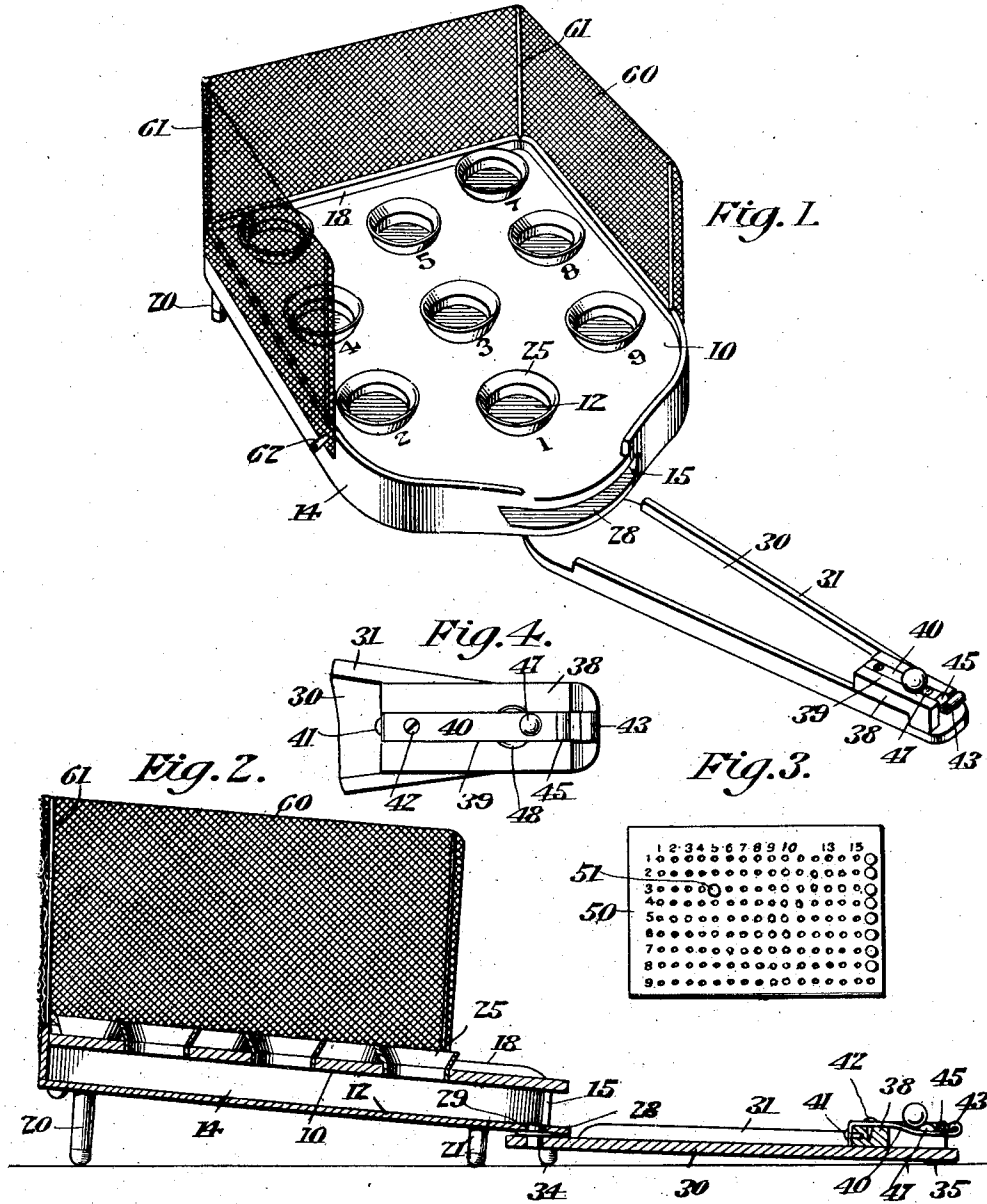


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT A. PEACOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Delaware City, in the county of New Castle and State of Delaware, have invented new and useful Improvements in Parlor-Golf Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games and more particularly to a game which may be termed parlor golf. The rules are based upon those of out-door golf and the apparatus employed for playing the game may include a device termed a field board to correspond with the links, being provided with say, nine holes, means for teeing a ball, special means for driving the ball, and means for permitting the ball to return for another stroke.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this application;—

Figure 1 is a view of the apparatus in perspective.

Fig. 2 is a view in vertical section.

Fig. 3 shows the tally board.

Fig. 4 illustrates a detail of construction.

The field board comprises a top 10 provided with a series of holes, a bottom 12, and an outer wall member 14 mounted between the edges of the top and bottom and extending around the greater portion of the sides of the field board, an open space 15 being provided however at that end nearest the players. The surface of the board may be of substantially the configuration shown, in order to permit of the convenient location of the holes, and in order to permit also of the return of the ball from the board to a device carrying the tee member, and the driving means described below. The board is surrounded by an upwardly projecting rib, designated 18, which tends to guide the ball when it fails to enter a hole, and return the ball to proper position for a new stroke. This return is facilitated by mean of the angle at which the board is mounted. Legs 20 are provided at the end farthest from the players, and shorter pins or supporting devices 21 are provided on the opposite portion, for the purpose indicated.

