

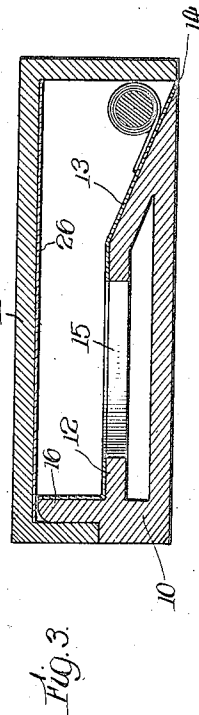
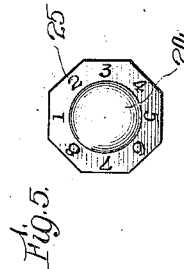
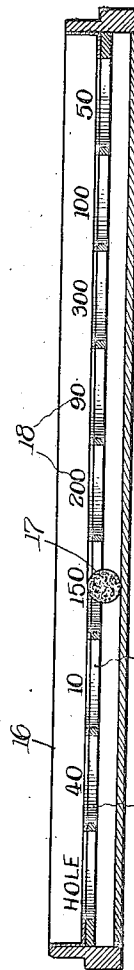
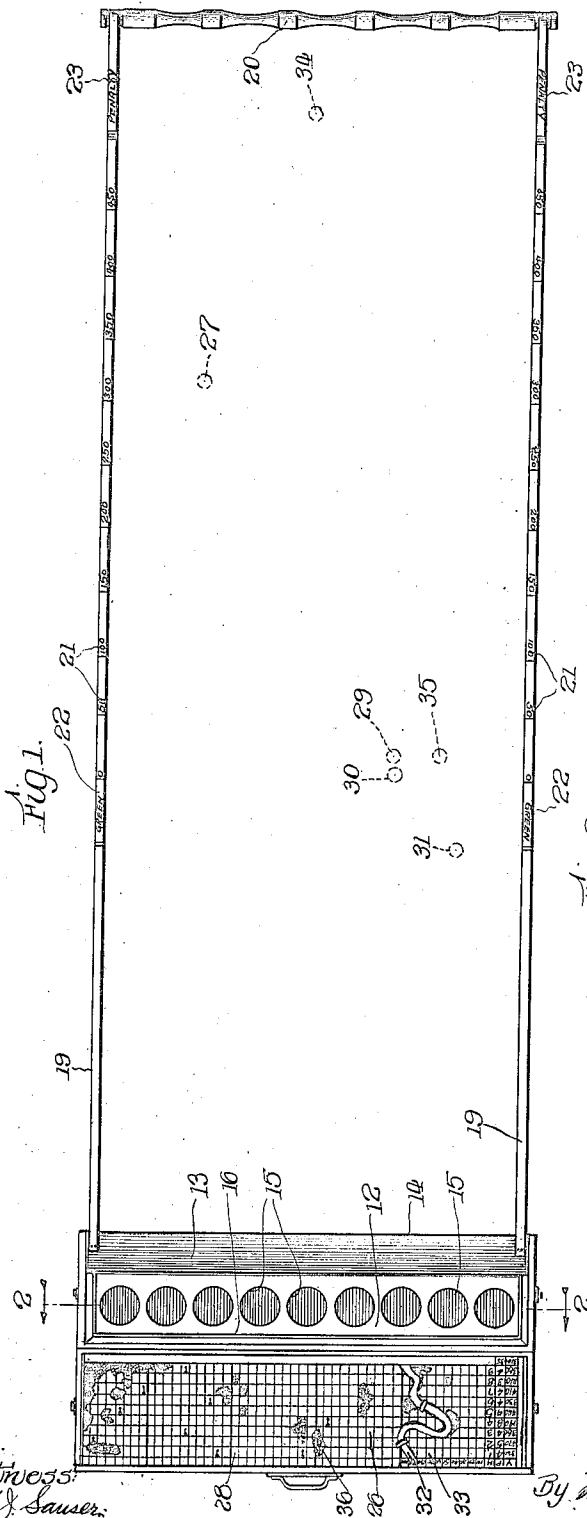
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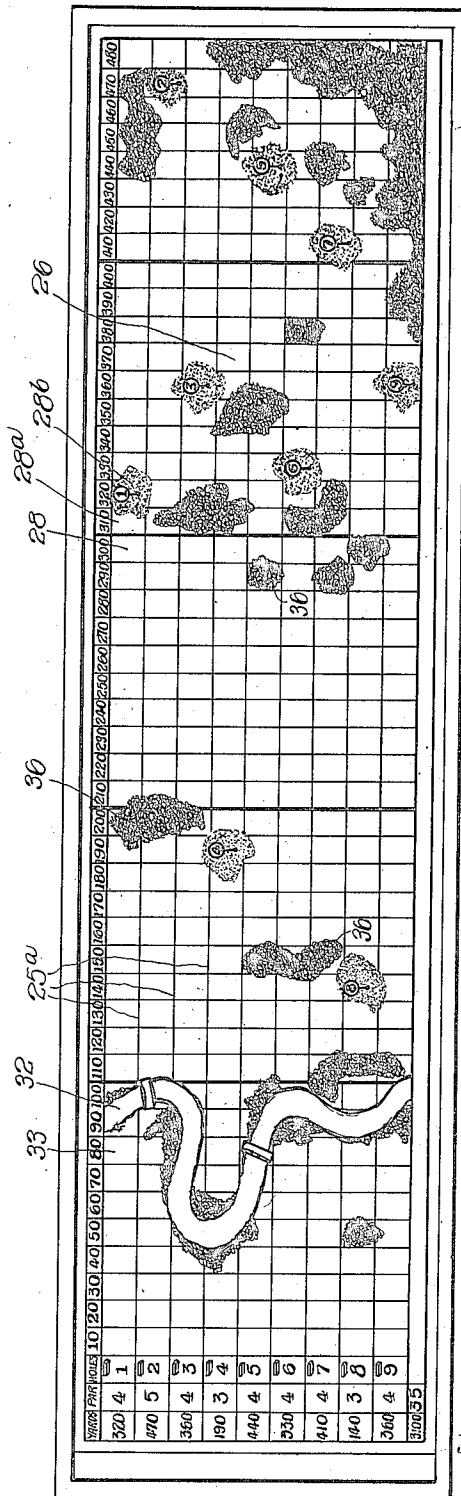
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAREY ORR, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Golf Game, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to games and particularly to a novel golf game which combines the elements of practice and amusement.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide an amusement device which shall include with the amusement feature the necessity for practical skill in one of the essentials of a successful golf game, that of putting. My device includes as a desirable element, means for providing a series of holes of exactly the size and shape of a standard golf hole, these being arranged in juxtaposition and positioned on a slightly elevated platform. The frame or platform containing the holes is arranged to be placed on a carpeted floor and a standard golf ball is intended to be directed toward the holes by means of a full size putter. Associated with the device for providing the holes is a distance-tape adapted to be laid on the floor, the tape containing yard designations. Also associated with the described parts is a chart or map containing a topographical outline of a 9 or 18 hole golf course. The outline will, of course, consist of a plane surface having thereon certain pictorial representations of the usual hazards, comprising streams, ponds, bunkers, traps and woods, such as found on the ordinary golf course. The outline or map is divided by suitable lines in order to indicate yardage or distance from the tee. For convenience respective courses for each hole are arranged in parallelism on the outline or map. In conjunction with the map I provide a counter or marker for each player, the marker being adapted to be moved along the course from the tee to the hole as the advance is made by the player following the reception of his ball in the various recesses or holes in the platform.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein,

