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FIG. 1

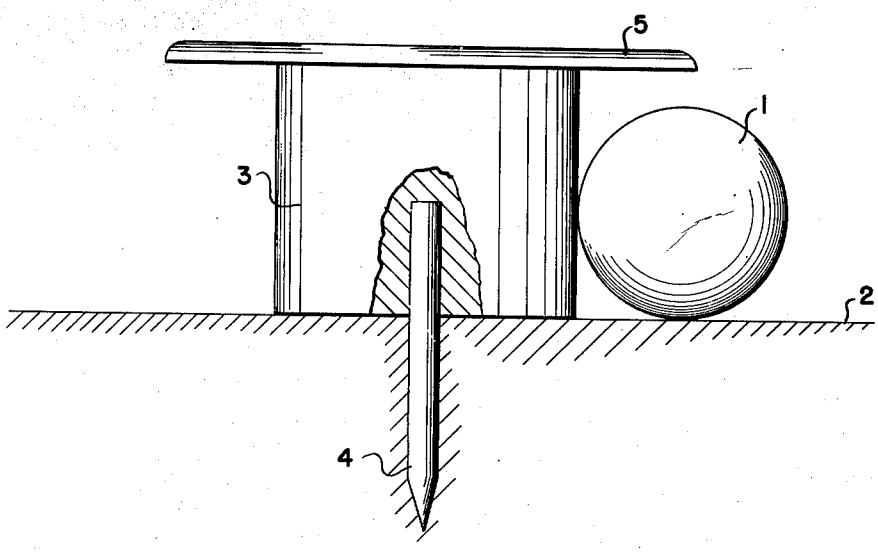
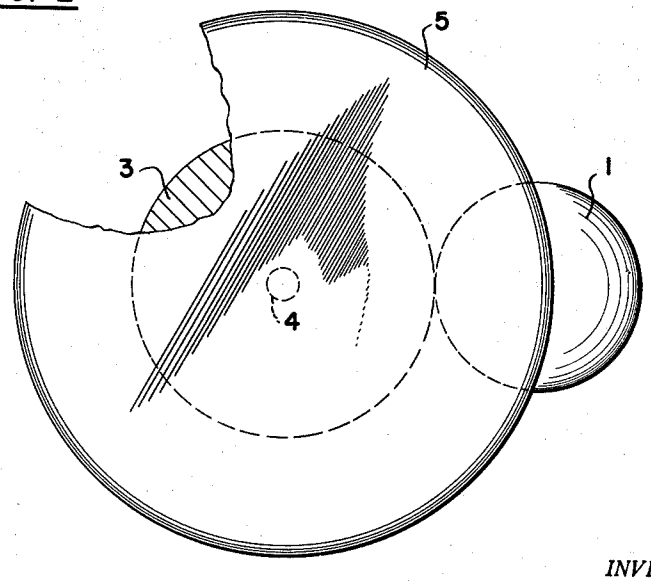



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This invention relates to improvements in golf cups and has particular reference to a type of simulated cup in which no actual hole in the ground is required.

Practice in putting is essential for the most experienced golfer, and with this invention, that practice may be carried on on a lawn, without digging a hole, or it could be carried on indoors, on a rug closely similar to a golf green.

It is an object of the invention to provide a construction which simulates many of the actual conditions encountered when putting a ball into an ordinary golf cup of standard or predetermined dimensions and which is particularly simple, economical and convenient.

It is a further particular object of the invention to avoid the necessity for removing the ball from a trap or the like after a successful putt has been made.

The above and other objects and advantages of the construction of the instant invention will be apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, and in which:

Figure 1 is an elevational view partly in section of the simulated cup of the invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view partly in section.

In the drawings the same numerals refer to similar parts in the several views.

Referring to the drawings, a golf ball of standard or predetermined size designated by the reference numeral 1 is illustrated in contact with a simulated golf cup constructed in accordance with this invention. The golf ball 1 is to be putted on a surface preferably of grass indicated by reference numeral 2. Simulating an ordinary golf cup of standard or predetermined dimensions sunken into the surface of the putting green is a cylindrical block 3 resting on the surface 2 with its longitudinal axis upright. For firmly securing the block 3 to the surface a stake 4 is carried centrally by the block and is adapted to be driven into the ground. A circular plate 5 of diameter equal to that of a standard golf cup is fastened to the top surface of the block 3, its center coinciding with the central longitudinal axis of the cylindrical block.

It will be seen in Figures 1 and 2, when the golf ball 1 is in contact with the cylindrical block, the plate 5 overhangs slightly more than half of the golf ball diameter. Thus the diameter of the cylindrical block 3 is less than one

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golf ball diameter smaller than the diameter of a standard cup. It will therefore be understood that whenever the golf ball contacts the cylindrical block, in putting, the situation is analogous to the circumstance wherein more than half the ball is within the diameter of the golf cup hole. For purposes of practice in directing the ball in putting, contact with the cylindrical block is a good indication of accuracy and, except for excessive ball speeds, it indicates that the ball would have fallen into the cup, on the golf course green.

It will be noted that the ball is not engaged by the top plate 5 since it is spaced from the surface 2 by more than a golf ball diameter. Thus it is neither necessary to remove the ball from the hole as in the standard golf cup nor to remove it from any kind of a trap as is common in the prior art. This greatly facilitates the game and thereby heightens the enjoyment of the practice.

The top plate 5 being of the same diameter as the ordinary golf cup closely simulates the target in regular golf. Its color may be dark to increase the likeness.

What is claimed as new and is desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

In a simulated golf cup for use with golf balls of a predetermined diameter rolling on a surface and wherein the cup is to simulate a golf cup hole of predetermined diameter, a cylinder of diameter slightly less than the diameter of the golf ball smaller than the cup diameter for anchoring to a playing surface with the longitudinal axis of the cylinder upright, the length of said cylinder being greater than the diameter of the golf ball and a horizontally positioned circular plate carried upon said cylinder concentrically therewith of diameter equal to that of the golf cup, whereby the plate edge overhangs a vertical diameter of the ball when in contact with the cylinder.

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