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Fig. 1.

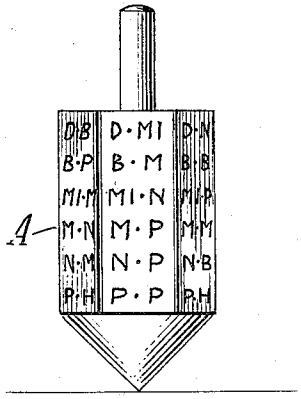


Fig. 2.

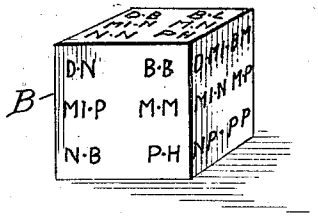


Fig. 3.

D-B	D-MI	D-N	D-O	D-B	D-MI
B-P	B-M	B-B	B-N	B-L	B-M
MI-M	MI-N	MI-P	MI-M	MI-N	MI-MI
M-N	M-P	M-M	M-P	M-N	M-P
N-M	N-P	N-B	N-P	N-N	N-MI
P-H	P-P	P-H	P-P	P-H	P-P

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. SAYERS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention upon which this application for Letters Patent is based is a new game, in which the appliances for playing it are in form, at least, common and well known but so devised as to make it possible by their use to play indoors, as on a table, an imaginary game of golf.

While this game is now so well known as to make any detailed description of it, perhaps, superfluous, nevertheless for purposes of this case, the following statement is apposite.

A player of the game drives off from the tee a teed up ball by means of a wooden club called the driver. Assuming the hole to be a long one his second shot may be made with a brassie or a midiron, his approach to the hole with a mashie and once on the green his last stroke or two with a putter. Should his ball in its course drop or roll into a bunker or other hazard he must use a niblick and under some conditions of play other clubs are used as all familiar with the game are well aware.

I propose, as a means of playing an imaginary game, a form of polygonal body such as a spinning top or a die with an arbitrary number of faces, preferably six, and on each of these faces in two horizontal columns are a series of letters which indicate the clubs generally used in playing the game and certain other data with which all players are familiar, such as a lost ball, out of bounds and holed out.

In the accompanying drawing I have illustrated the device which I have devised for playing this game. Fig. 1 shows a top in elevation. Fig. 2 a die in perspective and Fig. 3 a development of the faces of die or a six sided top showing the letters or characters that indicate the play.

No more detailed description of this drawing in view of what follows is required than to state that A is a common form of six sided top, B an ordinary cubical die and C the arrangement of characters on the faces.

The first column on each face, for example, will have the letters D. (driver), B. (brassie), Mi. (midiron), M. (mashie), N. (niblick) and P. (putter). While the second column contains arbitrarily selected letters to indicate clubs or the other data referred to. Any number may play the game in the following manner.

He who has the honor or is first to play spins the top or throws the die which on coming to rest exposes one of the faces. The first letter indicates the driver which the player is assumed to have used and opposite to this letter on the uppermost face may be the letter B. which indicates that when the player's turn comes around again he is assumed to be playing his brassie so that on his next spin or throw if the same face of the top or die turns up he will find opposite the second letter B. the letter P. which shows that his brassie shot has landed him on the green and that his third shot will be with the putter. Assume that on his third spin or throw the same face turns up, and that he finds after the P. the letter H. which shows that he has holed out. Score cards are used and for each spin or throw one stroke on a given hole is recorded so that the player in the above example will be shown to have made the first hole in 3.

Another example—Suppose that the face turns up on which the letter O. is alongside the letter D., this shows that the player has driven out of bounds and means that he loses one stroke and must spin or throw again. Again on the first spin or throw a face comes up which has an N. alongside the D. and this shows that the player has driven into a bunker and must use his niblick. On his next spin or throw therefore he may find that the letter beside the N. indicates a mashie or midiron or some other club and so he must continue to play until he gets down to a putter and even then he may have to spin or throw one or more times until a face comes up on which an H. is in line with the P.

It will be seen from the above that the number of faces or sides of the top is arbitrary although a square die will have but six, and that the combinations of letters in the second columns is equally so. Generally these are so arranged that the number of strokes on the majority of holes will be four which is what happens in good golf generally.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A device for use in playing an imaginary game of golf consisting of a polygonal body of the kind described, on the faces of which are arranged in two parallel columns characters which in the first column are in the same order and indicate the clubs used in playing the game and characters which in the second column are arbitrarily selected to indicate different clubs, and various data characteristic of a golf game.

2. A device for use in playing an imaginary game of golf consisting of a polygonal spinning top on the faces of which are arranged in two parallel columns characters, which in the first column, are in the same order and indicate the clubs used in playing the game and in the order in which they are ordinarily used, and characters which in the second column are arbitrarily selected to indicate different clubs, and various data characteristic of a golf game.

In testimony whereof I hereto affix my signature.

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