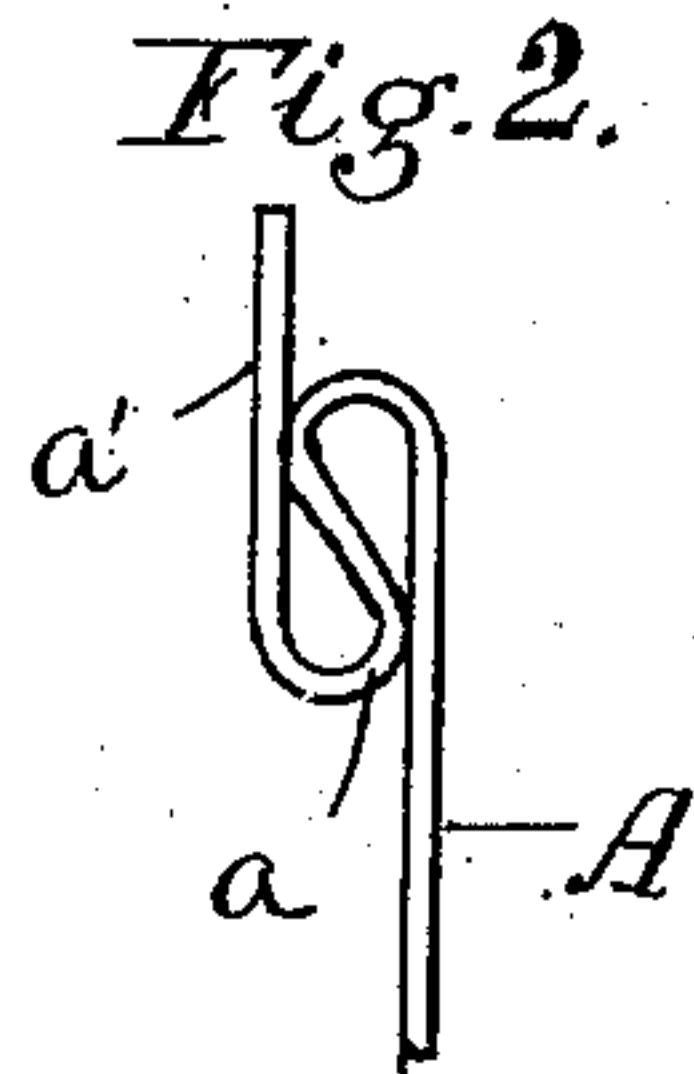
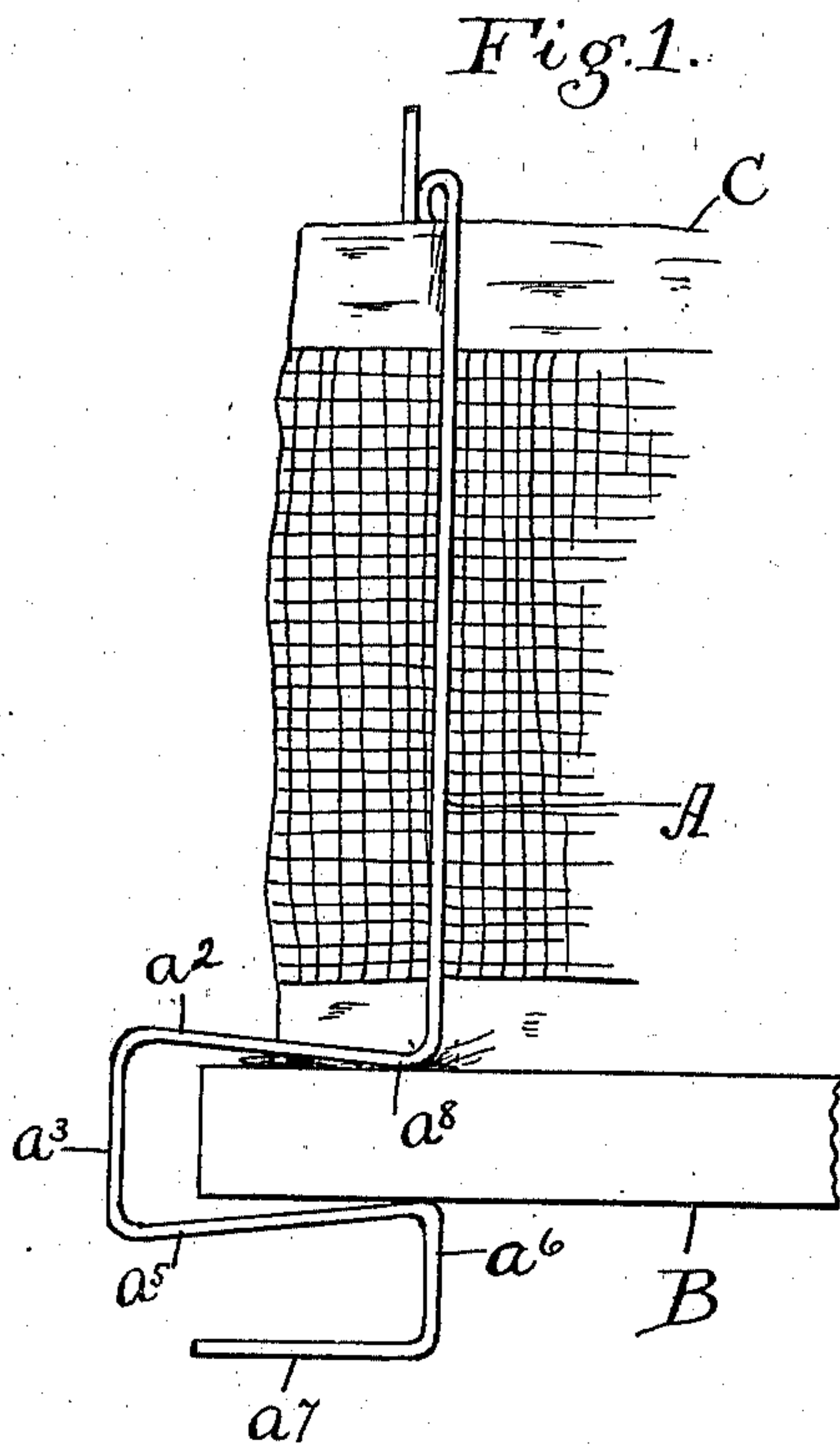


