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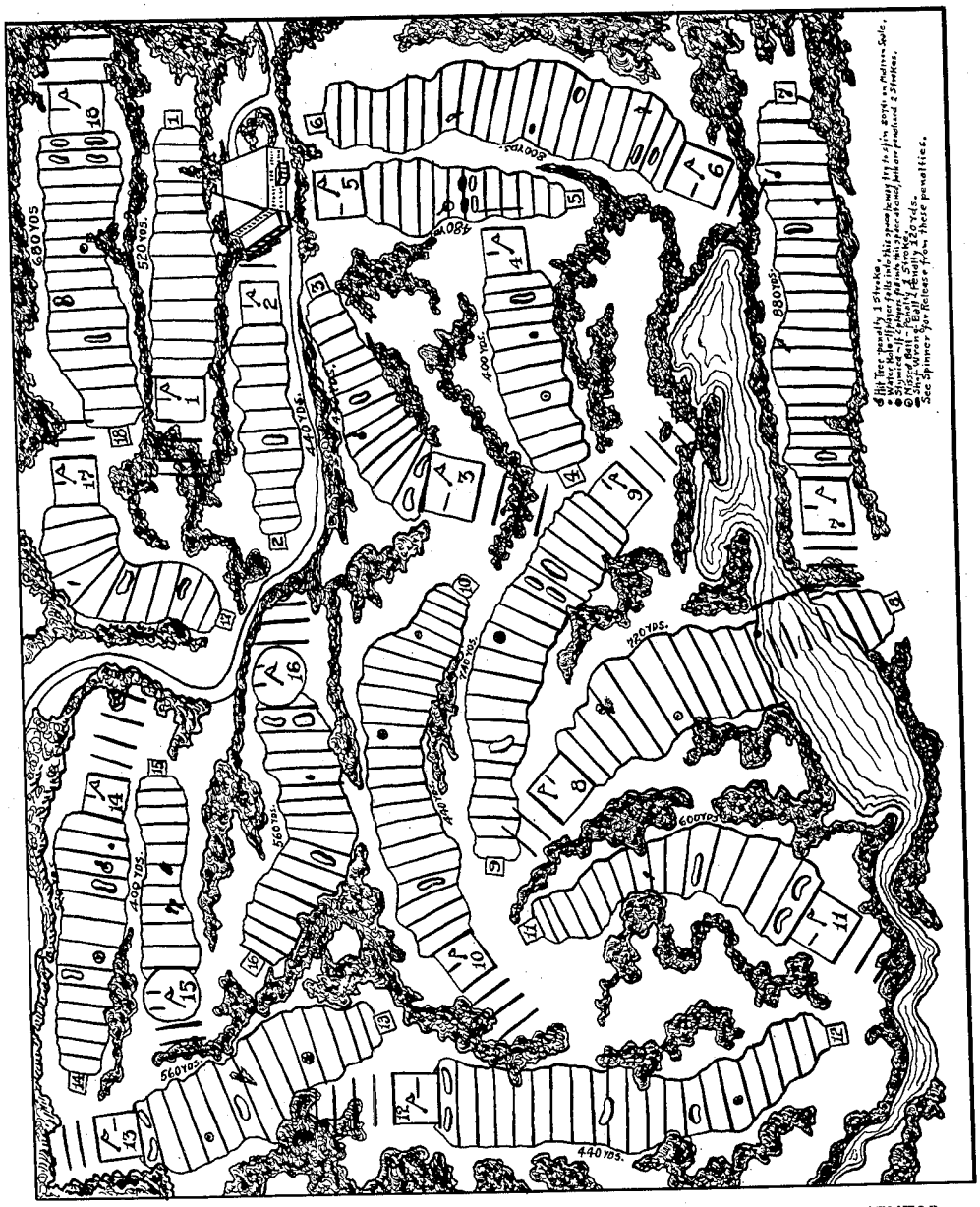


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Fig. 2.

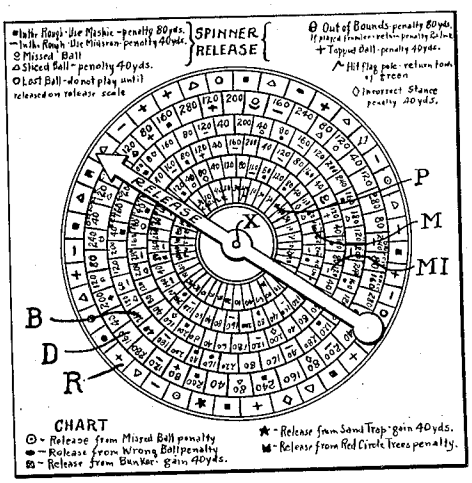


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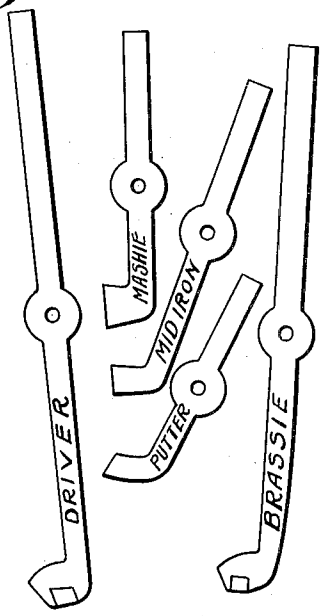


