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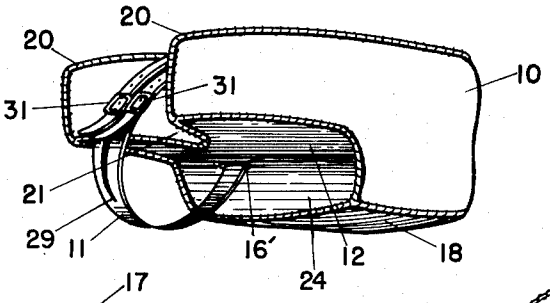


FIG. 1

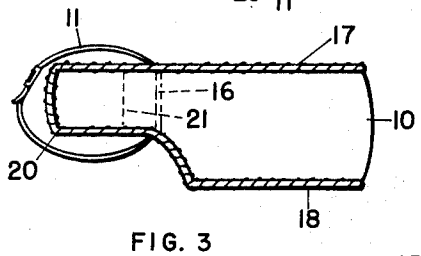


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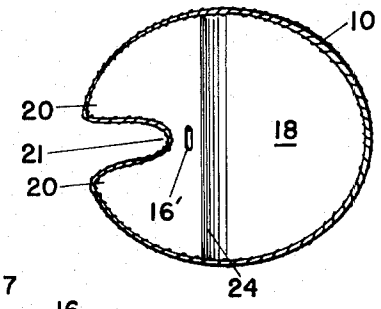


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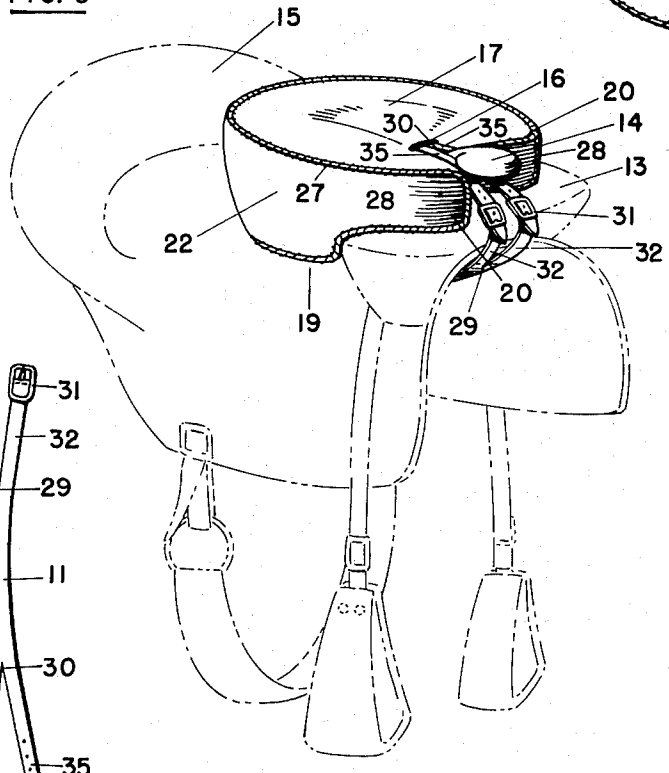


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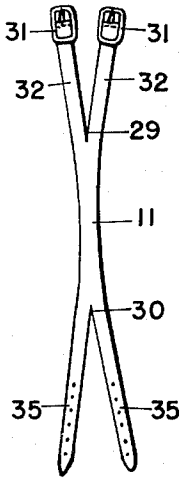


FIG. 5

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This invention relates to saddles and, more particularly, to small saddles or a child's seat, which may be attached to a western saddle so that a child may be conveniently and comfortably carried in front of an adult.

The invention contemplates improvements in children's saddle seats and has for one of its objects a light and durable seat construction which may be readily attached or detached from a saddle.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved child's seat which will conform intimately to the rise of a western saddle and thereby be held firmly and secure thereto.

Still another object of the invention is to provide an improved child's saddle which is simple in construction, economical to manufacture, and simple and efficient to use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a small child's saddle in combination with a western saddle.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the combination and arrangement of features and parts as hereinafter disclosed, illustrated in the appending drawing, and recited in the claims.

In the drawing:

FIG. 1 is an isometric view of a small child's saddle according to the invention;

FIG. 2 is an isometric view of the child's saddle shown in combination with the western saddle;

FIG. 3 is a side view of the child's saddle;

FIG. 4 is a bottom view of the child's saddle; and

FIG. 5 is a view of the strap for securing the child's saddle to the western saddle.

