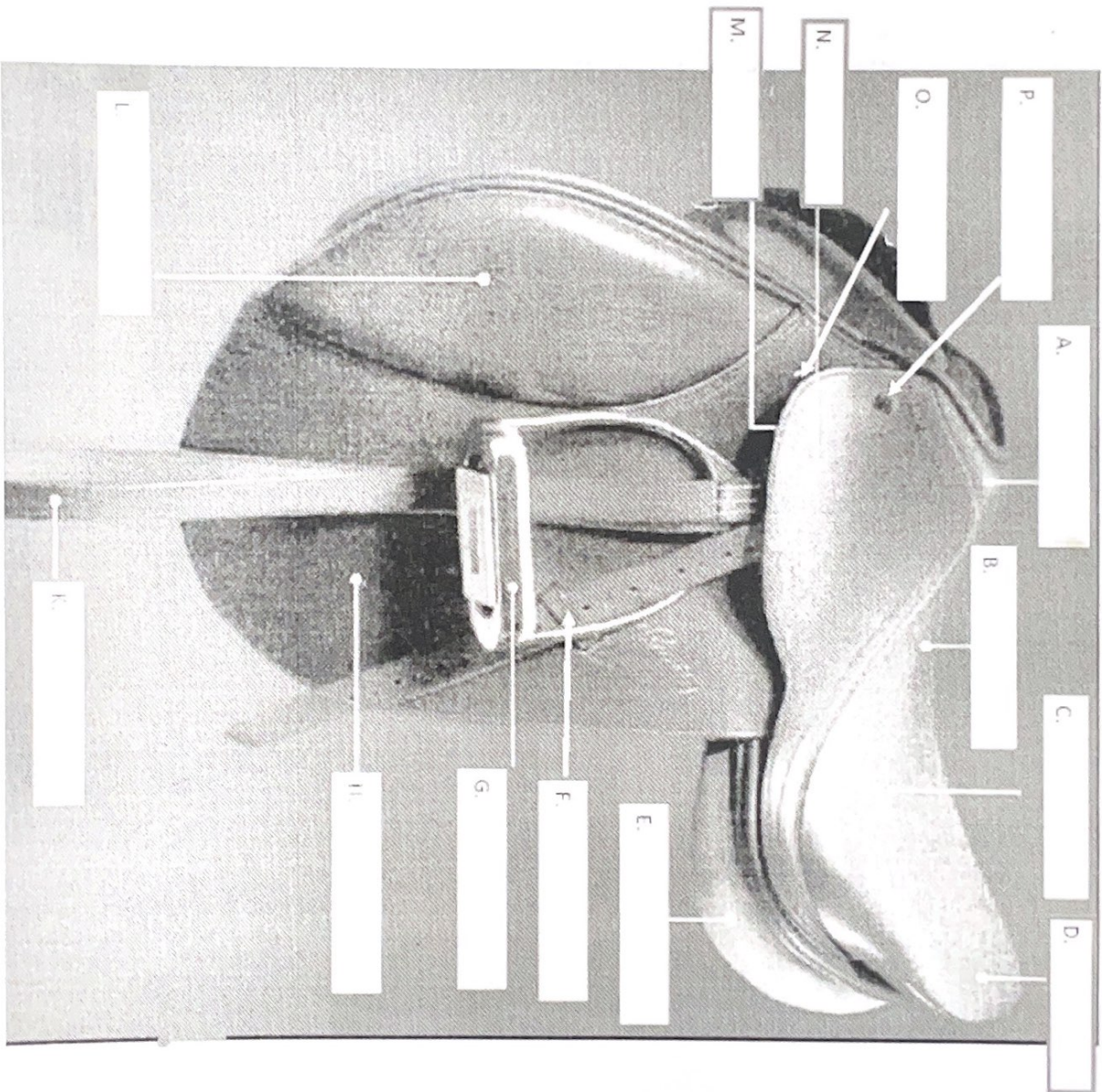
