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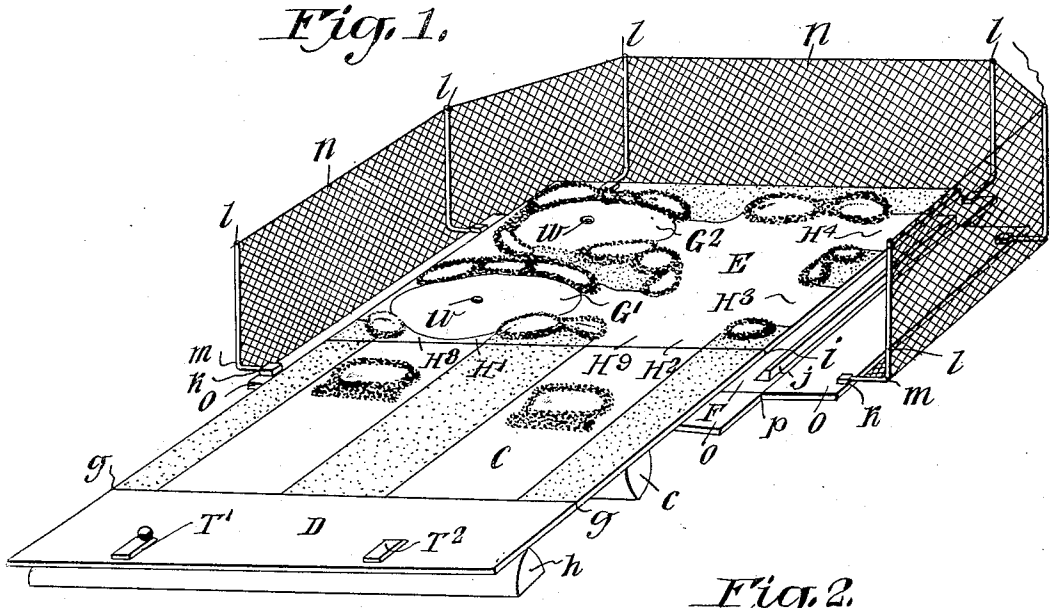


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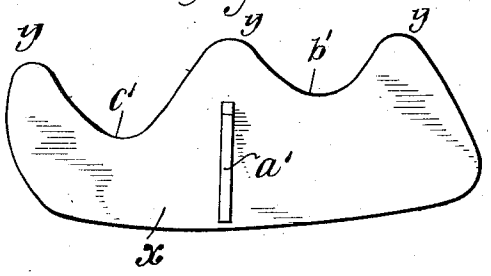


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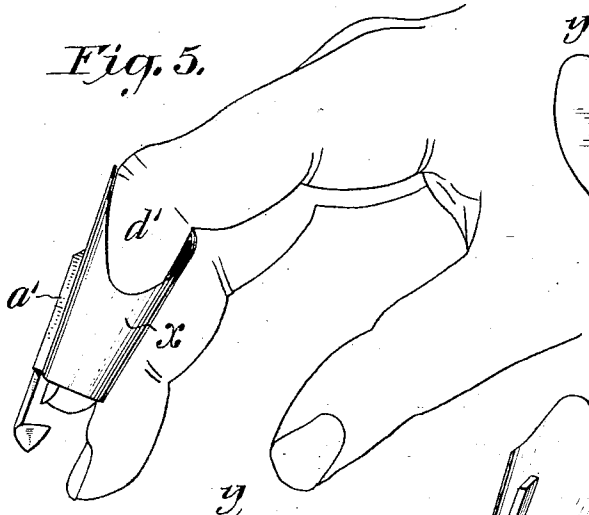
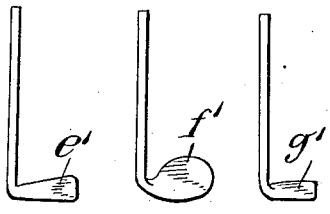


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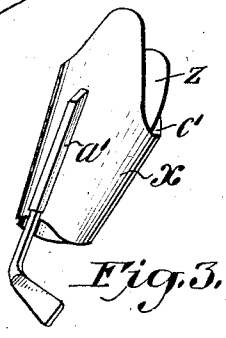


