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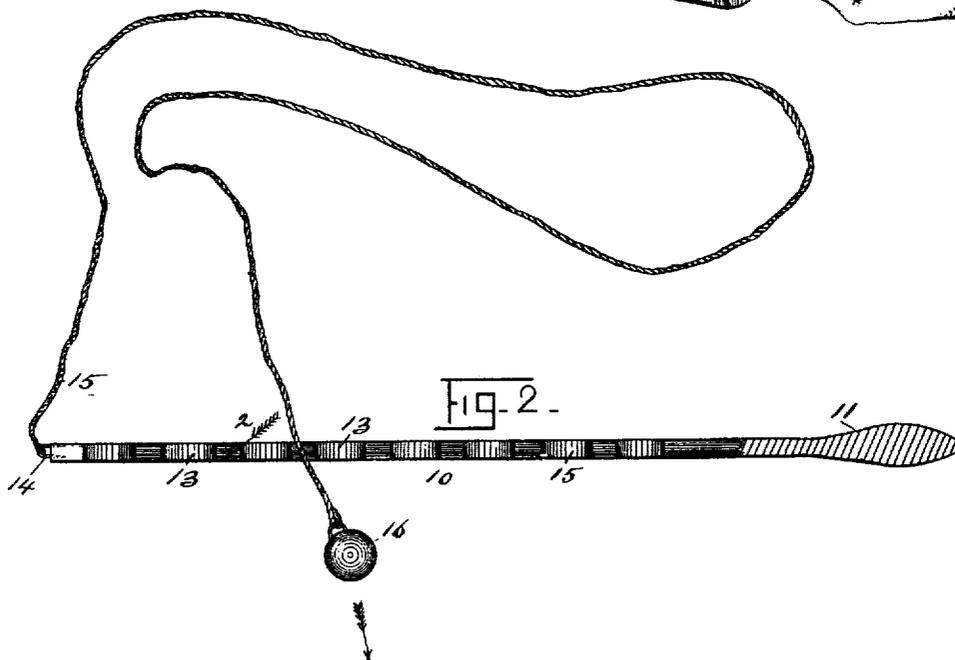
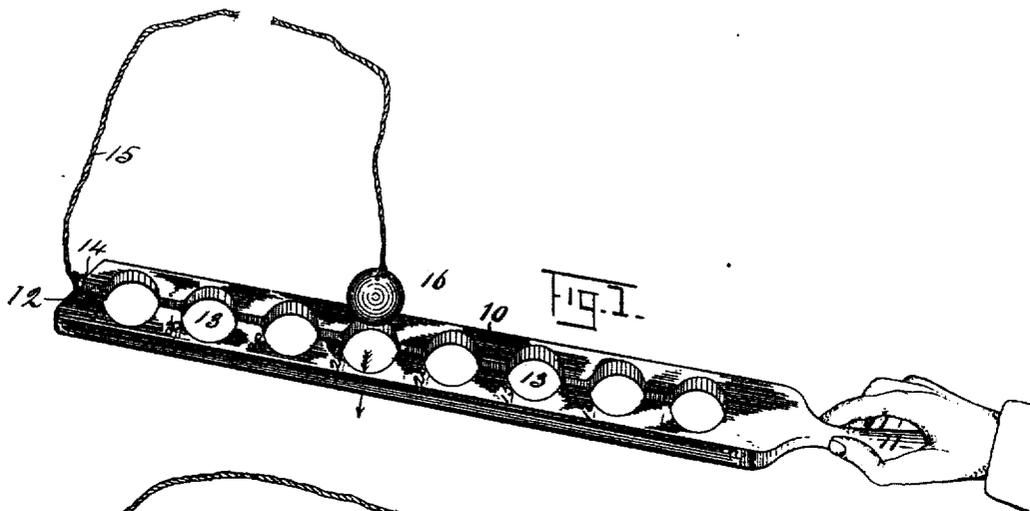
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN S. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Warren, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Toys and Games, which improvements are fully set forth and described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying sheet of drawings.

This invention is in that class of toys and games in which the well-known shuttlecock and cup and ball are familiar types, the object of this class of games or toys being to provide at a moderate cost a healthful amusement, and one that at the same time shall furnish the hand and eye skillful training.

To clearly explain my said invention, I have annexed a sheet of drawings illustrating the same, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved toy, and Fig. 2 a longitudinal central sectional view of the same.

Referring to these drawings, 10 indicates a flat blade, made, preferably, of wood, and formed at one end with a handle 11 of convenient size and shape. Said blade portion is split longitudinally, the two half-sections being separated by a slit 12 about the width of an ordinary saw-kerf, said slit or kerf extending from the base of the handle 11 to the opposite end of the blade. At stated distances in said blade are several circular openings 13, that are cut in two by the kerf 12, so that a connecting-slit is provided between the said circular openings 13. Driven firmly into the blade at its end opposite the handle is an eye or staple 14, to which is secured a string 15, having fastened to its free end a ball 16, that may be of such size as to easily pass through any of the openings 13. String 15 should be of considerable length, preferably several feet.

When it is desired to use my described toy, the handle 11 is grasped by one hand and the ball 16 is taken in the other hand. The ball is then tossed into the air, and as it de-

scends the blade is held so that it (the ball) is caused to pass through one of the circular openings 13. These openings, if desired, may be marked with figures, as shown, to count for game, the effort, of course, being to cause the ball to pass through the openings indicated by the highest figures, and thus increase the sum total of the game as rapidly as possible. When so played, the player counting the highest for game in a given number of "throws" wins. Another method of playing is rendered possible with my toy by providing a ball that is of such size that it will enter the openings 13, but will not pass through, except under some pressure. When so used, the split blade serves as a spring-clamp that will yield sufficiently to receive the ball, and then clasp it quite firmly. When used with a small ball, as first above described, the slit 12 allows the attached cord 15 to follow the ball as it passes downward through the blade, the string being drawn outward through said slit in the direction of the arrow 2 in Fig. 2, thus leaving the ball and string ready for immediate use, instead of having to withdraw them through the blade, as would be necessary if the openings 13 were unbroken circles.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. The within-described toy and game, consisting of a blade having a series of circular openings, and also a slit connecting said openings and leading outward at one end of the blade, as set forth, a cord secured to the split end of said blade, and a ball attached to the free end of said cord, all substantially as specified.

2. A blade with circular openings and slit, as set forth, and having a handle at one end, in combination with a cord and ball, as described, said blade being marked with figures adjacent to the circular openings, as and for the purpose specified.

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