I have shown the nine holes, arranged with three adjacent to each side of the board, and three additional holes between each side row, the three last mentioned being located in line with the main axis of the board. These holes are designated with numerals 1 to 9 inclusive. Each hole is surrounded

with a flared portion 25 which facilitates the entrance of the ball. The members 10 and 12 constituting the top and bottom of the board being suitably spaced, an interior chamber is provided for the reception of the ball when it first passes through a given hole, and the inclined position of the board will of course cause the ball to travel toward the opening 15.

The bottom 12 may be provided adjacent to the opening 15, with an outwardly extending member 28 having an aperture 29 therein for the reception of a pin carried by a tray or trail board, this board thereby having pivotal connection with the field board. The tray is designated 30, and may be wider at that portion near its pivotal end than at the free portion thereof. The outer sides of the tray are surrounded by an upstanding rib 31 for the purpose of guiding the ball rearwardly. This tray is also inclined toward the rear, in view of the relative height of its supporting members 34 at the pivoted end, and supporting members 35 at the free ends.

Near the extreme end of the tray, I mount a teeing and driving device, the mounting means comprising a block 38 having a longitudinal groove 39 therein, and the driving means comprising a substantially flat spring secured at one end and carrying a driving member. The spring is shown at 40, one end thereof being turned at an angle and secured at the point 41, securing means also being provided at 42 at a point immediately adjacent. The opposite end of the spring is upwardly turned or offset as shown at 43 and constitutes a thumb engaging portion. A transverse bar 45 extends across the groove at the outer end and across the top of the bar for limiting the upward movement of the spring, said spring being free to move downwardly for placing the same under tension. Near the outer end of the spring a convex member 47 is mounted, this member being designed to engage the ball for the purpose of driving the same. The ball is teed at a point above the spring, and near the half round ball or projection 47, recesses or cutaway portions 48 being provided in the sides of groove 39 in order to aid in holding the ball in position. Recesses 48 and member 47 are so related that upon the operation of the spring 40 for driving the ball, member 47 will tend to strike the ball from behind, driving the latter ahead

instead of driving it at too great an elevation in the air. The elevation is just sufficient to drop the ball into the hole. In view of the location of the driving apparatus, and the pivotal connection of the tray of the field board, the player is required to use considerable skill in positioning the driving member, (by swinging the tray) so that the ball may be centered with reference to a particular hole.

Each player is provided with a tally board designated 50, this board having nine holes in the row at the extreme left, these holes being numbered from 1 to 9; and a number of series each containing nine holes is provided, fifteen being shown in the present instance. If it requires five strokes to make a given hole, say the third hole, a pin 51 is placed in the fifth hole toward the right, opposite the hole in the first series designated 3. Each player is provided with a board of this character, and the individual who succeeds in going around with the smaller number of strokes wins the game.

In order to confine the ball within limits in the event that the stroke is too high, I provide a netting 60 which is mounted at certain of the corners of the board on up-rights 61, which are usually detachable. The forward ends of the netting are secured by means of flat springs or the like designated 62, and located in any convenient position toward the front portion of the board.

What is claimed, is:—

1. In a device of the class described, a field board including a top having a series of holes and a bottom spaced from said top and providing a chamber, means for teeing a ball, means for driving the ball, and means for conveying a ball passing through said compartment, or passing from the top of the board, for returning said ball for another stroke.

2. In a device of the class described, a field board including a top having a series of holes, and a bottom spaced from the top providing a chamber, means for teeing a ball, means for driving the ball, and pivotally mounted means for conveying a ball passing through one of the holes and

through said compartment, or passing from the top of the board, for returning said ball for another stroke.

3. In a device of the class described, a field board including a top having a series of holes, pivotally mounted means for teeing a ball, a portion thereof constituting guiding means for the return of the ball, and a spring-held device for driving the ball in an approximately horizontal direction.

4. In a device of the class described, a field board including a top provided with means for receiving balls, a bottom spaced from the top thereby providing a chamber, said chamber having an outlet at the side nearest the player, a guiding device for receiving the ball from the compartment or from the top of the board, said device being pivoted at one end to the board and being inclined downwardly toward the player, and means mounted on the guiding device for driving the ball toward the board.

5. In a device of the class described, a field board including a top having a series of holes, said board being provided with a compartment for receiving balls passing through the holes, a guiding device for receiving a ball from the compartment or from the top of the board, the guiding device being pivoted at one end to the board and being inclined downwardly toward the player, and means mounted on the guiding device for driving the ball toward the board, said driving means including a resilient device, and a ball engaging device carried thereby.

6. In a device of the class described, a field board including a series of holes, and a compartment having communication with said holes, said compartment having an opening at the side nearest the player, a guiding device for receiving a ball from the compartment, said device being pivoted at one end, means mounted on the guiding device for driving the ball toward the board, and means for teeing the ball adjacent to the driving means.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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