Fig. 1 is a plan view showing a game such as heretofore described, the parts be-

ing shown in playing position; that is, resting upon a floor;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view with the parts in closed position;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged plan view of the map or topographical outline of a golf course; and

Fig. 5 is a view of one of the counters or markers which I employ.

In the drawings it will be seen that I provide for convenience a box consisting of a base or frame 10 having a cover 11. Formed as a part of a frame 10 is a platform or elevated floor 12 having a level top surface, and an inclined plane 13 terminating in a sharp edge 14, adapted to lie in contact with the surface of a carpet or rug. Formed in the platform or floor 12 are a plurality of holes 15 which will preferably be of the same size and shape as the standard golf hole, that is, of circular form and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Each of the holes will be designated by suitable figures displayed on the vertical wall 16 above the holes, these figures representing distances in yards. The number of holes and yard distances will be selected according to the wishes of the manufacturer. I find, however, that nine of the holes is a desirable number. Eight of them are used as distance gaining elements and the ninth as the actual hole into which the ball must be rolled in order to complete each so-called "hole" of the course. A ball 17 is shown in one of the holes in Fig. 2. A putter of standard size and of any desired form may be used for rolling the ball with a putting action toward a desired hole 15. The yardage designations 18 will be of such size as to be visible and readable from a distance in order to guide the player in directing his ball toward a desired distance opening.

Secured to the plane surface 13 are two tapes 19 of such length as to adapt the device for use in a room of ordinary size. At their outer ends the tapes may be attached to a roller 20, or other suitable form of retaining device, by means of which the tapes may be retained in proper relation and subsequently rolled or folded up to lie within the compass of the box when it is closed. Of course, one tape may be used if desired.

On the surface of the tape is displayed a plurality of spaced-apart distance designations 21, these being divided for convenience into 50 yard sections. At the forward end and closest to the hole is a "green" designation 22, while at the extreme rear end is a "penalty" designation 23. A counter or marker 24, such as shown in Fig. 5, and of which a plurality is provided, will preferably contain on its face numerical marks 25, the idea being to move the marker along between the parallel lines 25^a designating the course in accordance with the distance gained by the player; the marker being rotated to serve as a counter for the number of strokes required to reach the position it occupies.

