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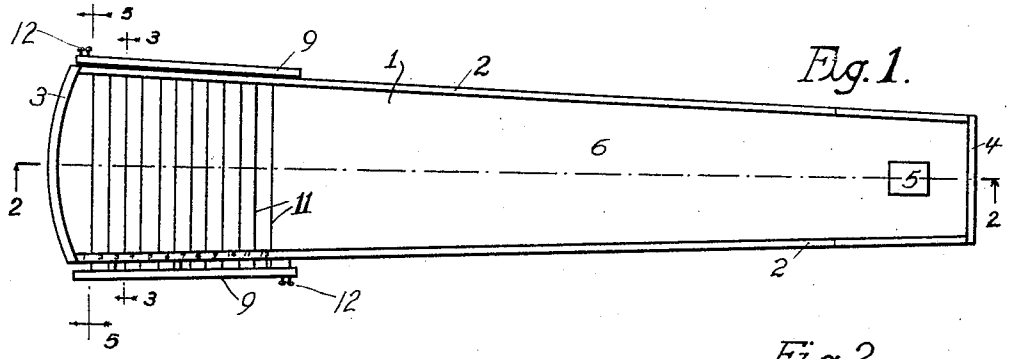


Fig. 1.

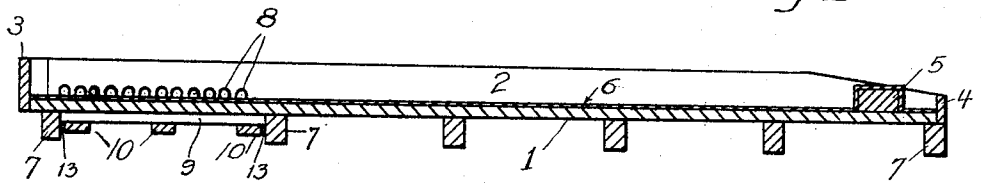


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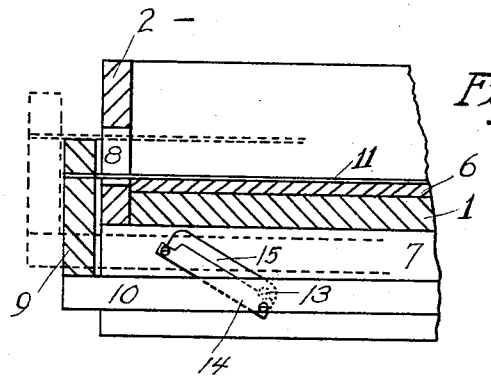


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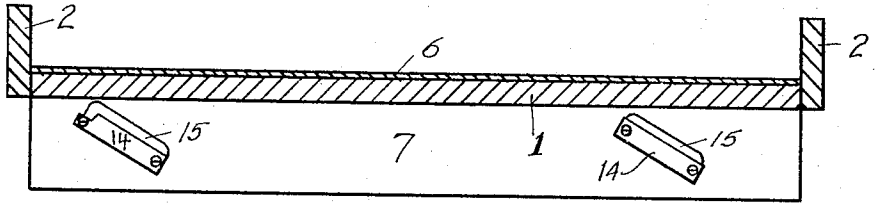
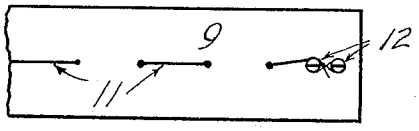


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This invention relates to games and more particularly to a form of golf game and apparatus for use in playing same.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved, interesting and amusing game, together with apparatus for the playing of same.

The invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter more particularly described and claimed. The specification is accompanied by one sheet of drawing in which like reference characters indicate like parts throughout.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved apparatus.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal vertical cross section taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary vertical transverse cross section taken on lines 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an elevation view of one of the balls for use with the game.

Figure 5 is a vertical transverse cross section on line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary detailed elevation of supporting member 9.

