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PHYSICIANS' SADDLE-BAG.

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FIG. 1.

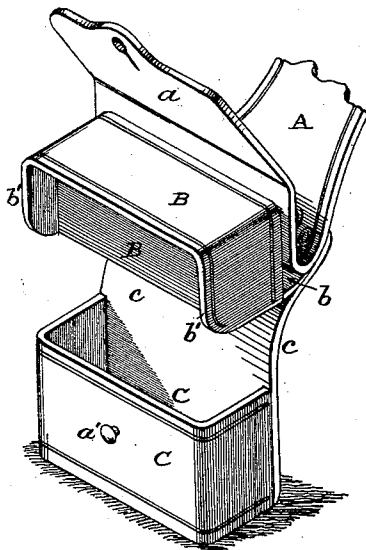
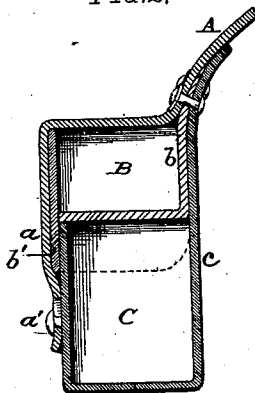


FIG. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PHYSICIAN'S SADDLE-BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES R. SUTER and ELLIOTT E. FURNEY, both of the city and county of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Physician's Saddle-Bags, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

Our improvement relates to a saddle-bag made in two parts or cases, one above the other; and it consists in connecting the upper one of these parts or cases to the suspending or back strap by a flexible piece or hinge at its upper rear corner, so that this case may be turned upward to such a height as to permit free access to be had to the lower part or member.

Our improvement consists, also, in extending the leather forming the front and sides of the upper case below the bottom of said case, so as to lap down past the top of the lower case, to exclude water and dust.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view with the upper case thrown up upon its hinge, so as to expose the top of the lower case. Fig. 2 is a transverse section.

A is a part of the back or suspending strap which extends over the horse's back, having at each end a bag or case to contain medicines, &c. The lower end *a* of this strap forms the flap which extends over the top and front of the upper part or case B, and in front of the part or case C below it, to the attachment *a'*.

These cases (B and C) are made of leather. The case or pouch B is secured at its upper corners to the suspension band or strap, which arrangement permits of its being raised to any desired angle when it may be desired to get at the contents of the lower tray, or for other purposes, without disturbing either the lower case or the back strap.

The back *c* of the lower case C extends up behind the case B, and is attached to the back-strap A, and serves to support said case C. The back *b* of the case B extends above the top of the case, and is attached to the strap A, and has no connection to the case C except through the medium of the suspending-straps *c* and *b*, so that the movement of the case B is, to a certain extent, independ-

ent of case C. The strap or connection *b* forms a hinge, upon which the case B may be thrown up into the position shown in Fig. 1, so as to be at a distance above the case C to expose fully the top of the case C, so that when the bag is suspended in its usual position easy access can be had to the lower case C.

The piece of leather forming the front and ends of case B extends down below the level of the bottom of said case at *b'*, so as to lap past the top of case C, and form a lap-joint that will be impervious to water running down the bag or cases. The lap *b'* also serves to exclude the dust. If the lip or flange *b'* were made of a piece of leather or other material separate from the front and ends of case B, water would be liable to pass through the joint between said pieces and wet the contents of the lower case C.

We are aware that it is not new to attach the upper pouch or tray of physician's saddle-bags to the suspension-band or back-strap, but it has been usual to secure said pouch to the band at or near both the top and bottom in such a manner as to preclude the top tray being raised while suspended from the horse's back, without the strap being bent back considerably over the back of the horse or against its side. Our improved manner of securing the pouch at its upper rear portion only, enables its being raised to any necessary angle to gain access to the lower pouch without pressing upon the back of the horse or creasing the back-strap.

We claim herein as our invention—

1. The bag composed of two parts or cases, B C, the case B being suspended to the back C from its upper corners only by flexible piece or hinge *b*, to allow of its free and independent upward movement, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, in a saddle-bag composed of two cases or parts, B C, of lip or flange *b'*, in one piece with the front and ends of case B, and forming a lap-joint between the cases, substantially as set forth.

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