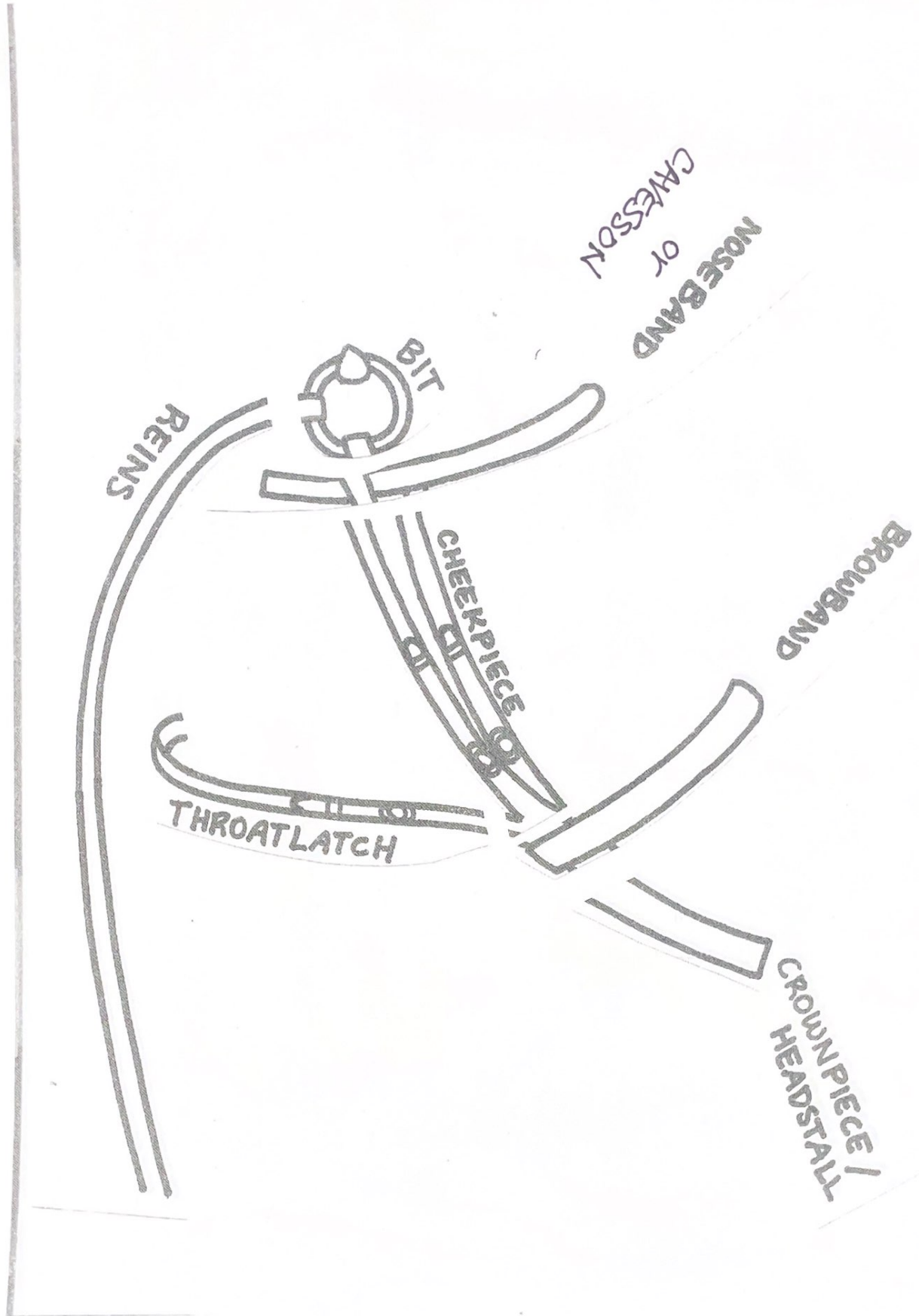