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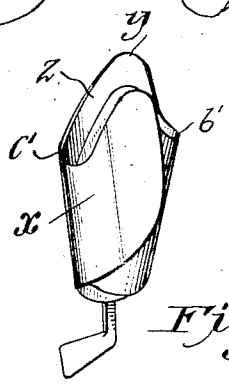


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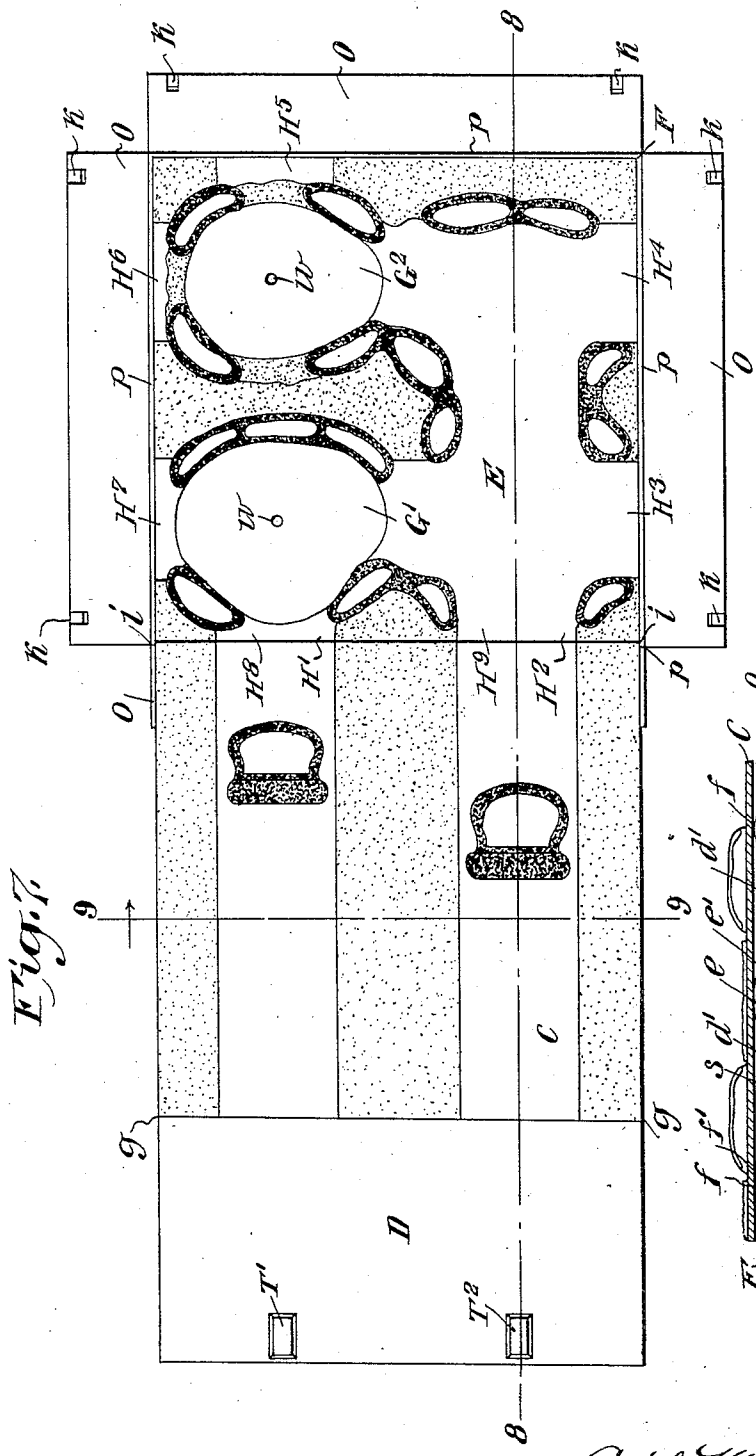