Now with more particular reference to the drawings, the small child's saddle **10** may be made up of padding such as foam rubber or other suitable material enclosed in a cover made of leather or suitable plastic sheet material sewn together along the edges to provide a neat appearing, durable, and functional structure.

The small saddle is generally shaped in the form of a cylinder cut away at the front at **12** to receive the rise **13** of the western saddle and notched to receive the horn **14**.

The western saddle has a cantle **15**, rise **13**, horn **14** and other parts shown which will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

The small saddle has a generally flat top surface **17** which is in the form of a circular disk notched at the front and having an opening **21** therein to receive the horn of the saddle. The bottom surface is likewise made of a semi-circular piece of sheet material such as leather or the like indicated at **18**. The bottom surface is in the form of half of a circular disk of a similar diameter to the top surface. The bottom surface **18** is generally flat and suitable to rest on the seat of a western saddle just behind the rise **13**.

The lower part of the front half of the small saddle **10** is cut away at **12** to receive the rise of the western saddle. The front upper part of the small saddle **10** is approximately half as thick as the rear part. This front part indicated at **20** is defined by the upwardly extending surface **24** and the forwardly extending surface **12** which conform intimately to the contour of the rise **13**.

A notch **21** is formed in the front of the saddle **10**. This notch is generally V-shaped and the sheet like material **26** which defines the inside of the V may be laced together as indicated.

An opening **16** is cut in the top **17** and a similar opening **16'** is cut in the bottom and, through this, the strap **11** extends. The strap may be of suitable width and it is bifurcated at **29** at the lower end and likewise bifurcated at **30** at the upper end. The strap has an intermediate part with the ends **32** having buckles **31** attached thereto and the ends **35** are an integral part of the upper end of the strap with suitable openings therein to cooperate with the buckles **31**.

In use, the small saddle is set onto the seat of the western saddle as indicated with the notch **21** receiving the horn of the saddle and the projections **20** overlying the rise of the saddle. The strap **11** is passed down through the conventional opening in the western saddle just behind the rise and the straps are buckled securely. The strap prevents the saddle from moving backward and its shape prevents it from rocking sideways. Thus, a child may readily sit on this small saddle, holding onto the saddle horn **14** and having his legs extend down in front of the rise **13**.

The foregoing specification sets forth the invention in its preferred practical forms but it is understood that the structure shown is capable of modification within a range of equivalents without departing from the invention which is to be understood is broadly novel as is commensurate with the appended claims.

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. In combination, a western saddle and a small saddle supported thereon,
- said large saddle having a rise at the front part thereof and a horn extending upwardly from said rise,
- said small saddle having a generally flat top surface in the form of a circular disk,
- said small saddle having a bottom surface in the form of a semi-circular disk spaced from said top surface and being generally coextensive with the rear half of said top surface,
- an upwardly and forwardly extending surface below the front portion of said top surface,
- said upwardly and forwardly extending surface resting on said rise and generally conforming thereto,
- padding means between said top and bottom surfaces,
- a notch formed in the front part of said small saddle,
- said notch receiving said saddle horn,
- an opening through said small saddle rearwardly of said notch,
- a strap,
- said strap having an intermediate part removably attached with the small saddle through the opening and being bifurcated at both ends forming diverging strap portions,
- and a buckle on each said strap portion at one end of said strap engaging one said other strap portion for releasably securing the small saddle with the rise of the large saddle.

2. The combination recited in claim **1** wherein
- said padding means is approximately half as thick at the front of said small saddle as it is at the rear part thereof.

3. In combination, a western saddle and a small saddle supported thereon,
- said western saddle having a rise at the front part thereof and a horn extending upwardly from said rise,
- said small saddle having a generally flat top surface in the form of a circular disk,
- a bottom surface in the form of a semi-circular disk spaced from said top surface and being generally coextensive with the rear half of said top surface,

an upwardly and forwardly extending surface above the bottom front portion of said bottom surface,

said upwardly and forwardly extending surface resting on said rise and generally conforming thereto,

padding means between said top and bottom surfaces,

a notch formed in the front part of said small saddle,

said notch receiving said saddle horn,

an opening through said small saddle rearwardly of said notch,

a strap,

said strap passing through said opening and around said rise

and means on said strap portions fastening them together, whereby said small saddle is held in fixed relation with said rise of said western saddle.

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