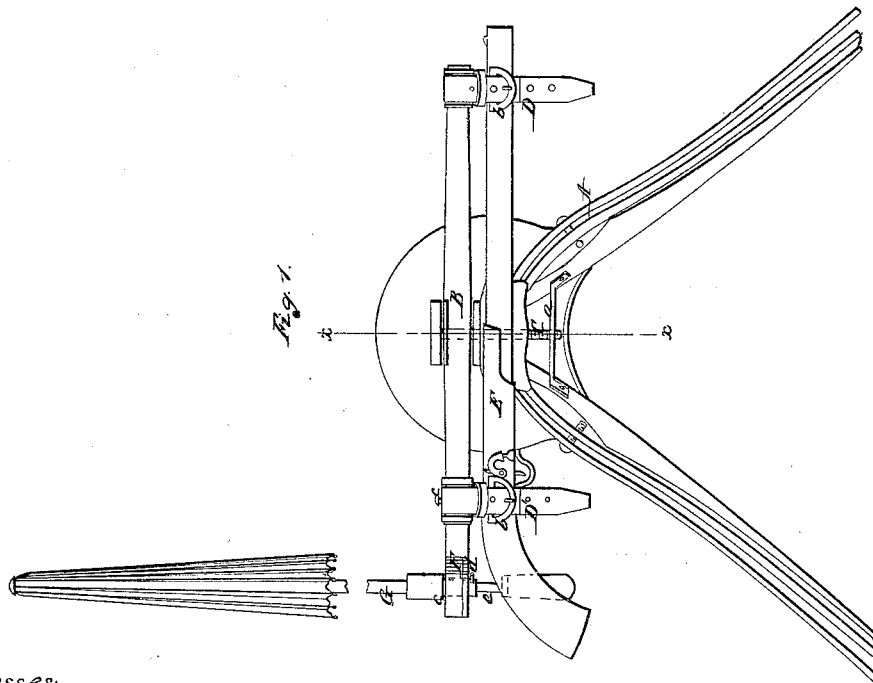
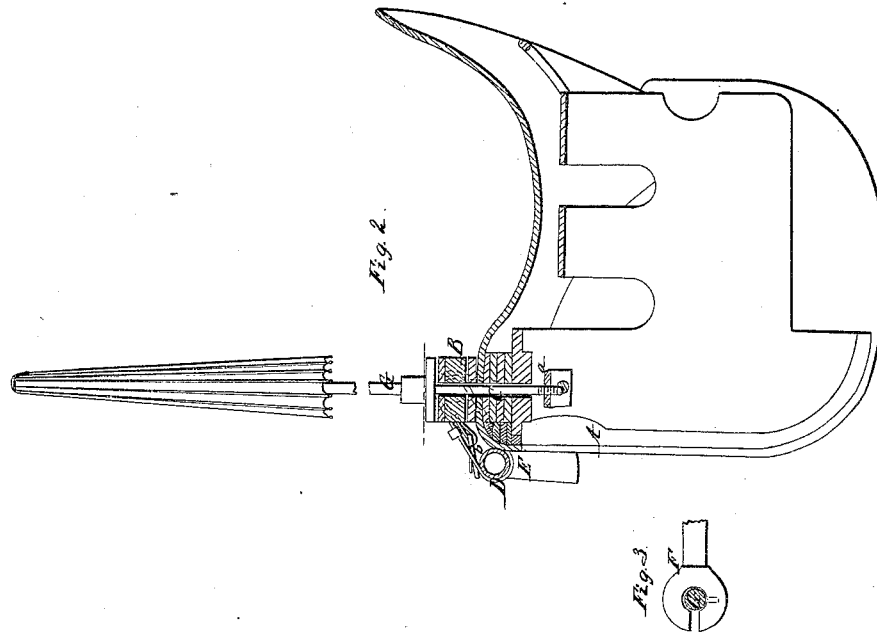


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RIDING SADDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. COMMINS, of Charleston, in the district of Charleston and State of South Carolina, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Saddles for Sportsmen; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a front view of a saddle with my improvement applied to it; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the same taken in the line *x, x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3, a detached plan of a part pertaining to my invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the three figures.

This invention consists in attaching to the front part of a saddle a bar which extends outward from the saddle at either side in such a manner that a fowling piece or rifle may be suspended thereto the bar admitting of being turned so that it, as well as the rifle or other fire-arm, cannot serve as an obstruction in passing through underbrush. The bar also may serve as a means for supporting an umbrella when necessary.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention I will proceed to describe it.

A, represents a saddle which may be constructed in the usual or in any proper way and therefore does not require a minute description.

B, is a bar which may be constructed of wood or other suitable material and secured to the front part of the saddle by a bolt C, which passes down through the pommel of the saddle and has its lower end screwed into a plate *a*. The bar B, is allowed to turn freely on this bolt C, the latter passing through the former about at its center. The bar B, has straps D, D', attached to its ends,

said straps being provided with buckles *b*, to admit of loops or slings being formed in which the fire arm is suspended.

When the implement is in actual use the strap D, may be formed into a loop or sling by having its loose end fastened on a button *c*, which is at one end of the bar. This arrangement admits of a very ready slinging and unslinging of the fire arm as one sling only requires to be loosened in order to free the fire arm.

From the above description it will be seen that the fire arm is within reach of the rider and readily procurable at any time and in case of passing through underbrush where the transverse position of the fire arm and bar would serve as an obstruction, the bar may be turned around to a position nearly longitudinal with the saddle.

The saddle may be used as an ordinary one at any time by simply detaching bar B, by removing bolt C.

To one end of the bar B, there is attached an eye F, into which the handle G, of an umbrella may be secured when desired. Any proper fastening may be employed but a slotted eye with a shoulder *c*, and pin *d*, on the handle and a small part *e*, to admit of the lateral adjustment of the handle in the eye would probably form as good a fastening as any, see Figs. 1, and 3.

I do not claim broadly the attaching of a fire-arm nor an umbrella to a saddle; but having thus described my invention what I do claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The bar B, attached to a saddle essentially as and for the purposes set forth.

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