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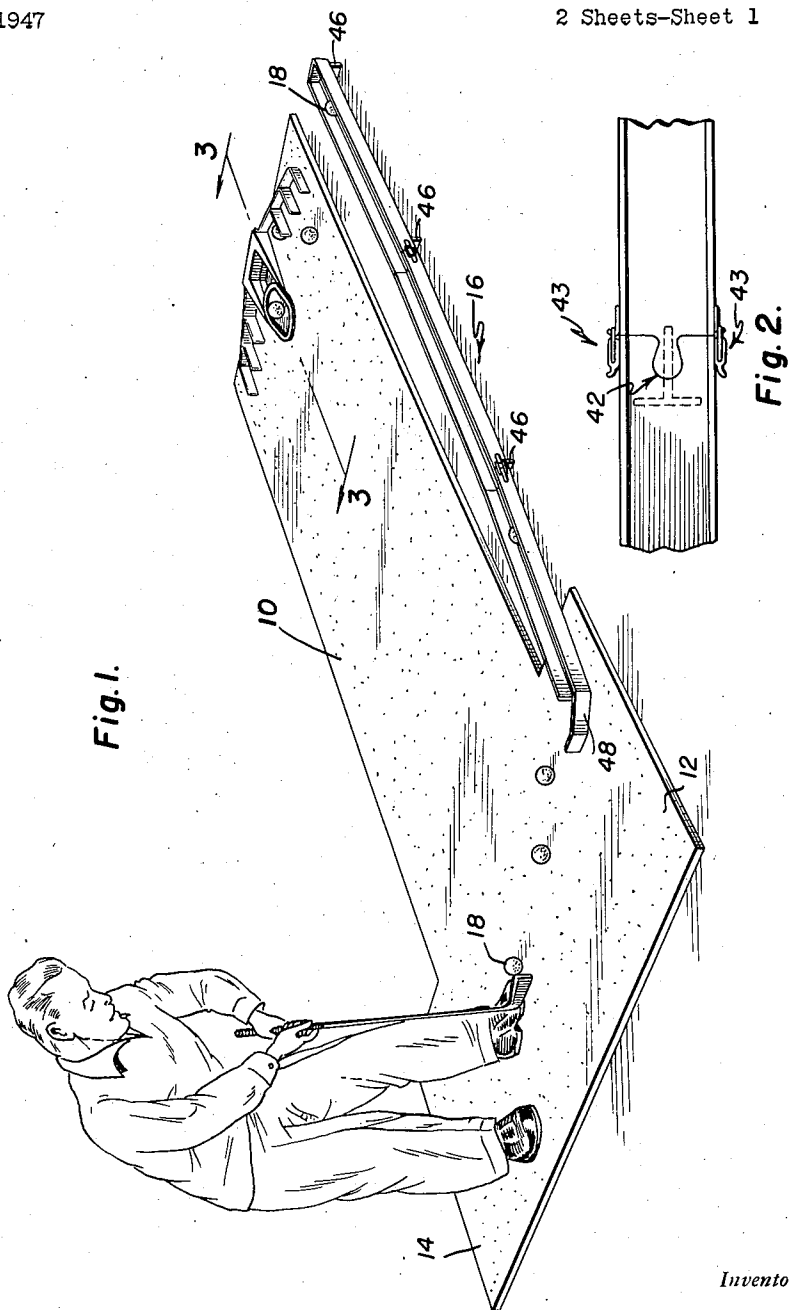
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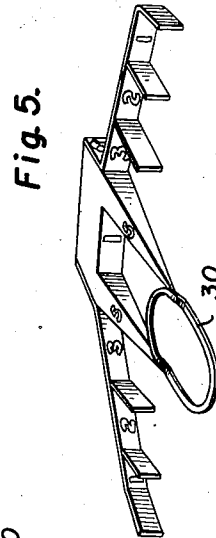
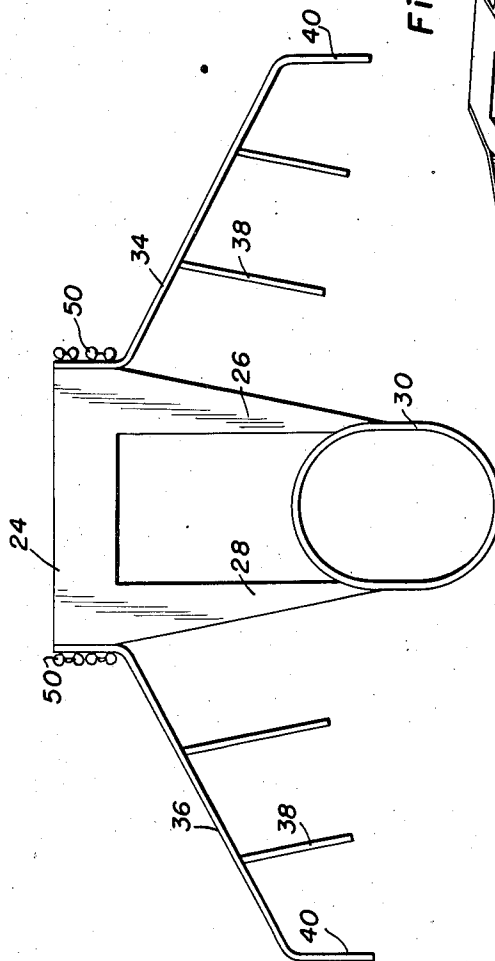
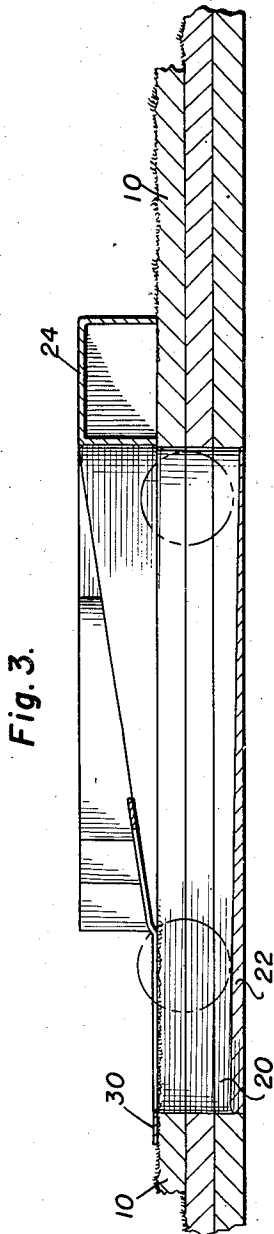
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This invention appertains to novel and useful improvements in games, particularly indoor types, and particularly that type which simulates large scale sports.

