

TUSCO TIMES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE TUSCO LONG RIDERS

"The Shooting Makes It Fun, the People Make It Special"

March 2021

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YeeHaw -- The 2021 Shooting Season Has Begun!

It was a chilly-but sunny day at Tusco.

Targets were set up out in the full sun and, without the cold wind, it would have been a wonderfully warm day.

18 stout-hearted shooters joined us -- and a fun day was enjoyed by all!



End of Trail news:

SASS transferred EOT to The Paradise Pass Regulators for 2001, because of extreme restrictions in New Mexico. It filled up very quickly & several Long Riders will be there!

Information can be found here:

<https://paradisepassregulators.com/eot-2021>



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**Next Scheduled Shoot:
April 3rd**

The Tusco Long Riders March Monthly Shoot Results:

	Alias	Category	Time	
1	Gray Hare	Wrangler	132.63	CLEAN
2	Hooligan Howes	Gunfighter	143.31	CLEAN
3	Swiss	Gunfighter	158.75	CLEAN
4	Buckaroo Bubba	Gunfighter	170.48	
5	Stone Creek Drifter	FC Gunfighter	173.33	
6	Sixgun Seamus	Classic Cowboy	181.07	
7	Cheatin Charlie	Duelist	186.17	CLEAN
8	N.A. Custer	Senior Gunfighter	187.88	
9	Moosetracks	Duelist	204.78	
10	Life-R	Josey Wales	208.55	
11	Laramie Leadslinger	SS Gunfighter	242.45	
12	Thunder Creek Kid	Classic Cowboy	260.21	
13	Turkey Flat's Jack	FC Gunfighter	275.43	
14	Cayenne Kay	Classic Cowgirl	300.38	
15	Prairie Dawg	Silver Senior	300.73	
16	Random Lee	Elderstatesman	341.73	
17	Ace Deuce	49er	441.52	
18	Lonesome Lil	Lady Senior	586.32	

Tusco's Cowboy Swap Meet for March 2021 Please contact the seller for information and pictures

I have decided to sell an **1871 Remington Rolling Block Rifle** in excellent condition. This rifle was the personal property of David Higginbotham of Lone Star and the rifle he killed his first deer with. It is chambered in 50-70 Gov't and is an outstanding piece. Anyone interested can contact me for photos, provenance, and other such details.

\$2000

Thanks, Clay (OD Cleaver)

claytonghaynes@gmail.com

440-666-8187

Pair of **Uberti 1860 44 cal cap & ball pistols** modified as follows

1. barrels cut to 6 inches
2. large bead front sights
3. Manhattan conversion to stop cap jams
4. hand converted to coil spring and plunger
5. arbor length corrected
6. treso nipples
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Pietta Great Western II, 45 caliber with checkered wood grip **\$475 OBO**

Rohm .22 pistol with right hand grip **\$100 OBO**

Winchester Model 94, 30-30 Golden Spike commemorative rifle **\$850 OBO**

1873 Winchester carbine, 45 caliber, made by Navy Arms Co., action job and aluminum lifter
\$900 OBO

6-Gun Guncart that folds down to about 6 to 8 inches high and about 40 inches long. I
designed and built this myself. **\$150 OBO**

Ole Saddlebags

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jr@kolmer.com

I have several **ladies outfits (boot top length skirts)** for sale for **\$45.00 per set** and multiple **men's shirt and ties** for \$10.00 each.

Ladies outfits range from M to XL, men's shirt are M to L.

Also have the **crinoline and matching shirt frilly drawers** that go under skirts sending on the crinoline depends on price. **Frilly drawers are \$10 each** sizes M and L.

These outfits were my parents square dancing attire.

From Smoke free home and have been taken very good care of, many only worn once.

