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Fig.1.

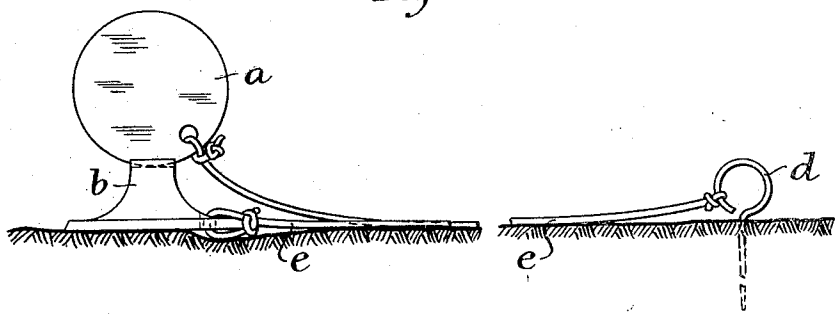


Fig.2.

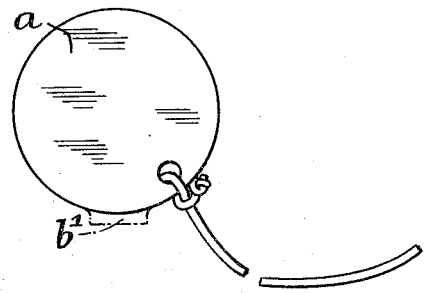


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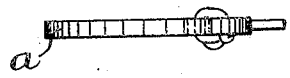


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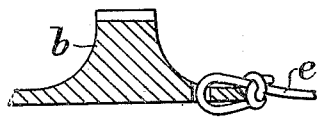
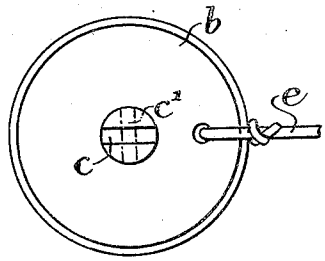


Fig.5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN GREEN, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 43 Lordship Park, London, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Golf-Practice Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an appliance or apparatus for playing a game and is designed more particularly for use by golf players to enable them to use their various clubs in the manner customary when striking a golf ball and play a game within a restricted area such as that, for instance, of a tennis lawn.

According to my invention I substitute for the golf ball a flyer consisting of small pieces of sheet material of such character as to withstand the full stroke of a wooden or iron golf club without material distortion and I provide a base or support designed to rest on the ground to form a kind of tee and hold the flyer in a substantially upright position but in such a manner that the blow thereon of a golf club or the like will dislodge it from the said base and drive it away from the club, causing it to fly through the air.

In a suitable arrangement for carrying out the invention the pieces of sheet material or flyers are made of disc form and the base is also of disc form and provided with a central slit into which any one disc or flyer can be placed edgewise so as to be supported in a substantially vertical plane in position to be struck by the club. The flyers or the pieces of sheet material may have extensions thereon to engage with the slit and more than one slit may be formed in the base.

The flyer and the base may possess shapes other than that of a disc, for instance, square, polygonal or oval, and they may be made of leather, rubber, vulcanized fibre, cardboard, mill-board or other material which is sufficiently flexible to withstand the blows of the various clubs without deformation.

To enable the invention to be fully understood I will describe it by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of apparatus made in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is an elevation of the member designed to be struck by the club detached from its support and

Figure 3 is a plan view thereof.

Figure 4 is a vertical central section of the support and

Figure 5 is a plan view thereof.

a is the flyer consisting of a piece of sheet material preferably in disc form and *b* is the base or support for holding the disc *a* in a substantially upright position, as indicated in Figure 1 in position to be struck by an ordinary golf club, *c* being the slit in the centre at the top of the base *b* into which the edge of the disc *a* is fitted. More than one slit may be formed in the base, as indicated, for instance, by the dotted lines at c^1, Figure 5. The disc or flyer *a* instead of fitting with its edge in the slit in the base may have an extension thereon for the purpose, as indicated by the dotted lines at b^1, Figure 2.

With the disc or flyer *a* placed in position on the support *b*, as shewn, it will be understood that it can serve in place of a golf ball for practice play by golfers, the disc *a*, when struck on its edge by a club, flying through the air away from the club, although by reason of its form and light weight it will not be projected to any great distance from the support *b*.

The disc or flyer *a* has advantageously attached to it a flight retarding device preferably consisting of a flexible pendant, as a piece of string or cord which serves further to retard its flight when projected and the support *b* can be anchored to the ground by a wire spike *d* through the medium of a string or cord *e*.

Although I have shown the flyer or piece of sheet material *a* to be projected as of disc form it is to be understood, as above stated, that it may possess other shapes, for instance, square, polygonal or oval and that it may be made of leather, rubber, vulcanized fibre, cardboard, mill-board or other material which is sufficiently flexible to withstand the blows of the clubs without being deformed.

It is to be understood that the pieces of sheet material and the base therefor, may be utilized for displaying advertisements.

Claims:

1. A golf practice device, comprising a flyer of sheet material of such character as to be capable of withstanding the blow of a golf club without material deformation, said flyer being provided with means for temporarily supporting it vertically in position to receive the blow of any ordinary golf club, whereby said flyer will be projected

away from the club when struck, but will have its flight limited by its form and light weight, and a flight retarding device attached to said flyer to further limit the extent of its flight.

2. A golf practice device, comprising a flyer of sheet material of such character as to be capable of withstanding the blow of a golf club without material deformation, said flyer being provided with means for temporarily supporting it vertically in position to receive the blow of any ordinary golf club, whereby said flyer will be projected away from the club when struck, but will have its flight limited by its form and light weight, and a flight retarding device consisting of a flexible pendant attached to said flyer at one end and having its other end entirely free, to further limit the extent of its flight.

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