An object of this invention is to provide means conducive of indoor enjoyment to persons from all walks of life and environment and particularly those interested in golf.

Another object of this invention is to provide an improved simulated green in the form of a carpet.

Another object of this invention is to provide a recess in a compartment which simulates in size, the normal cup conventionally found on golf greens.

Another object of this invention is to provide improved means for receiving a ball which is seated over and adjacent the said recess.

A further object of this invention is to provide detachable means on said ball receiving means having baffles therein thereby defining additional receptacles for golf balls and also serving the purpose of a back stop in the event that the operator of the invention does not successfully complete the circuit between the putting position and the cup.

A still further object of the invention is to provide means for retaining and directing golf balls adjacent the said cup to the putting position on the simulated green.

Another object of this invention is to provide an extremely simple and inexpensive device of the character described which is easily assembled and which lends itself well to commercial manufacture.

Ancillary objects and features of novelty shall become apparent to those skilled in the art, in following the description of the preferred embodiment of the present invention, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of the present invention;

Figure 2 is an elevational plan view of the detachable connecting means utilized in conjunction with the trough or return means;

Figure 3 is a sectional detail of construction taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 1 in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 4 is an elevational plan view of the ball receiving means forming part of the present invention;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the elements of the invention disclosed in Figure 4, showing various indicia thereon.

Referring now in detail to the illustrated pre-

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ferred embodiment of the present invention, like reference characters are used throughout to indicate similar elements.

This invention has been conceived and developed to provide a device conducive of enjoyment and pleasure to those desiring an indoor, or even outdoor game. This is a device requiring skill to operate successfully and which may be utilized by any number of persons. There is introduced in the present invention the elements of competition as well as skill which further renders the invention a meritorious and desirable device.

A carpet runner 10 of any desired length is provided preferably of a green color in order to simulate a golf green. The contour and quality of the said carpet runner may be particularly and specially chosen in order that the roll of the golf ball 18 thereon might, in a large manner, simulate the roll on a conventional, well kept green.