Cardiac Kate

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tracandlar@aol

Cowboy Duster

Size Large with cape

Off-white color with snaps

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Like new condition

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olddancotton@gmail.com

440-657-0969

Winchester Model 94 Oliver Winchester Commemorative 38-55 -- \$650

Pedersoli Blue Ridge 54 caliber Flintlock Rifle -- \$600

Pair of 3rd Generation Colt Sherriff model revolvers with both the 44-40 & 44 Special cylinders -- \$3400

Rugged Gear 4-Gun Cart

It has a few issues but is in overall good used condition. **\$200 OBO**

Contact Prairie Dawg/Lou Polsinelli 216-334-9749 or LPOLSI@yahoo.com

Pre-Paid Tusco Long Riders Monthly Shoots:

Looking for that perfect Gift for your Cowboy Friends and Family?

How about a Prepaid Shoot to a Tusco Monthly Match.

They cost **\$10.00 each at a shoot or they can be mailed for \$10.50.**

Contact Buckaroo Bubba at pittfandwr@aol.com or 330-348- 5637,
or Contact Prairie Dawg if you would like to purchase them.

NEWS & NOTES

Six Stages

We shoot six stages at Tusco. A few people have told us that they drive a good distance to shoot at Tusco, and would like to shoot as much as possible. Obviously, we only have room for five shooting bays.

So, what we do is shoot the first stage twice. Consider it a warm up stage. Only five stages will be scored. You can take your best time on your first stage. If you don't want to shoot it twice, you do not have to. This provides more shooting for our shooters.

New SASS Magazine

With the new release of the SASS Quarterly Cowboy Chronicle, I once again would like to start collecting any unwanted issues of the magazine. We will use these for our promotional events, like our Tusco Long Riders' Day at Kames Sports. Please either black out or cut off your name and address, or I will do it before they are passed out. Thank you!

Facebook Page

When you make a post about Tusco or share pictures on Facebook, include "#TuscoLongRiders". Let everyone see what we are all about.

New Shooters Shoot for Free at Tusco

The Tusco Long Riders will be offering **FREE SHOOTS to ALL FIRST TIME SHOOTERS AT TUSCO.** This is **ONLY** for a shooter's first ever shoot at Tusco. **This is only for monthly matches, from January - September. Our High Noon 3-day Shoot in October, and our Charity Shoot in November are excluded.

Cowboy Swap Meet at Monthly Shoots

As a reminder, feel free to bring your old Cowboy Gear, Guns and Equipment to sell at our monthly shoots. It's a good opportunity to sell some of your unwanted stuff to your fellow shooters. Your items are your responsibility.

