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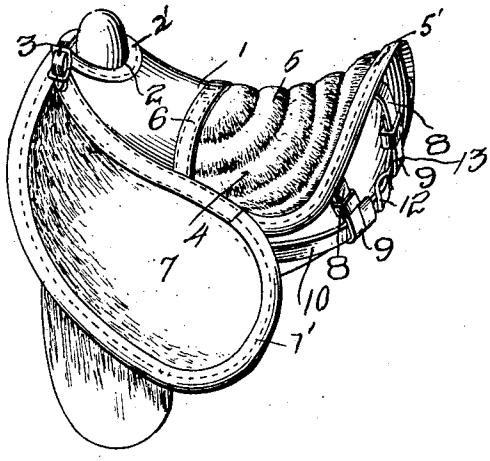


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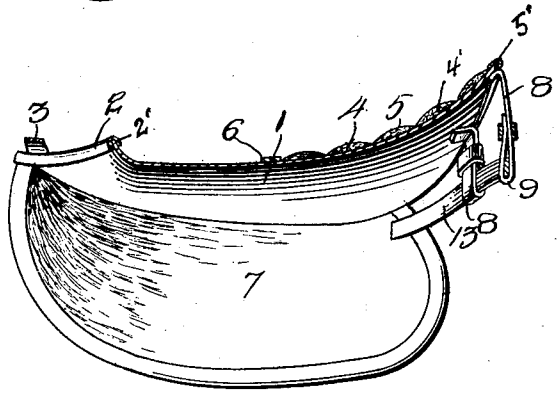
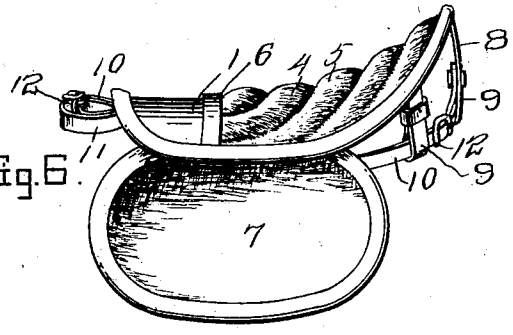


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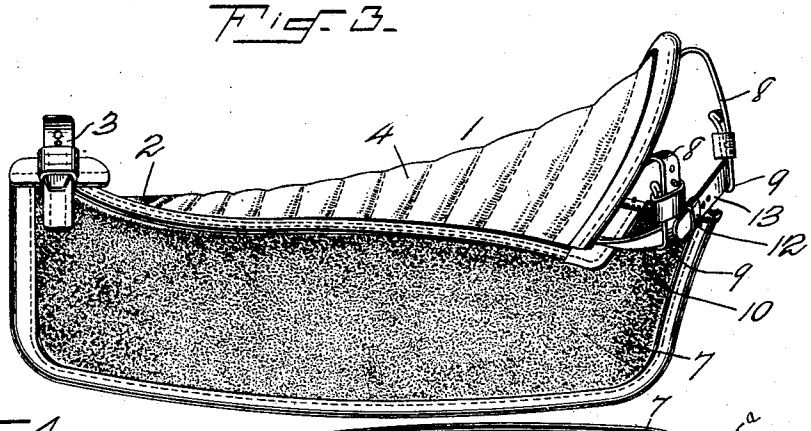
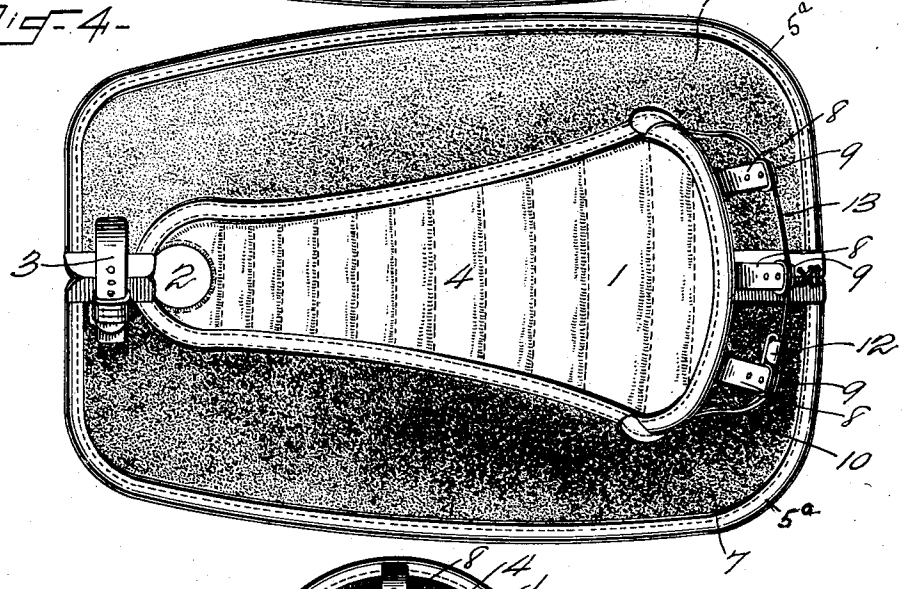


