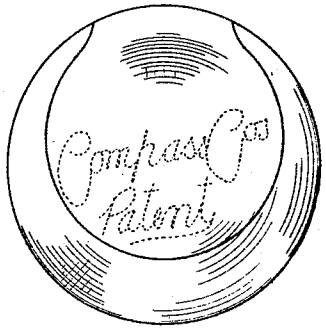
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KENNETH MacLELLAN, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and residing at Maryhill, Glasgow, Scotland, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Sports Balls, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in sports balls, particularly lawn tennis balls, tennis balls, cricket balls, hockey balls, football, baseballs, and other cloth-covered, water-proof-covered, leather-covered, rubber-covered, fibrous-covered or composition-covered balls upon the surface of which or some of which it has been the custom to stamp, print, burn, or brand names, initials, advertisements or trade devices and the like.

According to the invention, I sew or embroider with thread, whether coloured or not, whether with a sewing machine or embroidery machine or manually, such names, initials, advertisements or trade devices or the like as may be desired into or on to the covers of such sports balls.

In practice the sewing or embroidering operation is performed before the cover is attached to the ball, either before or after one side of the cover has been prepared for fixing to the ball. The cover is thereafter fixed to the ball. As the threads extend through the cover, or at least through one layer of the cover, the marking so applied endures as long as the cover lasts.

It is characteristic of the invention that the sewing or embroidery is applied to the cover itself as distinguished from a tape or other label attached to the ball.

The figure of the accompanying drawing is an illustration of a tennis ball to the cover of which is applied lettering composed of threads as aforesaid.

As shown there is applied by stitching to one panel of the cover of the ball lettering appropriate to the ball in question, and constituted by threads extending through the panel so that the marking endures as long as the cover lasts.

What I claim is:—

A sports ball comprising a spherical body member and a cover penetrable by stitching encasing said body member, and a thread structure in the form of reading matter on the exterior face of the cover and including loops penetrating the cover and keyed on the interior face of the cover.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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