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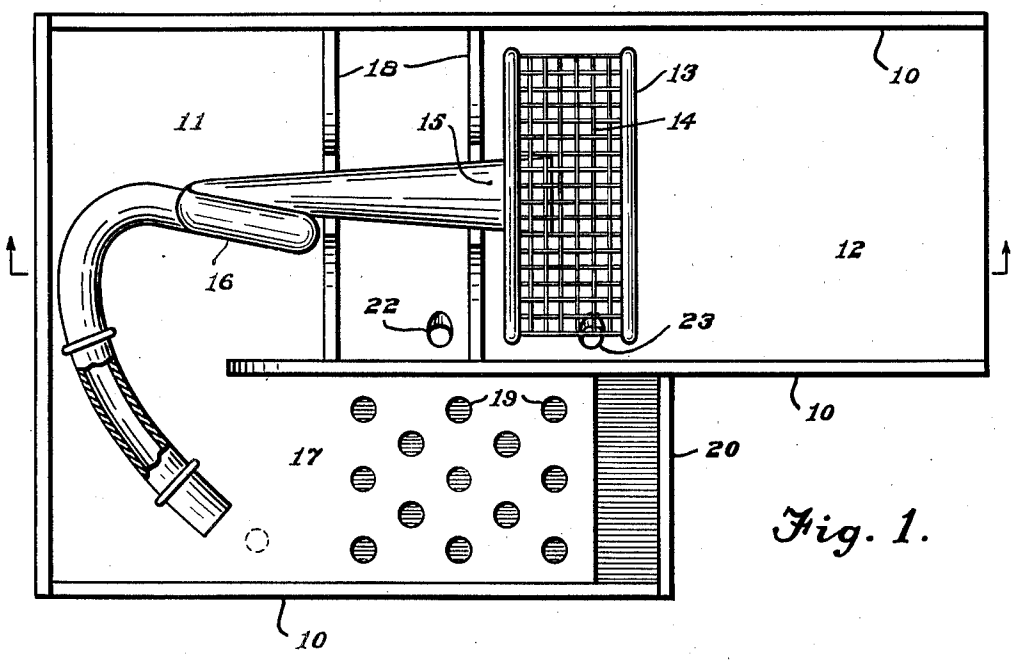


Fig. 1.

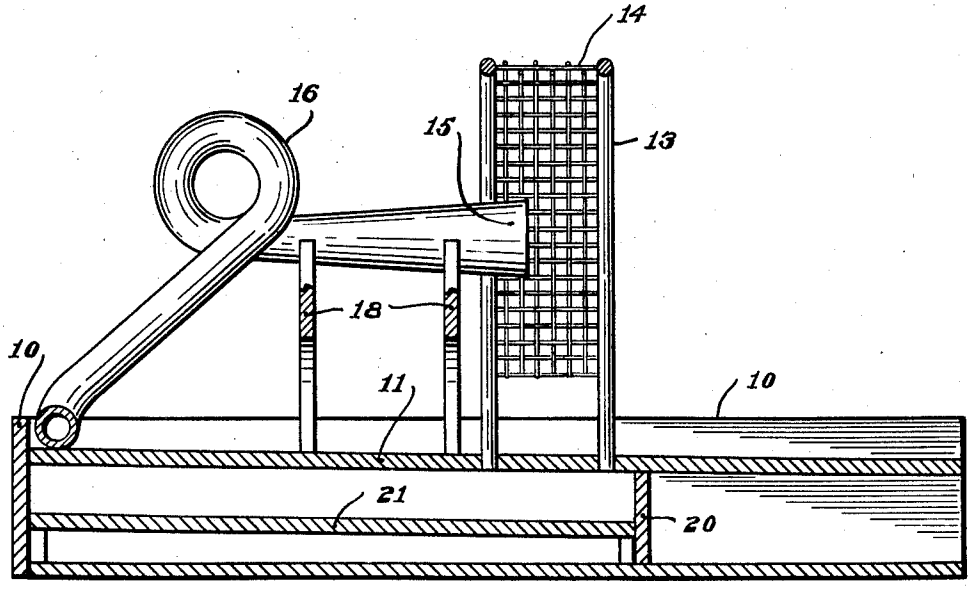


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT A. LYCHOU, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chester, in the county of Delaware and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Golf-Practicing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a golf practicing device, and one of the principal objects of the invention is to provide means for indoor practice which shall not only tend to train the user in the art of striking the ball, but shall also train him with regard to accuracy of aim.

