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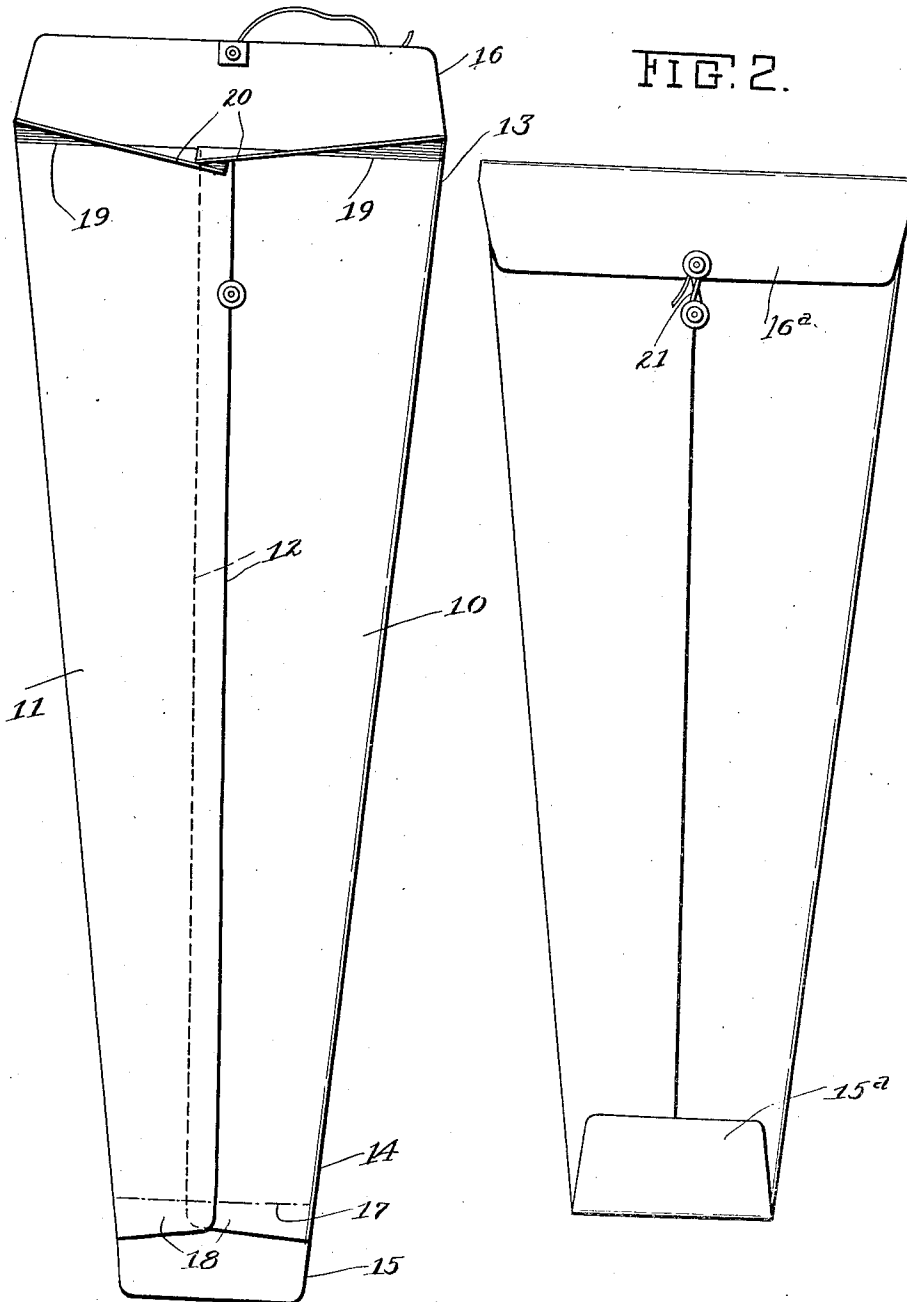


FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT F. SCHENKELBERGER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Quincy, county of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Protecting-Holders for Tennis-Rackets and the like, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like characters on the drawings representing like parts in each of the several views.