English Saddle Parts





Tack cleaning products I (Erin Keith) have used and recommend.

****Do NOT ever leave your saddle or any type of tack in direct sunlight. Place tack in the shade to fully dry.****

ALWAYS test the product on an area that is hidden in case it darkens/stains the leather a different shade. Cleaning, oiling and conditioning will always darken your leather tack slightly.

Do not use these products (Step 1,2,3) on Suede or synthetic materials unless stated on the product instructions.

Almost all saddle companies have their own brand of leather cleaner, conditioner and or sealants, that you can use on your saddle, but most of the time they are more expensive.

Keeping a saddle cover on when the saddle is not in use will help keep the saddle cleaner and protect it from scratches. Stirrup covers are a nice item to have as well.
[I remove my stirrups during transport to prevent scratches from the trip.]

Step One: Cleaners

Lexol Leather Cleaner
Lexol Leather Cleaner Quick Wipes
Effax Leder-Combi
Leather Therapy Wash
Fiebing's Saddle Soap
Hydrophane Saddlers Leather Cleaner
Durvet Glycerin Bar Saddle Soap
Absorbine Horseman's Leather Spray (I buy this from Woodard Mercantile West in Maize, KS)

Step Two: Conditioners/Oils

Lexol Leather Conditioner
Effax Leder-Balsam
Leather Therapy Restore & Conditioner
Fiebing's Aussie Leather Conditioner
Fiebing's 100% Pure Neatsfoot Oil
Hydrophane Saddlers Leather Conditioner
Prestige Leather Balsam

Step Three: Protect

The Original Outback Survival Gear Leather Seal >> www.leatherseal.com.au
The Original Australian Leather Seal >> www.outbacksurvivalgear.com
Hydrophane Leather Dressing

Other Cleaners & Soaps I use

Murphy's Oil Soap (Original wood cleaner - concentrated) ***(Use as a cleaner)***

Instructions: Combine 1/3 Murphy's Oil Soap to 2/3 Water. Shake well before using, spraying it on a rag or sponge, then wipe down with a soft cloth.

Leather CPR Cleaner & Conditioner ***(Use as a Step 1 and Step 2)***

Original unscented DAWN (NOT for Leather items)

The Original Nevr-Dull Polish (For use on Metal ONLY)

How to Clean Suede or Synthetic Materials

****Do NOT leave your saddle or any type of tack in direct sunlight to dry.****

-Synthetic Saddles

You will need a bucket with warm water and two rags or a rag and a sponge. Wipe tack off with a damp rag/sponge and go back over with a dry rag to wipe off excess water. If you need a little soap use a mild detergent diluted with water and use a rag or sponge to apply. Rinse the saddle off and let dry in the shade.

-Synthetic Bridles, Reins, Girths, Martingale, Breastplates, Stirrup Leathers, etc.

I wash these items either in a sink with running warm water and soap or a bucket of warm soapy water (I use Original unscented DAWN soap.) and use a rag, sponge or a soft/medium brush to agitate the dirt. (I use a toothbrush for smaller hard to get to areas.) Either wipe dry or hang in shade to dry fully.

