

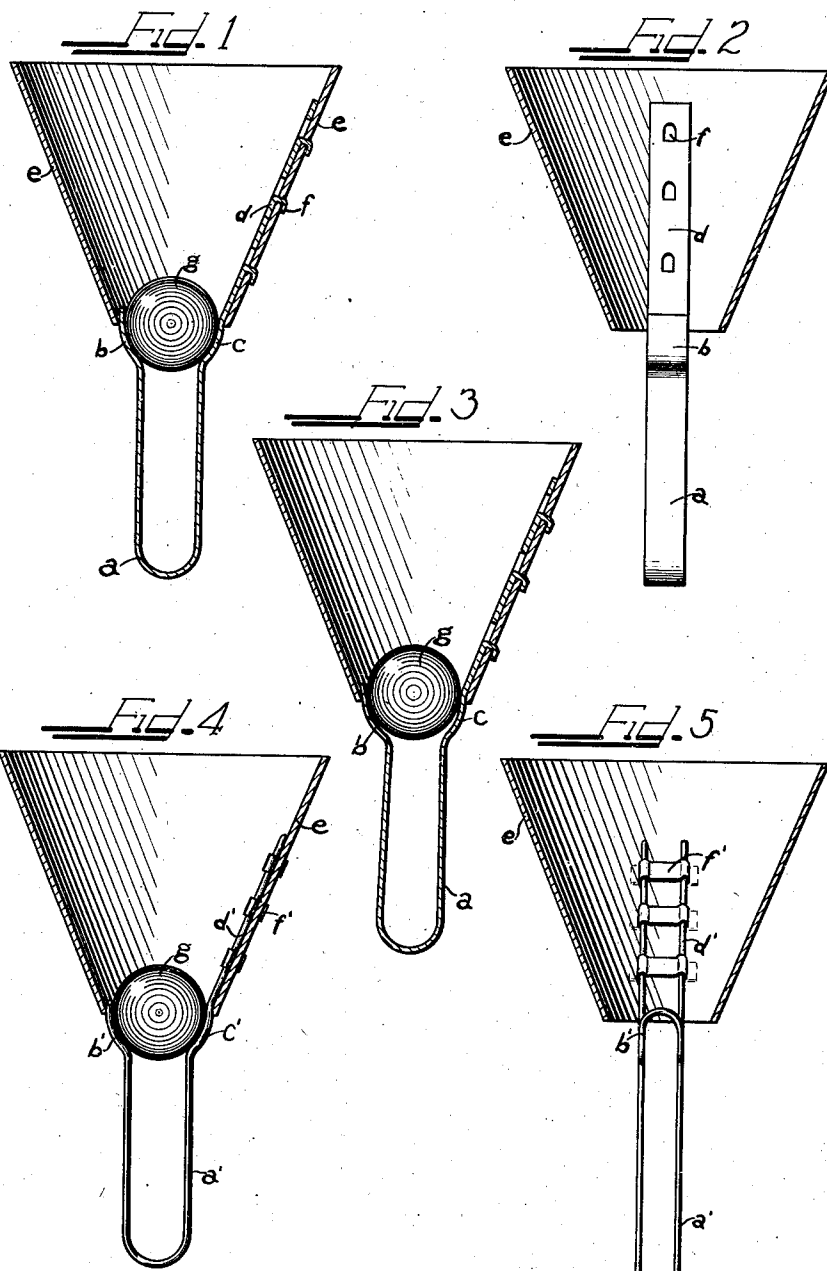
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This invention relates to a cup arrangement serving for catching and throwing a ball by the player.

Arrangements of this kind are already known in which a special device for throwing or flinging the ball is provided in addition to the cup and the handle. In many cases both hands must be used when playing, whilst in others a special spring has to be set in tension.

The ball and cup game of the present invention enables the cup to be operated with one hand, without any special difficulty, because the handle of the cup is so designed—in order to serve at the same time for throwing or slinging the ball—inside the cup that it grips the ball after the manner of a tongs and, on being squeezed, allows the ball to slip out and be flung. The handle is preferably designed as a spring bow, in order that it may return into the catching position after the ball has been discharged.

In order more clearly to understand the invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawing, which illustrates diagrammatically and by way of example, some embodiments thereof, and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation and

Fig. 2 a front elevation; whilst

Fig. 3 is a side elevation during the compression of the handle, for discharging the ball.

In Figs. 1 to 3 the handle is made, for example, of strip material.

Figs. 4 and 5 are side and front elevations respectively of an embodiment in which the handle is constructed of bent wire.

The bent branches *b*, *c* of the handle grip the ball *g* in such a way that it slips out and is discharged when the handle is squeezed. This moment is represented in Fig. 3. The branch *c* is provided with an extension *d*, serving for its attachment to the cup *e*. With this object, tongues *f* are stamped out in Figs. 1 and 2, and are passed through slits in the cup *e* and bent round.

In the embodiment shown in Figs. 4 and 5, special clips *f*, are provided for fixing the member *d* to the cup.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A ball cup for ball and cup games in which a ball is thrown from a cup, said cup being open at its upper and lower ends, and being provided

with a U-shaped handle of spring material within the cup and extending downwardly therefrom, one leg of said handle being secured at its upper end to said cup and the other leg having its upper end free within the cup, both of said legs being shaped at a point adjacent the lower end of said cup to define a ball clamp, said handle being arranged to be squeezed in the hand of a user to release a ball as the ball is being thrown from the cup.

2. A ball cup for ball and cup games in which a ball is thrown from a cup, said cup being conical in form and being open at both ends, said cup being provided with a U-shaped handle of spring material within the cup and extending downwardly therefrom through the reduced end of the cup, one leg of said handle being secured at its upper end to said cup and against the inner face of the wall of the cup and the other leg of said handle having its upper end free within said cup, both of said legs being shaped at a point adjacent the reduced end of said cup to define a ball clamp, said handle being arranged to be squeezed in the hand of a user to release a ball as the ball is being thrown from the cup.

3. A ball cup for ball and cup games in which a ball is thrown from a cup, said cup being open at its upper and lower ends and having upper and lower terminal edges, a handle for said cup shaped to define a ball clamp and a ball pocket immediately below the lower edge of said cup, said handle being formed of a bowed piece of spring metal having one end secured to said cup and having the other end free and terminating adjacent the lower end of said cup, said handle being arranged squeezable in the hand of a user to release a ball as the ball is being thrown from the cup.

4. A ball cup for ball and cup games in which a ball is thrown from a cup, said cup being shaped in the form of a funnel and open at its upper and lower ends, a handle secured to and extending below the lower end of said cup and shaped to define a ball clamp adjacent the lower end of said cup, said handle being formed of a bowed piece of spring metal having one end secured to said cup and having the other end free and terminating adjacent the lower end of said cup, said handle being arranged squeezable in the hand of a user to release a ball as the ball is being thrown from the cup.

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