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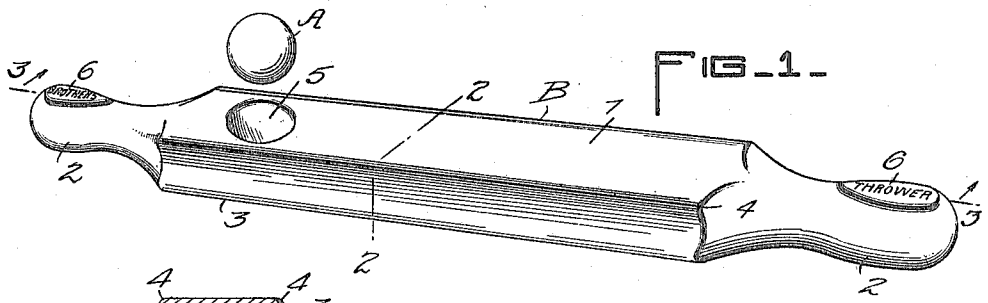


FIG. 1.

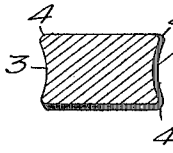


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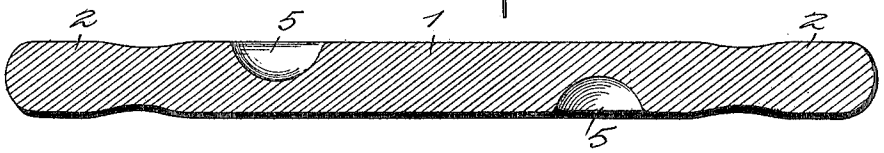


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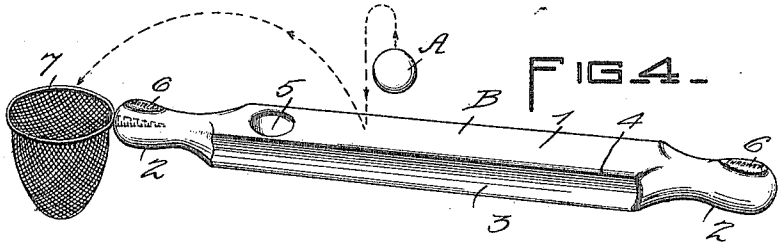


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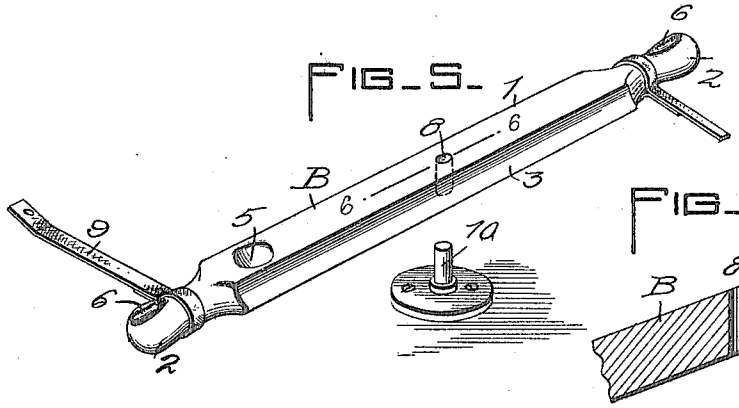


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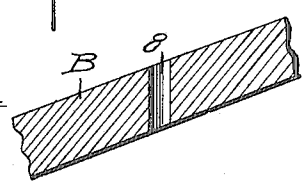


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT FORTESCUE, a subject of the King of England, and a resident of Dade City, in the county of Pasco and State of Florida, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising Devices, of which the following is a specification.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide an advertising novelty in the form of a game apparatus consisting of a ball adapted to be thrown at a target or caught within a receptacle, and a device for throwing the said ball and catching the same.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described, which shall be of durable yet inexpensive construction, and therefore adapted to be distributed gratis as an advertisement.

With these and other objects in view which will become apparent as the description proceeds, my invention resides in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like reference characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my advertising novelty. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of the device. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a still further modification. Fig. 6 is a fragmentary section on line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Referring to the drawings, the ball which is adapted to be thrown at a target is shown at A, and the throwing device at B. The throwing device consists of a central elongated substantially rectangular portion 1 having handles 2 formed integral therewith at each end. The sides of the central portion 1 are longitudinally concaved as shown at 3, and the edges of the said central portion are rounded off as shown at 4, for a purpose to be hereinafter explained. The handles 2 are marked by contrasting distinguished colors, or by different words printed or stamped thereon as shown at 6. The entire device including the ball may also carry advertising matter either printed thereon or contained upon a paper wrapper to be slipped over the device and glued thereto if desired. A rounded pocket 5, adapted to receive the ball A, is cut in the top and bottom faces respectively of the central portion 1, adjacent opposite ends thereof.

