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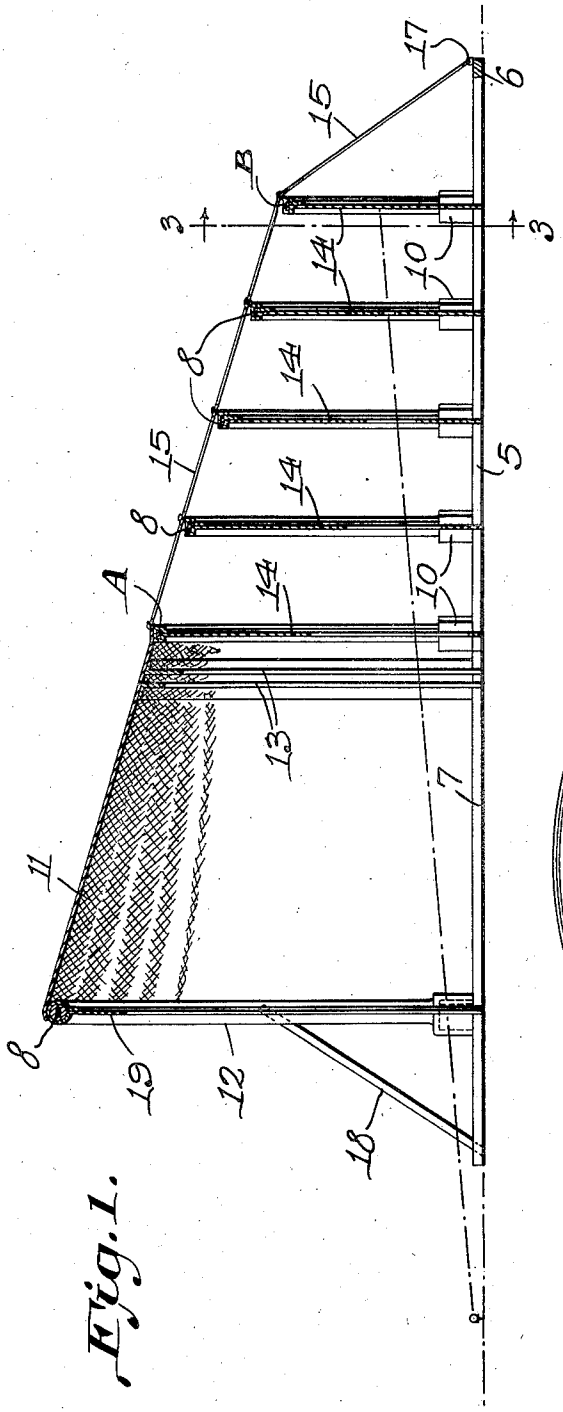


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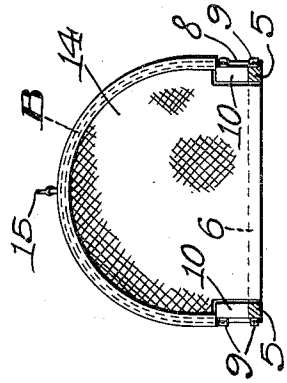


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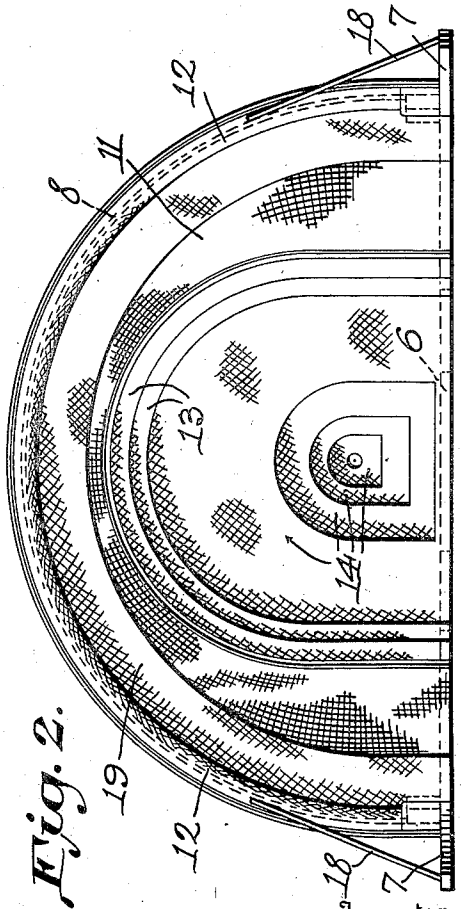


