BASE, FOR BALL PLAYERS.

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Fig. 1

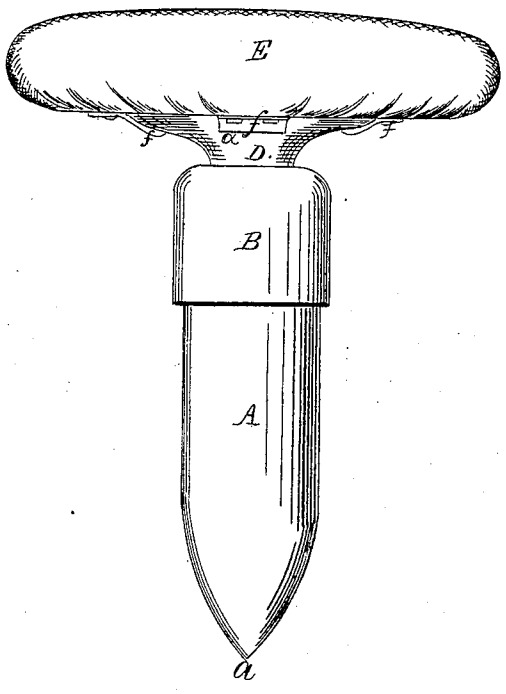
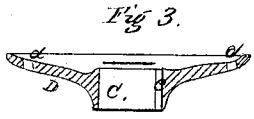


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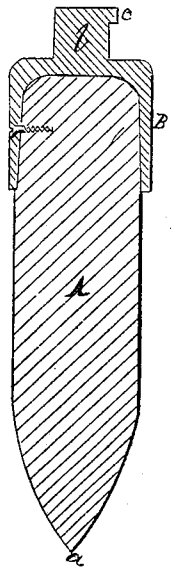
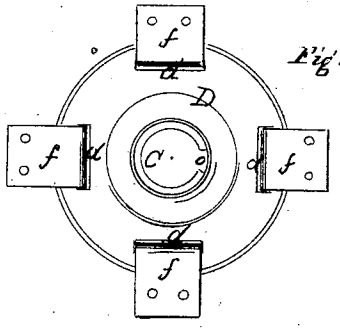


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Fig 2



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BASE FOR BALL-PLAYERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ESAU D. TAYLOR, of Hornellsville, in the county of Steuben, in the State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Device for a Base, and the mode of attaching the same, and securing it in position for base-ball players; and the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of the stake, iron socket, and swivel-cap iron, with the base attached.

Figure 2 shows a flat view of the swivel-cap, with the leather fastenings for the base.

Figure 3 is a sectional edge view of the swivel-cap iron.

Figure 4 shows a section through the fastening-socket and stake, for driving into the ground.

The object of my invention is to furnish cheap, efficient, and durable bases for the national game of base-ball; and it consists in securing the sand-bag to a swivel-cap iron, having a central opening to fit on to a pin cast on a socket, to fit on the stake to be driven into the ground.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will describe it more fully, referring to the drawings, and to the letters marked thereon.

I make the stake A of any durable wood, turned with a sharp point, *a*, so that it may be driven into the ground, on the top of which is fitted a metal socket, B, having a stem, *b*, in its centre, with a lip or projection, *c*, on the top, which passes through a notch or recess, *e*, made for it in one side of the hole C in the cap D, so that when the cap is put on the projecting stem *b*, and turned a little, the lip or projection *c* serves the purpose of a key, to hold it on; the swivel-cap D, being made of cast metal, having four or more slits or openings, *d d d*, in which straps of leather, *f f f f*, may be put through, forming loops to secure the sand-bag, or cushion to the cap D. The bag or cushion E, which forms the base for base-ball players, may be made of leather, canvas, or other suitable material, and of any form or size to suit the purpose or fancy, and, when secured to the cap D, can easily be taken off from the stem *b*, and carried from the field to a place of security, leaving the metal socket B and stake A in the ground, all ready for the next game to be played.

The advantages to be derived from my invention, as will readily be seen, are, that the bases, when located, and the stakes driven, will remain at fixed points, and not be moved about by the players as they reach them, in making their runs, and the cushion or sand-bag, being secured to the plate-cap so that they can turn on the centre, materially aid the player in resting on the base and watching the movements of the pitcher, and other movements of the game.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The stake A, pin-socket B, swivel-cap D, and cushion or sand-bag E, all in combination, to be used for the base or bounds for base-ball players, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name in the presence of—

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