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Fig. 1

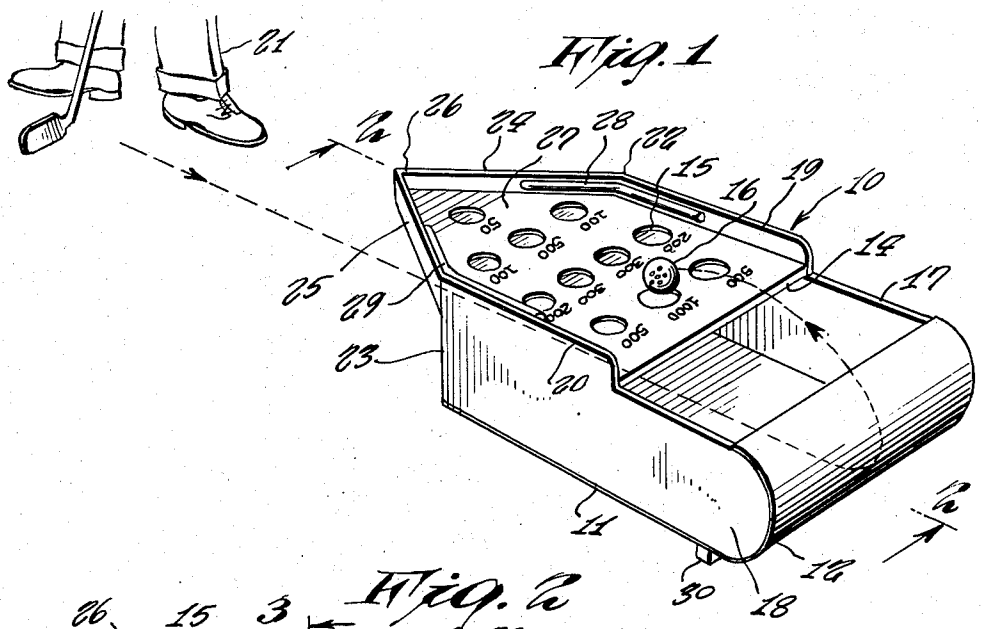


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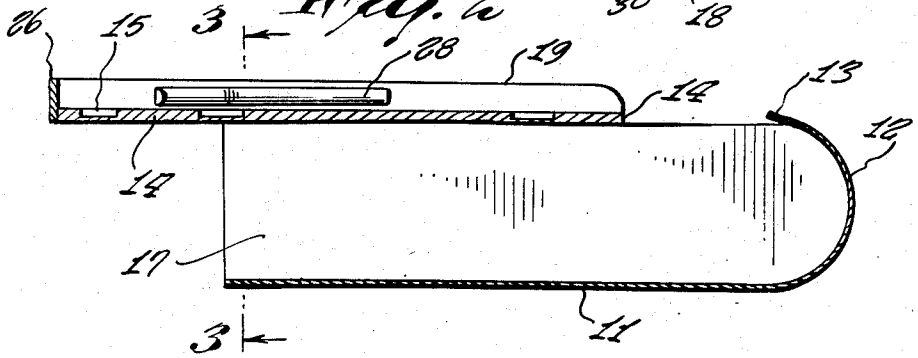
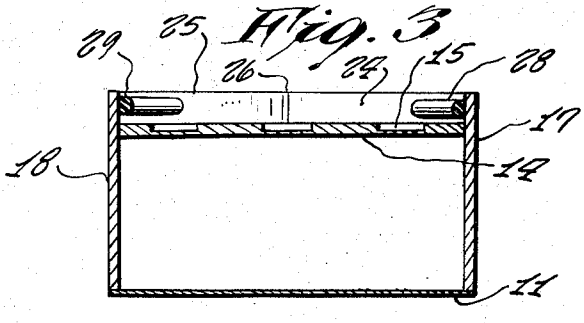


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to a golf game.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a game which is interesting, amusing, involving skill and chance in balanced proportions.