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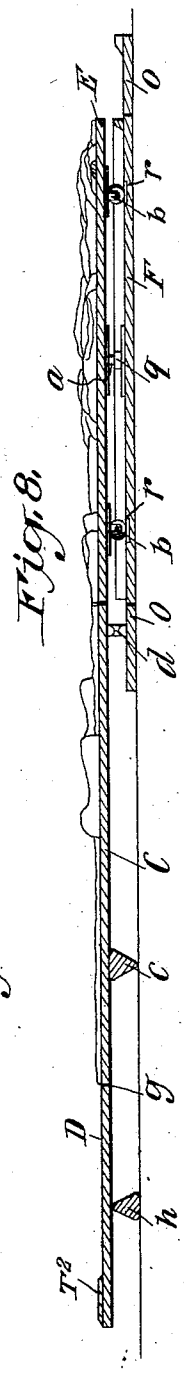


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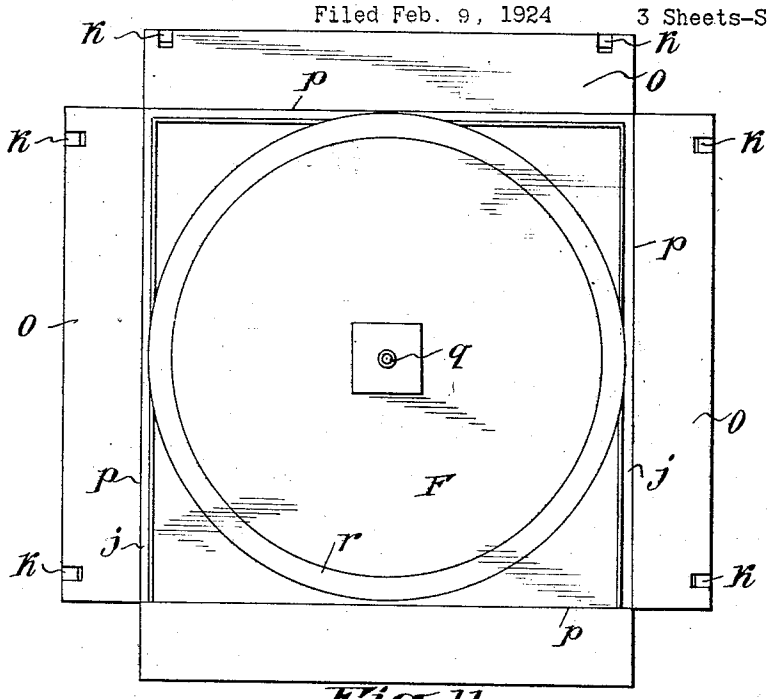


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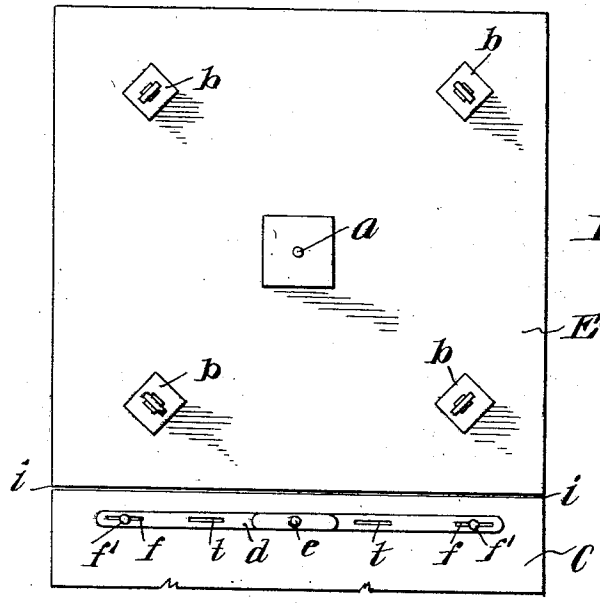


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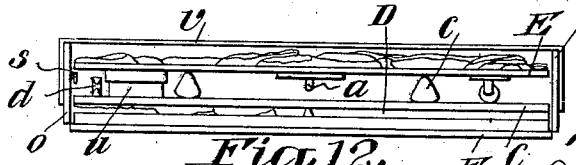


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My invention relates to a game to be played on a combination of game boards laid out to represent a golf course.

