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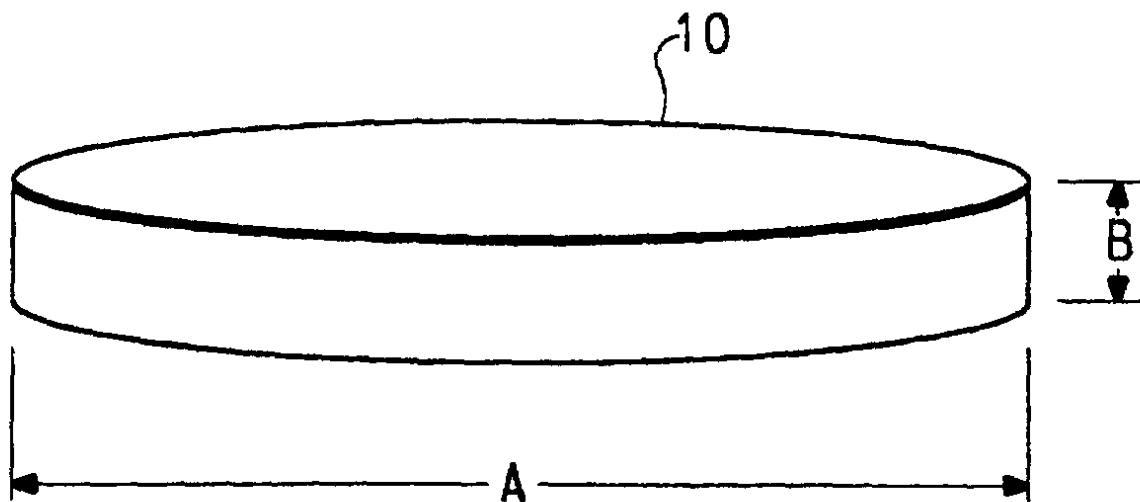
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(54) **Friction-reducing elements for sports racquet strings**

(57) A fluoropolymer element for insertion between the strings of a tennis racquet or similar sports device to facilitate the relative movement of the strings under the force of impact of a ball or other object.



**FIG. 1**



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