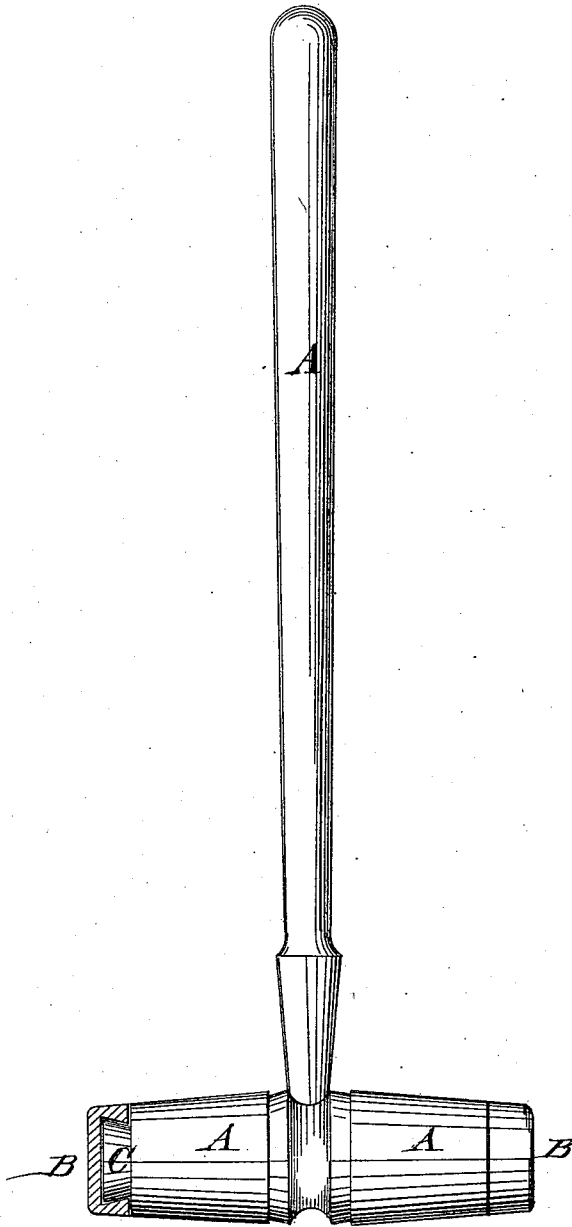


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CROQUET Mallet.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CROQUET-MALLETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY MALIN, of Pleasantville, in the county of Venango and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Croquet-Mallet, of which the following is a specification:

The accompanying drawing represents a side view of a croquet-mallet partly in section.

My invention relates to an improved croquet-mallet that will not bruise the balls, and make them last much longer, while it requires a lighter stroke in playing.

The invention consists of a mallet with rubber caps or facings at the ends, as hereinafter described.

In the drawing, A represents a croquet-mallet of the usual construction, which is provided at the ends with which the balls are struck with rubber facings or cap-pieces B. The rubber caps form a protecting cushion not only to the mallet but also to the balls, so that mallet and balls are not bruised or injured, and hold out much longer than with

the common mallet. The caps B are attached to the inwardly-tapered ends of the mallet by means of circumferential recesses, forming an annular dovetail tenon, C. The force of the stroke of the mallet is softened by the rubber caps, and a more agreeable and less noisy playing of the game made possible therewith.

I am aware that it is not, broadly, new to provide croquet-mallets with elastic caps, forming the entire striking-surface.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A croquet mallet head, A, provided on its striking face or faces with an annular dovetail tenon, C, in combination with the rubber cap B, having a corresponding-shaped mortise fitting said tenon, substantially as described.

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