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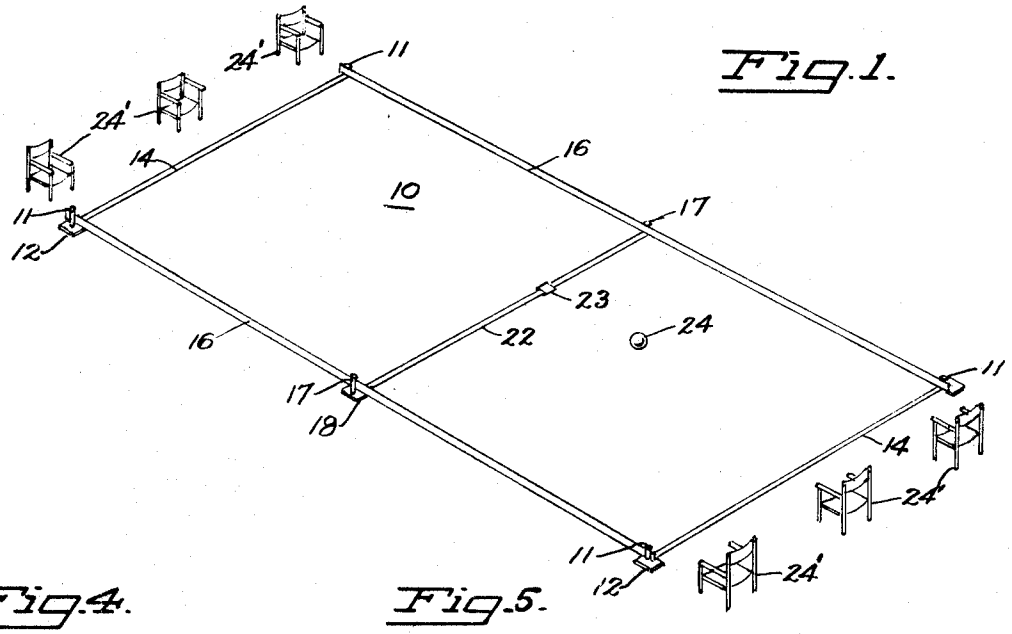


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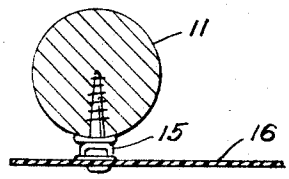


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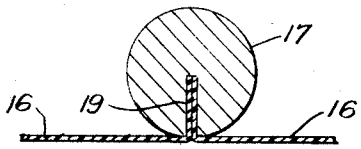


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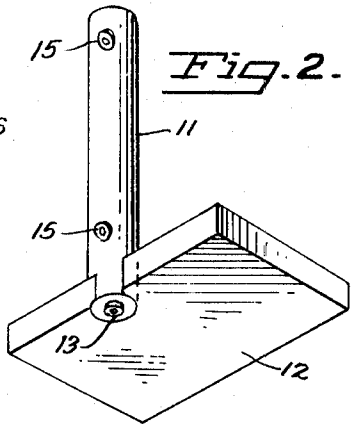


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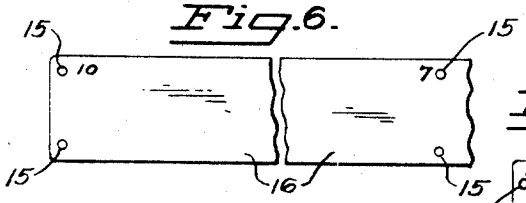


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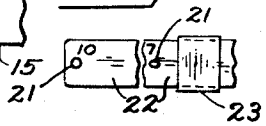


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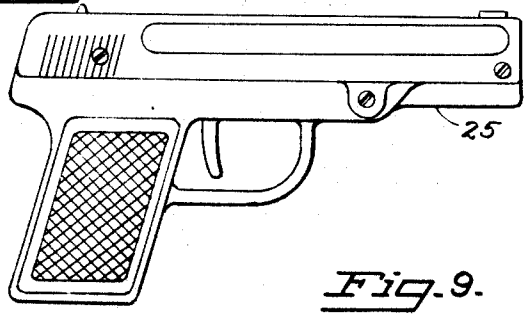


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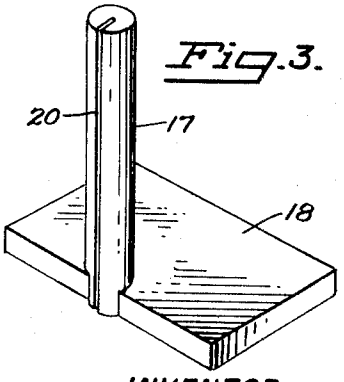
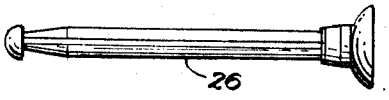


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a game apparatus having game poles with detachable boundary markers which are suitably arranged on a playing field that is defined at its ends by goal line strips and at its sides by lateral boundary strips, the said strips being detachably secured to the game poles. Players arranged in opposing teams stationed behind the goal lines endeavor to direct and advance the ball across an opposing team's goal line by means of dart-like projectiles discharged from toy pistols, while at the same time each team attempts to protect its own goal line by preventing the ball from crossing the same.

The primary object of my invention is to provide improved game apparatus of the kind characterized, which will provide amusement for a number of players.

