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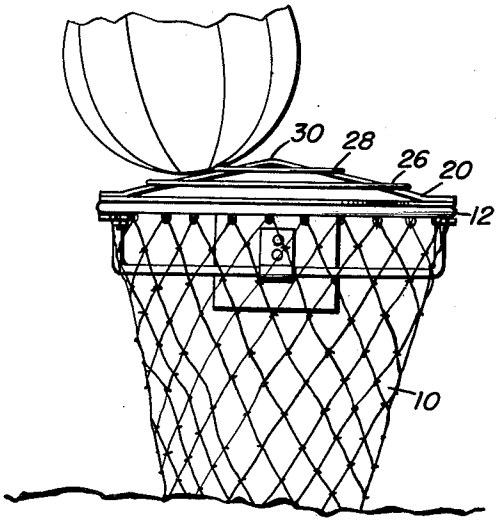


Fig. 1

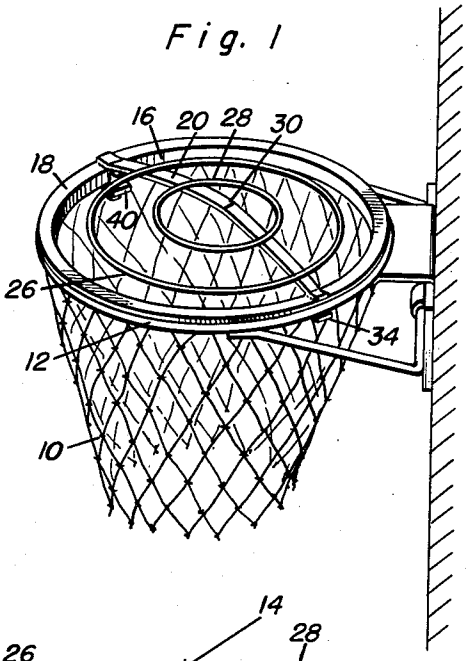


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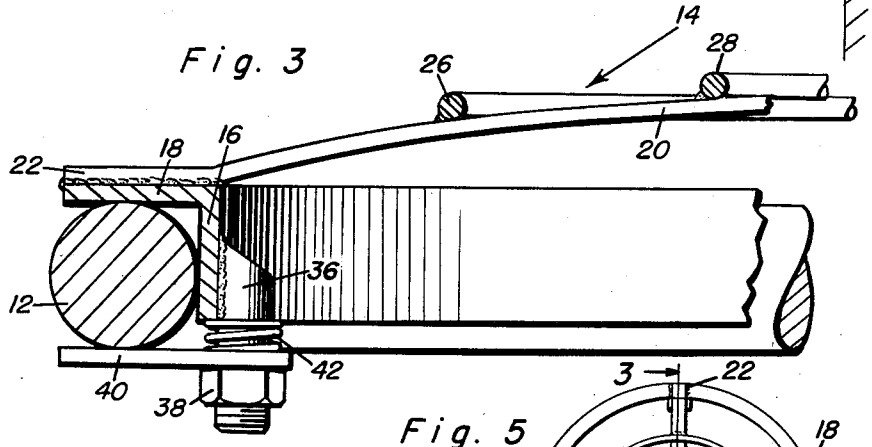


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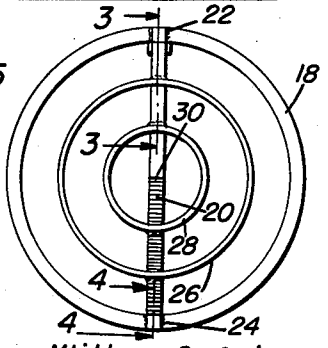
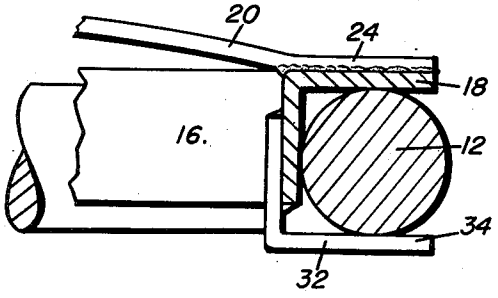


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to athletic equipment and more particularly to a cover for a basketball basket.

The particular object of this invention is to provide means for developing in basketball players additional ability to tap a ball into a basket or to obtain the rebound.