This invention relates to holders or covers for tennis rackets or like articles, and where the term "tennis racket" is used herein, it is of course to be understood as comprehending any more or less similar or analogous article to be incased and protected from moisture or soiling. A prime object of the invention is to provide an exceedingly simple and inexpensive holder or cover of the kind stated, of paper or the like, treated by impregnation or coating so as to render the same moisture-proof, grease proof, and opaque to light. The paper material, of which the holder or cover is formed may be either a single ply, or two or more ply, with suitable moisture resisting and adhesive composition between the layers, and also if desired with a backing or interposed reinforcing layer of woven fabric or textile material. Another object of the invention is to provide a holder or cover of the kind stated, that may be readily and conveniently closed in a manner so as to provide an effective sealing to prevent any appreciable entrance of moisture or other outside matter, that might injure the tennis racket. The foregoing and other objects and advantages of the invention will more fully appear from the following detailed description, and the distinctive features of novelty will be pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation showing a holder or cover constructed in accordance with my invention with the two ends as they appear before folding down; and

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the ends of the holder closed as in use to protect the racket within.

The holder is preferably made of a single piece of paper treated by impregnation or coating, and if desired reinforced as stated, formed with front folds 10, 11 overlapping

somewhat as indicated at 12 lengthwise of the holder, the body of the holder being of tapered form with a relatively larger upper end 13 and a relatively smaller lower end 14 according to the requirements for receiving the tennis racket or like article. In accordance with my invention, the back of the holder is provided at its bottom with an extended flap 15 and at its top with a similar extended flap 16. A fold is then made transversely of the holder a little distance from the bottom as indicated at 17 so as to fold over some little extent of the front flaps 10, 11 as indicated at 18 and the portion of the back beyond the fold 17 is pressed down over these portions 18, and the flap 15 sealed down on to the front of the holder as indicated at 15^a, preferably by suitable adhesive. The top of the holder is likewise folded transversely as indicated at 19 a little distance below the top of the front folds 10, 11, so as to provide portions 20 that are pressed down against the front of the holder, and covered by the folded down back portion thereof, the flap 16 being then pressed down flat against the front as indicated at 16^a. It will be understood that the holder as furnished for use, will have the flap 15^a at the bottom already folded and sealed down against the bottom of the front of the holder, but the flap 16 at the top will be left open for the reception of the racket or other article to be incased. Thus the holder as supplied for use with the crease at 19 for the fold at that point will present the short forwardly extending portions 20 at the front of the holder with the flap 16 extending up from the receiving mouth and thus these portions 20 will constitute a ledge or rest adapted in conjunction with the upstanding flap 16 to guide and direct the tennis racket or like article into the receiving mouth of the holder, while when said portions 20 and the flap 16 are pressed down against the front of the holder after the insertion of the article the mouth is effectively sealed. The flap 16^a may be held in place by a usual button tie 21, or it may be permanently sealed down by adhesive if desired, the detachable button tie being of course preferred where it is desired to preserve the holder for subsequent uses after removal of the racket. It will thus be seen that the described construction provides a paper holder of the greatest simplicity, that is at the same time by virtue

of the transverse folds 17, 19 at the bottom and top of the same, and by the overlapping portions 12 of the front folds, very tightly and completely sealed against the entrance
5 of moisture. It will be understood that the described embodiment is merely illustrative and not restrictive as to its details of showing, and the present form of the invention is in general to be understood as illustrative
10 and not restrictive, reference being had to the appended claims rather than to the foregoing description to indicate the scope of the invention.

Having described my invention, what I
15 claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A holder or cover for tennis rackets and the like, composed of a single, tapering piece of protective sheet material having
20 overlapping folds to constitute the front thereof of tapering outline and transverse folds adjacent to, but spaced from, the top and bottom of the holder, said holder as supplied for use having said transverse fold adjacent the bottom thereof pressed and secured in place, said transverse fold adjacent the top exhibiting a crease which forms portions projecting forwardly from the receiv-

ing mouth of the holder and adapted to guide an article thereinto, the back of the
30 holder extending up above said mouth to form a flap adapted to be folded down and secured against the front of the holder.

2. A holder of the kind described, composed of a single piece of substantially moisture-proof sheet material tapering from top
35 to bottom and having overlapping folds to form its front constituting a tapering outline, said holder having a fold adjacent the bottom thereof, with a flap projecting from
40 the back and sealed against the front of the holder, and the holder having a fold adjacent to but spaced from its top with a flap extending from the back of the holder to be
45 folded down over the top of the front thereof, and equipped with means for releasably holding it in folded position, the fold adjacent the top providing forwardly projecting ledge portions adapted when the holder is
50 open to guide a racket or the like thereinto in conjunction with said flap extending from the back of the holder.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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