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PUTTING RECEPTACLE FOR GOLF GAMES

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Fig. 1.

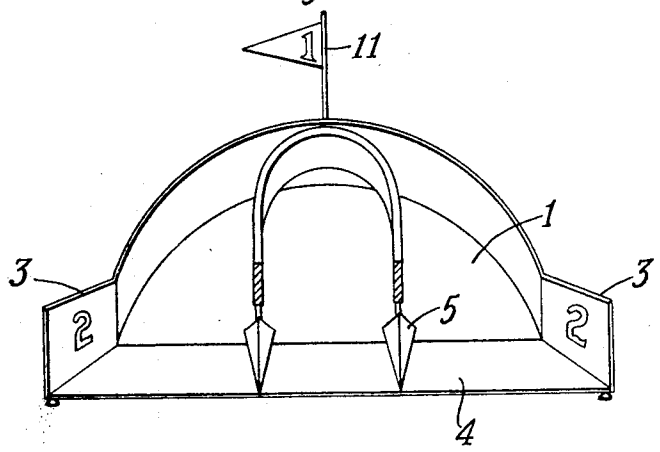


Fig. 2.

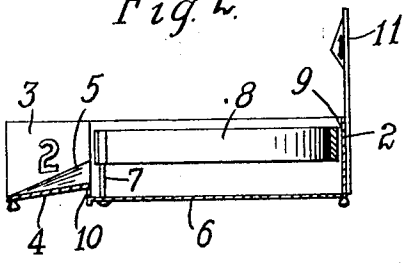


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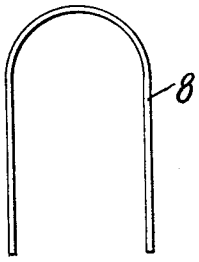
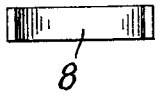


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to a golf game and is an improvement in an invention described and claimed in my copending application Serial No. 269,557, filed April 12, 1928.

It is among the objects of this invention to provide a golf game for putting practice which shall be designed to absorb the shock of the ball when it strikes the receptacle to prevent its escape after entering any of its several compartments and to guide the ball when it strikes the projecting portions upon entering the compartments.

These and other objects will become more apparent from a consideration of the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters designate like parts and in which Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of a golf game embodying the principles of this invention; Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view taken along the vertical center line of Fig. 1; and Figs. 3 and 4 are top and end views of a buffing and partitioning element embodied in the receptacle shown in the other figures.

With reference to the several figures of the drawings, 1 generally designates a receptacle of semicircular shape having a wall 2 flanging its outer periphery and terminating in winged guards 3 which are disposed at an angle of approximately 45 degrees to guide the ball into the adjacent compartments. The front of the receptacle is provided with an inclined portion 4 on which are secured guides 5 in spaced relation to divide the interior of the receptacle into three areas of substantially uniform width at the guide portion 4.

Secured to the bottom 6 of the receptacle are a pair of uprights 7 which are securely fastened to the base in alinement with the diverting guides 5 and as shown in Fig. 2 in spaced relation therewith, although this is not essential.

A strap 8 (Figs. 3 and 4) of such material as to render it resilient and flexible, and preferably made of rubber, is fastened at its ends on the uprights 7 which constitute the sole support of the strip. The strip 8 is preferably of such dimensions as to leave a clearance space 9 at the rear wall 2 of the receptacle to prevent binding and to provide for movement of the strip when subjected to impact.

As shown in Fig. 2, an offset shoulder 10 is provided at the rear end of the guide way 4, this shoulder constituting an abutment for balls entering the compartment so as to prevent their escape through the front opening of the receptacle. A flag 11 is secured to the wall 2 in the center and at the rear of the receptacle, and in any suitable manner, and constitutes a marker and a sight, the use of which will be hereinafter explained.

In the use of the device for a golf game, three golf balls are employed, these balls being successively putted into the receptacle, the object being to get all three balls in the compartment spaced off by the resilient strip 8, which is the compartment marked 1 by the flag and which counts 1 for the stroke of each ball or a total of three against the player. If any ball enters the compartment formed by the side walls 2 and the outer edge of the resilient strip 8, it counts two strokes against the player.

The strip 8 functions to twirl the ball around if it enters in the center compartment thereby deadening its inertia and if the strip is made of rubber it will also absorb the shock of impact thus preventing its escape out at the front. If, however, the ball obtains a slight forward motion, it will be repulsed by the shoulder 10 and will roll back to the rear of the compartment. Similarly, if the ball enters a side compartment, it will become wedged in the tortuous path between the resilient strip absorbing the shock.

I claim herein as my invention:

1. A golf game comprising a receptacle having a resilient partition member forming a plurality of compartments for a ball and means for preventing the escape of the ball therefrom, said partition member being mounted in a manner to constitute a spring element adapted for deflection by impact of the ball entering the receptacle.

2. A golf game comprising a receptacle having a semi-circular closure wall open at the front side for the admittance of balls and a partition member of substantially U-shape

cooperating with said closure wall to form compartments in said receptacle, said U-shape partition member being supported in spaced relation with the base and closure wall of said receptacle.

3. A golf game comprising a receptacle having a closure wall open at the front and a partition member out of contact with said closure wall forming a center and two side compartments for a ball, said partition member and closure wall being shaped to form ball wedging passages on both sides of the center compartment.

4. A putting receptacle for golf comprising in combination, a base member, a pair of pivot pins extending vertically from said member, a strip of flexible material having its ends pivotally joined to said pins in spaced relation with said base member, said pins constituting an opening for admitting a ball and said strip constituting a semi-circular closure wall for deflecting and retaining the ball.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of February, 1929.

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