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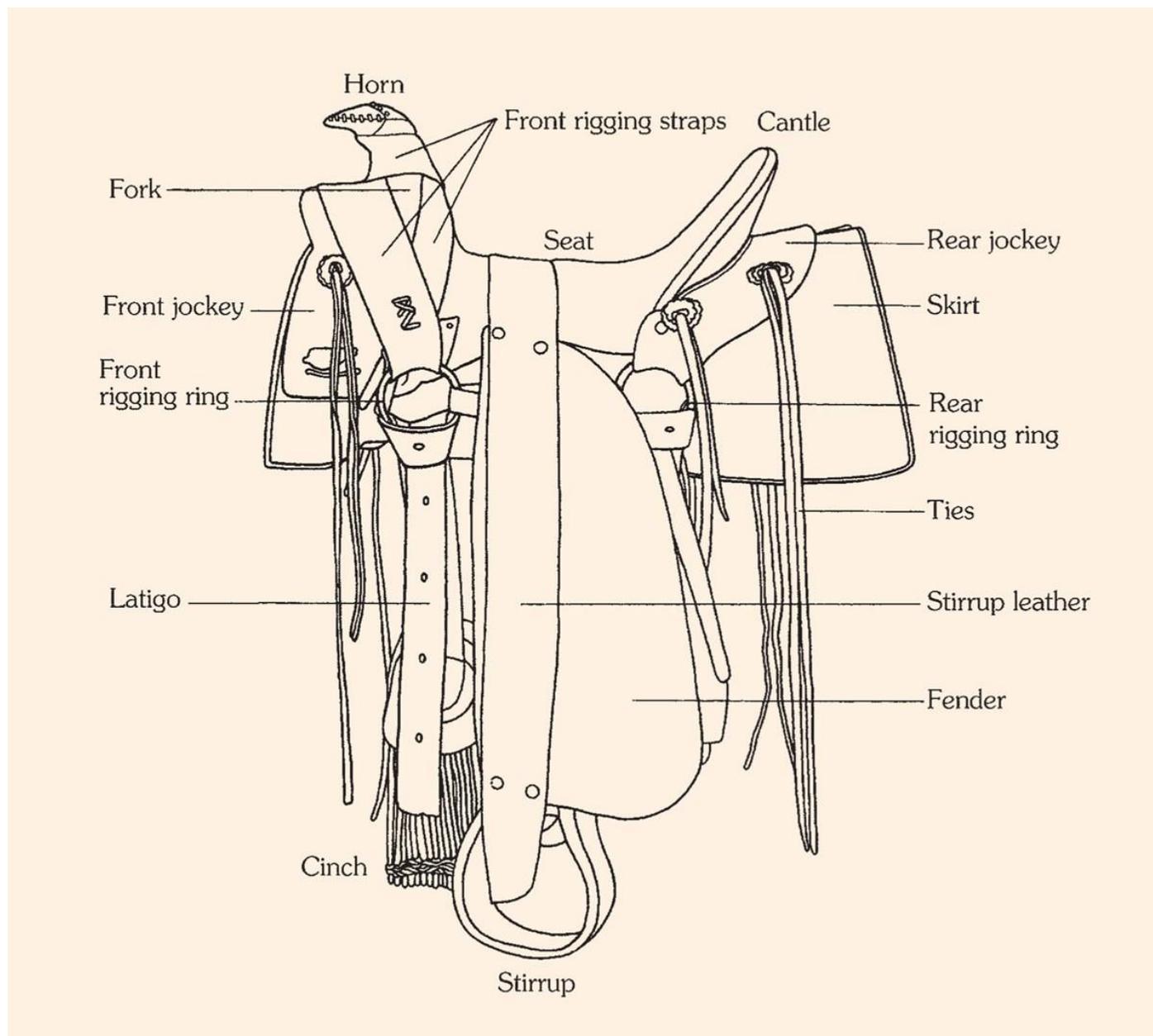
Help Wanted at Tusco

If you are available to help set up target stands/props before our shoots, it would be greatly appreciated.

Prairie Dawg's Old West Chronicles

A Compendium of Useful Information

A Cowboy's Gear



Next to the horse itself, the saddle was the cowboy's most important and finest tool. The saddle was the personal property of the cowboy, while the horse was usually provided by the cowboy's employer.

One of the more obvious reasons the cowboy's saddle was important is comfort. Cowboys spent most of their lifetime in the saddle, so they were willing and wise to invest in a well-made, comfortable saddle.