An object of my invention is to devise a golf game which employs the skill of the player.

Another object of my invention is to provide a golf game which may be readily packed within a small space and transported at the will of the player.

A further object of my invention is to provide a unique club holder and unique miniature clubs for use in playing.

The actual game of golf is played on a golf course, composed of a series of golf holes, which very in length, character of hazards and natural condition of the ground. In my invention it has been my desire to provide within a limited space, such as the top of a dining room table, a game, comprehensive enough to embody a nine hole golf course, at a sufficiently large scale, to make the game interesting, and yet so arranged as to be played within the previously stated limits.

It would seem that this can only be accomplished by using practically the entire space for each hole to be played. It is evident then that certain changes must be made to provide nine holes, varying in length and character, and still keep within these limits, as the game is being played. My invention therefore provides that one of the boards shall revolve during the progress of the game, thereby securing different conditions for various holes and yet not losing anything in scale. To lay out such a course in series, it would require nearly the entire area of an ordinary house.

There are certain unusual features embodied in my invention which can better be described and understood by reference to the accompanying drawings illustrating the different parts of the invention and the method of playing the game.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the game boards set for the first and second holes, with protecting net in place;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of a piece of metal after having been struck out of a large piece and before being bent into a finger attachment;

Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the finger attachment club in place;

Fig. 4 is a view in perspective of the back of the attachment with club in place;

Fig. 5 is a view in perspective of the finger attachment with club in place and engaged on the finger of the player;

Fig. 6 are views in elevation of the different clubs used in playing the game;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the game boards without the protecting net;

Fig. 8 is a sectional view on line 8—8 of Fig. 7;

Fig. 9 is a sectional view on line 9—9 of Fig. 7;

Fig. 10 is a plan view of the back of the board carrying the putting greens;

Fig. 11 is a plan view of the inside of the enclosing box forming a base for the board carrying the putting greens;

Fig. 12 is a view of the entire game enclosed in the box with cover, in which one side is removed to show the interior of the box.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 8, it will be noted that the main sections of the game board do not set flush on the base or table, but are elevated. Board E carrying the putting greens is supported on a central pivot *a* and four rollers *b*, see Fig. 10. The section D hinged to the board C carries the driving tees T', T^2. The board C is supported by a triangular piece of any suitable material *c* extending the full width of the board. The board C is likewise supported by means of a bow-shaped spring *d* which is fastened at its middle, as indicated at *e*, to the bottom of the board C. An auxiliary strengthening member *e'* helps support the spring at its middle. Auxiliary strengthening braces *d'* also help to strengthen the spring *d* at the center of each bow, where the spring contacts with the supporting base F (see Fig. 10). The ends are slotted, as at *f*, and pass over and slide on holding pins *f'* fastened to the bottom of the board C.

The section of the board indicated by D is hinged to the section C along the joint *g* and is supported by the triangular piece *h*

which is not attached to the board. The two boards C and E form a free joint at *i* and by pressing on the board C near this joint, the spring *d* is compressed to lower the upper edge of the board C below the lower edge of the board E, thereby allowing the board E to revolve freely. In this way it is possible to bring the various holes into position as the game is played. Referring now to Fig. 7.

The two tees marked T^1 and T^2 form the tees for all the holes. The boards as shown in Fig. 7 are set for the first and second holes, H^1 and H^2. This set up also provides for the eighth and ninth holes, H^8 and H^9, as indicated along the joint *i*. By pressing on board C, as will be later more fully described, it is possible to revolve board E into position so that the third and fourth holes, or H^3 and H^4, come into alignment with T^1 and T^2, then by releasing board C, the game is set for the third and fourth holes. By again revolving board E so that the fifth hole or, H^5, is in alignment with T^2, the boards are set for the fifth hole. By again revolving the boards to bring the sixth and seventh holes, or H^6 and H^7, into alignment with T^1 and T^2, we have the boards arranged for the sixth and seventh holes. By again revolving board E, the original position, shown in Fig. 7, is secured, thus bringing H^8 and H^9, or the eighth and ninth holes into position.