A further object of this invention is to provide a golf game which is simple to understand, durable, compact, and economical to construct.

Other objects and structural details will be apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the attached drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in operation.

Figure 2 is a sectional view thru 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view thru 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings, the device **10** as shown in Figure 1, comprises the flat base board **11** extending into the curved guide section **12** whose upper portion **13** is directed diagonally upward towards the game board **14** containing the recesses **15** variously disposed to provide a series of targets for the ball **16**. So as to tend to retain the golf balls **16**, the diameter of the recesses **15** is somewhat less than that of the balls, but allowing the balls to be displaced therefrom when struck by another ball, thereby permitting the score to change, tending to make the game more interesting. Any number or configuration of recesses **15**, may be provided to suit one's personal desires. An illustrative point assignment for the recesses is depicted. Since those holes nearest the curved guide section **12** are more difficult to get the ball into, they have a higher point assignment. In general, the point assignment should vary inversely with the distance from curved section **12**.

Game board **14** is secured to the side boards **17** and **18** by a press fit, tongue and groove, or any other conventional means. Side boards **17** and **18** are provided with the raised extensions **19** and **20** respectively which extend away from the curved guide member **12** towards the operator **21** to a point beyond the side board ends **22** and **23**, providing the overhanging portions **24** and **25** which taper together to form the angular end **26**. Gameboard **14** is similarly shaped to fit the sideboard configuration, having the triangular end portion **27**.

For rebounding purposes, rubber deflectors **28** and **29** are provided along the sideboards above the gameboard, causing a greater variety of plays possible.

By providing the ledge **30** at the base of board **11**, the device is tilted towards the user causing the balls to return to the user if they fail to jump over to the scoreboard, or if they are displaced by a subsequent ball.

In operation, the player stands about eight or nine feet from the game and strikes the ball with his club, aiming at a particular recess in the gameboard. Since each recess is assigned a different point tally consistent with the attendant difficulty, a great deal of skill is required to direct the balls to those recesses carrying the greatest

point assignment. Obviously by the exercise of constant care and concentration required to produce a good score, the user will increase his accuracy.

The rules of the game can be varied to suit one's needs. The living room rug or the front lawn are possible sites for a little practice.

Sheet metal serves admirably as a material of construction, although plywood, plastic, etc., can also be used advantageously.

Structural variations resulting from numerous changes in size, shape, and material, can be resorted to within the spirit of the invention and scope of the attached claim.

Having thus set forth and described the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

A jump golf game including a box-like structure comprising a substantially flat base board having two substantially parallel side boards extending upwardly from the opposite side edges thereof, the end of the structure nearer to the player being open and the end further from the player having a curved guide portion integral with the base board curving toward the player at its upper edge, a game board fixed between the upper portions of the side boards with one edge thereof spaced a predetermined distance toward the player from the upper edge of the curved guide portion and the game board spaced a distance above the base board and having an advanced overhanging portion extending a distance beyond the base board toward the player, said game board having a plurality of recesses spaced apart for receiving a ball directed upon said game board by said curved guide portion and having indicia disposed adjacent to said recesses to indicate game values for said recesses, the side walls terminating in substantially horizontal upper edges extending from said curved guide portion to the edge of the game board spaced from said guide portion and at the sides of said game board extending integrally upward a short distance at the sides of said game board and extending also upward about the forward end thereof to form a bounding wall for the sides and forward end toward the player for said game board, the space between the edge of the game board and the upper edge of the curved guide portion being open to allow a ball from said guide portion to escape therefrom onto the upper surface of said game board into one of the recesses thereof, wherein the overhanging portion of the game board extending toward the player converges to an acute angle, and the portions of the side walls disposed at the sides of the game board thus converging and also above the main portions of the side walls have resilient horizontally directed ball deflectors attached to the inner surfaces thereof.

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