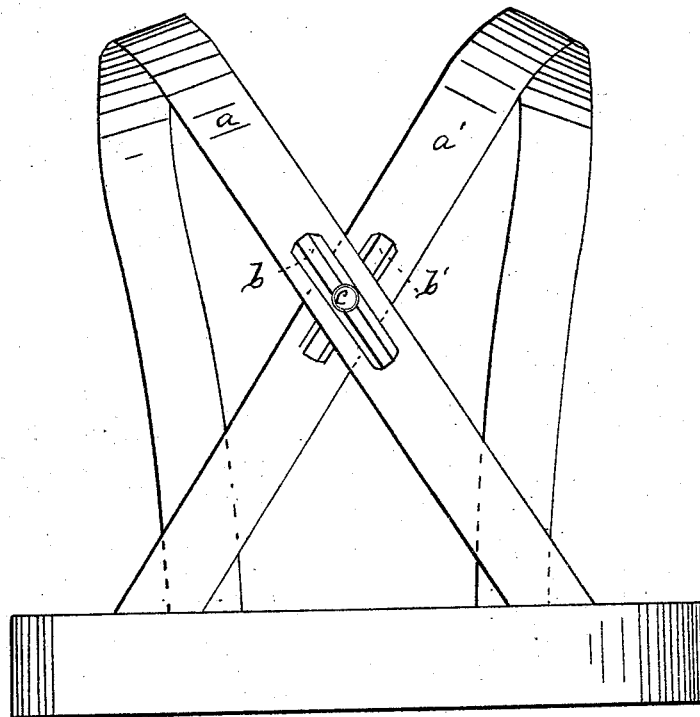


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SHOULDER-STRAP SLIDE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. KELLOGG, of Troy, Rensselaer county, New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Soldier's Accouterments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being made to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification.

My improvement is particularly applicable to that kind of cavalry accouterments in which shoulder-straps attached to the waist-belt cross upon the back of the soldier and then pass perpendicularly down the breast to the waist-belt. These are intended to support over the shoulders the weight of the ammunition in front and of the saber and pistol at the sides, thereby relieving the hips of the man of the weight. It has been found, however, that in rapid movements the straps work off the shoulders and embarrass the men to such extent that they cut them off, preferring to bear the weight upon the hips, rather than have their arms hampered by the falling straps. I obviate this by so connecting the straps with each other at the point where they cross upon the back that the one will hold the other in place and still

have play enough to permit the straps to adjust themselves to the motions of the body. I effect this by slotting each of the straps *a* and *a'* in the manner shown in the drawing, which is a back view of a set of accouterments as worn. These slots are represented at *b* and *b'*. A stud, *c*, passes through both slots, but is not attached to either, so that it will adapt itself to the point of crossing wherever the motions of the body may bring that point, and thus prevents the straps from working off the shoulders. The edges of the slots may be protected from being worn by the stud by being bound with strips of sheet-brass turned down on both sides.

I claim—

Connecting the straps with each other at the point where they cross upon the back, in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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