The greens G^1 and G^2 serve as the greens for all holes, the difference in the holes being provided for by the length of the fairways and position of the hazards as the board E is revolved. It may be found advisable to provide freely movable hazards, such as bunkers to change the character of the holes as found desirable.

Referring now to Fig. 1, a moulding *j* is provided under board E on the base F, to prevent the balls from rolling under the board during the progress of the game.

Reference to Fig. 11, it will be noted that the four leaves of the base, indicated by *o* have hinged joints at *p*, making it possible to fold them up into a box like receptacle. Three of the leaves are provided with small metal sockets at *k* into which the uprights, see Fig. 1, indicated by *l* are inserted. These uprights are bent at *m*, and all the uprights considered together form a support for the net *n*, and provide a means for preventing the balls from rolling off the table as the game is being played.

Referring now to Fig. 11, it will be noted that the base F is provided with a socket *q* into which the pivot *a*, attached to the under side of board E is adapted to rotate. The base F is also provided with a track *r* of flat metal fastened to the base, on which the rollers *b* of board E run. Two small rotatable key fastenings are provided at *s*, see Fig. 11, to hold the spring *d* of board C by passing through the slots *t* shown in Fig. 10. Upon rotation of the key fastenings *s*, the board C is held resilient in place.

Referring to Fig. 12, which represents the entire game enclosed in the enclosing box or base F, the leaves *o* are shown turned up and held in place by a lid *v*. A small box *u* for holding the paraphernalia of the game is adapted to be packed in the container.

Referring now to Fig. 3, I have shown a finger attachment *x*, formed out of some suitable pliable sheet metal and overlapping on the back, see Fig. 4, so that it can be readily adjusted to fit different sized fingers. On the front of this finger attachment *x* is a square socket *a'* into which the shafts of the various clubs *e'*, *f'*, and *g'* fit (see Fig. 6). The socket *a'* forms a snug joint with the shafts of the clubs shown in Fig. 6. The finger attachment with club attached seems to work best on the forefinger with the hand in the position shown in Fig. 5. This finger attachment has an irregular top, see Fig. 2 showing metal before being bent into shape. The top is cut out at *b'* and *c'*; *c'* being cut lower than *b'*. The metal is then bent into shape to fit around a finger (see Fig. 3).

Before the shot is made, the thumb is pressed against the forefinger at *d'*, see Fig. 5, then when the forefinger is released the club head moves sharply forward, engaging the ball and sending it forward in flight, similar to the flight of a golf ball in an actual game of golf. There are two purposes accomplished in giving an irregular contour to the top of this finger attachment. First, it provides a cut out place where the thumb can engage the finger, and, second, it provides means, namely, the upwardly projecting part *y*, whereby the lower joint of the forefinger can be held rigid. In this way it is necessary for the player to strike without using the joint nearest the end of the finger. By so doing, it is possible to more nearly imitate the correct swing of an actual golf club in a real game of golf and the results are more satisfactory. A cloth or rubber lining *z* is provided for the inside of the finger attachment to protect the finger of the player from the metal, and to provide a more secure hold thereto.

The clubs provided, see Fig. 6, *e'*, *f'* and *g'*, resemble in the face of the club the actual golf clubs known as mid-iron, niblick and putter. All three clubs have their different uses in the game covered by my invention.

Referring again to Fig. 1, a suitable cloth covering is provided for the fairways, rough and greens. A cloth similar to felt or canton flannel is best adapted both in color and texture for the fairways and greens. The rough is best secured by a more fibrous material, brushed wool, or cloth with a similar texture serves admirably. A better result is secured if the boards are slightly padded

before the final cover is put on. The tees, bunkers and greens are shown in contour. It is provided that these parts of the board shall be stamped out of some suitable metal, or moulded out of some suitable material. The whole board if practicable could be pressed out of paper pulp and then covered. The bunkers are lined with cheap cloth lining, of sand or dirt color; rough is provided around the outer edge of these bunkers.

However, the covering is not necessary to the playing of the game and the boards could be used in a game such as described without cloth covering. The same results could be secured by using a pressed cotton ball, or ball of other similar material, to prevent the ball behaving in too lively a fashion. Any ball of any suitable material is satisfactory for this game, which in size is in keeping with the scale of the boards. If cloth covered boards are used, the ball employed may be of any light material, such as cork, or a light hollow ball may be employed.

