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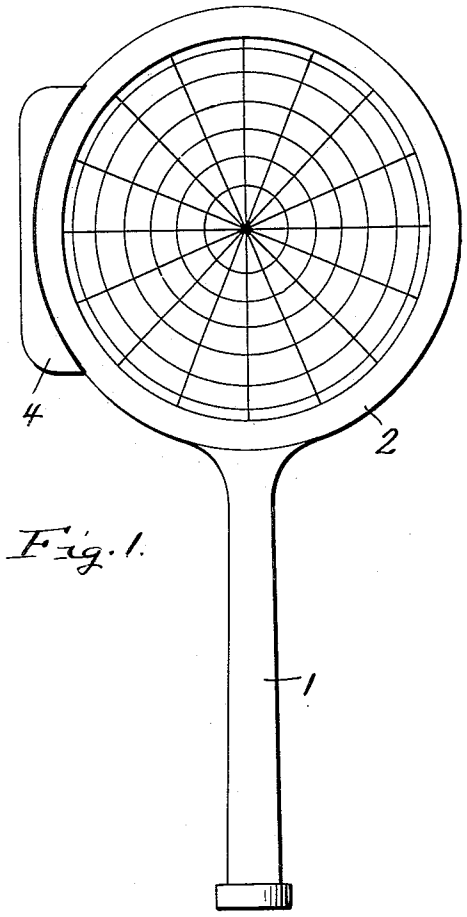


Fig. 1.

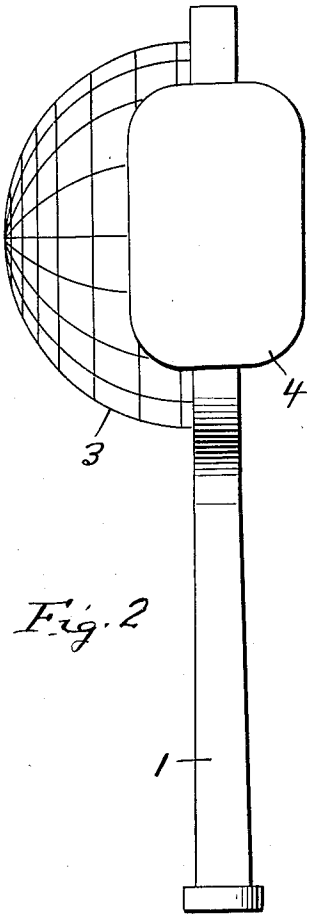
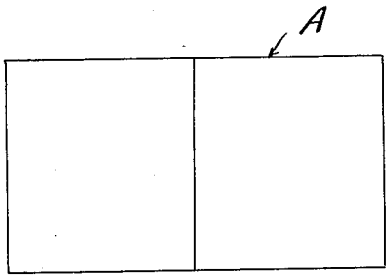


Fig. 2



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1 Claim. (Cl. 273—96)

This invention relates to a combination ball bat and catcher, the general object of the invention being to provide a device having a handle and an annular part connected to one end thereof, with a net connected with the annular part for catching a ball and a bat forming portion connected to a side of the net carrying part for batting a ball.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a front view of the device.

Figure 2 is a side view.

Figure 3 is a view of a court on which a game may be played with the devices.

As shown in Figures 1 and 2, the device comprises a handle 1 and an annular or ring-shaped part 2 at one end of the handle, said annular part supporting a substantially cup-shaped net 3 so that the device can be used for catching a ball in the net. A member 4 is connected to a side part of the ring 2 and has its outer face flat, as shown, so that this member can be used as a bat in striking a ball. The inner face of the member 4 is of arcuate shape, as shown, to correspond with that part of the ring 2 to which it is connected. The combination bat and catcher can be used in various ways in playing games of different kinds, it being understood that the net part is used for catching a ball, while the bat part is used for striking a ball.

The game may be played on the court shown at A in Figure 3. For instance, one or more players can stand in each part of the court and a player in one part would use the device to bat the ball into the other part and a player in the other part would attempt to catch the ball in the net. Then the other player would use the device as a bat to drive the ball into the other court. Various rules for playing the game may be used, such for instance, if the ball does not strike within the court, it counts as an error against the player striking the ball and if the player attempting to catch the ball fails to do so, it would count as an error against him.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:—

A device of the class described comprising a handle having a ring-shaped head part at one end thereof, a net carried by the head part and of substantially cup-shape for catching a ball and a striking member arranged at right angles to the head part and having an arcuate inner face attached to a side portion of the head part, said member having a flat outer face for use in striking a ball, said member being of less length than the diameter of the ring-shaped head part.

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