The device as above described can be used for an endless variety of tricks and games requiring skill and dexterity. The ball can be bounced upon one face of the device and then caught in the pocket, or bounced from one face to one of the rounded edges 4, or one of the concave sides 3, and then into the pocket upon the other face of the device. A trick requiring greater skill is to bounce the ball into the air, throw the pocketed device up with a twisting motion so that when it is caught it has turned completely over, and catch the ball in the pocket in the other face of the device. For the purpose of this trick the device may be turned over in the air either once or twice, thereby making the trick more difficult, and by having contrasting distinguishing marks upon the handles, it can be readily seen in which manner the trick has been performed.

When the device is used for throwing balls at a target, the ball A is placed in one of the pockets and the device is held by the handle farthest from the ball. By quickly swinging the throwing device through an arc of a circle while it is held at a slight angle and parallel to the ground and suddenly releasing the same, the ball will be propelled toward a target at some distance. Considerable practice and skill is necessary to hold the device in exactly the right position to make the ball hit the mark, and to permit the throwing device to fall to the ground and spin perfectly flat, leaving the handle in a handy position directly in front of the player, and it will therefore be found a very amusing and interesting toy.

In the form of the device shown in Fig. 4, a wire or string net 7 is held by a tong screwed into the end of one of the handles. By bouncing the ball upon the top of the central portion of the throwing device, and then attempting to catch it in the basket, another pastime is formed requiring considerable skill to successfully perform.

Another form of my invention to be used for throwing balls at a target, is shown in Figs. 5 and 6, in which an inclined bearing hole 8 is bored through the center of the throwing device from one face to the other.

A pin 10 is mounted upon a table top or

other suitable support and the throwing device is pivoted upon the same. A spring device 9, of rubber, wire or other suitable material is attached to each of the handles, and to the table or other support, at opposite sides of the throwing device, to normally hold the same in a predetermined position, as clearly shown in Fig. 5. In shooting at a mark the ball is placed in the pocket and the throwing device manually turned upon its pivot against the action of the springs 9, and then released, whereupon the ball will be propelled with considerable force toward its mark.

It will therefore be seen that I have provided an amusing novelty of inexpensive construction, which is adapted to be used for performing a variety of tests of skill and dexterity, and which will afford a practical advertising medium.

I claim:—

1. An amusement device comprising a ball and an elongated substantially rectangular block having rounded edges and having a handle integral therewith at each end, the said handle having contrasting distinguishing marks thereupon, the said rectangular block having longitudinally concaved sides, and having a shallow pocket adapted to loosely hold the said ball so that a movement of the block will dislodge the same, formed in the upper and lower face respectively of the block adjacent opposite ends thereof, as and for the purpose specified.

2. An amusement device comprising a ball, an elongated substantially rectangular block having a handle integral therewith at each end, the said rectangular block having a pocket adapted to receive the said ball formed in the upper and lower faces respectively of the same adjacent opposite ends thereof, the said block being further provided with an inclined bearing hole extending through the center thereof from one face to the other, a bearing pin adapted to be secured to a suitable support and engage the said bearing hole to pivotally mount the said block in an inclined position, and springs secured to each of the said handles and to the said support at opposite sides of the said block, as and for the purpose described.

3. An amusement device comprising a ball and a block having handles at each end, the said block having a pocket formed therein adapted to loosely hold the said ball so that a movement of the block will dislodge the same, adjacent each of the said handles upon opposite sides of the said block.

4. An amusement device comprising a ball and an elongated block having handles integral therewith at each end, the said block having a pocket adapted to loosely hold the said ball, so that a movement of the block will dislodge the same, adjacent each of the said handles upon opposite sides of the said block, means for pivotally mounting the said block in an inclined position upon a vertical pin, and spring means for normally holding the said block at one point in its path of rotation.

5. An amusement device comprising a ball and an elongated block having a handle integral therewith at one end, the said block having a pocket formed therein near the end of the block opposite the handle and adapted to loosely hold the said ball so that a movement of the block will dislodge the same.

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