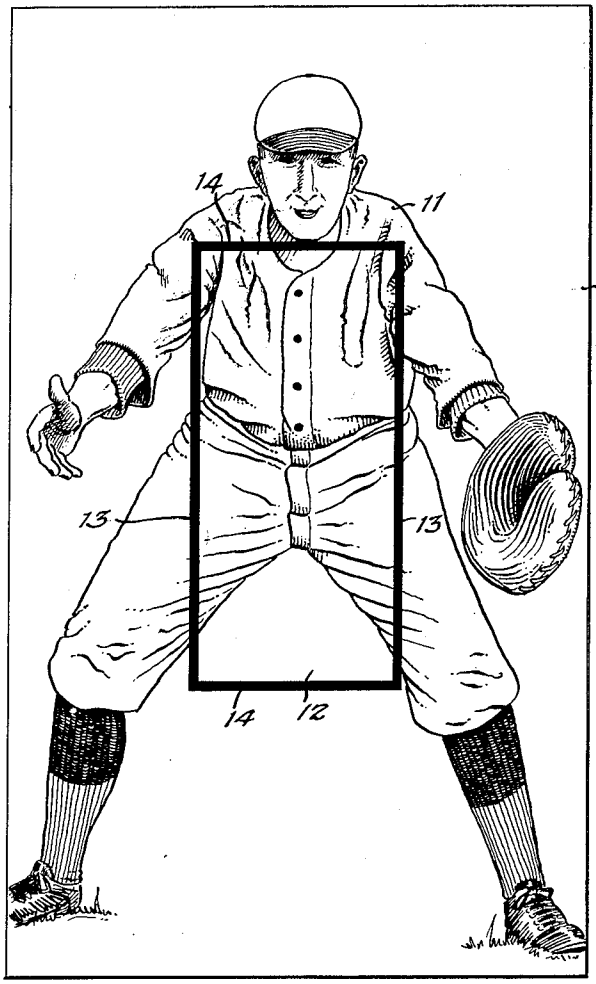
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH O. SCHONBERG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of the Bronx, in the county of Bronx and State of New York, have invented new and Improved Baseball-Pitchers' Practice Targets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention has relation to targets and has particular reference to a baseball pitcher's practice target which is especially designed for in-door work-outs whereby the pitcher may gain control prior to the starting of the regular training season, in a gymnasium or the like.

One of the principal objects of the present invention is to provide a baseball pitcher's practice target which will simulate, as near as possible, the actual working conditions without the necessity of a catcher's services.

As a further object the invention contemplates a baseball pitcher's practice target which is extremely simple in its construction, inexpensive to manufacture and produce and which is highly efficient for the purpose for which it is intended.

With the above recited and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel construction set forth in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the appended claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, it being understood that the right is reserved to embodiments other than those actually illustrated herein to the full extent indicated by the general meaning of the terms in which the claim is expressed.

In the drawing—

The figure is a face view of the target constructed in accordance with the invention.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference, 10 designates a supporting member which is preferably in the nature of a sheet or panel of flexible material adapted to be suspended or supported in a vertical or upright position in any suitable manner. The figure or representation of a catcher in substantially erect receiving position is imposed on the face of the member 10 and is designated by the reference character 11. A rectangular area 12 is delineated on the member 10 and superposed upon the figure 11 by parallel side lines 13 and upper and lower end lines 14. The distance between the side lines 13 corresponds to the width of the ordinary "home plate" and the distance between the end lines 14 is controlled by and approximates the distance between the knees and shoulders of a player of average size. Within the space or box 12, a ball thrown by a pitcher against the target is judged as a "strike" while a ball thrown thereagainst striking any other part of the target is judged as a "ball". It thus follows that through the medium of the target, a pitcher may actually be enabled to gain control by so placing the pitches in various parts of the space 12 desired.

I claim:

A baseball pitcher's practice target embodying a vertical target body having thereon the representation of a catcher in substantially erect receiving position, and a rectangular space or area delineated thereon of the width of the "home plate" and of a height which is equal to the distance between the knees and shoulders of a player of average size.

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