADDLE PACK COVER.

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Fig. 1.

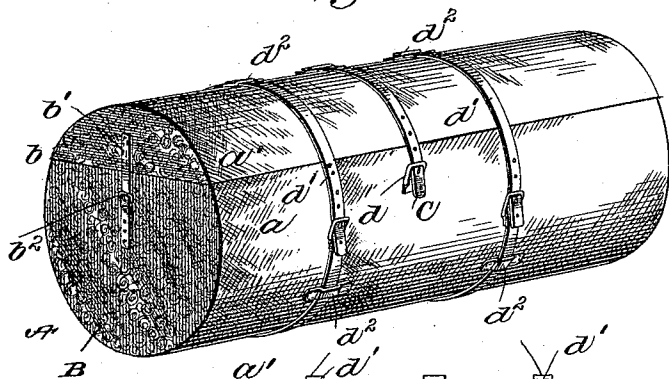


Fig. 2.

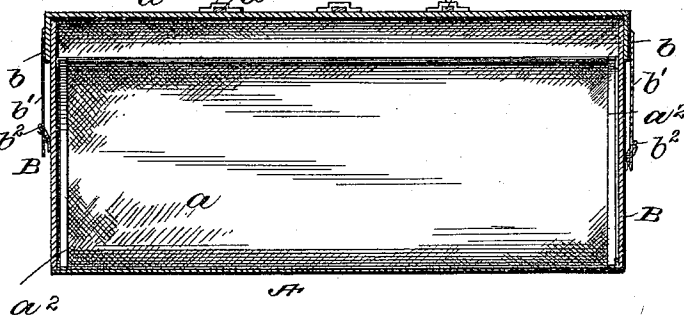
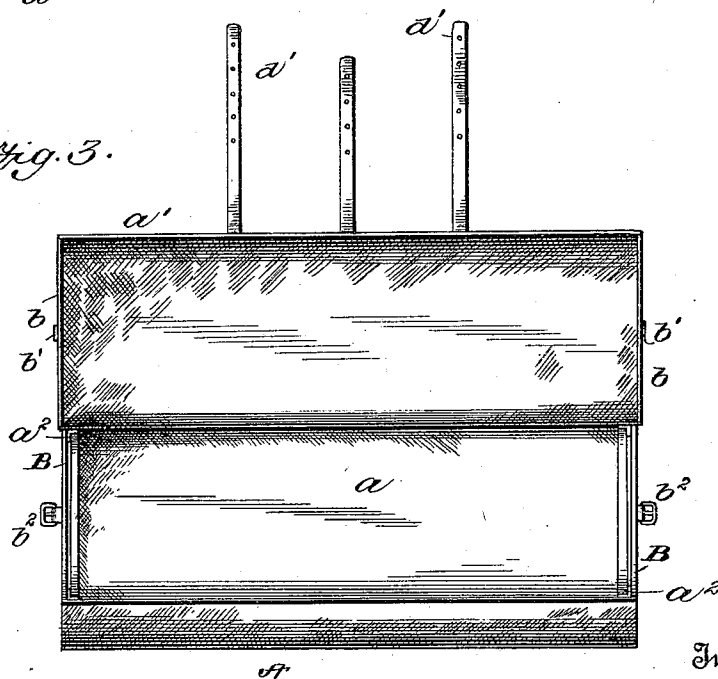


Fig. 3.



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SADDLE-PACK COVER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD MURRAY, of the United States Army, a citizen of the United States of America, temporarily residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Saddle-Pack Covers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to saddle-pack covers, and has for its object the production of a neat-appearing, strong, and durable bag or receptacle for soldiery-packs, whereby the contents will be securely inclosed and protected from dust, dirt, and moisture; and the bag or receptacle can be easily attached or secured to a horse's saddle or other harness.

The invention consists in a bag or receptacle formed from a single length of canvas, and circular end heads to which the canvas is secured, segmental strips of leather being also secured to the cover portion of said canvas to fit down over and be secured to said end heads, and adjustable straps, some of which encircle the bag or receptacle and serve to hold the same closed, and by means of which it can be connected to a horse's harness, substantially as hereinafter fully set forth and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved saddle-pack cover. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the cover opened back.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the bag or receptacle, the main or body portion *a* and cover *a'* of which are formed from one continuous piece of heavy canvas, the edges of which are bound throughout by a leather strip *a²*.

B B designate two corresponding circular end heads to which the strips *a²* of the body portion of the bag are attached, said attachment to the end head extending nearly entirely around the periphery thereof, the upper portions being left free and disconnected. To the cover *a'*, or to the binding thereof, are connected segmental strips *b*, which are designed to fit down over the outer surfaces of the end heads B, and they are so held by short straps *b'* thereof engaging buckles *b³*

centrally connected to said end heads. A central strap C, secured to cover *a'*, is designed to engage a buckle *d* of the body portion of the bag or receptacle and hold said cover closed at the center. Two straps *d'* passed beneath loops *d²* attached to the bag are designed to entirely encircle the latter and, in addition to serving as further means for holding the cover closed, enable the bag or receptacle to be readily and easily attached to the saddle or other harness of a horse.

A saddle-pack cover is always exposed to the weather, and if the contents (which generally consist of a blanket, overcoat, and underwear) become wet the weight is greatly increased and besides the contents are more or less damaged. Hence actual experience has demonstrated the necessity for a cover which will protect the pack from dirt, dust, or dampness and preserve the clothing in a perfect state. A cover constructed as herein described is strong and durable, the contents can be readily placed therein and removed therefrom, and the canvas being dirt and water proof the contents are not endangered by exposure to the weather. Then again the bag or receptacle is light in weight and, being flexible, can be easily attached to a horse's saddle.

I claim as my invention—

The herein-described improved saddle-pack cover, consisting of the bag or receptacle and cover formed from one piece of canvas, angular strips of leather secured to the side edges of said canvas, the circular end heads attached to said angular strips, said segmental end sections secured to said angular strips of the canvas and extending down over said end heads and inclosing the upper portions thereof, the straps extending from said segmental end sections and designed to engage buckles of said end heads, the central strap and the two corresponding straps encircling said bag or receptacle and cover, substantially as set forth.

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

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