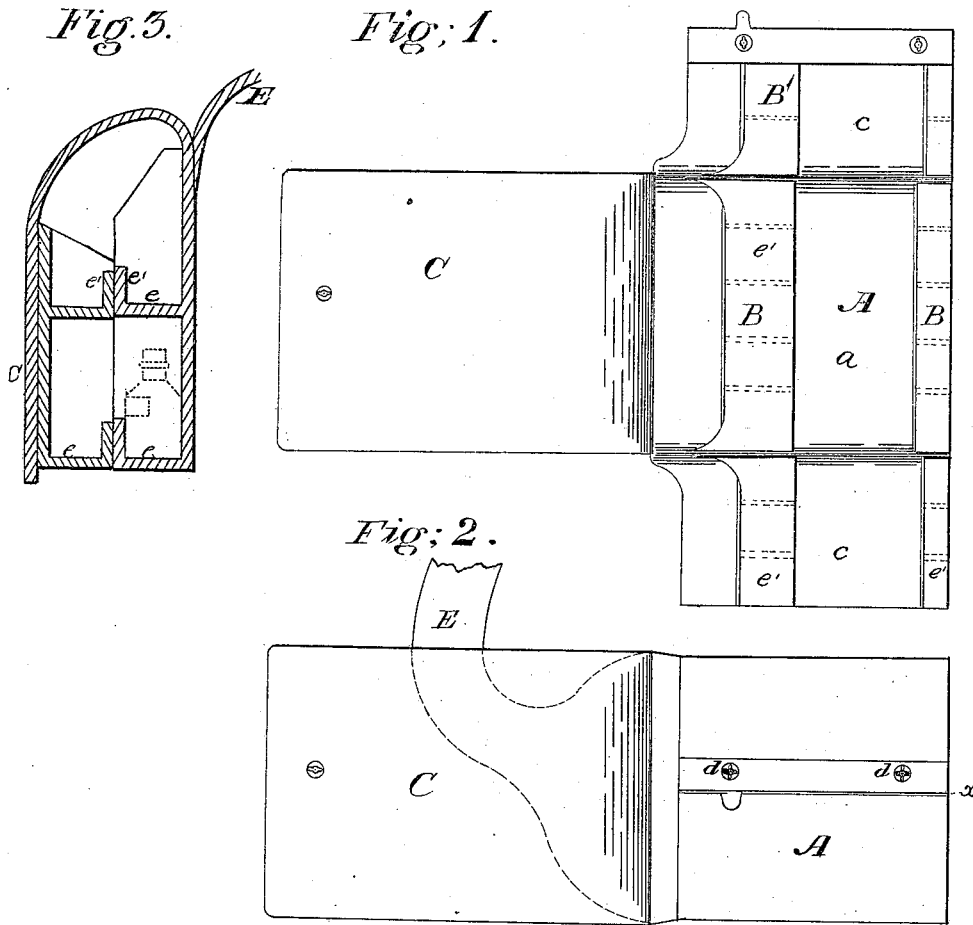


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IMPROVEMENT IN SADDLE-BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT L. HERNSTEIN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Saddle-Bags, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to cases or bag-like receptacles used by physicians or others for the purpose of conveniently securing and carrying vials, bottles, or small cases.

Previous to my invention saddle-bags had been made in various forms and shapes, being usually divided into two separate cases or pouches, and united at the upper end of each by a leather band or strap. Each case was usually so constructed that the contents of the bottles or vials could only be ascertained by partially or wholly removing them from the cases, which opened in a very inconvenient manner, and thus causing inconvenience and loss of time, and also the constant danger of the bottles or vials falling out of the pockets or pouches by reason of their peculiar internal construction.

In my invention these difficulties are overcome, and in addition thereto the cost of manufacture is greatly lessened, and it is more simple and convenient in detail.

To enable those skilled herein to make and use my said invention, I will proceed to fully describe the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Each case or receptacle A, Figure 2, consists of a solid plate of leather, so cut, pressed, and sewed together as to form a case or bag-like receptacle. Each case is joined to the other by a band or strap fastened at the top, in order that the cases may be conveniently carried.

The case is formed with a central body, *a*, and two flaps, *c c*, which fold in upon the body, their edges meeting on a central line, *x*, where they are secured together by buttons *d d*.

At the inner walls or faces of both the body and flaps are formed receptacles B B' for bottles, said receptacles consisting of shelves *e* and upright flanges *e'*, of such a height as to retain the bottles securely on the shelves, fully exposing the labels, while the bottoms of the

upper shelves and the flap C prevent any vertical movements of the bottles.

It will be seen that when open all the bottles are fully exposed to view in an upright position, each being readily removed and replaced without interference with the others, and that none of the bottles need ever be carried in or moved to an inverted position, or tilted to obtain access to the others, and that, when closed, the flaps close upon the body, and the tongue C covers all, effectually securing and protecting the whole, while the flanges *e'* between the inner and outer series prevent contact and breakage.

It will be seen that by this arrangement and construction the necessity of placing labels upon the top of the corks or bottles, (which is always ineffective, inconvenient, and troublesome,) or of removing each bottle until the one sought is found, is obviated, and consequently it has many advantages over the old methods referred to.

Fig. 1 represents a case or receptacle opened, with the compartments arranged substantially as described. Fig. 2 represents the case when closed and clasped, and Fig. 3 a sectional elevation.

A is the case or bag-like receptacle. B B, &c., are the compartments, arranged as described; C, the broad flap, which we employ, but do not claim. *d d* are the clasps or buttons, arranged as described. E is a section of the leather strap or band connecting the cases or receptacles. *a* is the body. *c c* are the flaps; *e e*, the shelves; *e' e'*, the flanges.

I claim—

A saddle-bag consisting of the central body *a*, provided with pockets having flanges and bottoms, side flaps *c c*, having similar pockets, and hinged to fold inward laterally upon the body *a*, bringing all the pockets into juxtaposition and inclosing the contents, a flap, C, covering the whole.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of June, A. D. 1877.

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