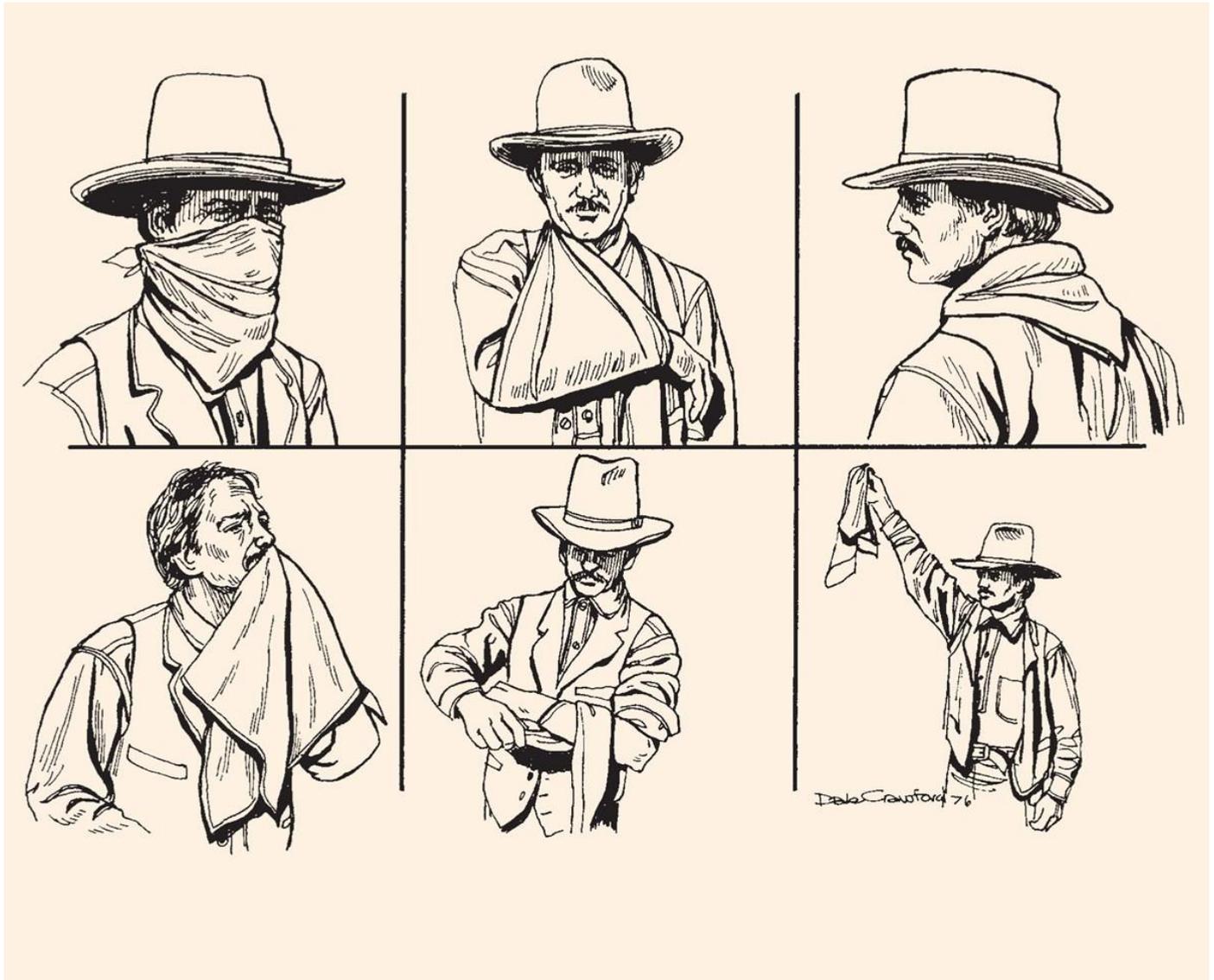
They did not skimp on quality.

A saddle could be purchased for \$30, a month's pay, but the top-notch saddle could cost \$100, and, the cowboy's saddle often cost four to five times more than the value of the horse!

The seasoned cowboy understood the importance of this investment, though.

The saddle was expected to last for most of the cowboy's career, or at least 30 years.

In fact, there was a saying among cowboys about saddles that signified when a cowboy was leaving the profession: "He's sold his saddle." No saddle, no cowboy.



While this unique piece of fabric goes by many names — bandana, kerchief, mascada (scarf, in Spanish), or buckaroo scarf, many just call it a “wild rag.”

They were and still are one of the most valuable tools of a cowboy.

And, even though they go by a lot of different names, one thing is certain -- No real cowboy in the old west would work without his wild rag.

Wild rags date back as far as the mid 1800's, when cowboys were known to use old flour sacks cut into squares when fabric, such as a cotton, was either too expensive, or too hard to come by, while living on the range.

The very first cowboy wild rags were worn for warmth in cold temperatures, and for protection from sun, wind, and dirt anytime.

Wild rags came in a wide variety of colors, sizes, and fabrics, with silk, cotton, and linen as popular choices.

