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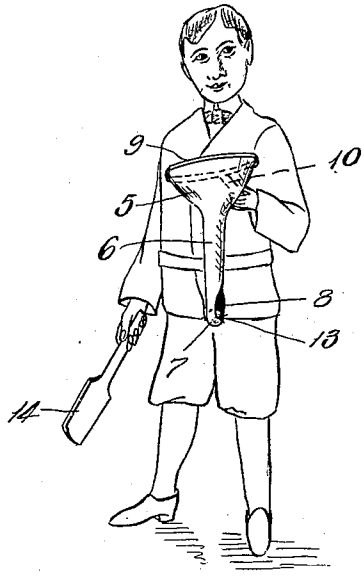

Fig. 1

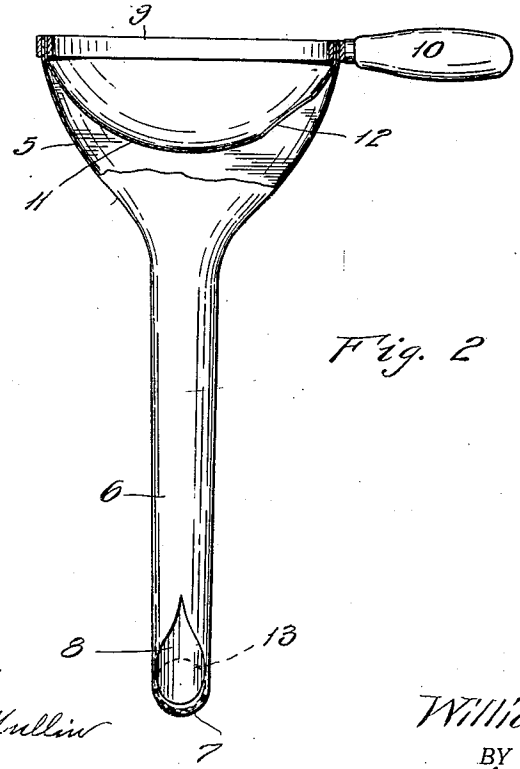

Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. FROSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is the provision of apparatus which will afford an interesting game suitable to be played either within or out of doors.

The invention consists in the novel construction and adaptation of devices as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a pictorial representation of the manner of playing with the apparatus; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation, shown partly broken away, of an embodiment of the invention.

The reference numeral 5 designates the conoidal shaped upper portion of a substantially funnel shaped bag and with the tubular shaped lower portion 6 closed at the bottom, as at 7, but having in its sides an aperture 8 which is disposed to be in proximity to said closed bottom. The mouth of the bag part 5 is distended by and secured to a hoop 9 which is provided with a handle 10. A depending diaphragm, or supplementary bag, 11 is secured about its periphery to said hoop and is provided with an eccentrically disposed opening 12.

The aforedescribed bag and the diaphragm may be made of netting, cloth, or other suitable flexible material, and the aperture 8 and the opening 12 are made sufficiently large to allow a ball, as 13, to pass freely therethrough.

The game is played by catching the ball in the diaphragm when, by properly tilting the device, the ball is caused to roll to and fall through the opening 12 into the bag part 5 below whence it descends into the lower extremity of the bag part 6. With the ball thus pocketed, a blow delivered by a bat 14 from the side opposite the aperture will eject the ball through the latter and it may then be caused to take a flight, dependent upon the direction of the impelling blow. For parlor or indoor games a person may play it alone, sending the ball from the aperture in the bag bottom against a wall or ceiling and catching the ball, upon its rebound, in the diaphragm. For outdoor play, two or more contestants severally provided with a game device and a bat would successively serve and receive the ball and the apparatus then affords a game in which considerable skill may be exercised with corresponding interest to the players.

What I claim, is—

1. A game apparatus consisting of a funnel shaped bag having a closed lower extremity and provided with an aperture in its side in proximity to such extremity, a diaphragm provided with an eccentrically arranged opening, a hoop secured to the mouth of the bag and also to the periphery of said diaphragm, and a handle upon said hoop.

2. The combination with a hoop, of a funnel shaped bag secured about its mouth to the hoop, said bag having an aperture in its side and in proximity to its bottom, and a diaphragm connected with the hoop and provided with an opening wherethrough the ball received upon the diaphragm is delivered into the bag.

3. In game apparatus, a funnel shaped bag having a closed lower extremity and an aperture in its side which is in proximity to such extremity, and means for retaining the mouth of the bag in a distended condition.

4. In game apparatus, a bag having an aperture in proximity to its lower end, a diaphragm extending across the mouth of the bag and provided with an opening wherethrough communication is had with the interior of said bag and a hoop for retaining the mouth of the bag and said diaphragm in a distended condition.

5. In game apparatus, the combination with a hoop and a handle for the bag, of a bag secured about its mouth to said hoop and having an aperture in its lower portion, and a diaphragm secured about its periphery to said hoop and provided with an opening wherethrough communication is had with the interior of the bag.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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