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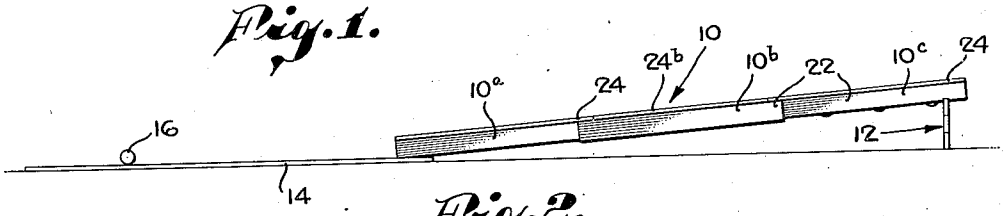



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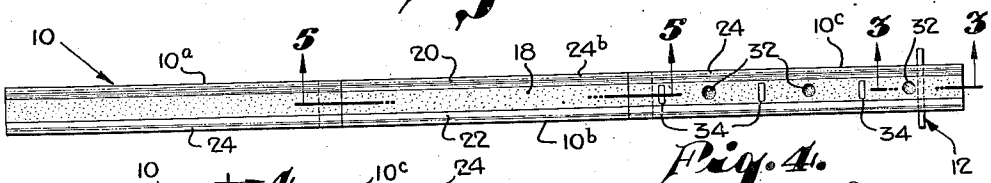



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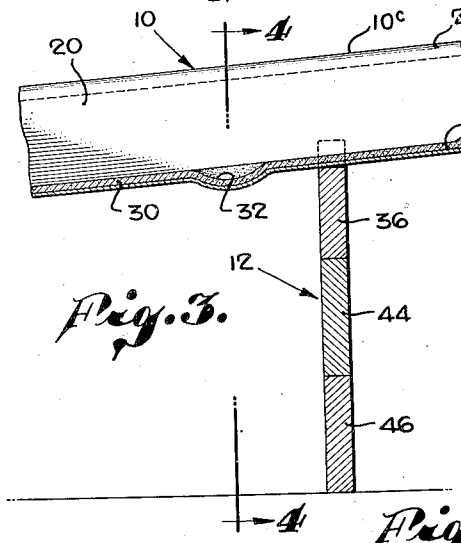



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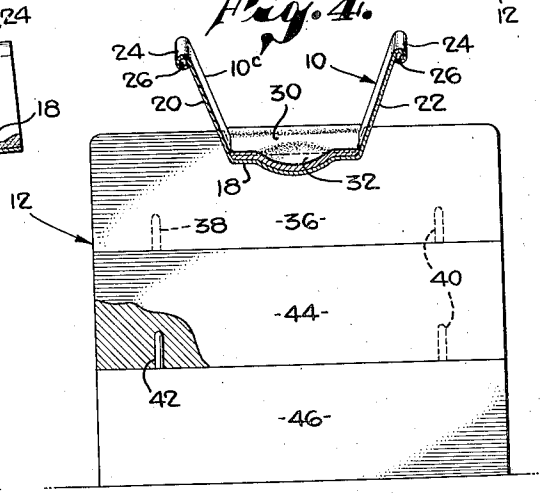



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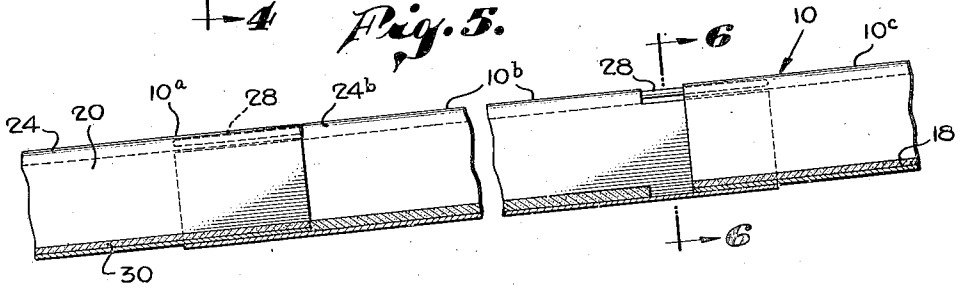
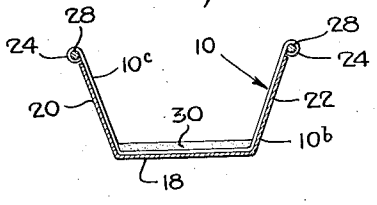



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This invention relates to a device particularly adapted to be used with golf clubs and golf balls, primarily indoors, to practice that part of the game of golf known as putting.

An object of the invention is to provide such golf putting apparatus that is collapsible to a size that may be carried easily in a suitcase or other hand luggage and is quickly and easily assembled.

A further feature resides in the construction of a golf putting device with a vertically adjustable support so that it can be positioned at will at successive positions of elevation.

