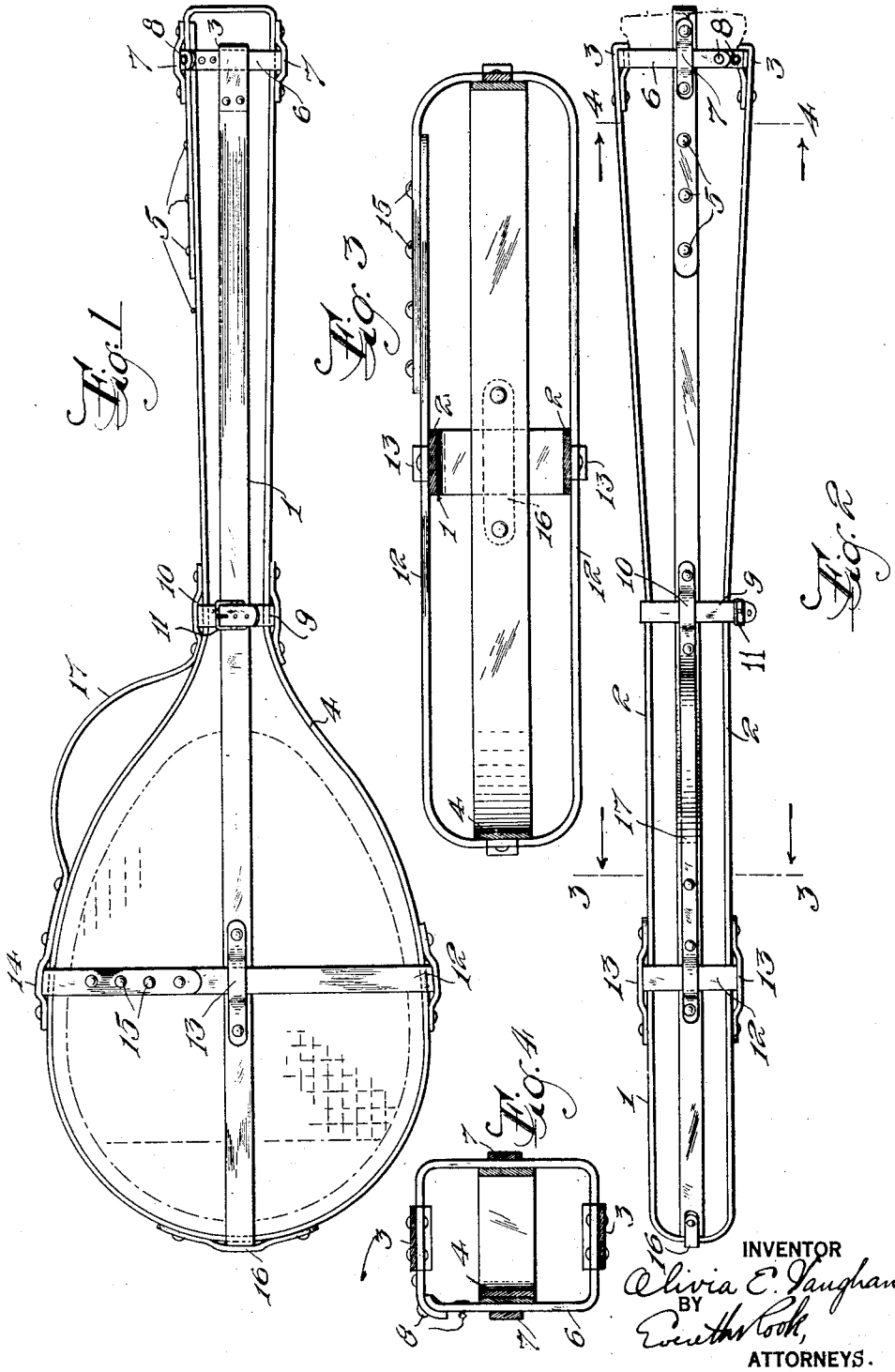
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This invention relates in general to an article carrier or harness and more particularly to a carrier or harness especially designed for tennis rackets and the like.

One object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved carrier or harness of the character described whereby the carrier may be easily and quickly adjusted to accommodate one or more rackets or the like, and will be neat and compact in appearance irrespective of whether one or more rackets are arranged within the carrier.

Another object is to provide such a carrier embodying a novel and improved construction and combination of a plurality of straps adapted to surround one or more tennis rackets or the like and enable them to be conveniently carried by the owner.