The cover 11 may conveniently be employed for supporting and displaying the map or topographical outline 26 of the course; preferably the cover will be separate from the base in order that the map may be placed at suitable height on a table or stand.

The game is played in the following manner: Assuming that the device is laid on a floor, carpeted or otherwise, in the position shown in Fig. 1 and with the map 26 in a convenient location, the first player places his ball on the floor at approximately the point indicated at 27 on Fig. 1, this for the reason that as the first hole is 320 yards distant his ball is placed at that distance from the green as indicated by the marking tapes. He then shoots for the hole which is marked 300 yards. If he is sufficiently skillful and accurate in putting, he will cause his ball to travel the intervening distance, overcome the elevation and drop into the desired hole. He has then gained 300 yards and places his marker in the 300 yard square 28 on the map, his counter being turned to indicate that he has had one stroke. The next player follows in the same manner. Assuming that the second player and subsequent players are equally skillful and fortunate, they will be without advantage and each be 20 yards from the green. The next player is to place the ball at approximately the point 29; that is, 20 yards from the hole and shoot for the 10 yard hole. If on the first shot he is successful, his marker is placed in the square 28^a: his next

the ball has not entered the 300 yard hole, but instead has dropped into the 90 or 100 yard holes which immediately adjoin the 300 yard hole. By examining the map it will be seen that under those circumstances his ball is in the water; that is, in the stream 32, shown on the map. This involves the usual penalty and he would then place his marker at the point 33; that is, in the 80 yard square to the rear of the stream, and would place his ball at the "penalty" designation as indicated at 34, shooting from that point with a penalty of one stroke. The player has now gained 80 yards and has 240 yards to go. He will, therefore, shoot at the 200 yard hole and, if successful, then from the point 35 at the 40 yard hole. If in each of these shots he is successful he will then be on the green in four with the possibility of "holing out" in five,—that is one over par.

It will be noted that bunkers, traps, etc., are indicated by the numeral 36 on the map or outline and that a player by inaccurate putting is quite likely to reach such hazards in which case he is compelled at his next shot to deliver the ball from the "penalty" line. Of course, in the event the player is on the green and is actually shooting for the hole, if his ball should occupy the adjacent 40 yard hole it will indicate that he has shot 40 yards over the hole and that on his next shot he must carry his ball to the 40 yard designation on the tape and play accordingly.

The game as outlined provides for the amusement as well as practice of as many players as desired. It requires considerable skill and combines the elements of uncertainty known to exist in all games of golf with the rewards incident to careful attention to the important detail of putting. The map or outline may be varied as desired to make the course difficult or simple and the elevation of the platform with which the holes are provided will be selected with a regard for the distinction between extreme difficulty and uninteresting ease. The elevation should be such that the ball must be struck with accurate firmness in order to cause it to travel in a straight line and to overcome the elevation. Of course, failure of the ball to overcome the elevation is

lineate a golf course and provided with symbols for designating the outline of the course and the distances, the distances gained by causing a golf ball to occupy said recesses being correlated with said map.

2. In a game, the combination of means providing a plurality of recesses of a size to conform to that of a standard golf hole, said recesses having distance designations associated therewith, means extending horizontally from the recesses for providing a distance scale, and a topographical outline of a golf course provided with a scale for distance and adapted to be correlated with the distance gained by causing a ball to occupy said recesses.

3. In a golf game adapted to employ a standard golf ball and club, the combination of means corresponding to a series of adjacent standard golf holes, a distance scale projected horizontally from said holes, and a topographical outline of a golf course also provided with a distance scale, whereby the distances gained by causing the golf ball to occupy one of said holes are correlated with the topography of said course to effect the playing of said course.

4. In a golf game, the combination of means providing an elevated platform having an inclined plane approach thereto, said platform being provided with a plurality of adjacent holes, said holes being of a size corresponding to that of a standard golf hole, said holes being provided with distance des-

ignations, a distance scale adapted to be laid on the floor adjacent to said platform, and a map of a golf course with which the plays accomplished by projecting a ball into said holes may be correlated to effect the playing of the delineated course.

5. In a golf game, the combination of means providing an elevated platform having an inclined plane approach thereto, said platform being provided with a plurality of adjacent holes, a tape projecting from said platform, the tape being graduated to indicate yardage, and a topographical outline of a golf course scaled to indicate yardage and adapted to record distances gained by projecting a ball into said holes.

6. In a golf game, the combination of means providing a series of elevated recesses arranged in adjacent relation and shaped to conform to a standard golf hole, distance designations being associated with said recesses, a distance scale associated with the recesses, the described parts being adapted to be laid on a carpeted floor and to utilize a standard golf ball and club, and a map of a golf course containing symbols indicating the presence of the usual hazards and provided with a distance scale whereby the distances gained by projecting a ball into one of the said recesses may be recorded on the map.

Signed at Chicago, Ill., this 17th day of February, 1921.

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