Other and further objects of my invention will be pointed out hereinafter or will be indicated in the appended claim or will be obvious to one skilled in the art upon an understanding of the present disclosure. For the purpose of this application, I have elected to show herein certain forms and details of a game apparatus which is representative of my invention; it is to be understood, however, that the embodiment of my invention herein shown and described is for purposes of illustration only, and that therefore it is not to be regarded as exhaustive of the invention in the art.

In the accompanying drawing:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the game apparatus embodying the principles of my invention;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view on an enlarged scale of one of the goal posts;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view on an enlarged scale of one of the centrally arranged posts employed in supporting the lateral boundary strips and in holding the center line marker in place;

FIG. 4 is a horizontal, sectional view taken through one of the goal posts;

FIG. 5 is a horizontal, sectional view taken through one of the side posts;

FIG. 6 is a fragmentary part of one of the side strips employed as a lateral boundary defining a side of the playing field;

FIG. 7 is a fragmentary part of one of the narrow strips used as a goal line or the center line of the playing field;

FIG. 8 is a side view of one of the toy pistols used in playing the game; and

FIG. 9 is a side view of a projectile or dart adapted to be fired from the pistol.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral **10** designates a substantially level playing field which may be located indoors or outdoors, wherever suitable facilities are provided therefor. The playing field may be of any suitable size, such as ten feet in width and twenty feet in length, and it is substantially rectangular in shape, with its four corners being marked by upright goal posts **11** which are supported by and secured to properly weighted base members **12**. The base members are each formed with a suitably placed hole within which an end of its associated

goal post snugly fits. Secured to the lower ends of each pair of goal posts, as by suitable snap-on fasteners **13**, are narrow goal line strips **14** lying on the playing field and which define the ends of the playing field. The snap-on fasteners are of the usual type comprising male and female parts which may be pressed together when connected and separated from each other when detached. The male part of each fastener is preferably, although not necessarily, attached to the goal line strip **14** while the female part is carried by the goal post. Either or both end portions of the goal line strips **14** may be provided at suitably spaced intervals with the male parts of the fasteners **13** so the width of the playing field may be increased or decreased if so desired.

Secured to the sides of the goal posts **11**, as by suitable snap-on fasteners **15**, are upright lateral boundary strips **16** which are preferably seven inches in width, more or less. Here also, the male part of each snap-on fastener is preferably secured to the lateral boundary strip **16** while the female part of such fastener is carried by the goal post. The lateral boundary strips **16** are attached to center posts **17** which are detachably supported on suitably weighted base members **18**. The lateral boundary strips **16** are made in two sections which are suitably joined together, as by an adhesive, to provide right angle, projecting flanges, as at **19**, the said joined flanges extending into vertical slots **20** in the center posts. Secured to the lower ends of the center posts **17**, as by snap-on fasteners **21**, is a narrow center line strip **22** which rests on the playing field and is positioned midway between the goal line strips **14**. A suitably colored loop member **23** extending around the center strip **22** and arranged for slidable adjustment on such strip is used as a ball spotter to support and position the playing ball when the play is commenced. Either or both of the end portions of the center line strip **22** may be provided at suitably spaced intervals with snap-on fastener parts to correspond to the arrangement of the fastener parts on the goal line strips. The goal line strips **14**, the boundary strips **16** and the center line strip **22** are preferably made of a suitable plastic material so they each may be compactly rolled for convenient packaging.

A suitable light-weight, hollow, rubber ball **24**, approximately six inches in diameter, is used in playing the game. The ball is placed on the loop member **23** when starting the game. The opposing players of each team, preferably seated on chairs **24'** arranged behind the goal lines, use guns or toy pistols **25** to direct darts or projectiles **26** against the ball, to move it toward and preferably across an opponent's goal line. As shown in FIG. 8, the toy pistol is of the kind commonly used to discharge a dart **26**, such pistol having a coiled compression spring (not shown) which is adapted to be charged when the shank of the dart is forcibly inserted in the barrel of the pistol. The dart is suitably held for firing against the pressure of the spring by a catch member (not shown) which is adapted to be released from the dart by a trigger, to cause the discharge of the dart from the pistol. The constructions of the pistol **25** and the darts **26** are well known, so a detailed illustration thereof is not considered necessary. It is intended that each team, comprising any suitable number of players, shall use darts which have a color distinguishing them from the darts used by the opposing team.

Although not shown on the drawings, the base members **12** and **18** may be provided with suction cups for anchoring such base members to a smooth floor or the like. The strips **14**, **16** and **22** are preferably made from a flexible plastic or a suitable fabric so they may be rolled into compact rolls for storing.

What I claim is:

1. In amusement apparatus of the kind utilizing game

poles with detachable boundary markers arranged on a playing field of substantially rectangular shape, upstanding goal posts positioned at the four corners of the playing field, goal line strips resting on and defining the ends of the playing field, means detachably securing the lower ends of the goal posts to the goal line strips, upstanding center posts positioned at the lateral boundaries of the playing field midway between the goal line strips, a center line strip resting on and extending across the playing field and positioned midway between and parallel to the goal line strips, means detachably securing the center line strip to the lower ends of the center posts, vertical side strips defining the lateral boundaries of the playing field, the side strips being secured to and supported by the goal posts and the center posts, and a ball spotter adjustably fastened to the center line strip.

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