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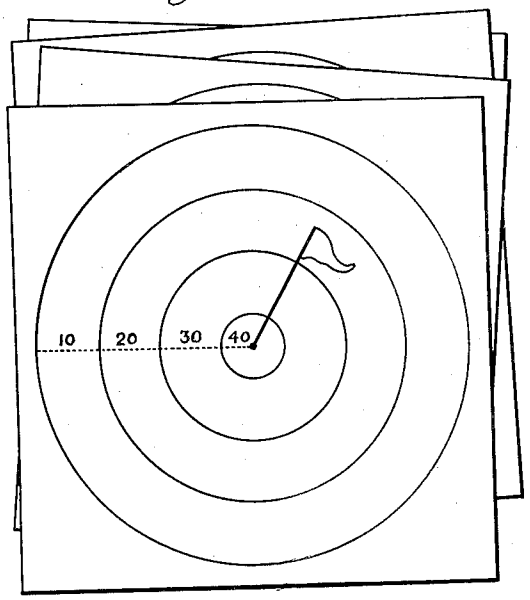
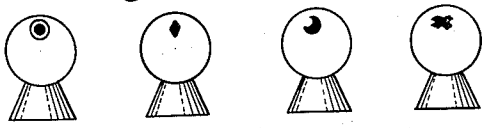


Fig. 4.



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The object of my invention is to provide an apparatus by means of which there may be played, by any suitable number of players, a game simulating a game of golf.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Fig. 1 is a diagram illustrating a satisfactory playing chart;

Fig. 2 a plan of a play designator or determinator;

Fig. 3 a plan of a set of greens charts;

Fig. 4 elevations of the playing pieces, and

Fig. 5 a plan of a series of spinners simulating the various golf clubs and formed for individual use in conjunction with the play designator or determinator shown in Fig. 2.

In the drawings Fig. 1 is a playing chart illustrating diagrammatically a golf course upon which the various links are charted and over which the playing pieces may be traversed, the distance between each tee and its green, and beyond, being charted in successive steps, say, twenty yards each, and each of the links having arranged thereon, or adjacent thereto, indications of such hazards as may be desired.

In Fig. 2 I show a means by which successive plays may be indicated or determined, such means being a spinner chart provided at its center with a post "X" upon which may be mounted, for spinning, any one of a series of the spinners shown in Fig. 5, each of said spinners being individualized by form, marking or name to simulate a particular playing implement as, for instance, a club commonly used in playing golf. In addition to the spinners shown in Fig. 5, I also provide the "release" spinner shown in Fig. 2.

The spinner chart is provided on its face with a plurality of concentric play-indicating designations, each comprising play designations corresponding to the several spinners already mentioned. For instance, the inner series "P" gives indications for putter play and penalties; series "M" gives indications for mashie play and penalties; series "MI" gives indications for midiron play and penalties; series "B" gives indications for brassie play and penalties; series "D" gives indications for driver play and penalties; and series "R" is a series of indications, in arbitrary succession, corresponding to the various penalty indications appearing in series P, M, MI, B and D, and on the playing chart, as well as any additional release symbols which may be desired.

The face of the chart outside of the concentric scales, as indicated in Fig. 2, bears explanations of the several symbols appearing on the chart.

In Fig. 3 I show a set of four greens charts which are provided to be used one by one of the players, in indicating plays directly upon the greens. This particular element of the apparatus is a convenience but not a necessity because the small greens upon the chart, Fig. 1, may be marked to indicate yardage and the greens play indicated thereon although the playing pieces would be unquestionably crowded where all the players are on a green at one time. Each of these greens cards is marked with a series of concentric circles preferably indicating distances in feet, and a center indicator to indicate the hole.

It will be readily understood that while I have illustrated my apparatus as of a character to permit the playing of a game simulating golf, nevertheless, by appropriate changes in the chart designator and card items, other subject matter may be utilized as the basis of the game.

In playing the game each of the players will be given one of the "men" shown in Fig. 4 and one of the greens cards shown in Fig. 3. Each player in turn will then select an appropriate spinner, according to his own ideas of the manner in which he desires to play his next shot, and, after placing it upon post "X" of the play-designating chart, will cause the same to spin around. When it comes to rest the indication opposite its designating end, on the concentric series of play-designating indications corresponding to the selected spinner will determine the position to which his playing piece is to be advanced on the link which is being played.