In playing the game, all players tee up on T^1 to start, see Fig. 1, as it becomes their turn and shoot for G^1, or the green of the first hole, the object being to hole out in hole *w* of this green, in the fewest number of strokes possible. The edges of the boards C and E as shown in Fig. 7, represent the boundaries of the course, and the player who is off the boards will be considered out of bounds, and will be penalized one stroke. One out of bounds will be permitted to replace ball on the course at the point where it went out. The rules of golf apply in playing this game. The other holes follow in regular order, see Fig. 7. I have shown this board as adapted for rotation in a clockwise direction to present the various holes, though it is to be understood that the direction may be varied. It would be a simple matter to arrange the greens and hazards on board E of Fig. 7 in a different manner, however, this would not alter the method of playing the game, nor depart from the spirit of this invention.

The method of play is apparent from the drawings and description, and considerable skill is required to successfully play the game with a low score.

The game played in competition becomes a source of much enjoyment and keen rivalry. The net shown in Fig. 1 can be made from cheap green cheese cloth, which harmonizes admirably with the rest of the game.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, I wish it to be understood that I do not confine myself to the precise details of construction herein set forth, by way of illustration, as it is apparent that many changes and variations may be made therein, by those skilled in the art, without departing from the spirit of the invention, or exceeding the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to be combined to produce various golf holes, and means to hold the playing boards in position.

2. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards so laid out as to be capable of combination in different positions to produce various golf holes.

3. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to represent various holes comprising a golf course in contour, and means to rotate one of the boards to present different holes for play.

4. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to represent various holes comprising a golf course in contour, means to suitably cover the playing surface of the boards to present a roughened surface, and means to rotate one of the boards to present different holes for play.

5. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to represent various holes comprising a golf course in contour, modelling on said boards to represent tees, greens and hazards, suitable coverings of varying degrees of roughness to provide for the fairways and the rough, and means to rotate one of the boards to bring into alignment the tees with the greens at varying distances.

6. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, means for rotatively supporting one of the boards, and resilient means supporting another board, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

7. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, means for rotatively supporting one of the boards, a pivotal support for another board, and a resilient support spaced from the pivotal support, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

8. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, a supporting base for one of the boards, means located between such board and the base permitting said board to rotate, and resilient means supporting another board, whereby the last

mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

9. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, a supporting base for one of the boards, means located between such board and the base permitting said board to rotate, a pivotal support for another board, and a resilient support spaced from the pivotal support, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

10. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, a supporting base for one of the boards, means located between such board and the base permitting said board to rotate on a fixed axis, rollers for supporting said board, and resilient means supporting another board, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

11. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, a supporting base for one of the boards, hinged sides for said base forming with said base a box for the game apparatus, means located between such board and the base permitting said board to rotate, and resilient means supporting another board, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

12. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, a supporting base for one of the boards, hinged sides for said base forming with said base a box for the game apparatus, a net, uprights for the net, means to attach such uprights to the hinged sides, means located between such board and the base permitting said board to rotate, and resilient means supporting another board, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

13. In a game apparatus such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, a supporting base for one of the boards, a moulding near the edge of said base to prevent balls from rolling thereon, hinged sides for said base forming with said base a box for the game apparatus, means attached to said sides preventing said balls from rolling away, means located between such board and the base permitting said board to rotate, and resilient means supporting another board, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

14. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, a supporting base for one of the boards, a moulding near the edge of said base to prevent balls from rolling thereon, hinged sides for said base forming with said base a box for the game apparatus, a net, uprights for the net, means to attach such uprights to the hinged sides, means located between such board and the base permitting said board to rotate, and resilient means supporting another board, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to rotate to form new holes for play.

15. In a game such as described, and in combination, a plurality of playing boards arranged to abut each other to represent various holes on a golf course, means for rotatively supporting one of the boards, a pivotal support for another board, a resilient support spaced from the pivotal support, whereby the last mentioned board may be moved to permit the first mentioned board to form new holes for play, and a hinged extension for said last mentioned board.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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