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Fig. 1.

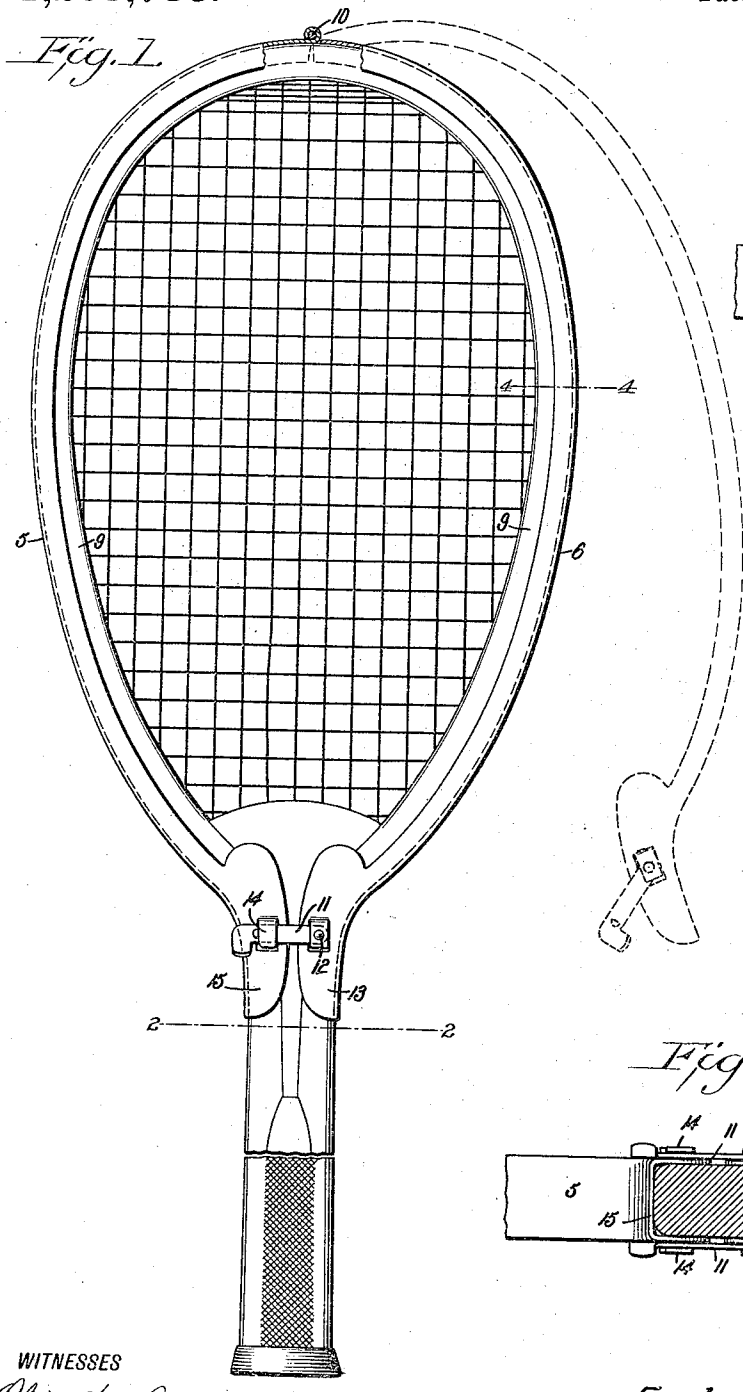


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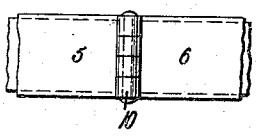


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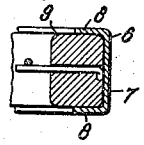


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK RICORDS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Case for Tennis-Racket Frames, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention has for its object to provide a case for tennis racket frames which has its parts U-shaped in cross section, so that the parts may be disposed against the sides and the outer face of the racket frame, and be held in this position to prevent warping of the frame.

Additional objects of the invention will appear in the following specification, in which the preferred form of my invention is described.

In the drawings similar reference characters denote similar parts in all the views, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a tennis racket, to the frame of which my case is secured: Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a view showing the hinge connecting the parts of my case; and Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

By referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the case is constructed in two parts 5 and 6, these parts being U-shaped in cross section, as is best shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, so that the central portion 7 of each case member will be disposed against the outer face of the tennis racket, and will be curved to conform therewith, each case member 5 and 6 having sides 8 which engage the sides 9 of the racket frame. One set of ends of the case members 5 and 6 are articulated together at 10, so that one of the case members 5 or 6 may be moved away from the other case member to permit of the adjustment of the frame case. The other end 13 of the case member 6 has latches 11 one at each side, these latches being articulated at 12, and being provided so they may be engaged by keepers 14 on the corresponding end 15 of the case member 5, by which means the ends 13 and 15 of the case members 6 and 5 may be held relatively to each other, and with the case members 5 and 6 fitting closely the racket frame 9 to prevent any possible warping of the racket frame.

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

1. In a racket frame case, a case member U-shaped in cross section, the outer face of the case member being curved between its sides to conform with the shape of the racket frame.

2. In a racket frame case, a plurality of case members U-shaped in cross section, the outer faces of the case members being curved between their sides to conform with the shape of the racket frame, and means to secure the case members relatively to each other around the racket frame.

3. In a racket frame case, two case members U-shaped in cross section, the outer faces of the case members being curved between their sides to conform with the shape of the racket frame, the case members being articulated together at one set of ends, and means to secure the case members together at their other ends.

4. In a racket frame case, two case members articulated together at one set of ends, and curved for embracing the frame of a racket, and means to hold the case members relatively to each other at their other ends.

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

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