

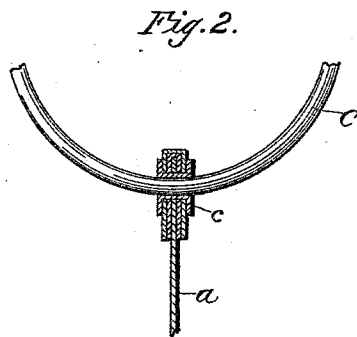
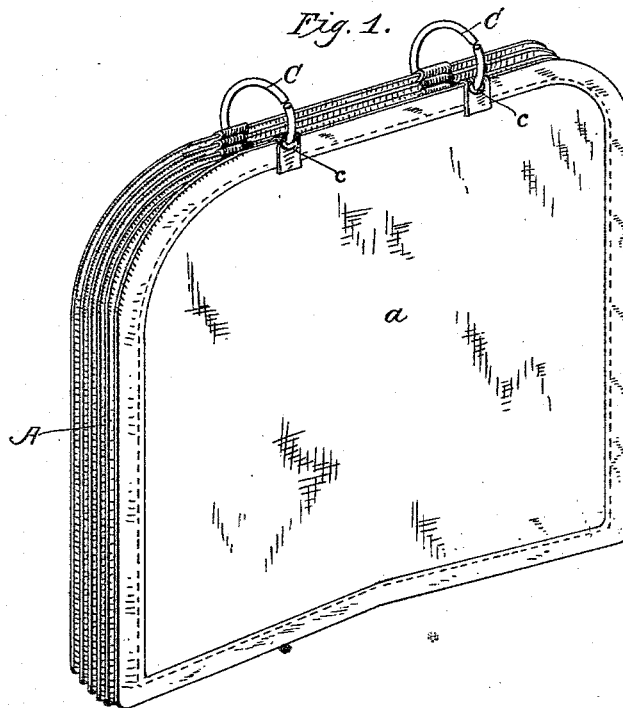
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, STEPHEN S. JEROME and CHARLES S. PITKIN, citizens of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Saddle-Pad, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Our invention relates to sweat pads or blankets designed for use more particularly with riding-saddles; and it has for its object to provide a device of this character which shall readily take up the sweat which arises from the back, one that may be easily washed and quickly dried.

A further object of the invention is to provide a sweat-pad of a series of cloths or sections, whereby upon one of said cloths becoming saturated with sweat another one of the series may be readily substituted in its place.

A further object of the invention provides improved means for connecting said series of cloths to form the sweat pad or blanket.

The invention consists, primarily, in a sweat-pad consisting of a series of cloths made of equal quantities of jute and linen interwoven together.

The invention further consists in a series of cloths or sections connected together in such manner that any one of the series may be employed.

The invention further consists in the improved construction of pad hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sweat-pad constructed in accordance with our invention. Fig. 2 is a section through one of the securing-rings and pads detached.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures, A represents our improved pad, which consists of a series of cloths or sections, *a*. These cloths or sections *a* are made of equal quantities of jute and linen woven together, thus producing a pad which is cool and soft, and as there is no coloring-matter in the same, the liability of the poisoning of the horse's back by the running of the dye, as in other pads, is prevented. Moreover, a pad constructed of jute and linen read-

ily absorbs the sweat or moisture from the horse's back. The said cloths or sections may, if desired, be bound with any preferable material; or they may be hemmed plain. At the front ends of the pads, a short distance from each side, are provided holes or openings, in which are seated eyes *c*, of metal, which secure and hold firmly in place tabs of leather, said tabs extending over the forward edges of the sections or cloths, as shown. The pads are connected together by means of metal rings *C*, of such construction that a cloth or section may be added, or one or more removed when desired or circumstances necessitate. It will be seen that by the use of the leather tabs above mentioned, the contact of the metal rings with the fabric, and the consequent fraying or wearing of the same, is overcome.

The pad above described is applied in the usual manner to the back of the horse, and when the under cloth has become saturated with sweat, and it is desirable to use a fresh cloth, the saddle is raised, and the upper or top one is raised and turned under next to the back of the horse. By this arrangement it will be seen that when one of the cloths or sections becomes unfitted for use by reason of its wet or sweaty condition, it may be readily substituted by another, and in the case of a long ride by the time all of the cloths have been used, the one first employed will be ready for use, as the material from which it is made will readily dry. By absorbing the sweat, as before mentioned, the liability of the horse's back to become scalded is prevented. Such scalding is frequently the case, however, when felt or wooden pads are employed.

It will also be apparent that when the above-described pad is not in use it may be readily hung up out of the way by means of the metal rings.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A saddle-pad consisting of a series of cloths removably connected, so that upon the under pad becoming unfitted for use it may be substituted by another of the series, substantially as set forth.

2. A saddle-pad consisting of a series of

sections or cloths constructed of equal quantities of jute and linen and removably connected together, so that any one of the series may be employed, as set forth.

- 5 3. A saddle-pad consisting of a series of cloths or sections, having holes or openings at their forward ends, metal eyes seated in said openings, said metal eyes securing tabs of leather upon the edges of the cloths, and
10 rings connecting said sections, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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