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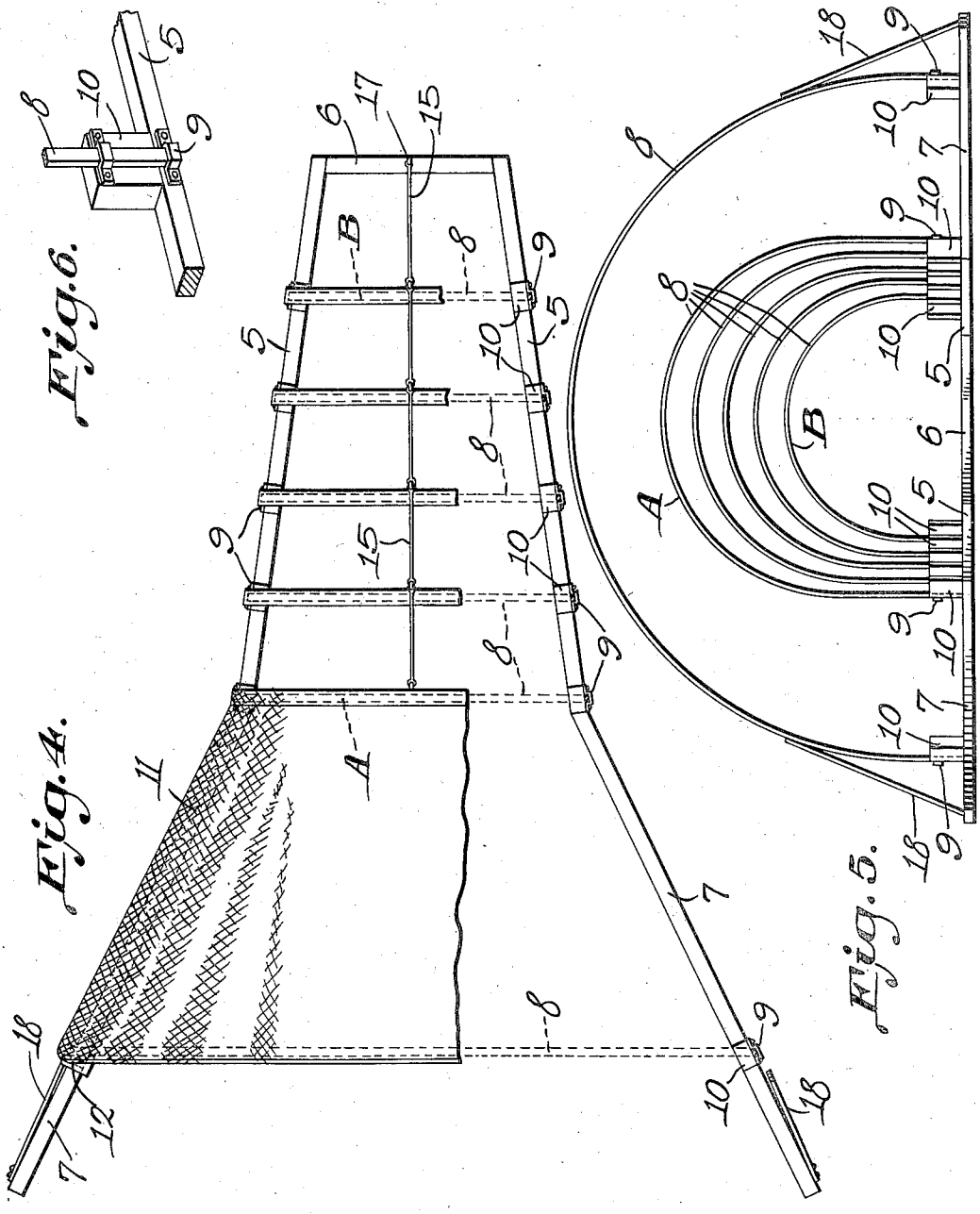
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This invention relates to an apparatus designed for use by people in practicing and perfecting the golf swing.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character into which a ball may be driven, the device being so constructed that a series of stops will be provided, which stops will be so arranged with respect to each other, that the person driving the balls may determine with some degree of accuracy, whether or not the balls have been properly struck.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be employed as a game to be played by two or more people, the scoring of the game being determined by the accuracy of the golf shots.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a longitudinal sectional view through the device constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a front elevational view thereof.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the device, a portion of the substantially conical entrance guard, being broken away.