Another purpose is the provision of a device having a plurality of longitudinally spaced, ball-receiving recesses located along an incline which may thus be used in playing a number of different games, as well as for golf putting practice.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description and claims, the novelty consisting in the features of construction, combination of parts, the unique relations of the members and the relative proportioning, disposition, and operation thereof, all as more completely outlined herein and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, which form part of the present specification:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of my demountable, adjustable golf putting practice, and gaming device set up ready for use;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same;

Fig. 3 is a medial longitudinal vertical sectional view taken through the upper end of the device along the line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical sectional view through the elevated portion of the device taken along the line 4—4 of Figure 3 with a portion of the supporting structure broken away;

Fig. 5 is a medial longitudinal vertical sectional view taken through the channel along the line 5—5 of Figure 2 and particularly showing the interlocking of successive channel segments; and

Fig. 6 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken through a channel segment along the line 6—6 of Figure 5.

As illustrated, my game device is constructed of an elongated channel member 10, elevated at one end by a vertical, demountable support 12, and having its opposite end resting upon a horizontal surface or floor 14 from which a golf ball 16 may be propelled toward the channel.

The channel is formed of a substantially flat bottom 18, having upwardly divergent sides 20 and 22, the upper edges of which are rolled outwardly to form lips 24 defining thereby a longitudinal tube 26 along each upper, outer, edge of the channel member.

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Desirably the channel 10 is not much greater width than that of a golf ball and is formed of a number of individual segments as 10*a*, 10*b* and 10*c* detachably connected by means of engaging pins 28 disposed jointly in the tube sections of adjoining segments. The intermediate segment 10*b* has its side walls 20 and 22 formed of slightly greater span than the corresponding walls of the adjacent segments at either end thereof so that the latter may be seated therein, the lip 24*b* of this segment also being cut back on each side from either end so as to expose its projecting pins 28 and permit the insertion thereof into the lip grooves of the adjacent segments. By such connection the ends of each two adjacent lips abut against each other while the bottom wall of the medial section 10*b* (Fig. 5) likewise forms a supporting ledge for the bottom of the adjacent segments seated thereon.

By this construction, it will be apparent that the individual segments 10*a*, 10*b* and 10*c* upon being disconnected may be nested within each other for storage and accordingly are thus adapted to be carried about in a small traveling bag and reassembled at will in any convenient location. The lower segments 10*a* and 10*b*, or in fact all of the segments, may be provided with a loose floor covering 30 adapted to simulate the texture of a golfing green, while the uppermost segment 10*c* has a number of generally hemispherical or spheroidal depressions or recesses 32 formed in its bottom wall and longitudinally spaced apart therealong. The depth of these indentations is preferably comparatively shallow so that if a ball reaches one at an appreciable speed it may go beyond the same, thus requiring a considerable degree of skill to seat a ball in any particular recess if designated in advance. For purposes of identification, marking indicia 34 are transversely disposed upon the channel floor between successive recesses.

The upright support 12 is composed of three vertically alignable blocks or braces of which the uppermost 36 is provided with an open topped groove within which to receive the bottom of the channel member 10. The lower edge of this brace has a pair of upwardly directed openings 38 and 40 for the insertion therein of correspondingly shaped and positioned dowel pins 42

affixed to the top edge of the brace 44 directly below. This latter brace is similarly equipped with openings along its lower edge so as to be mountable upon a corresponding unit 46 beneath it. It will be apparent that the number of such braces may be altered at will and also their position along the length of the channel may be changed by sliding them in one direction or the other, so that the height or pitch of the inclined channel is adjusted accordingly.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a simple and highly effective game device which may be assembled or broken down in a moment or so, may be quickly adjusted for desired length and inclination and is conveniently formed of easily demountable segments particularly adapted to be stored in nested position so as to occupy a very minimum of space.

The many uses and games obtainable with the present device are too numerous for detailed enumeration. As an elementary principle, however, it will be appreciated that whether used by an individual or a number of players, the several holes may be allotted different score values and competition may be provided on such grounds as filling certain of the recesses and leaving others vacant, filling them in a prescribed order, and the like.

While I have shown and described in some detail a presently preferred embodiment of my golf putting game device, it is to be understood that various modifications may be made in the construction and operation thereof within the spirit and scope of the subsequently claimed invention which is to be construed broadly and limited only by the prior art.

I claim:

1. A game device comprising an elongated channel member having a floor and sides, said channel member being composed of a plurality of detachable, longitudinally extending segments with the end of a first segment arranged to have its floor and sides telescope within the floor and sides of a second segment to which said first segment is joined, a floor covering on the exposed surfaces of the floor of each segment of a texture to simulate the putting surface of a golfing green, the thickness of the floor covering on said second segment being equal to the combined thickness of the floor covering on said first segment and the floor of said first segment to render the upper surfaces of the floor coverings flush with each other when the segments are joined, a plurality of depressions in the floor of said channel member near one end thereof, and means for supporting said end of said channel member at various elevations above the opposite end thereof.

2. A game device as described in claim 1 in which said supporting means comprises a block having a notch in its upper edge to receive said channel member and a plurality of additional blocks arranged to be positioned beneath the lower edge of said notched block.

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