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FIG. 1 -

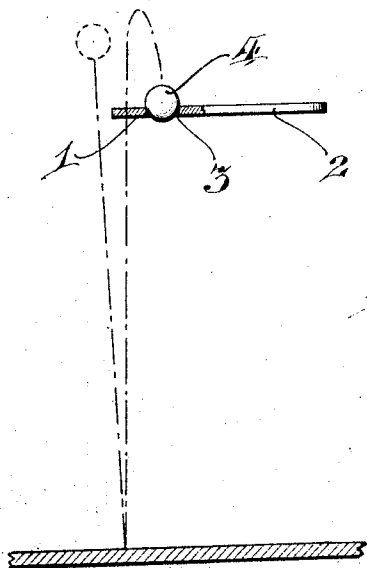


FIG. 2 -

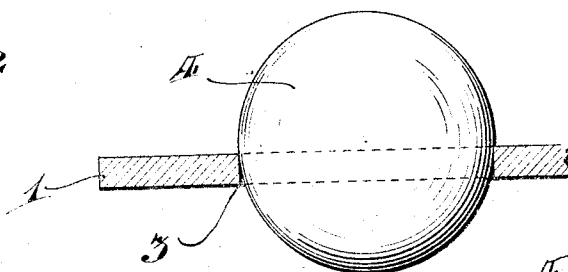


FIG. 6 -

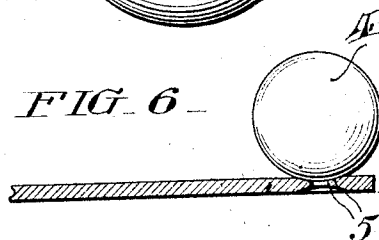


FIG. 4 -

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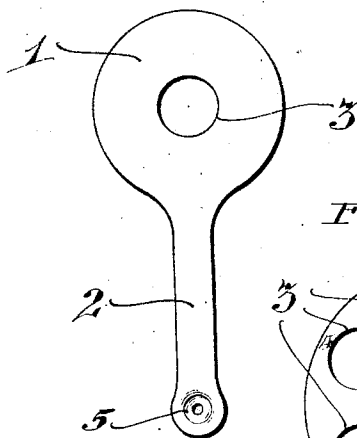
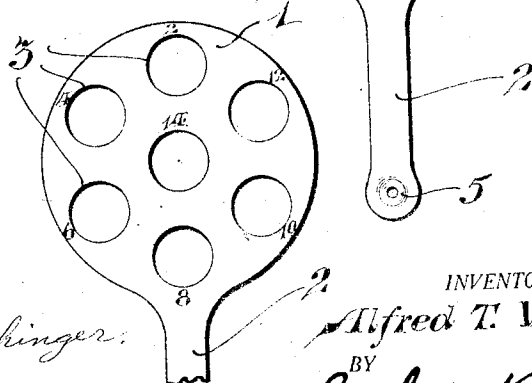


FIG. 5 -



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED T. VOELKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glassboro, in the county of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to game devices and its object is to provide a device in the form of a paddle which may be used with a rubber ball to play various games interesting to the old as well as the young and requiring the exercise of the mind and body.

This object, and other advantageous ends which will be described hereinafter, I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is an edge view partly in section of my paddle diagrammatically illustrating its use with a ball,

Figure 2 an enlarged fragmentary central section through the paddle shown in Figure 1,

Figure 3 a plan view of the paddle,

Figure 4 a like view of one face of another form of paddle,

Figure 5 a like view of the other face, and

Figure 6 a fragmentary longitudinal section through the handle.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates a paddle and 2 a handle on the paddle. The paddle has one or more circular openings 3 in which a rubber ball 4 is caught as shown in Figure 1. The diameter of the opening is smaller than that of the ball and is of such size that the ball may be easily caught therein. Handle 2 has a dished part 5 on its opposite sides in which ball 4 may be caught as shown in Figure 6.

The principle of the game is that the ball shall be caught by the contestant in the opening of the paddle or the dished part of the handle. Many rules may be made for playing a game according to this principle. For example, with a paddle having one opening therein, as shown in Figure 3, the rule may be that the ball shall be dropped from the paddle against the ground and caught on a bounce, as shown in Figure 1, until the player misses. Then the next player is to play until he misses and so on. The

score points may be varied, and the length of the game may be limited by a final score, the number of times each player plays the ball, or by a certain time within which the player must obtain the highest score to win.

With a paddle having more than one opening, as shown in Figure 4, the openings may be numbered, colored or marked in any manner to indicate score points and vary the order in which the openings are to be played. For example, the openings, as shown in Figure 4, have odd numbers on one side of the paddle, and even numbers on the other side of the paddle, as shown in Figure 5, or they may be numbered 1 to 7 on one side and 8 to 14 on the other side. These numbers may be arranged in uniform or zig-zag lines. The number of openings to be used and the different ways they are to be arranged and marked depends on the degree of difficulty desired. For playing with a paddle of this type, a game may be played by catching a ball at one side in opening number 1, then on the other side in opening number 2, or it may be caught on one side in opening number 1 and on the same side in opening number 2. The score points given may be indicated by the number of openings, their color, mark or position. The winner of the game may be the player finishing first in playing all the openings or the one obtaining the highest score within a certain time. More skillful games may be arranged which require the player to catch the ball in one or both dished parts 5 of the handle after obtaining a certain score or after playing a certain number of openings 3. The openings of the paddles and the dished parts of the handle may be arranged and rules may be made for playing easy and difficult games.

In bouncing a ball against the ground or a wall and in giving the paddle the proper movements for catching the ball a person moves and bends the body in different ways and constantly keeps the mind scheming on how to catch the ball, and thus exercises the mind and body.

While I have described my invention as taking a particular form, it will be understood that the various parts may be changed without departing from the spirit thereof, and hence I do not limit myself to the pre-

cise construction set forth, but consider that I am at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly come within the scope of the appended claim.

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

A paddle having an opening therein, and a handle on the paddle having a dished part, the opening and dished part being adapted 10 for catching a ball.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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