-Suede Saddles

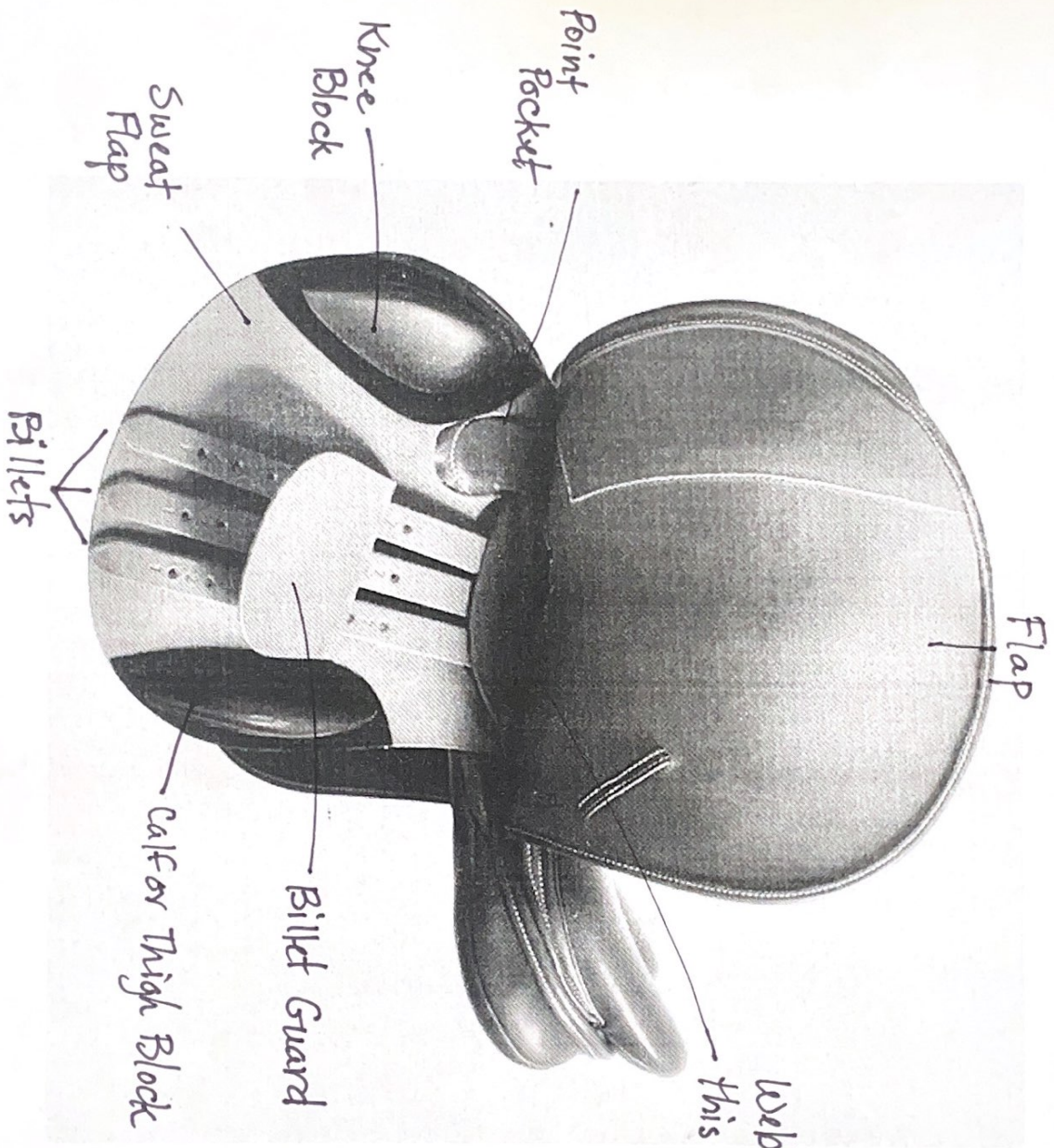
Use a soft/medium dandy brush or other similar type of brush and lightly brush the suede. If you need to clean it further you can use some warm water and a dry rag and blot the area to get the extra water off. Place saddle in the shade to dry fully.

Other Items that Need Cleaning

***Always** check the tag or look up the washing instructions online, because depending on brand or type of item instructions may vary.*

-Fleece/Wool/Sheepskin items

Lightly remove all horse hair and dried dirt with a rubber and or thin wire brush. Vacuum the loose hair, sweat and dirt off before placing items in the washer. Depending on how dirty the item is vacuuming maybe all that is needed. Wash only one or two pads at a time; in a front-loading washer. Cold water wash, delicate or gentle cycle only. Do **NOT** dry in a dryer! Instead **air dry in full shade only**.