When my wife's father was cowboying in the mid-20th century, he and his fellow cowboys believed that the best wild rags were made of silk.

Silk was popular for many reasons:

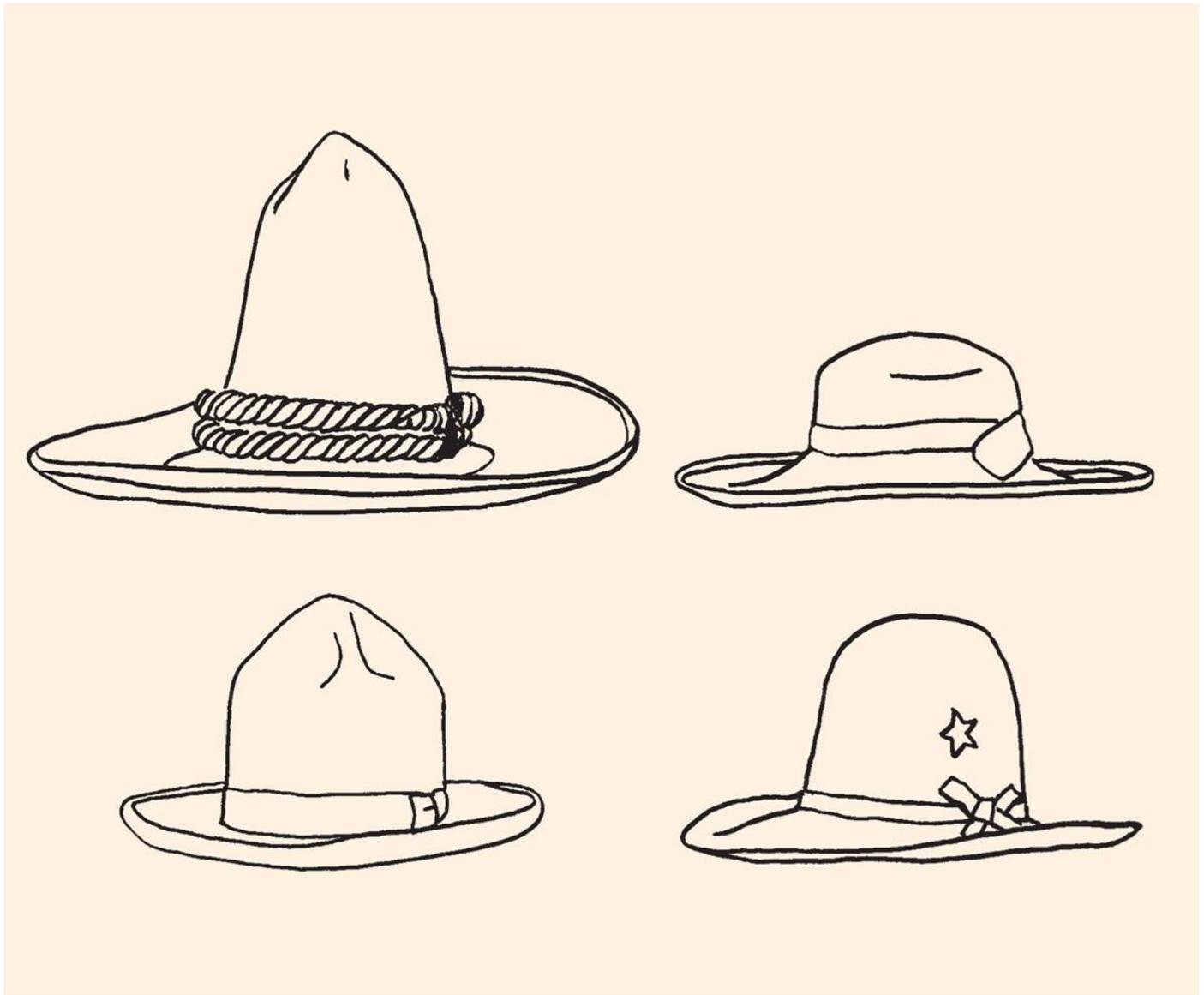
- **Silk is the most absorbent of all natural fibers.**
- **It has excellent wicking properties.**
- **Silk is warmer than wool in the winter, and softens well with age.**

Most wild rags ranged in sizes from 30 to 40 inches square or more.

