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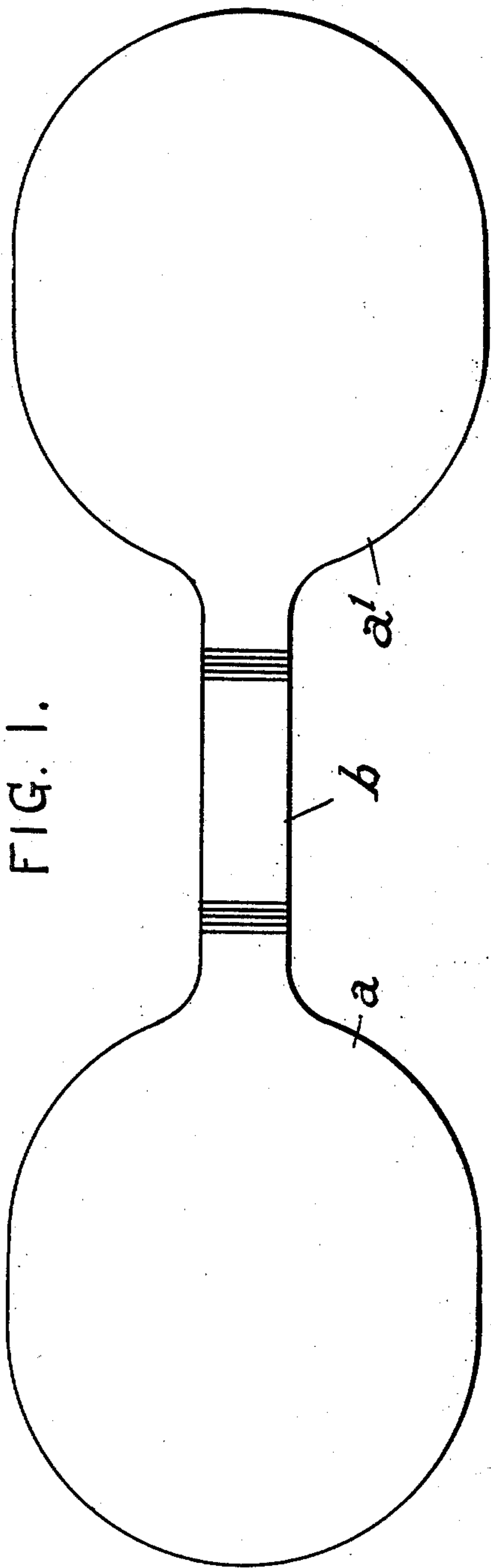


FIG. 1.

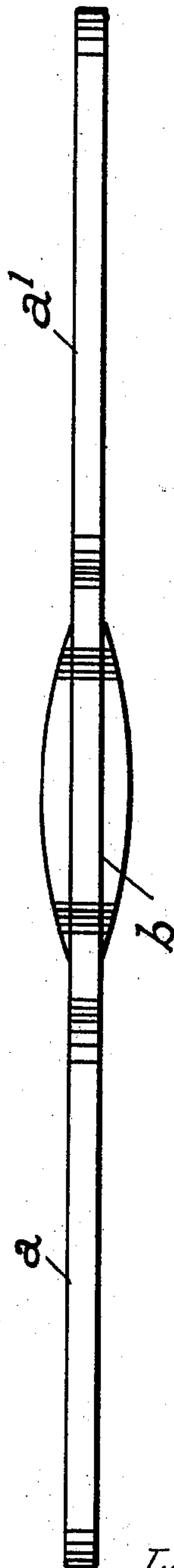


FIG. 2.

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## RACKET OR BATTLEDORE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY SMITH, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, and a resident of 101 Meersbrook Park road, in the city of Sheffield, in the county of York, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rackets or Battledores, (for which I have filed an application for a patent in Great Britain, No. 8,729, bearing date April 15, 1902,) of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to rackets and battledores which are used or employed in playing games, such as "table-tennis," commonly known as "ping-pong," and the like games, where two or more players are engaged; and the object of my invention is to provide such a racket or battledore which shall be more convenient for serving and striking the ball than is the case with those ordinarily used or employed. I effect this by constructing my improved racket or battledore with two bats or striking parts on one handle, the handle being between the two.

The nature of my invention will be better understood on reference to the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents one of my improved

rackets or battledores, with two striking parts and one handle, made in one piece, Fig. 2 being an edge view of the same.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout both views.

The striking parts *a a'* and the handle *b* I make of similar shape and of similar material to that employed in rackets and battledores as ordinarily used. When made in wood, I sometimes make them out of one solid flat piece and line up, cover, or pad the handle between the two striking parts with wood, cork, or other material to render it more convenient to hold and manipulate, or in some cases I splice the handle onto the bats or striking parts.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A racket or battledore comprising two striking portions with an interposed connecting-handle, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

HENRY SMITH.

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