Point Pocket

Knee Block

Sweat Flap

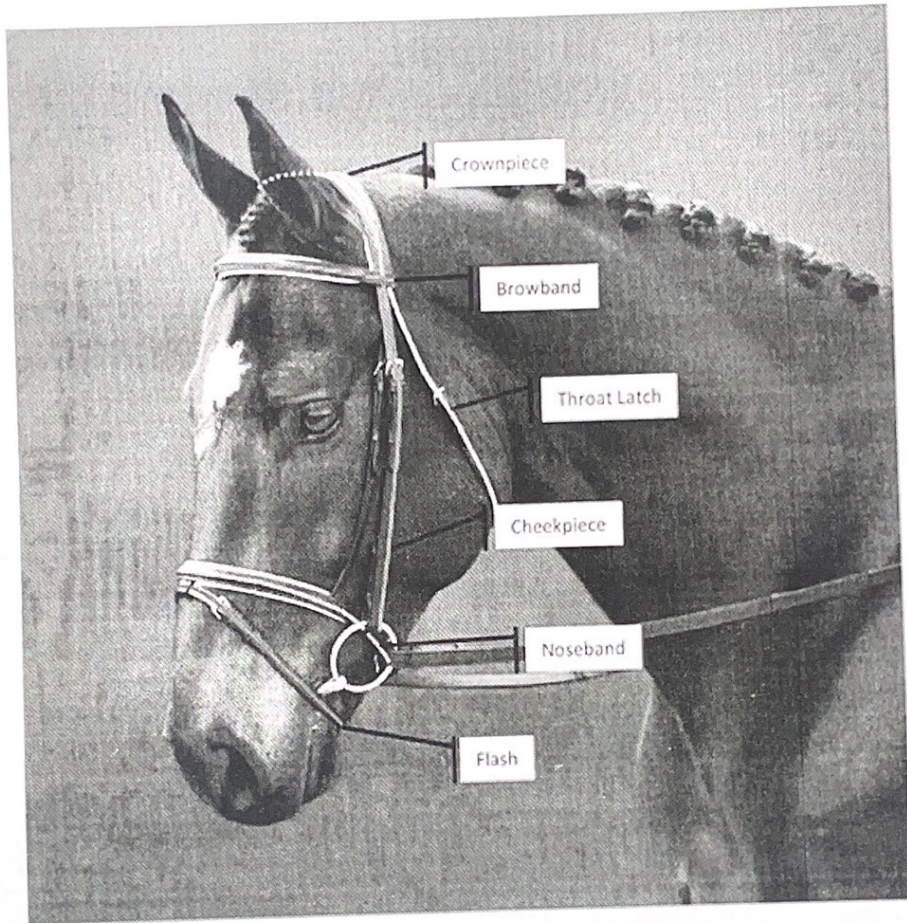
Flap

Billets

Billet Guard

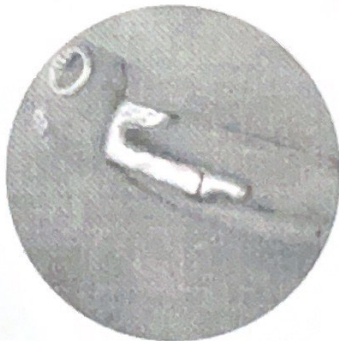
Calf or Thigh Block

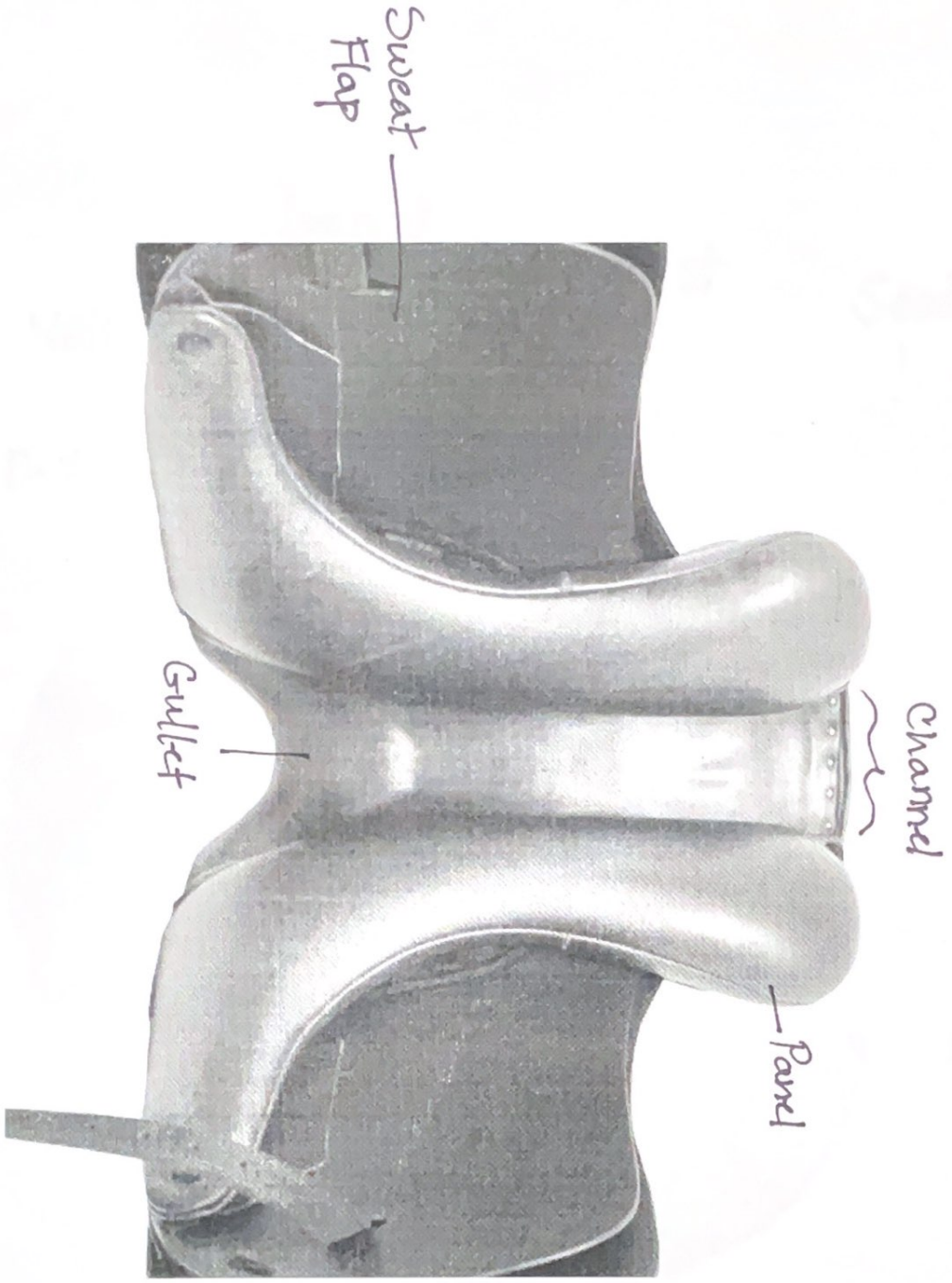
Webbing under this Billet Guard



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When riding, it is important to make sure that the stirrup bar on your English saddle is **set down**. When it is up in the locked position the stirrups will not slide off in an emergency and will increase the risk of being dragged.



