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GAME

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This invention relates to an improvement in games and more particularly to the type of game in which a projectile is moved by the player in an attempt to reach an objective or goal from a starting point, having due regard to a course of play for the projectile including obstacles and if desired representations of scenery, trees, etc.

In the present instance, the game simulates the game of golf but is to be played as a parlor game by means of a ball or other projectile such as small discs which can be advanced on the game surface by engagement of the edges of the disc with an instrument or tool which causes them to slide or jump in a direction influenced by the instrument or tool being utilized.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a parlor game in simulation of a game of golf and which in a very small space provides an entire 18 hole course, although a nine hole or other number of holes may be provided as may be desired; the provision of a single green mounted on a movable member so as to present different aspects thereof to the line of direction of the projectile in accordance with the particular hole of the golf course which is being played; and in combination with such a movable green, which may include obstacles such as sandtraps, bunkers, etc. if desired, a simulated golf course on a flexible belt mounted on a pair of rollers having means for rotating the same so that a representation of any particular golf hole of the eighteen may be juxtaposed with relation to said green whereby the player causes the projectile to move from a tee generally remote from the green, along the course indicated on the belt and roller arrangement, to the green; said belt arrangement by being turned in the appropriate direction then presenting a completely different representation of a different hole, and the green is moved to present a certain predetermined aspect to the new hole, and so on for as many holes as may be desired to be provided.

Other objects of the invention include the provision of a separate movable tee; the provision of movable trees, obstacles and the like, and the representation of nine or eighteen completely different golf holes having indicated thereon bunkers, woods, rough, fairway, traps, water hazards, etc.

The invention further relates to arrangements and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter described and more particularly set forth in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which

FIG. 1 is a plan view illustrating the invention;
FIG. 2 is a view in side elevation thereof, and
FIG. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of FIG. 1.

In carrying out the present invention, the same comprises in general two main parts. One is the movable green member which is generally referred to by the reference numeral 10. In this case it is shown as rotary and is located adjacent to one end of a stand, gameboard or the like generally indicated by the reference numeral 12. This stand, gameboard or the like may take any form which may be desired or convenient and may be mounted on the floor, table, cabinet, etc.

The other main portion of the game comprises a movable belt generally indicated by the reference numeral

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14 and this belt is provided with spaced rollers and crank arrangements such as generally indicated by reference numerals 16 and 18. The belt 14 may be made of canvas, oil cloth, felt or any other suitable material, and its main characteristic is that it is imprinted on its surface with a series of representations of holes of golf, each one of which is different from each of the others. In order to present a different hole of golf to the player, it is merely necessary to turn one crank or the other in the direction desired in order to move or travel the belt from one end to the other.

The cranks are mounted in the stand, preferably in spaced side members such as those at 20, 20 so that the rollers mounted in this manner will be free to be rotated by means of the cranks. The belt, however, always travels in one direction or the other over the solid table top member 24 which supports it and maintains it in position so that movable hazards, etc. such as the representation of trees as well as the projectile by which the game is played may be set thereon in any way desired.

There is a movable tee 26 which is mounted at the beginning of each of the representations of holes of golf. As shown in FIG. 1, the hole is indicated as No. 1 and there is an arrow 28 on the disc 10 which is aligned with the representation of the numeral 1 so that it will be seen that a predetermined aspect of the rotary member 10 upon which the green, indicated at 30, is placed will coincide with the end of the fairway, etc., of hole No. 1. It is to be remembered that there will be nine or eighteen completely different holes of varying lengths and appearance, some of which would only be say 150 yards from the cup 32 and others of which could be as long as 600 yards.

The tee preferably has side members at 34 upon which trees could be placed so that the projectile has to go between the trees which are mounted at either side of the tee on the portions at 34.

The green member 10 may be solid and it has a generally central depression 36 mounted in a depression or the like 38 in the top of the table member 14 at 40, and the cup 32 is in this member so that no matter where the rotary member 10 is rotated, the cup 32 will be in position to receive the projectile.

The belt 14 is preferably narrower than the width of the table top member 24 so that along the edges thereof as indicated at 42, 42 in FIG. 1 the distances may be represented for the lengths of the holes so as to accurately position the same from the representation of the cup at 30.

It is one of the advantages of the present game that a full eighteen course may be represented but every one of the holes is different and with different fairways, hazards, water courses, sandtraps, etc. so that an actual golf course can be portrayed on the belt 14 or an imaginary one may be shown if desired. In any event, the tee will be set a little differently for each hole, the lengths of the holes will be different, the fairways, roughs, woods and water, etc. will all be different for every hole. The disc 10 could be set in eighteen different positions but it is thought that the nine different positions shown in FIG. 1 would clearly be sufficient for providing an attractive and very enjoyable as well as instructive game. By having the rotary green member 10 provided with an arrow for indicating the position for each of nine holes, the players may then be sure that whenever they play any particular hole, it will always be the same. For this reason it is seen that there is a definite correlation between the particular hole being played and the particular rotational position of the rotary green member 10.

The rules of the game may approximate a real game of golf. For instance, the initial drive from the tee,

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whether by a ball or a snapping disc, can be legal only if it falls between the 200 yard marker and the 300 yard marker as represented in FIG. 1, as this would be a normal drive. Of course if the ball goes in the woods or a sandtrap, there may be a penalty as well as for out-of-bounds, etc.

The next actuation of the projectile should place the same more or less within putting distance or at least near the green 30, but of course if the player lands in a trap, it makes it that much more difficult for him to make his projectile fall in the cup. Thus it will be seen that a fair approximation of a real game of golf is made, and the rules of golf easily learned by a beginner.

In order to make the action of the belt 14 smoother, and to prevent unwanted build-up of the rolls at either end, pins or bars 44 may be utilized as clearly shown in FIG. 3 to provide guiding means maintaining the belt 14 flat on the support 24.

Having thus described our invention and the advantages thereof, we do not wish to be limited to the details herein disclosed, otherwise than as set forth in the claims, but what we claim is:

1. A game apparatus comprising a framework including side members and a top member, a pair of rolls, means mounting the rolls on the side members with one roll adjacent an end of the framework and the other roll intermediate the ends of the framework, a belt associated with the rolls and adapted to be wound from one to the other, slots in the top member through which

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the belt passes to have a portion thereof flatly supported on the top member at all times, a series of different representations of individual fairways including hazards, appearing along the length of the belt so that by turning the rolls, different fairways appear on the top member one at a time, a generally flat rotatable element mounted on a vertical axis in the top member between the other end of the framework and the roll that is intermediate the ends of the framework, a series of representations of traps and water hazards generally circumferentially arranged on the flat rotatable element, and the representation of a golf green and hole on the flat rotatable element in the midst of the said traps and water hazards, the rotatable element being rotated to align a predetermined trap or water hazard with the general longitudinal axis of the belt to vary the approaches to the green according to different fairways presented on the top member.

2. The game apparatus of claim 1 including a movable tee placed on the belt at the start of each fairway in accordance with the particular fairway representation.

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