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IMPROVEMENT IN GIG-SADDLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW ORTMAYER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement in Gig-Saddles, of which the following is a specification:

The object I have in view is the production of a gig-saddle that will be simple in construction and greatly lessened in cost; and my invention therein consists in dispensing with the ordinary saddle-tree into which the terrets are usually screwed, and having, instead, metal plates stitched in pockets on the under side of the skirts, which are provided with screw-threaded holes to receive bolts of the terret-rings and a metal jockey carrying the check-hook, to which and the skirts an ordinary pad is removably secured, all as more fully hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved gig-saddle and pad. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the pad. Fig. 3 is a plan of the skirt. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the pad at *x x*.

A A represent the skirts, and B B the billets, each billet being cut from a single piece of leather and secured by rivets and loops to the skirts. C is the metal jockey, to which the check-hook D is secured. The jockey has two wings, C', that project over the billets as far as the terret-rings E, and are held down by the bolts of the terret-rings passing through holes in their ends. The terret-rings have the usual screw-threaded bolts that pass through

holes in the billets and skirts into plates *a*, secured in pockets on the under side of the skirts. These plates are of considerable size, each having a screw-threaded hole in its center to serve as a nut for the terret-screw. These plates are kept in place, covered and concealed by leather covers F, stitched to the under side of the skirts.

It has been the custom, in completing a saddle, to form a pad to fit the tree and attach it permanently. In my saddle, however, it is only necessary to use the ordinary removable pad G, which is hung to the skirts by loops *b*, and to the check-hook by the slots *c*, through which the hook passes.

By this manner of fastening the terret-bolts, in case one should break, it can be replaced without ripping the saddle, and the ordinary removable pad can be used, thus making a light saddle easily taken apart for repairs or cleaning.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a gig-saddle, the combination, with the metal jockey, of the skirts A A, provided with pockets F F, to secure the plates *a a*, the said plates each having a screw-threaded hole for the reception of the terret-ring bolts, substantially as described and shown.

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