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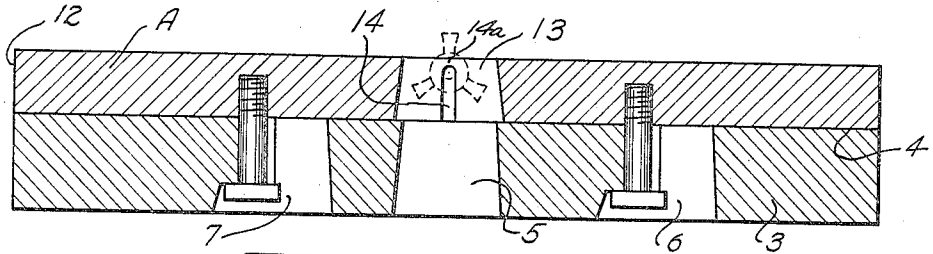


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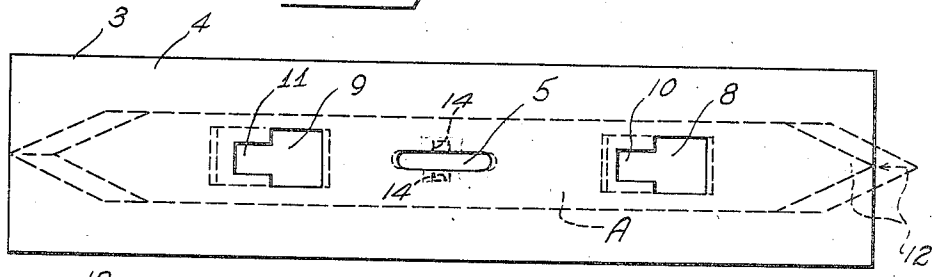


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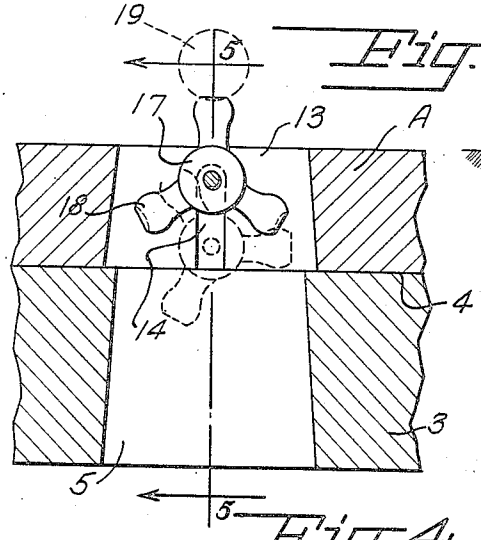


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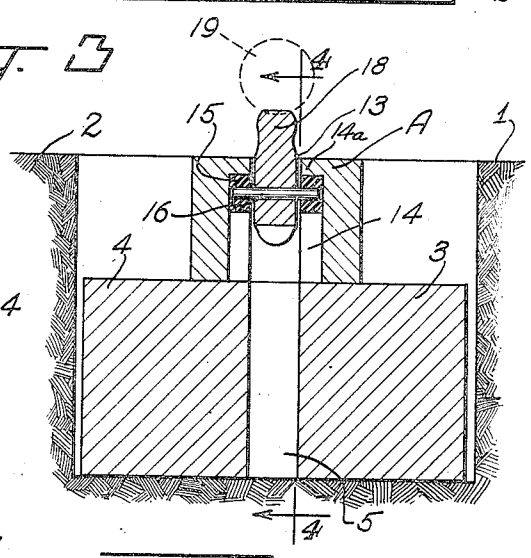


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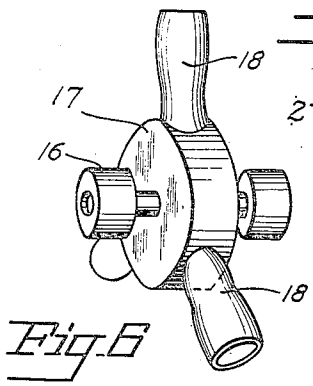


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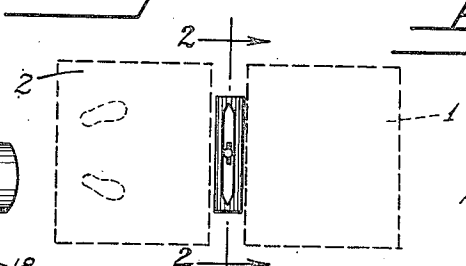


Fig. 1

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This invention relates to a new and novel golf practice and correction device of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of this invention resides in the provision of a device which provides for a rotating tee which provides for a continuous teeing means which is so mounted as to allow for the vertical adjustment of the tee.

Another object of this invention is the provision of a golf practice device which is directed for providing a guiding means for improving the back-swing and follow through of the golfer's swing relative to the teeing means of the device.

Still another object of this invention is the provision of a device of the character set forth and for the purposes set forth which is equally useful and beneficial to either right or left handed golfers and a device which is adaptable for use at golf driving ranges and like outdoor practice tees or for use with cotton balls and the like in restricted areas.

Still a further object of this invention is the provision of a golf practice device of the character described which is of a simple and inexpensive design and which is durable and long lasting in use being so constructed as to allow the removal of the teeing means for the storage and safe keeping thereof.