Yes, wild rags could be made smaller, but cowboys probably never had use for one that small.

How cowboys use a wild rag?

- **Cowboys on cattle drives in the old west often wore their bandanas pulled up over their faces, protecting them from the constant dust and dirt, and extreme elements.**
- **Strain drinking water.**
- **As a potholder by a campfire, like when grabbing that hot pot of Arbuckle coffee.**
- **An arm sling, tourniquet or bandage.**
- **Wiping dirt and sweat from the face.**
- **Temporary saddle rigging.**
- **To clean a firearm and other equipment.**
- **Carrying food.**
- **Covering the eyes of a spooked horse for doctoring.**
- **Spread out as a tablecloth at mealtime.**
- **Use as a napkin when eating that same meal.**
- **Cleaning up and drying dishes after that meal.**
- **And, if you're like me and live where mosquitoes, no-see-umms, and other pesky blood-suckers frequent, try taking a cotton bandana, spray it liberally with your favorite bug juice, and tie it around your neck in a simple overhand knot to keep your neck bug-free!**



The cowboy's hat provided shade, protection from the elements, and warmth for the wearer, but could also be used to fan a fire, as a vessel for drinking water, or waved from horseback to catch the attention of a fellow rider in the distance.

There were as many styles of cowboy hats as there were people wearing cowboy hats. Generally, in the Southwest, a cowboy's hat had a wide brim for shade and a tall, peaked crown for cooling.

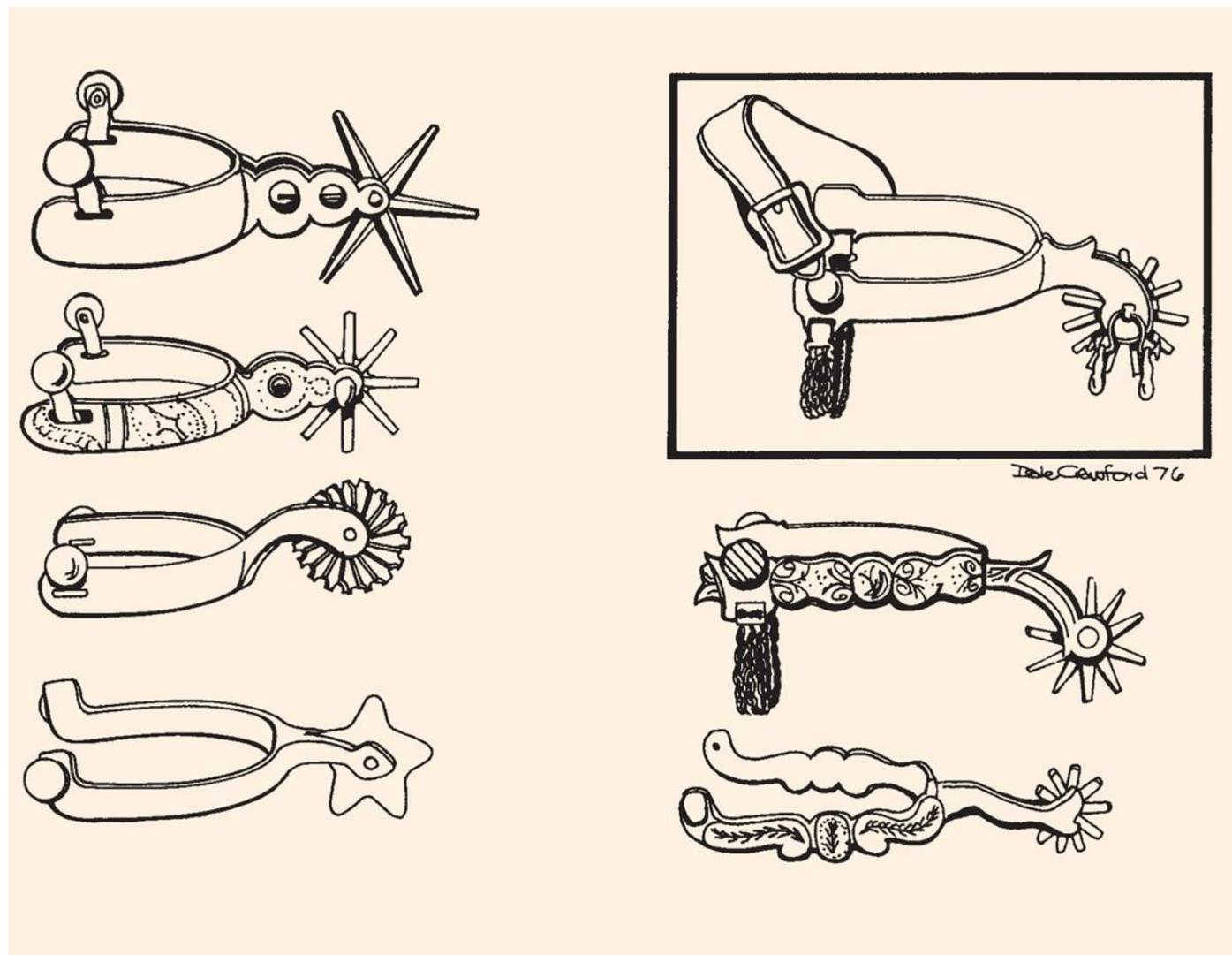
Legend has it that Stetson's invention of the cowboy hat started as a joke.