Further objects are to provide a carrier of this character which is also adjustable to neatly carry rackets or the like of different sizes; to provide such a carrier wherein all of the straps are adjustable and relatively movable so as to accommodate the carrier to one or more rackets and to enable the rackets to be balanced within the carrier so that they can be comfortably and conveniently transported, and to obtain other results and advantages as may be brought out by the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which corresponding and like parts are designated throughout the several views by the same reference characters.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a tennis racket carrier or harness embodying the invention, a tennis racket being shown in front elevation by dot and dash lines;

Figure 2 is an edge or side elevation of the carrier showing two rackets arranged therein;

Figure 3 is an enlarged transverse vertical sectional view, taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2, and

Figure 4 is a similar view, taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Specifically describing the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the reference character 1 designates a strap of suitable material, for instance leather or fabric, said strap being returned upon itself so as to provide two portions 2 each adapted to lie along the front or back of a racket on the longitudinal median line thereof, the portions 2 being of such length as to extend from the extremity of the head of the racket to a point adjacent the end of the handle. The ends of the strap are returned upon themselves as at 3 to form loops. Another strap 4 is adapted to extend longitudinally around the sides or edges of the racket and handle and has its ends adjustably separably connected by suitable fastening members such as the head and socket fasteners 5. This strap 4 is of such length as to extend completely around the racket with its ends in overlapped relation, as shown in Figure 1. With this arrangement, the straps 1 and 4 are disposed in planes at substantially right angles to each other, and the straps are connected for relative movement by a tie strap 6 which extends through the loops 3 at the ends of the strap 1 and beneath keepers 7 secured to the strap 4, and the ends of the tie strap are adjustably and separably connected by any suitable means such as a buckle 8. Another tie strap 9 extends around the two straps 1 and 4 at a point corresponding substantially to the point of merging of the head of the racket into the handle, said tie strap 9 passing beneath keepers 10 on the strap 4 and having its ends adjustably connected as by means of the buckle 11. The two straps 6 and 9 are thus adapted to surround the handle or handles of the racket or rackets to hold them together and also to maintain the straps 1 and 4 in connected relation. A tie strap 12 is adapted to surround the racket head transversely thereof and passes beneath keepers 13 and 14 on the respective straps 1 and 4, said strap 12 also having its ends adjustably and separably connected as by means of the head and socket fasteners 15. The straps 1 and 4 are connected at substantially the central points in their lengths which correspond to the extremity of the head of the racket by means of a keeper 16.

In applying the carrier or harness to a tennis racket, the ends of the tie straps 6, 9 and 12 and the strap 4 are disconnected, and one portion 2 of the strap 1 is raised or separated from the other portion. The racket may then be laid upon the second-mentioned portion 2 of the strap 1 with its edges within the strap 4, after which the ends of the strap 4 are again connected by the fasteners 5. The tie straps 6, 9 and 12 are then tightened about the handle and head of the racket and secured by their respective fasteners 8, 11 and 15. The particular arrangement of the straps causes all

of them to snugly fit the corresponding portions of the racket, and movement of the racket in the carrier is prevented. Where two or more rackets are to be carried, the same operation takes place, and the straps are adjusted to the larger dimensions produced by the plurality of rackets through adjustment of the respective fasteners 5, 8, 11 and 15. In Figure 2 of the drawings I have shown two rackets arranged within the carrier. The two rackets are held tightly against each other and against movement in the carrier by the snug fit of the various straps about the rackets.

A handle 17 which may be a strap is secured to one side of the strap 4 so that the rackets may be carried suspended edgewise from the hand of the owner. Preferably this strap 17 and one of the keepers 10 and 14 are made integral so as to simplify the manufacture of the carrier as well as to increase the strength of the attachment of the handle to the carrier.

It will be observed that a carrier embodying the invention may be tightly and neatly fitted upon one or more rackets and is readily adjustable to different sizes of rackets as well as to different numbers of rackets. The straps 1, 6, 9 and 12 are free to move longitudinally of themselves, but movement of the straps 6, 9 and 12 longitudinally of the straps 1 and 4 is limited by the keepers 7, 10 and 14, and similarly transverse movement of the strap 1 is limited by the keeper 16. The carrier is light in weight, and when not in use may be readily folded into compact form. The rackets may be initially encased within the usual moisture-proof envelope or glove before being placed in the carrier, or the glove or envelope may be omitted.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

A carrier for a tennis racket comprising a strap to extend longitudinally completely around the edges of the racket to be carried, another strap to extend longitudinally partly around the racket along the longitudinal median line at opposite sides and having loops at its ends, a plurality of tie straps to extend transversely around said racket, one of said tie straps passing around the head of the racket and another passing around the handle at the base of the head and a third around the end of the handle, means adjustably connecting the ends of each of said tie straps, means for separably connecting the ends of the first-mentioned strap, and means connecting all of said tie straps to the two first-mentioned straps so that said tie straps may move longitudinally of themselves but are held against movement longitudinally of the two first-mentioned straps.

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