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Horse-Blankets or Lap-Robes.

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FIG. 1.

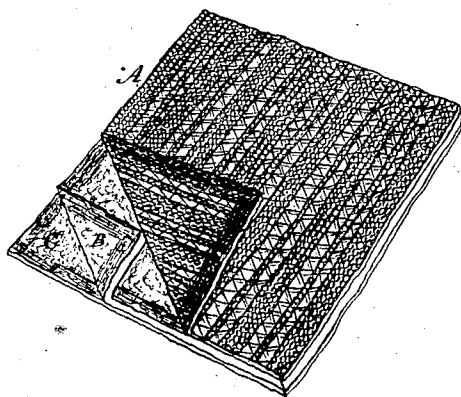


FIG. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN HORSE-BLANKETS OR LAP-ROBES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE V. SHEPARD, of the city of Troy and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in the Manufacture of Horse-Blankets or Lap-Robes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making part of this specification, in which—

Figure I is a plan view, with the face and inner layer folded back at one corner. Fig. II is a cross-section, showing the improved construction.

The object of my invention is to produce a cheap horse-blanket or lap-robe, which shall have a neat and pleasing appearance; and it consists in backing a knitted fabric-face with some stout and cheap material, and then lining the whole with some light but well-finished goods of any kind. By this means I am enabled to produce a lap-robe of equal weight and finish with those now in the market, at about fifteen per cent. reduction from the present market prices.

In the said drawings, A is piece of knitted fabric cut in any desired form for a lap-robe.

B is a piece of burlap, felt, shoddy, or other cheap material, corresponding in size to the piece of knitted goods A. A piece of thin, cheap, but well-finished goods, C, corresponding in size to the pieces A and B, is then laid upon the piece B, and all three are stitched together around the outer edge and then bound with an appropriate binding. The pieces A and B may be fastened together at intervals by stitches or cementing. In some instances I prefer to fasten A and B together by lines of cement or stitches running longitudinally and about three inches apart.

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

As a new article of manufacture a horse-blanket or lap-robe, consisting of the knitted fabric-face A, middle piece B of burlap, shoddy, or equivalent material, and lining, C, substantially as described.

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