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Game-Apparatus.

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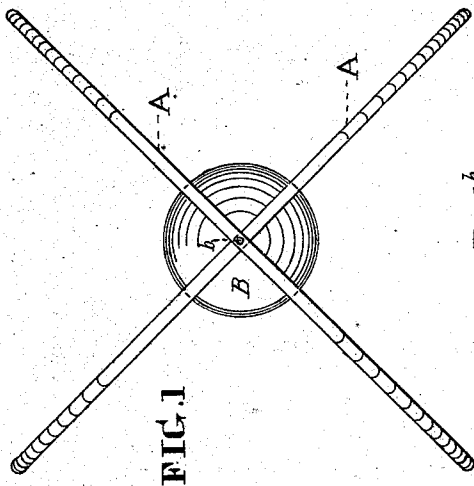


FIG. 1

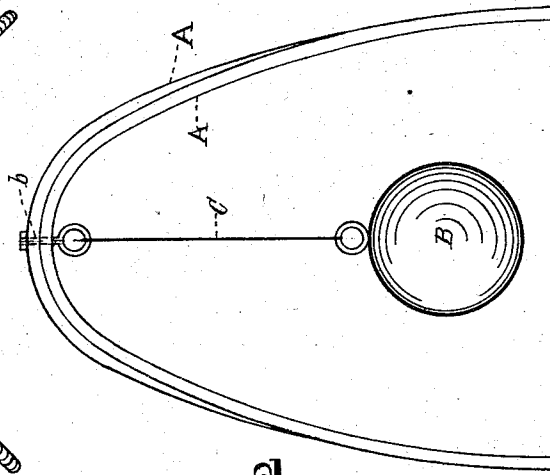


FIG. 2

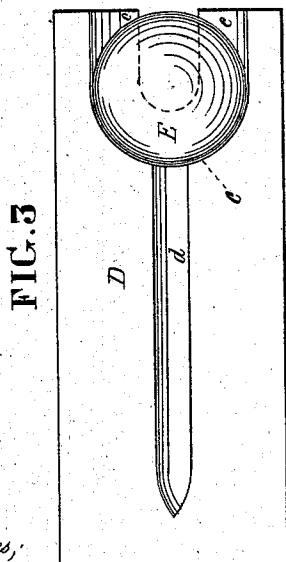


FIG. 3

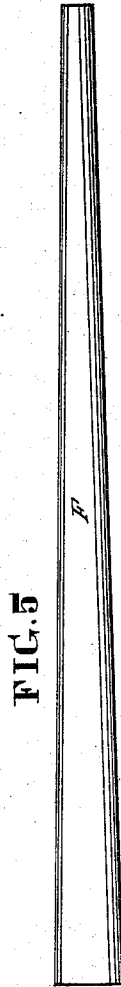


FIG. 5

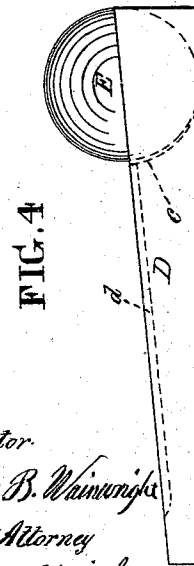


FIG. 4

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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME APPARATUS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. WAINWRIGHT, of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a Wicket Game, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to the combination and arrangement of a ball suspended by a cord from the top of a wire wicket, which is stood upon its ends on the floor or lawn, and a grooved block, which has an opening to receive a ball to be propelled by a stroke from a cue held in the hand of the player; the object being to strike the suspended ball with the ball in the block. The shallow groove in the block is to give steadiness and accuracy to the stroke of the cue.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the cross-bows or wicket A A and a suspended ball, B. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the grooved block D, having a ball, E, in position to be shot forward for striking the ball B. Fig. 4 is a side view of the same. Fig. 5 is a side view of the cue F.

Like letters of reference in all the figures indicate the same parts.

A A are wicket-bows, which are held together by means of the rivet *b*, upon which they turn, so as to be folded up when not in use, or opened at right angles to each other, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, to set steadily upon the floor or lawn, for suspending the ball B by means of the cord C. D is a block, which has a semicircular recess, *c*, at one end, in which is placed a ball, E, which rests upon the floor. There is a longitudinal groove, *d*, extending from the semicircular recess *c* to the other end

of the block. F is a cue, (seen in Fig. 5,) to be held in the hand of the player, the small end of which is placed in the groove *d* of the block D, so that by a quick stroke, when the forward end of the cue strikes the ball E, the latter shall be shot forward for the purpose of striking the suspended ball B.

Any number of balls E may be used, and the game be played by any desirable number of persons.

The game may be varied in its character to correspond to the number of players.

Instead of suspending the ball E by means of the wicket-bows A A, any other convenient mode may be adopted, the ball B being so suspended as to be struck with the ball E, when that and the block C are in line.

I claim as my invention—

1. The game apparatus described, consisting of block D, having a semicircular recess, *c*, for holding a ball, and longitudinal groove *d* for guiding the cue F, and the ball B, suspended by means of the cord C, attached to any convenient device, substantially in the manner and for the purpose above specified.

2. The game apparatus described, consisting of a wicket composed of the wires A A, having ball B suspended by cord C from the center of its top, and the block D, having a semicircular recess, *c*, to receive the balls E, and longitudinal groove *d* to guide the end of the cue F, all arranged to operate substantially as set forth.

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