

Some Notes on Appointments

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The "combined sandwich case," required for side-saddle "Hunt Appointments," is a leather box containing a metal sandwich box and a flask.

AHSA rules for ladies side-saddle this year say "Sandwich Case:... must be combined sandwich case and flask. Sandwich case must contain a sandwich wrapped and flask must contain sherry or tea." Regarding the kind of sandwich - there are no written rules but traditionally the sandwich is either sliced white turkey, plain, no mayonaise, or it can be watercress, plain or with cream cheese. The crust is cut off, the sandwich cut into four pieces and then wrapped in a small white linen napkin and placed in the sandwich box! (Always a fresh one please!)

The leather case should be attached snugly to the saddle so that it does not flap about, and it looks best when it hangs as perfectly horizontal as you can get it.

Figure 1 shows it attached to two types of side-saddles, one with outside billets and one with the more commonly found billets under the off side flap. An overgirth strap does not go through the sandwich case strap; it goes over it.

Rain gloves (cotton string gloves used for wet weather riding) are a necessity in the Hunt field, and a required appointment whenever "Hunter appointments" are called for. They are mighty handy to have around anytime. Wet leather reins are slippery and nearly impossible to keep in hand and maintain control with. Wearing string gloves, which are available in white, canary, or tan, makes wet reins very manageable.

AHSA rules for ladies side-saddle are "Rain Gloves:...White or colored rain gloves. Should be carried on off (right) side under billets and just showing in front of saddle flap. Fingers forward."

Figure 1 illustrates how to place the gloves under both types of saddle flaps and billets. $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" of the fingertips should show out from under the front of the saddle flap. No glove should show at the back of the flap. I have seen rain gloves placed between the billets and flap of the "outside billet side-saddle" and have tried it that way myself. However, the whole glove shows and does not look as nice or stay as neat as when placed under both the flap and the billets. This makes a much nicer appearance and the gloves certainly don't slip out of place.

Many ladies place the gloves together "palm to palm," thumb side at the top, with the thumbs folded down between to the two gloves. Others prefer to put the backs of the gloves together, thumb side at the top, with the thumbs folded down across the palms on the outside of the gloves. This method, which I prefer, keeps the backs of the gloves clean until you need them. Both ways are shown in Figure 2.

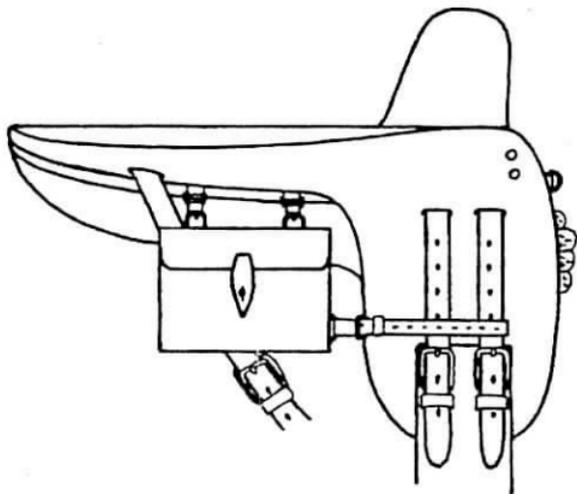
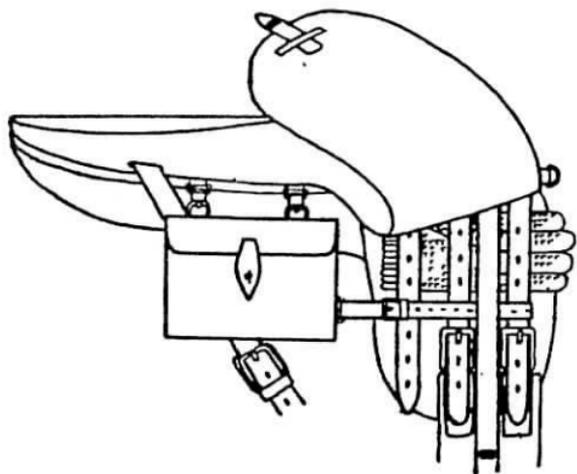


FIGURE 1



A final word on rain gloves. Buy them one or two sizes larger than your glove size. You want them to easily fit right over your leather gloves. When it begins to rain, you will reach down, pull out your rain gloves and pull them right on over your leather gloves. Think about it - there won't be time out hunting or on your way into a class to stop, remove your leather gloves, put on your string gloves and place your leather gloves under the billets! Right!? You simply grab them by the cuffs, pull them out when you need them and pull them on over the gloves you are wearing - no trouble at all!



FIGURE 2