Figure 5 is a front elevational view of the frame of the device, the canvas stops or covers having been removed.

Figure 6 is a detail view illustrating the means for securing the bows of the frame to the base bars of the frame.

Referring to the drawings in detail the device embodies a frame including base bars 5 arranged so that the bars converge towards the rear end of the frame.

The outer ends of the bars 5 are connected by the cross bar 6. At the forward end of the frame are bars 7 that converge towards the front ends of the bars 5, as clearly shown by the drawings.

Forming a part of the frame, are the bows 8 which have their ends extended into openings formed by the straps 9 which are secured to the blocks 10 and bars 5.

These bows 8 are so constructed that when they have been properly positioned, the heights of the bows will vary, the larger bow being disposed at the front end of the body portion, while the smallest bow is secured adjacent to the rear end of the frame.

Connected with the front bow of the frame, is a cover 11 which is formed of heavy canvas material, the forward edge of the cover being secured to the padding 12 that encases the forward bow. The inner end of the cover 11 is secured to the bow A, which is the second bow of the frame, thereby providing a substantially conical cover for the approach section of the target.

Secured within the cover 11, and disposed at a point adjacent to the bow A, are canvas guard sections indicated by the reference character 13, the guard sections conforming to the curvature of the cover and extended inwardly therefrom, guarding that portion of the cover 11, disposed adjacent to the bow A, and preventing a ball from being driven through the cover 11, at this point.

Each of the bows of the frame is supplied with a cover 14, the covers being formed with openings, the opening of one cover being smaller than the opening of the adjacent forward cover, to the end that portions of the successive covers will be visible through the opening of the cover of the bow A.

The bow B, which is the bow at the rear end of the frame, is completely covered with a fabric material such as heavy canvas, providing a stop for a ball driven through the several openings of the covers of the bows.

The various bows of the frame are held in spaced relation with each other by means of the wire 15, which connects with the various bows, one end of the wire being secured to the cross bar 6, at 17, while the opposite end of the wire is secured to the bow A.

The foremost bow is held in an upright position, by means of the brace bars 18 that extend from the bars 7, and connect with the bow at a point above the bars 7.

The padding material 12 also includes a substantially circular curtain 19 that extends inwardly from the padding material and bow, insuring against a ball striking the bow and glancing laterally to cause damage or injury to the person driving the ball.

In the use of the device, it is contemplated to drive golf balls from points approximately three feet from the front end of the apparatus, the balls being driven directly into the device and aimed to pass through the openings of the covers of the ribs. Should a ball be accurately struck it

will pass through all of the openings of the covers contacting with the covering of the last bow, whereupon the ball will drop to the ground between the last two bows.

Balls which are not accurately struck and which strike the coverings of the bows, will drop to the ground between adjacent bows where they may be retrieved by an attendant.

The points of the game may be determined by the location of the balls after they have struck the covers and have fallen to the ground surface. For example the balls which lie between the first and second bows of the frame will count five points each, the balls lying between the second and third bows will count ten points, the balls lying between the third and fourth bows will count fifteen points each and the balls lying between the fourth and fifth bows will count twenty points each. Of course the points may be varied at the will of the manufacturer or persons playing the game.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A golf target apparatus comprising a frame embodying a pair of base bars converging towards one end of the frame, a cross bar connecting the outer ends of the frame, blocks rising from the bars and arranged in predetermined spaced relation with respect to each other, metallic straps secured to the blocks, bows of various heights, the ends of the bows being held within the straps supporting the bows in spaced relation and in upright positions, the bows being graduated towards one end of the frame, a flexible covering hanging from each bow, each covering having an opening, the opening of one covering being smaller than the opening of the adjacent forward covering, a tent-like covering connected with one end of the frame and converging towards the frame and adapted to direct a golf ball to the entrance of the frame.

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