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYMAN H. NELSON, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Portland, Cumberland county, State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Ping-Pong Nets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a support for ping-pong nets; and the object of the invention is to make a support which may be cheaply made, quickly applied to the edge of the table, and which will hold the net with sufficient firmness for the purposes of the game.

With this end in view I form my net-holder of a single piece of wire adapted to clamp the upper edge of the net in a loop of the wire formed for this purpose and the lower edge of the net between the table and the bearing portion of the wire.

I illustrate my invention by means of the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my device clamped on the edge of the table and holding the end of the net, and Fig. 2 is a view of the upper end.

B represents the table, and C is the net. The support is adapted to be clamped to the edge of the table and is composed of a single piece of wire bent to form a main vertical portion or post having at the upper end a portion a , bent back against the main portion and thence continued upward at a' , leaving a rounded tongue or projection, beneath which the upper edge of the net is slid and which serves to hold the upper edge in place, as shown in Fig. 1. The lower end is formed to clamp the support to the table and at the same time to hold the lower edge of the net. For this purpose I bend the wire at a^8 at right angles, or substantially so, extending out with a horizontal portion a^2 , thence bending vertically downward at a^3 and inward again at a^5 back to a point substantially in line with the main portion, and thence the wire is bent down at a^6 and horizontally again at a^7 to form a handle for convenience in putting

it on and taking it off the table. The portion which is bent to pass around the edge of the table forms an open loop deeper at the outer than at the inner end, so that it may be clamped onto tables of varying thickness with a bearing on the inner end of the loop at a^8 .

The support is clamped onto the table by sliding it on over the edge, and the lower edge of the net is tucked under the portion a^8 , which holds it firmly by friction with the table. It will thus be seen that the support may be quickly and easily set up and taken down and the net may be fastened without tying any cords or manipulating other fastenings.

I claim—

1. The herein-described support for ping-pong nets consisting of a piece of wire having a main vertical portion, the upper end being bent back against the main portion to form a clamp for the upper edge of the net, the lower end being bent at right angles to form a clamping-limb for the lower edge of the net, thence being bent backward to form a loop which passes around the edge of the table, the lower limb of said loop bearing on the under side of the table.

2. The herein-described support for ping-pong nets consisting of a piece of wire having a main vertical portion, the upper end being bent back against the main portion to form a clamp for the net and thence upward again, the lower end being bent first at right angles, then downward and back to a point in line with the main portion forming a loop wider at the outer than at the inner end, thence downward substantially in line with the main portion and thence horizontally to form a handle.

Signed at Portland, Maine, this 12th day of September, 1902.

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