During a hunting trip, Stetson amused fellow hunters by making a cloth from the fur of animals they captured.

By dipping the fur in boiling water and kneading it with his hands, he created a sort of smooth, soft felt, much like the material that most cowboy hats are still made of today.

When Stetson finished making his fur felt, he made a very large hat with it, which he wore for the remainder of the trip as a joke.

He realized, though, how well the hat protected him from the rain and harsh sun.



Spurs in the Old West:

In the old west, a cowboy never buckled on a pair of spurs until he had filed the sharp rowels to make them blunt.

Sharp rowels make a horse nervous, so nervous that he will not always give his best effort. Since spurs are used to signal that quick action is needed, and not for cruelty or discipline, sometimes a motion of the leg or calf is sufficient.

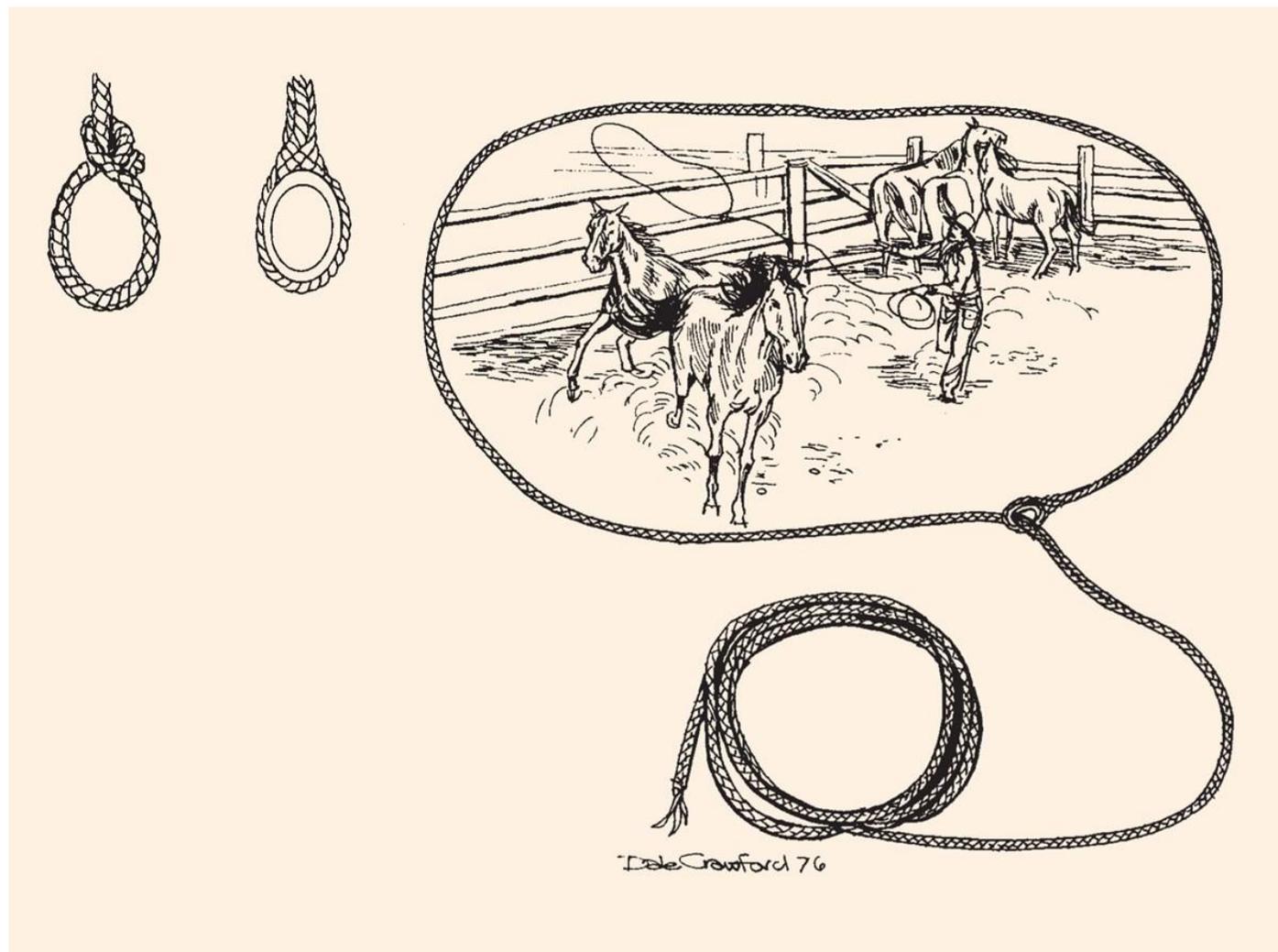
Usually, though, the mere touch of the spur to the flank is all a well-trained cow horse needs to get the point that quick movement is required to do his job.

Cowboys value their horses unlike few other things in the world, so the thought of unkindness — especially towards his working partner — is beyond the cowboy's comprehension.

His spur is merely a signal for the horse to take action.

Some slang terms for spurs were: "Persuaders," "Can Openers," "Diggers," "Grapplin' Irons" and "Gut Hooks."

A derogatory term for cheap spurs was "Tin Belles."



The Spanish or Mexican vaquero usually used a rope made from braided rawhide. Since this was expensive and somewhat fragile, most American cowboys used a rope of tough, twisted grass.

The grass rope could be knotted easily, but a rawhide rope had to be spliced around a piece of cowhorn to form the honda (small loop, see above).

Last month we covered a cowboy's rope pretty thoroughly, so I refer you to the February, 2021 Newsletter.



The wrist cuff or Cowboy Cuff, like so many other items of cowboy gear served a useful purpose. They were used to protect your arms while riding thru rough and thick brush and, while doing ground work. They kept a long shirt sleeves from dangling over hands and kept the wrist area covered if the sleeves were too short. They also kept your shirt cuffs from fraying. Many people call these roping cuffs implying that they were used in the actual process of roping. They were not. While cuffs might deflect a rope burn or might protect an arm entangled by accident, they were never used as part of the roping process. Usually made of leather, cowboy cuffs seem to have originated in Texas and declined in popularity after 1900.

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