The improved golf board comprises a relatively long and slightly tapering board 1, which is provided with a plurality of transversely arranged and spaced members 7 which serve as supports and also prevent warping of the board 1.

Side wall members 2 extend lengthwise of the board and are connected in the narrow end by an end wall member 4 and at the wide end by a stop wall 3.

At the narrow end and centrally of the board is positioned a tee block 5.

The entire upper surface of board 1 between the wall members and also of block 5 is covered with a material having a rough surface tending to retard the rolling of balls thereon; and a desirable material for this purpose is goats' hair felt, indicated in the drawing at 6.

The wide or field end of the board is divided into a plurality of sections, preferably twelve in number, by wires 11 stretched transversely of the board and normally positioned adjacent or in contact with the felt surface of the board.

To avoid disputes as to just what space a ball comes to rest in, it is desirable that means be provided to raise wires 11 so that a ball resting over and closely adjacent one of these wires will be forced to drop between the same and thus definitely indicate its position.

To accomplish this, the wires 11 are preferably unitary, one wire being threaded back and forth through suitable spaced holes in wire supporting members 9—9, the ends of the wire being fastened by wrapping around suitable spaced screws 12 which serve as cleats. The stretches 11 of the wire pass through holes 8 provided in side wall members 2, these holes 8 being sufficiently large as illustrated in Figure 3 to permit the raising or lowering of wire 11 therein.

To provide means for simultaneously raising wires 11, the wire supporting members 9 are connected by transverse cleat members 10 positioned between two adjacent cleat members 7 and under board 1. On the inner face of each of these two cleat members 7 are provided diagonally inclined slots 15—15 over which are secured retaining plates 14 and on the end cleats 10—10 are positioned screws 13, the heads of which are positioned within slots 15 and secured therein by retaining member 14. It will be apparent that by catching hold of one of the supporting members 9 and pulling same laterally with respect to board 1, these supporting members 9 will be forced upwardly by the screws 13 riding over the retaining plates 14 as is well illustrated in Figure 3.

In use the game is played preferably with twelve balls corresponding to the twelve spaces between wires 11 and the stop 3 and these balls are numbered 1 to 12 as are also the spaces between the wires. Preferably the spaces between the wires will be numbered from the back stop 3 towards the front of the board consecutively so that the largest numbered space or number 12 will be that nearest the tee 5. The score will be computed by multiplying the number of the ball shot with the number of the space in which it comes to

rest, the object being to obtain the smallest possible score.

Various modifications in the exact structure and in the mode of operation will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art but within the scope of the present invention as claimed.

What I claim as new is:

1. In a game board apparatus, the combination with a board or frame representative of a golf field and covered with a suitable material which has a tendency to retard the progress of a golf ball passing over the same, of indicia on the board near the outer or field end thereof indicating scores that can be made by a player, and vertically movable spaced wires arranged transversely of the board between the indicia.

2. In a game board apparatus, the combination with a board or frame representative of a golf field and covered with a suitable material which has a tendency to retard the progress of a golf ball passing over the same, of indicia on the board near the outer or field end thereof indicating scores that can be made by a player, vertically movable wires laid across the bottom of the board indicating the field, in line with the score numbers on the board, and means for raising the wires to move a golf ball which may have come to rest on a wire.

3. In a game board the combination of a tapered board, with side walls and a stop wall at its wide end, a ball tee at its narrow end, said board having a roughened upper surface, side rails parallel with the side walls, a wire wound between the side rails transversely of the board at the wide end thereof and means for simultaneously raising and lowering said rails.

4. A game comprising a tapered board having a roughened upper surface, walls surrounding said board, a tee at the narrow end of the board, side rails arranged parallel with the side walls at the wide end and spaced apart a distance greater than the width of the adjacent board, a wire wound between the side rails transversely of the board and cam means associating said rails and board whereby movement of the rails transversely of the board will raise and lower said rails with respect to the board.

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