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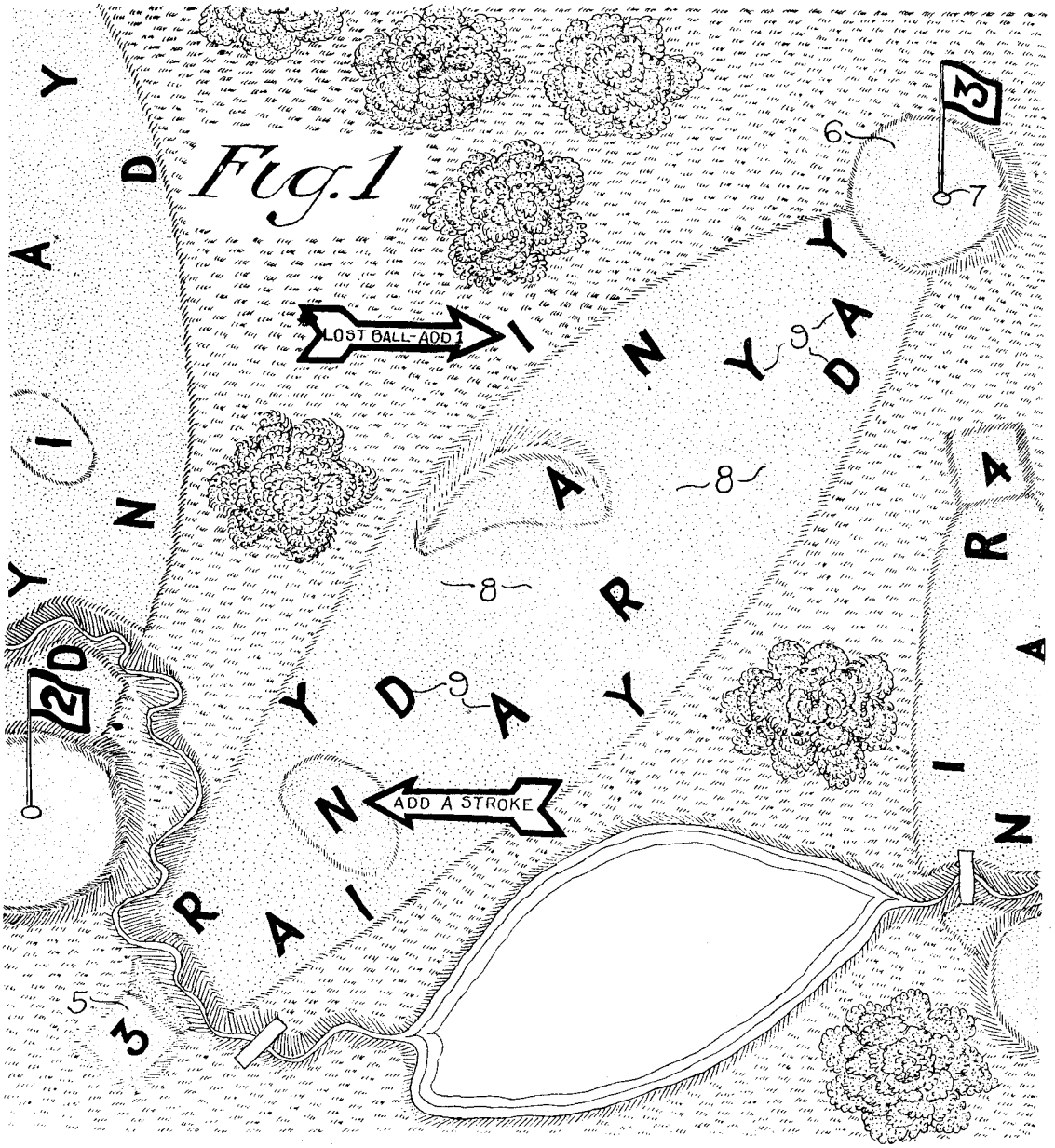


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES I. LEE, Jr., a citizen of the United States, and resident of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented an Improvement in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games, and it has for its object to provide a game which closely resembles the game of golf, affording amusement and interest, and is also beneficial in initiation of the beginner in the fundamental rules governing out-of-door golf.

This invention comprises a game board with a surface devised to represent a golf course with the usual complement of club house and landscape features.

For purpose of illustration I have shown a portion of the golf course which serves to supply the principal features embodied in my invention.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a portion of the golf course which is typical of the entire course.

Figure 2 is an elevation view of the ball which is devised for use in this game.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the indicating device.

Referring to the drawings, 5 represents one of the "Tees," or the starting point in playing one of the holes, 6 represents one of the "Greens" or the area surrounding one of the holes. 7 represents the hole located on one of the "Greens." This particular hole is Number 3 and the numeral 3 appears both on the "Tee" 5 and on the flag of the hole 7. The "Fairway," or the area usually traversed by the ball in its progress from "Tee" 5 to "Green" 6 is represented by 8. On and along the "Fairway" 8, are indicating or rest points for the ball in its progress from "Tee" 5 to "Green" 6, shown by 9. Figure 2 represents counters or balls of various colors. Referring now to Figure 3 which represents the indicating device devised for this game. The faces of this particular indicating device are in this instance distinguished each from the other by letters and dots. The letters are in this instance "R," "A," "I," "N," "Y" and "D," which are the letters used in spelling the words "Rainy Day."