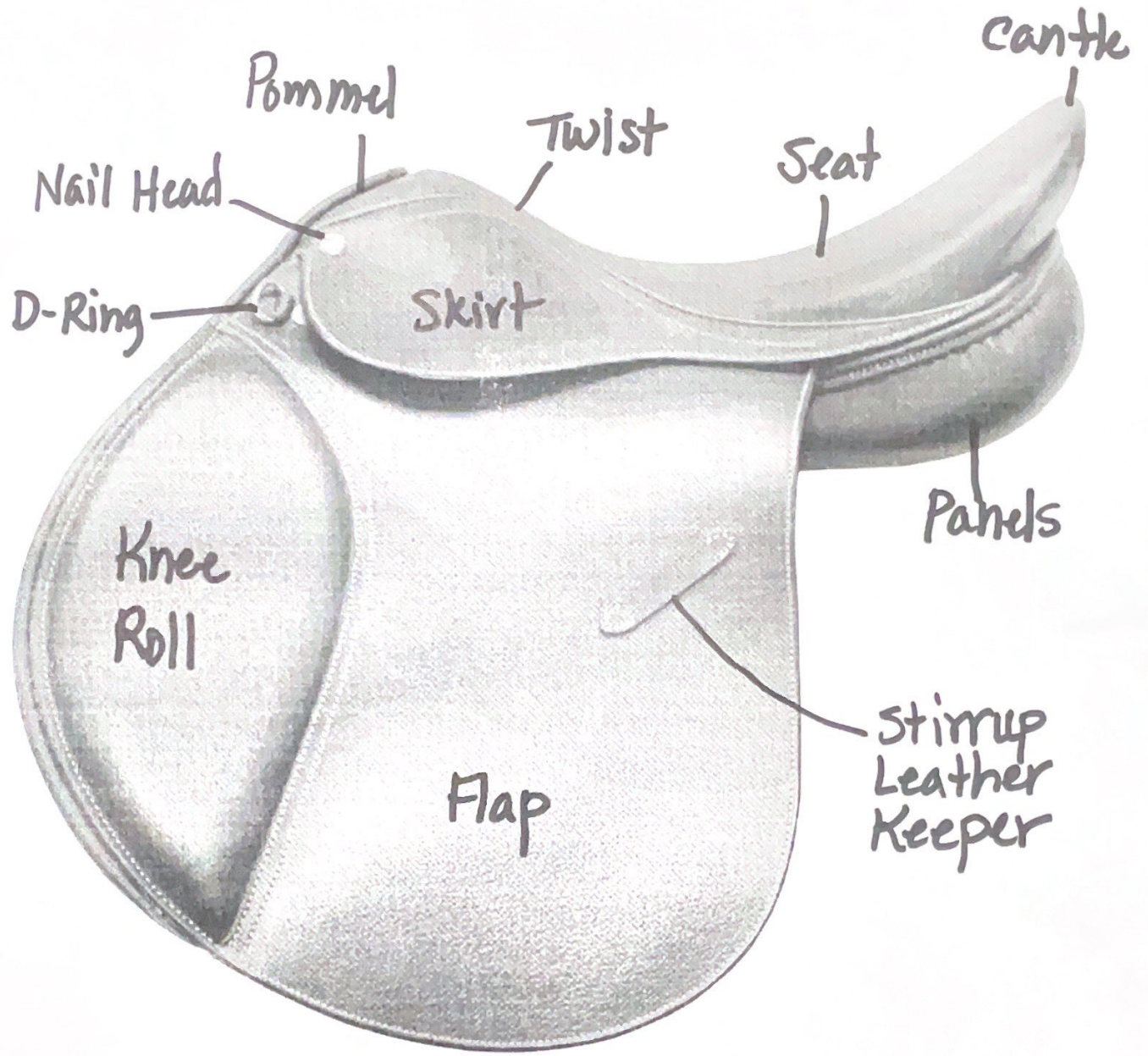


Sweat
Flap

Gullet

Channel

Panel



Cantle

Pommel

Twist

Seat

Nail Head

D-Ring

Skirt

Knee Roll

Panels

Flap

Stirrup
Leather
Keeper