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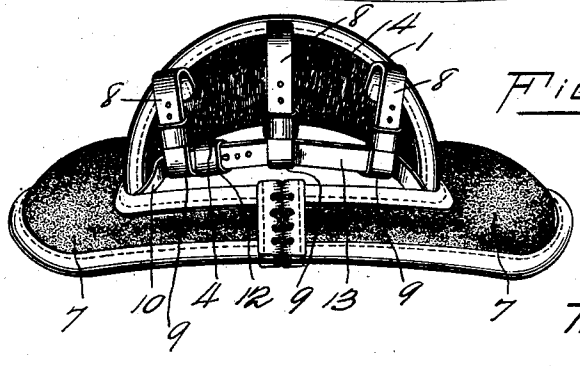


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TIMOTEO SENA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Las Vegas, in the county of San Miguel and Territory of New Mexico, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Riding-Saddles; 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 attachments for riding-saddles, and has for its object to provide a detachable cover and pad for riding-saddles to be used more especially upon ladies' saddles, a further object being to provide such a cover which may be quickly placed upon and firmly attached to a saddle to form a soft padded seat for the rider, a further object being to produce such a cover or pad which will be strong and durable, attractive in appearance and well adapted to the use for which it is designed, and which may be made plain or as fancy as desired.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear perspective view showing the application of the cover or pad to the saddle. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same removed from the saddle. Fig. 3 is a view showing a modified form of construction. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 5 is a rear view thereof, and Fig. 6 is a side view of a further modification of the saddle-cover.

In the drawings, 1 denotes the seat portion of the cover, which is constructed to conform to the shape of the saddle-seat and cantle and is cut away at its forward end to form an opening 2, which is adapted to engage the pommel of the saddle. The sides of the opening 2 at the end of the seat portion are formed with a short strap-and-buckle connection 3, whereby the said cover is attached at its forward end to the pommel of the saddle.

In Fig. 1 the seat portion is formed first of a single piece of leather of the desired shape cut at its forward end to form a pommel-engaging opening, the edges of which are bound by a narrow strip 2′ of thin leather or other material, and upon the rear end of said seat and cantle portion is formed a pad 4, preferably constructed of a piece of velvet, plush, or like material 5, between which and the leather portion of the seat is adapted to be placed wadding material 4′ of a suitable kind, and the said top plush or velvet piece and the leather piece are then stitched or quilted together, as shown, the outer edges of the same being bound by thin leather strips 5′, stitched around the same. The forward edges of the velvet piece and the wadding extend to about midway the length of the cover and are adapted to be stitched to the lower leather piece and are further finished off by a narrow strip of leather 6, stitched across and over the same.

7 denotes the side pieces of the cover, the same being of the shape shown or any other desired configuration, the upper edges of the said sides being united to the cover by stitching the edges of the same to the leather seat portion, as shown.

The side pieces are formed, preferably, of colored felt or similar fabric and bound around the edges with a narrow strip of leather 7′.

8 denotes a series of short straps having one end fastened to the rear portion of the saddle-cover above the cantle and preferably consisting of a central and two side straps. The lower ends of these straps are turned back upon themselves and fastened to form loops 9.

10 denotes a strap, one end of which is fastened to the rear edge of one of the side pieces. The opposite end of the strap 10 then passes through one of the side loops 9 and has attached thereto a buckle 12. A similar strap 13 has one end fastened to the opposite side piece of the saddle and passes through the other two loops 9 and is provided with a series of holes, this end being adapted to engage the buckle 12.

When the cover is placed upon the saddle, the looped ends of the straps 8, carrying the straps 10 and 13, pass over and down back of the cantle, and the end of the strap 13 is en-

gaged with the buckle 12 and drawn up to the proper degree and buckled, thus holding the rear end of the cover in place over the cantle.