If that designation also comprises a penalty indication, the player removes his club spinner and substitutes the release spinner and spins the same with the hope that it may come to rest opposite a symbol corresponding to the penalty symbol opposite which his club spinner has previously come to rest in which case, and in which case only, he will be released from the penalty which has been indicated by his club spinner.

It will of course be understood that an almost endless variety of penalty indications and release indications may be provided

without departing from the spirit of my invention, the essential characteristic of which is the spinner chart comprising a plurality of concentric series of play designations corresponding to particular playing pieces, and a series of independently usable spinners corresponding to the chart indications, or a single spinner transversing all of the scales.

It will be readily understood that, instead of a multiplicity of spinners a single spinner may be utilized, the player announcing, in advance of each play, the particular portion of the designator chart to be utilized for the intended play, but that utilization of a single spinner in that manner would always leave room for argument as to what the preceding announcement of the player had been.

For convenience the chart shown in Fig. 2 comprising a plurality of series of play designations and penalties corresponding to a plurality of playing implements, and a coordinated series of release symbols will be referred to as a play designator and the spinner or spinners, or chart-traversing element or elements, will be referred to as a playing-implement indicator, or indicators.

I claim as my invention:

1. A game apparatus comprising a game chart indicating a series of courses to be traversed, each of said courses comprising a series of steps at successive distances; a single play-designator chart comprising a coordinated multiplicity of series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated, and a coordinated series of release indications, and means, associable with said play designator serving as a playing-implement indicator and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

2. A game apparatus comprising a game chart indicating a series of courses to be traversed, each of said courses comprising a series of steps at successive distances and a chart bearing adjacent said courses desired play-obstructing indications; a single play-designator chart comprising a coordinated multiplicity of series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated, and a coordinated series of release indications corresponding to the play-obstructing indications, and means, associable with said play designator serving as a playing-implement indicator and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

3. A game apparatus comprising a game chart indicating a series of courses to be traversed, each of said courses comprising a series of steps at successive distances; a single play-designator chart comprising a coordinated multiplicity of series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated and coordinated series of play-obstructing indications, and a coordinated series of release indications corresponding to the play-obstructing indications, and means, associable with said play designator serving as a playing-implement indicator and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

4. A game apparatus comprising a game chart indicating a series of courses to be traversed, each of said courses comprising a series of steps at successive distances, and a chart bearing adjacent said courses desired play-obstructing indications; a single play-designator chart comprising a coordinated multiplicity of series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated and coordinated series of play-obstructing indications, and a coordinated series of release indications corresponding to the play-obstructing indications, and means, associable with said play designator serving as a playing-implement indicator and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

5. A game apparatus comprising a game chart indicating a series of courses to be traversed, each of said courses comprising a series of steps at successive distances; a single play-designator chart comprising a coordinated multiplicity of series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated, and a coordinated series of release indications, and a series of playing-implement indicators individually associable with and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

6. A game apparatus comprising a game chart indicating a series of courses to be traversed, each of said courses comprising a series of steps at successive distances and a chart bearing adjacent said courses desired play-obstructing indications; a single play-designator chart comprising a coordinated multiplicity of series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated, and a coordinated series of release indications corresponding to the play-obstructing indications, and a series of play-implement indicators individually associable with and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

7. A game apparatus comprising a game chart indicating a series of courses to be traversed, each of said courses comprising a series of steps at successive distances; a single play-designator chart comprising a coordinated multiplicity of series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated and coordinated series of play-obstructing indications, and a coordinated series of release indications corresponding to the play-obstructing indications, and a series of playing-implement indicators individually associable with and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

8. A game apparatus comprising a game chart indicating a series of courses to be traversed, each of said courses comprising a

series of steps at successive distances and a chart bearing adjacent said courses desired play-obstructing indications; a single play-designator chart comprising a coordinated multiplicity of series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated, and coordinated series of play-obstructing indications, and a coordinated series of release indications corresponding to the play-obstructing indications, and a series of playing-implement indicators individually associable with and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

9. A play designator chart for game apparatus comprising in a single unit a multiplicity of coordinated series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated and a coordinated series of release indications, and means, associable with said play-designator chart serving as a playing-implement indicator and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

10. A play designator chart for game apparatus comprising in a single unit a multiplicity of coordinated series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated, a coordinated series of play-obstructing indications and a coordinated series of release indications corresponding to the play-obstructing indications, and means, associable with said play-designator chart serving as a playing-implement indicator and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

11. A play designator chart for game apparatus comprising in a single unit a multiplicity of coordinated series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated, and a coordinated series of release indications, and a series of playing-implement indicators individually associable with and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

12. A play designator for game apparatus comprising in a single unit a multiplicity of coordinated series of distance indications by which the extent of any play may be designated, a coordinated series of play-obstructing indications, and a coordinated series of release indications corresponding to the play-obstructing indications, and a series of playing-implement indicators individually associable with and capable of traversing the indications of the designator.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 24th day of October, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

HERBERT G. JENNINGS.