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POUCHED BAT GAME DEVICE

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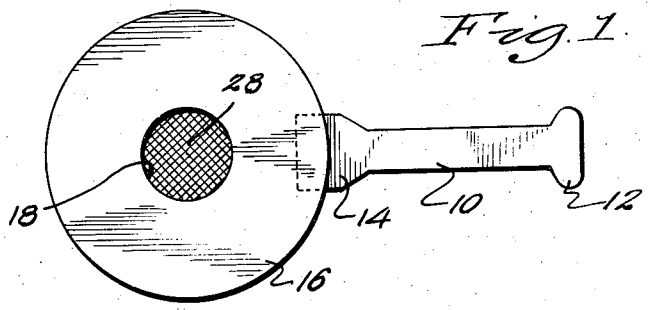


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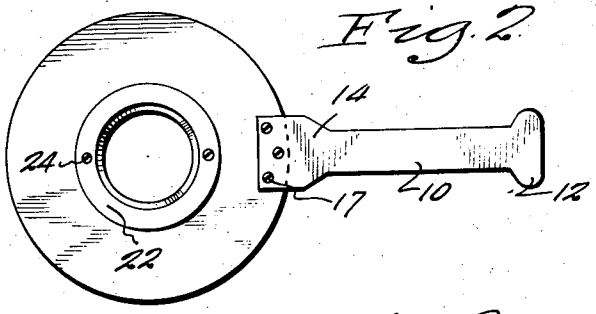


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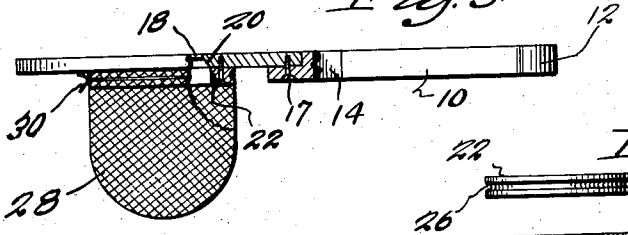


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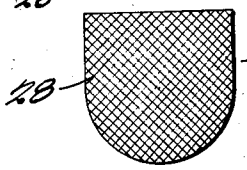
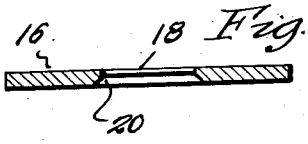


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This invention relates to game apparatus and more particularly to a bat centrally apertured and equipped with a detachable pouch.

An object of this invention is to provide an apparatus of extremely simple, easily portable character which comprises, in addition to a ball of suitable character, all that is required for two or more players to engage in an exciting, contestive sport requiring great skill and agility if the game is played with speed and finesse.

Another object of this invention is to provide apparatus for a game which can be played in any open space of reasonable area, a hard surface playing field being perhaps preferable, but the game can be enjoyed on lawns, picnic grounds and beaches, there being no nets or sharply defined boundaries and play lines required.

Another object of this invention is to provide apparatus for a game which can be played by persons in various age groups and the apparatus is designed in such a manner that scoring is simple and definite because the ball having entered the pouch is securely caught therein.

The final object to be specifically mentioned here is to provide apparatus which is inexpensive to manufacture and which is sturdy and durable in service.

With these and other objects in view as will appear hereinafter, this invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter described in detail and particularly set forth in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings which form a material part of this application, and in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my invention, representing the face of the bat.

Figure 2 is a bottom plan view of this invention with the net pouch removed.

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of this invention with portions broken away to facilitate the illustration of the construction thereof.

Figure 4 is a sectional view of the disc-shaped plate.

Figure 5 is an elevational view of the flange utilized in attaching the net pouch.

Figure 6 is an elevational view of the net pouch.

Similar characters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

As shown in the drawings, this invention includes a handle portion 10 with an enlargement 12 at one end thereof adapted to prevent the hand from slipping off the handle and an enlargement 14 at the other end thereof adapted to

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facilitate the attachment of the handle to the disc plate 16, this attachment being represented in the drawings as being accomplished by three screws 17.

The disc plate 16 will preferably be circular and should be light in weight and with this in mind, together with the feature of cheap construction, it is envisioned that both plate and handle be manufactured from flat stock. Obviously, the handle and plate may be integral and made from one piece of material.

At the center of the disc 16 an aperture 18 is provided and the periphery of the aperture 18 should be bevelled on the side of the plate remote from the face thereof, as illustrated in Figure 4, the bevel being indicated by the numeral 20.

A flange 22, shaped to agree with the shape of the aperture 18, and represented in the drawings as circular, is made integral with, or affixed by screws 24, to the rear or underside of the plate 16, and this flange is grooved as at 26 to facilitate the attachment of the net pouch 28 with the mouth end of the pouch placed over the flange 22 and fastened in this position by a cord 30 tied tightly around the pouch 28 and registering with the groove 26 in the flange to hold the pouch in place. This cord 30 may be elastic or, if desired, an elastic ring, not requiring to be tied, may be substituted for the cord.

In using my device, it is proposed that a ball of reasonably small diameter and very resilient in character, will be batted back and forth between opposing players, the batting surface being the flat portion of the plate 16, and the object of each player will be to catch the ball in the pocket or pouch 28 which, as described above, is designed to retain the ball and momentarily stop the play.

The particular way in which the edge of the hole 18 is bevelled materially decreases the number or glancing rebound motions of the ball when played and the ball struck at an angle which would cause it to glance off to the side if the said edge were not bevelled, will enter the pocket.

It should also be noted that although I have represented a pouch or pocket 28 comprised of netting, the essential feature of this pouch is that it shall be resilient or flexible, and the material does not need to be foraminous.

Though there has been shown a particular embodiment of this invention, this application is not limited to this particular embodiment, but it is desired to include in the scope of this invention, the construction, combination and ar-

rangement of parts substantially as set forth in the appended claim.

Having thus described this invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

In a game playing bat, a circular batting plate, a handle removably attached to said circular batting plate, a centrally located circular aperture in said circular batting plate, said aperture having an annular wall in two axially adjacent parts, one part of said wall being of non-varying diameter, the remaining part of said wall being bevelled to a greater diameter at one side of the plate, an annular flange attached to said one side of the plate shaped and dimensioned to correspond with the said larger diameter of the aperture in said batting plate, said flange having a grooved periphery, a pouch having an open mouth, and a cord tightly encircling said flange member and holding said mouth of the pouch engaged on said grooved periphery.

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