It will be observed that the several binding-strips 5′, 5ª, and 7′ not only connect the meeting edges of the seat-section and side pieces, but also stiffen the edge of the cantle portion and preserve the contour of the same and the pommel portion, by means of which the said section is prevented from getting out of shape and is made to conform to the contour of the saddle to which it is applied, thus giving a comfortable cushion-seat, which covers the entire seat-section of the saddle. Also it will be observed that the rear ends of the side flaps or pieces terminate at the base of the cantle portion of the seat-section and that the straps 10 and 13 connect the same, and thereby prevent said flaps from spreading or fluttering, and at the same time said straps take under the cantle of the saddle and prevent the cover from shifting upwardly and forwardly.

In Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are shown a modified construction of the cover. In said figures the seat portion of the cover is formed of two thicknesses of leather throughout, wadding being disposed between the same, the parts being then stitched or quilted, as in Fig. 1. In this form the shape of the side pieces is also modified, the same being continued rearwardly and over the back in rear of the cantle of the saddle, the edges of the same being bound by a leather strip 5ª and the meeting edges formed with eyelets and laced together.

In Fig. 5 is illustrated still another form of cover. In this instance the construction is similar to that shown in Figs. 1 and 2, except that the cover and side pieces stop at the end of the padded portion and simply the rear portion of the saddle-seat and cantle are covered by the pad, the manner of attaching the rear portion of the same to the cantle being the same as in Fig. 1, and at the forward ends of the side pieces near their juncture with the seat-cover are attached one end of two straps 14 and 15, the opposite ends of the same extending forwardly and having formed thereon loops through which a short strap 16 is passed, the said strap 16 being provided on one end with a buckle and is adapted to be passed around the pommel of the saddle and be buckled thereto to hold the forward end of the cover in place.

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 this invention.

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

1. A saddle-cover comprising a seat-section having pommel and cantle portions and conforming to the contour of a saddle, side flaps, a binding-strip extending around the edge of the cantle portion of the seat-section and stiffening the same to preserve the contour thereof, and a binding-strip binding the meeting edges of the seat portion and flaps, substantially as described.

2. A saddle-cover comprising a seat-section having upraised pommel and cantle portions and conforming to the contour of the saddle, side flaps, a binding-strip secured to the edge of the cantle portion of the saddle and stiffening the same to preserve the contour thereof, binding-strips binding the meeting edges of the seat-section and side flaps, the rear ends of the latter being disposed below the plane of the cantle portion of the seat-section, straps depending from the said cantle portion of the seat-section, and guide-straps secured at their outer ends to the rear end of the side flap, adapted to pass through said guide-straps beneath the cantle of the saddle, and provided with interengaging fastenings at their meeting ends, substantially as described.

3. A saddle-cover comprising a seat-section formed of leather and having a padded seat portion and pommel and cantle portions, the same being upraised to correspond to the contour of a saddle, a stiffening-strip binding the edge of the cantle portion and, together with said padding, preserving the contour thereof, side flaps extending from the front end of the pommel portion rearwardly and disposed at their lower ends below the plane of the cantle portion, stiffening-strips binding the edges of the side flaps and also connecting the meeting edges of the flaps and seat-section, fastening-straps secured at their outer ends to the rear ends of the side flaps and provided with fastenings at their inner ends, and guide-straps depending from the cantle portion and through which the connecting-straps extend, whereby the latter-named straps are adapted to cross beneath the cantle portion of the saddle and secure the cantle portion of the cover thereto, substantially as described.

4. A saddle-cover comprising a seat-section consisting of a piece of leather formed at its forward edge with a pommel-receiving opening, a cushion sewed or quilted to the rear portion of the leather, the front and rear ends of which are elevated to form pommel and cantle portions conforming to the contour of a saddle, a transverse strip binding the front edge of the cushion, a binding-strip binding the rear edge of the cushion to the rear edge of the leather, and preserving the contour of the cantle portion, side flaps, binding-strips reinforcing the edges of the side flaps and binding the meeting edges of the same and seat-section, means for contracting the opening in the pommel of the seat-section, con-

necting-straps secured at their outer ends to the rear ends of the side flaps and provided at their inner ends with fastenings, and guide-straps therefor depending from the pommel portion of the seat-section, substantially as described.

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

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