Reference is now made to Figure 1 wherein there is disclosed an operator (man putting) standing adjacent the extensions 12 and 14 respectively which are provided not only for the purpose of giving ample room to the said operator but also for the purpose of receiving the end portion of the trough or track, generally indicated at 16. The ball 18 which may be a conventional golf ball is about to be sent down the carpet 10 by a stroke of the operator's club.

Going now to Figure 3, there is disclosed a recess 20 within the said carpet 10. If desired, a pad 22 may be provided at the base of the said recess 20 for the obvious purpose of deadening the rebound of the golf ball as to sound and resiliency. Positioned over the recess 20 is a means for receiving golf balls 18 therein. This means consists of a base 24 having parallel extending arms 26 and 28 respectively. The said arms are adapted to be positioned over the said recess 20 and a relatively flat band 30 is secured therebetween. This band and its configuration may be readily ascertained from an inspection of Figures 3 to 5 inclusive. It will be seen that the forward portion of the said band 30 is substantially flat or parallel to the upper surface of the said carpet 10 while the rearward portion of the said band 30 is slightly inclined relative to the carpet datum. This, of course, provides a stop means for the golf ball 18 when the same is received within the band 30. It is noted at this point that the angular inclination of the rear portion of the said band 30 may be considered a compensation for the jump or arc that the ball 18

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will assume upon striking the very slightly raised portion of the forward end of the said band 30. It is noted however, that it is within the purview of the present invention to make the said band 30 of such slight thickness that materially no jump is encountered when the golf ball 18 strikes the same.

A pair of arms 34 and 36 respectively are detachably secured to the terminal or side portions of the said base 24 forming a back stop for certain misdirected golf balls and which may also be utilized, if desired, as a portion of the game. Baffles 38, as well as the end portions 40 of the said arms, extend from said arms and provide pockets therebetween. These pockets may be numbered or otherwise scored in order to carry a certain value in points to the reception of a golf ball therein.

Forming a part of the present invention is the trough or chute 16 which is to be utilized adjacent the carpet 10. This trough is preferably composed of a plurality of elements which are detachably secured in fixed relation. The preferable securing means is a simple slot and tongue arrangement, generally indicated at 42 on the floor of the said trough 16 and a pair of suitcase clamps 43 adjacent each groove and tongue assembly. The said trough is provided with legs 46 thereunder which are preferably graduated in height in order to give golf balls 18 a slight rolling movement when placed at the higher end thereof. One end of the said trough 16 is enclosed while the other end terminates in a spout 48, directing the golf balls 18 to the feet of the operator of the invention.

It is noted at this point that the preferable means for securing the said arms 34 and 36 to the base 24 is by utility of conventional wing nut and screw means. The wing nuts, disclosed in Figure 4, are generally indicated by the reference numeral 50. This construction permits of easy removal of the said arm and associated baffle, when so desired.

It is within the purview of the present invention to utilize the base 24 along with all of the appurtenances contiguous thereto on and in conjunction with the conventional living room rug as well as a relatively smooth surface in one's courtyard. In other words, the means for receiving golf balls is preferably utilized with the said carpet 10, however, this is not an essential requisite to the game.

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While there has been described and illustrated but a single preferred embodiment of the present invention, it is apparent to those skilled in the art, that various changes including omissions and additions may be made herein without departing from the spirit of the invention. Accordingly, limitation is sought only in accordance with the scope of the following claims.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A simulated putting green comprising a carpet member having a recess therein, means for receiving a ball seated in part over and in part adjacent said recess, said means including a base member, arms detachably secured thereto and extending outwardly from the sides thereof, a slot in said base member, said base member positioned above said recess and a relatively flat band extending from said base member and partially extending in said slot and an inclined floor in said recess to allow golf balls to roll by gravity to one end of said recess.

2. A simulated putting green comprising a carpet member having a recess therein, means for receiving a ball seated in part over and in part adjacent said recess, said means including a base member, arms detachably secured thereto and extending outwardly from the sides of said base member, a slot in said base member, said slot positioned above said recess and a relatively flat band extending from said base member and partially extending in said slot, said arms having baffles extending therefrom defining pockets therebetween having open fronts for selectively receiving a ball therein.

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