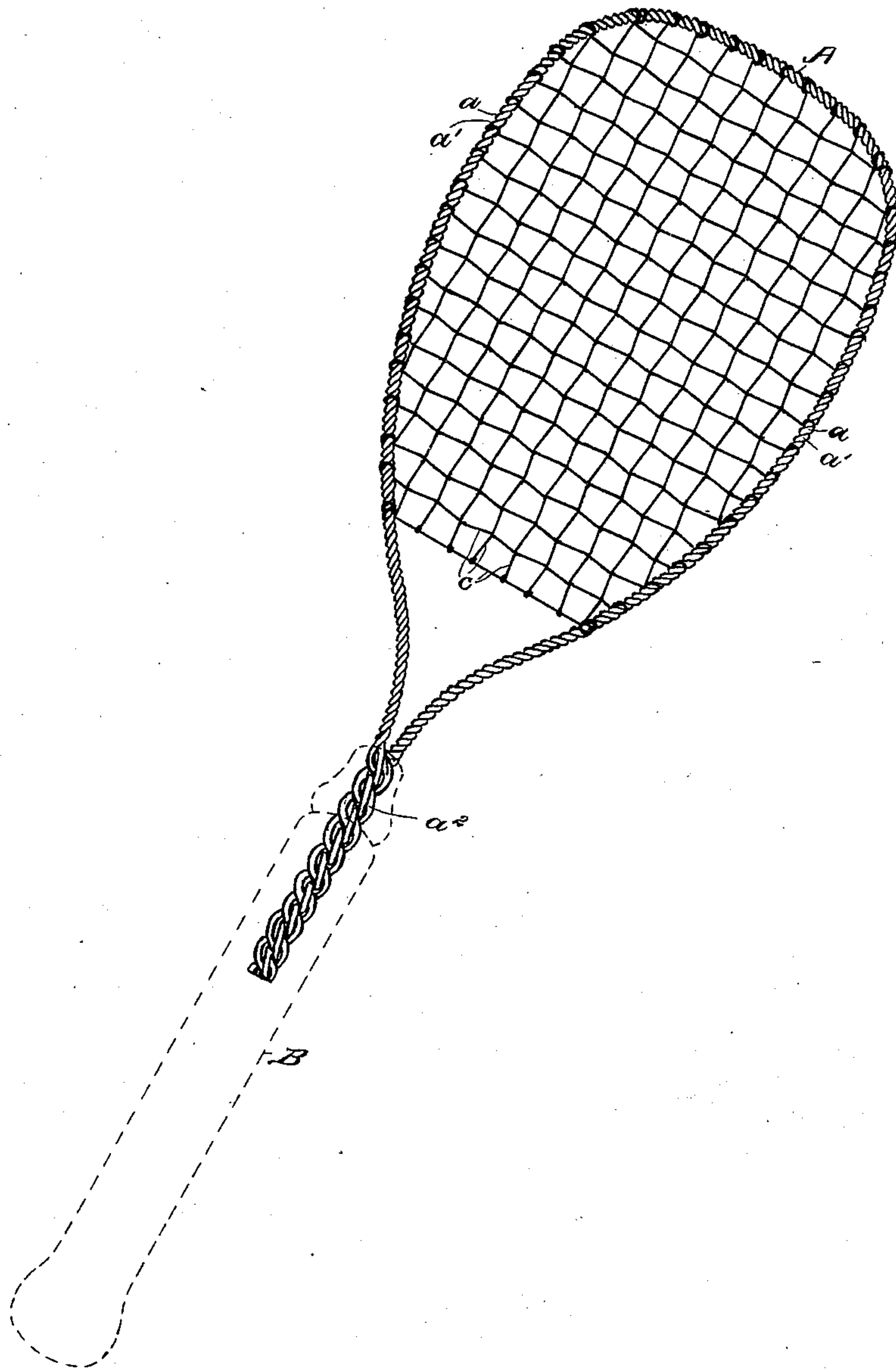


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TOY RACKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. COREY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lowell, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Toy Rackets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to toy rackets; and it consists in the toy racket hereinafter described and claimed, the same being intended to be used by children with other appliances in playing the game of tennis.

The accompanying drawing is an isometric view of my improved toy racket.

The frame A, instead of being of bent wood, as is usual in rackets used by grown-up players, is formed of wire, preferably of a compound wire consisting of two or more wires a a' twisted together and bent into the oval or elliptical loop form of the face, hoop, or broad part of a racket, and the end portions of said wire or compound wire are again twisted together to form a shank a^2 , which shank is inserted in a suitable wooden handle B; or the shank may be long enough to be used as a handle. The strength of wire being mostly at and near its surface, the use of a plurality of wires makes the frame stronger with the same weight of wire.

The stringing of the racket, (or what corresponds to the stringing of an ordinary racket,) instead of being catgut, consists of interlaced wires c , the ends of the wires being bent around the frame, and all the wires being tinned together before the shank a^2 is inserted in the handle, to keep the different wires of the stringing in place and secure them more firmly to the frame.

The above-described racket is intended to be used with a soft rubber ball and with nets and poles smaller than the regulation size, by children, and its cost is but a small frac-

tion of the cost of a tennis-racket of the usual construction.

I claim as my invention—

1. A toy racket having a wire frame and a face of interlaced wires, the ends of said interlaced wires being bent around said frame, as and for the purpose specified.

2. A toy racket having a wire frame and a face of interlaced wires, the ends of said interlaced wires being bent around said frame and tinned thereto, as and for the purpose specified.

3. A toy racket having a compound wire frame consisting of two or more wires twisted together and then bent into form of an oval loop, the end portions of said compound wire being twisted together to form a shank, and having a face consisting of interlaced wires, the ends of which are bent around said frame, as and for the purpose specified.

4. A toy racket having a compound wire frame consisting of two or more wires twisted together and then bent into the form of an oval loop, the end portions of said compound wire being twisted together to form a shank, and having a face consisting of interlaced wires, the ends of which are bent around said frame and tinned thereto, as and for the purpose specified.

5. A toy racket having a wooden handle and having a frame of wire bent into an oval loop, the end portions of said frame-wire being twisted together to form a shank and inserted in said handle, as and for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two attesting witnesses this 26th day of January, A. D. 1889.

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