The construction of this invention features a resilient cover for a basketball basket which may be readily installed in engagement with the rim of the basket in a minimum of time by use of a spring pressed clamp. Other features include a plurality of concentric inner rings which together with an upwardly bowed member securing the rings to the outer ring form a resilient surface for providing a striking platform for a basketball which will cause the ball to rebound in a similar manner to natural rebounds caused by the inaccuracy of the shot at the basket.

Still further objects and features of the invention reside in the provision of a tapping and rebound basket for a basketball basket that is strong and durable, simple in construction and manufacture, capable of being readily produced out of easily obtained materials at a relatively low cost, and which may be easily installed on all standard size basketball baskets.

These, together with the various ancillary objects and features of the invention which will become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by this tapping and rebound basket, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated in the accompanying drawings, by way of example only, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the basket as placed upon a basketball basket;

Figure 2 is an elevational detail showing the ball striking the basket;

Figure 3 is an enlarged vertical sectional view as taken along the plane of line 3—3 in Figure 5;

Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view as taken along the plane of line 4—4 in Figure 5; and,

Figure 5 is a top plan view of this invention.

With continuing reference to the accompanying drawings wherein like reference numerals designate similar parts throughout the various views, reference numeral **10** generally designates a basketball basket having a rim **12**, the basketball basket being of conventional construction. The tapping and rebound basket which comprises the present invention is generally indicated at **14** and includes an outer ring **16** formed of steel or other suitable material which has a peripheral outer flange **18** integrally formed therewith or welded thereto. The flange **18** is adapted to seat on the rim **12** with the ring **16** seated within the confines of the rim **12**. An upwardly arcuately convexly bowed member **20** is provided and has end portions **22** and **24** welded to the flange **18**.

The member **20** carries a plurality of concentric spaced inner rings such as at **26** and **28** which are welded to the member **20**. Any desired number of these rings **26** and **28** may be used. The bowed member **20** is provided with a pointed top portion **30** in order to prevent a ball from seating itself on the bowed member thus losing to a player precious moments of practice while the ball is retrieved.

A substantially L-shaped retainer plate **32** is welded to the ring **16** and has a portion **34** extending outwardly therefrom substantially parallel to the flange **18**. The rim **12** is adapted to be retained between the retainer plate **32** and the flange **18**. Furthermore, secured to the ring **16** diametrically opposed from the retainer plate **32** is a threaded rod **36** which carries an adjustable stop **38** in the form of a nut. On the threaded rod **36** there is also rotatably positioned a second retainer plate **40** which is substantially flat and which is biased by spring **42**, which spring **42** also biases the ring **16**. The spring **42** will prevent the retaining plate **40** from rotating after the tapping and rebound basket has been suitably positioned in engagement with the rim **12**. The nut **38** permits the lowermost position of the retainer plate **30** to be set and adjusted.

Since from the foregoing, the construction and advantages of this tapping and rebound basket are readily apparent, further description is believed to be unnecessary.

However, since numerous modifications will readily occur to those skilled in the art after a consideration of the foregoing specification and accompanying drawings, it is not intended to limit the invention to the precise embodiment shown and described, but all suitable modifications and equivalents may be readily resorted to that fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A tapping and rebound basket comprising a cover in combination with a basketball basket having a net supporting ring and a net suspended from said net supporting ring, said cover including an outer ring, a flange on said outer ring, at least one inner ring spaced from said outer ring, an upwardly convex member secured to said inner ring and said outer ring and overlying said flange, closure means secured to said upwardly convex member for preventing passage of a basketball through said basket, a first retainer plate secured to said outer ring and extend outwardly from said outer ring substantially parallel to said flange, a threaded rod secured to said outer ring, an adjustable stop member threadedly secured on said rod, a second retainer plate rotatably secured on said rod, and a resilient member biasing said second retainer plate and said outer ring.

2. A tapping and rebound basket comprising a cover in combination with a basketball basket having a net supporting ring and a net suspended from said net supporting ring, said cover including an outer ring adapted to seat within and concentric to the net supporting ring of said basketball basket, a peripheral flange secured to said outer ring for overlying the net supporting ring of said basket, at least one inner ring spaced from said outer ring, an upwardly convex member secured to said inner ring and said outer ring and overlying said flange, closure means secured to said upwardly convex member for preventing passage of a basketball through said basket, a first retainer plate secured to said outer ring and extending outwardly from said outer ring substantially parallel to said flange, a threaded rod secured to said outer ring, an adjustable stop member threadedly secured on said rod, a second retainer plate rotatably secured on said rod, and a resilient member biasing said second retainer plate and said outer ring.

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