Another object is to produce a device of this nature which may be adapted for use as a game at beaches and summer resorts, and in which skill and control is required to score.

Another object of the invention is to produce a device of this nature which shall be simple of construction, cheap to manufacture, and highly efficient for the purpose for which it is designed.

With these and other objects in view, the invention resides in certain novel features of construction and combination and arrangement of parts, the essential features of which are hereinafter fully described, are particularly pointed out in the appended claims, and are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my golf practicing device.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken substantially on line 2—2 of Figure 1, parts being broken away for the sake of clearness.

Like characters of reference refer to like parts in both views.

Referring to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that I provide side frames 10 which support and enclose a slightly inclined table indicated generally as 11, the surface of which is divided into a number of separated areas which will be specifically designated hereinafter. The table is set at an incline so as to effect the return of the balls to the proper receptacle as will be later on more fully explained.

At the front of the table, I mark off a space 12 from which the playing is done. From here the ordinary golf balls are driven as in the regular game.

In rear of the space 12, I erect a framework 13 which may be of pipe or other suitable material, and which supports a net 14 for intercepting the flight of the golf balls. In the center of this net, I insert the large end 15 of a funnel-shaped tube which forms a complete loop 16, and then leads away to discharge diagonally across the scoring board 17. The larger end of the tube is supported on parallel disposed brackets 18. The tube may be of considerable size at the aperture in the net, and then tapers down to a comparatively small diameter at the point of egress of the balls. The scoring board 17 is provided with a number of apertures 19 to which may be assigned different values or scores. A partition 20 and floor 21 complete the enclosure for receiving the returned balls, the portion 17 being cut away at 22 for the two-fold purpose of receiving non-scoring balls, and of permitting the balls to be removed. An aperture 23 permits balls which are driven against the net and which drop dead, to be returned to the receptacle with the other balls under the scoring board.

In playing the game, not only does the player drive the ball in the direction of the net, but he must try to drive the same into the mouth of the funnel 15. Sufficient force must be exerted to drive the ball around the loop and out the small end, and at the same time, the force must be controlled so as not to drive the ball out with such velocity that it will strike the outer guard of the scoring board and skim therealong without scoring. The game therefore develops not only the aim of the player, but also the speed and control.

This device can also be made as a toy and provided with a spring operated manikin to effect driving of the ball.

While I have described what I deem to be the most desirable embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that many of the parts may be varied without in any way departing from the spirit of my invention, and I therefore do not limit myself to the exact details of construction herein shown nor to anything less than the whole of my invention limited only by the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A golf practicing device comprising a net, a tubular member supported with one end in said net and formed with a loop in rear of said net, and means for supporting said tubular member.

2. A device of the class described comprising an inclined table including a play-

ing field and a scoring board, an apertured net arranged in rear of said playing field, a tapered conical tube supported in rear of said net with its large end in juxtaposition to the aperture in said net and with its small end emptying on said scoring board, said tube being looped between its ends and means co-operative with said scoring board for forming a ball receiving receptacle in juxtaposition to said playing field and connected with the space adjacent to said net.

3. A golf practicing device comprising a table, a frame rising therefrom between its ends, a net fixed to the frame, a pair of parallel supports arranged in the rear of the frame, a tube looped between its ends and having one end elevated by resting upon the parallel supports, said tube being tapered with its large end underlying a portion of said net, a scoring board laterally associated with said table and the small end of the tube being arranged adjacent the scoring board in a manner whereby golf balls which pass through said tube will be deposited on the scoring board.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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