Still further improvements and advantages of this invention will readily appear to those skilled in the art when the following description is read in the light of the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of the device.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the base block, the guide illustrated in dotted line.

Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the tee wheel.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings which illustrate the preferred embodiments of this invention and in which like numerals indicate similar parts throughout the drawings a pair of raised platforms 1 and 2 are provided of concrete, wood, or the like constructed at a spaced height above the ground and at a spaced parallel end to end position from each other providing standing platforms for right and left handed golfers in proper positions relative to the practicing device positioned relative thereto.

An elongated rectangular block 3 of a suitable

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material and of suitable dimensions is adapted to be placed between the platforms 1 and 2 with top surface 4 thereof disposed at a spaced distance below the tops of said platforms. The block 3 is provided with an oval drainage hole 5 downward through the center thereof allowing the removal of any moisture and dirt collecting thereabove.

The block 3 is also provided with a pair of chambers 6 and 7 opening upwardly through the bottom of the block at equally spaced distances from the center of the block longitudinally therefrom. These chambers open upwardly through the top of said block in identical rectangular apertures 8 and 9 which have restricted slots 10 and 11 extending therefrom for a spaced distance toward the same end of said block.

A second elongated guide block A is provided being of equal length as the base block but of lesser width and terminating at each end in pointed terminations 12.

A pair of depending large headed studs are carried at spaced intervals from the under side of the guide in positions corresponding to the apertures 8 and 9 and adapted for insertion thereinto to permit the locking of the heads of said studs beneath the restricted slot when said guide block is slidably moved in their direction upon the upper surface of said base block.

An elongated rectangular slot 13 is provided in the upper center of the guide block longitudinal therewith and said slot is provided with vertical grooves 14 in the centers thereof opening through the bottom of the block and being bridged at 14*a* at the top.

A rubber bushing 15 is forcibly slidably mounted in each groove and an axle 16 is rotatably mounted in said bushings in a horizontal plane transverse the aperture and chamber. A circular wheel 17 is mounted on said axle and adapted for rotation therewith. This wheel is provided with three extending spokes 18 equally spaced about the circumference thereof and said spokes are provided at their outer ends with cupped depressions adapted to seat a golf ball 19 therein when any one of said spokes is vertically disposed above said wheel.

Thus it may be seen that golf practice tee of a new and novel construction and use has been provided.

It may be readily seen that if the guide block top and base block are of contrasting colors the pointed guide block will form a guide on either side of the teed golf ball for the back swing of the clubhead and the follow through thereof in

striking the ball in a properly executed golf swing. It may also be seen that a vertically adjustable tee means is provided which maintains an easily available tee for the ball at all times.

It is to also be noted that the guide block and tee arrangement mounted therein may be easily removed from the base block for safe storage thereof.

It is to be understood that the materials, sizes, and coloring of any and all parts of the practice device set forth herein may be easily varied without departing from the spirit of the inventive concept.

Having thus described and explained the construction and function of this invention what I desire to claim in Letters Patent is:

1. A practice golf tee comprising an elongated block adapted to be supported in horizontal position at ground level and having an elongated slot through the center portion thereof, said block also having a pair of grooves disposed at respectively opposite sides of said slot, a circular wheel disposed in said slot and having means for supporting a golf ball above said block, a compressible bushing of resilient material in each of said grooves, and an axle extending through said wheel and received at its opposite ends in said resilient bushings respectively, said bushings frictionally engaging the sides of said grooves to hold said wheel at various positions of adjustment relative to said block and frictionally engaging said axle to resist rotation of said wheel.

2. A practice golf tee comprising a first block adapted to be supported below ground level and having a pair of spaced apart chambers therein open to the top of said block and having slots of a width less than the width of said chambers extending respectively from said chambers in the same direction, a second block supported on said first block and having an elongated slot through the center portion thereof, said second block also having a pair of grooves disposed at respectively opposite sides of said slot, a pair of headed studs depending from said second block and engageable in the restricted slots in said first block to releasably secure said second block to said first block, a circular wheel disposed in the slot in said second block and having means for supporting a golf ball above said second block, a compressible bushing of resilient material in each of the grooves in said second block, and an axle extending through said wheel and received at its opposite ends in said resilient bushings respectively, said bushings frictionally engaging the sides of said grooves to hold said wheel at various positions of adjustment relative to said second block and frictionally engaging said axle to resist rotation of said wheel.

3. A practice golf tee comprising a first block adapted to be supported below ground level and having a pair of spaced apart chambers therein opening through the top of said block, said first block also having slots of a width less than the width of said chambers extending from respective chambers in the same direction, a second block supported on said first block and having an elongated slot through the center portion thereof, said second block also having a pair of grooves disposed at respectively opposite sides of said slot, a pair of headed studs depending from said second block and engageable in the slots in said first block to releasably secure said second block to said first block, a circular wheel disposed in said slot and having means for supporting a golf ball above said second block, a compressible bushing of resilient material in each of said grooves, and an axle extending through said wheel and received at its opposite ends in said resilient bushings respectively, said bushings frictionally engaging the sides of said grooves to hold said wheel at various positions of adjustment relative to said block and frictionally engaging said axle to resist rotation of said wheel, and said grooves opening to the bottom surface but terminating short of the top surface of said second block so that said bushings cannot be removed from said second block without first removing said second block from said first block.

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