The letters appearing on the face of the indicating device, Figure 3, correspond to the letters 9, between the "Tee" 5, and the "Green" 6. On the faces of the indicating device, Figure 3, are also dots. Two faces of the indicating device, Figure 3, have one dot each, two faces have two dots each, and the remaining two faces each having three dots. These dots represent the number of "Putts" or short strokes required to get the ball in the hole 7, after it has arrived on the "Green" 6.

The game is played as follows: Each player selects one of the balls, which are of various colors to give distinction. The first player "Tees Up," or places his ball on the "Tee." He then, (in this instance) makes a cast of the die or indicating device. The letter appearing on the upturned face of the cube or die after the cast determines the character of that player's stroke. For example, if he should cast an "R" or an "A" his stroke was not a lengthy one, whereas the cast of a "Y" or "D" gives a longer carry to the ball. He then advances his ball from the "Tee" to the letter or rest point nearest the "Tee" as designated by the indicating device. The next player "Tees up" in manner similar to the first player. He then casts the die, and advances his ball to the letter nearest the "Tee" corresponding to the letter designated by the indicating device. The following players "Tee up" and use the indicating device in manner similar to that explained for the first two players. After all players have made the first advance of their ball from the "Tee" toward the "Green," the player whose ball is at rest farthest from the "Green," makes another cast and advances his ball to the nearest letter corresponding to the letter cast. It is always the next "try" or "cast" by the player whose ball is farthest from the "Green." When the indicating device designates a letter, and the nearest corresponding letter is already occupied by another player's ball, the player making the cast advances his ball beyond that player to the next vacant letter corresponding to the letter cast. When a player makes a cast and there are no corresponding vacant letters between his ball and the "Green," that player advances his ball on to the "Green" and waits until all players have advanced in similar manner on to the "Green." When all the balls are on the "Green," one of the players casts the die. The number of dots (in this instance) represents the number of "Putts." The total

score for the hole is the number of casts made between the "Tee" and the "Green," plus the number of "Putts." The following players now "Putt" in manner similar to the first player who "Putted." The score of each player is entered by a score keeper in manner similar to out-of-door golf. Around the course or "Links" are various notices, rules and forfeits which must be observed and obeyed by the players.

As the object and interest of out-of-door golf is in the competition of getting the ball from the "Tee" into the hole on the "Green," in the lowest number of strokes, the same competition and interest is afforded in my invention.

This game is so devised that the average score will correspond to the average number of strokes of a good player of out-of-door golf. It is so devised that a player will make a hole in "Par" about as often as a good average player in the out-of-door game of golf. Occasionally a "Birdie" (one stroke less than "Par") is made, and it is possible rarely to make an "Eagle" (two strokes less than "Par"). The score may be kept on regular out-of-door golf score cards for either "Match play" or "Medal score."

My invention is not limited to the use of letters and dots as in this instance. The indicia include letters, numerals, designs, colors, symbols and other objects; and hereinafter when the word Indicia is used, its scope will include the above and other distinguishing objects.

I do not confine my invention to the limits stated in the above in so far as it relates to details of construction, or as the same may be modified or changed within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:—

1. An indoor game set, comprising a board bearing the representation of a golf course, including "Tees," "Fairways," and "Greens," and provided with suitable irregularly placed stations suitably indicated, pawns designed to be moved from the "Tees" to the "Greens" by means of said stations and a suitable indicating device, said indicating device comprising a die providing two sets of indicia, the one set indicating the stations to which the pawns are to be advanced from the "Tees" to the "Greens," and the other indicating the number of "Putts" chargeable to each player's pawn after its arrival on a "Green."

2. An indoor game set comprising a board representing a golf course provided with suitable stations by which a player may effect an irregular movement of his golf ball from "Tee" to "Green," suitable pawns representing the player's golf ball, together with an indicating device comprising a die bearing two sets of indications, the first corresponding to the stations on the golf course, and the second indicating the number of "Putts" chargeable to a particular pawn after arrival on the "Green."

3. Apparatus for playing an indoor game simulating golf comprising pawns, a board bearing a representation of a golf course provided with suitably lettered stations by means of which each player may advance his pawn by irregular steps from the "Tee" to the "Green," and an indicating device consisting of a die provided with indicia corresponding to the letters denoting the said stations.

4. A game set comprising pawns, a playing board bearing the representation of a golf course and provided with lettered stations to which the pawns are moved in their progress from "Tees" to "Greens," and an indicating die, the faces of which bear two sets of indicia, the first corresponding to the lettered stations, and the second to the number of "Putts" chargeable to each player in making each "Hole."

5. Apparatus for playing an indoor game styled "Rainy Day Golf" comprising pawns, a board and an indicating device, said board bearing the representation of the golf course provided with stations indicated by the letters of the words "Rainy Day" by means of which the pawns are moved from "Tees" to "Greens" and said indicating device consisting of a die bearing letters corresponding to the letters of said stations.

Signed at Washington, in the District of Columbia this 13th day of December, 1923.

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