

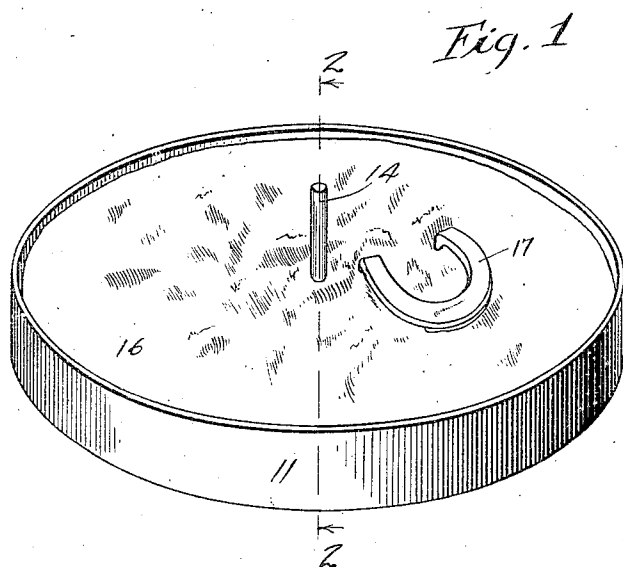
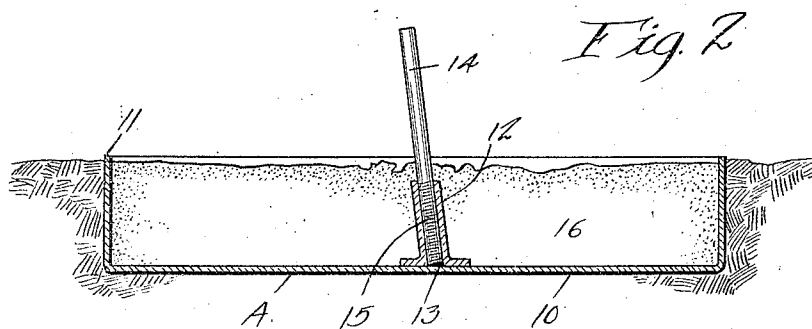
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR E. HEGGEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented a certain new and useful Pitching Court, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a pitching court especially adapted for use in connection with horse shoe pitching games, which is simple in construction.

More particularly, my invention relates to a container or drum having a center stake therein, the drum being filled with clay so that horse shoes when pitched against the stake will light upon the clay arranged within the drum.

Still a further object is to provide a pitching court for use in connection with the game of horse shoe pitching, in which the pitching court and stake may be moved from place to place as desired.

Still a further object is to provide a stake which can be removably secured to the drum so that it can be detached if necessary.

With these and other objects in view, my invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of my device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my court showing the stake in proper position.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1 showing the pitching court partially embedded in the ground which is the position it will ordinarily be in when actually used.

In the accompanying drawings, I have used the reference character A to indicate generally a drum, which is formed with a bottom 10 having an upwardly extending rim or flange 11 thereon.

The bottom 10 is circular in outline and the flange is annular.

Secured to the bottom 10 at the center thereof a receiving hub 12 having a

central screw threaded opening 13 therein.

A stake 14 having its lower end screw threaded as at 15, extends into the screw threaded opening 13 of the receiving hub 12.

The drum A is filled with fire clay 16, as clearly shown in the drawings. By the term fire clay, I mean to include a clay which is very pliable and yet, which is not muddy or sticky.

A horse shoe 17 is shown in Figure 1 of the drawings arranged upon the clay 16.

The use of clay, preferably known as fire clay, makes it possible to pitch horse shoes towards the stake and when they light upon the clay, they will remain in the position they fall in without bouncing or rolling around.

By using a drum together with the clay therein, for the pitching court, I am able to remove the entire court from place to place which is very advantageous in connection with horse shoe pitching games.

The clay 16, after it has been cut up by horse shoes being pitched therein may be placed back into normal or flat position very easily and for that reason, it is very desirable to use a clay which is pliable and yet not sticky.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the various parts of my invention, without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention and it is my intention to cover by my claims, any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents, which may be reasonably included within their scope.

I claim as my invention:

A pitching court comprising a drum, adapted to be embedded in the ground so that its upper edge is substantially flush with the ground level, a receiving hub on the center of the bottom of said drum, and inclined from vertical a stake mounted in said hub and fire clay around said stake and within the drum for forming a court for horse shoes to be pitched on.

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