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Fig. 1.

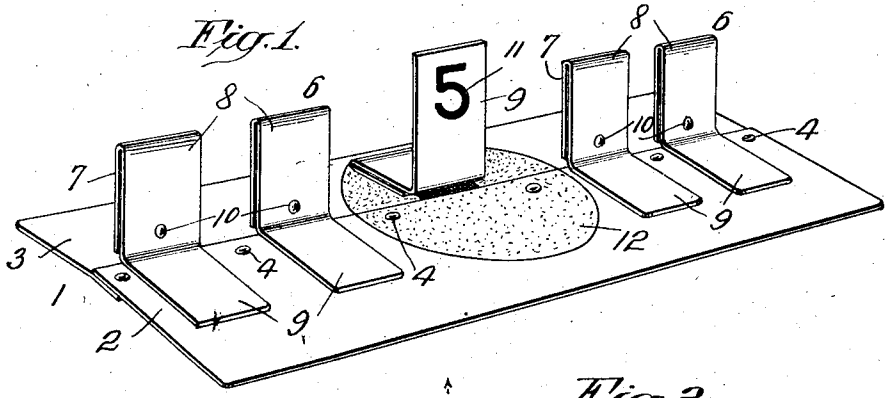


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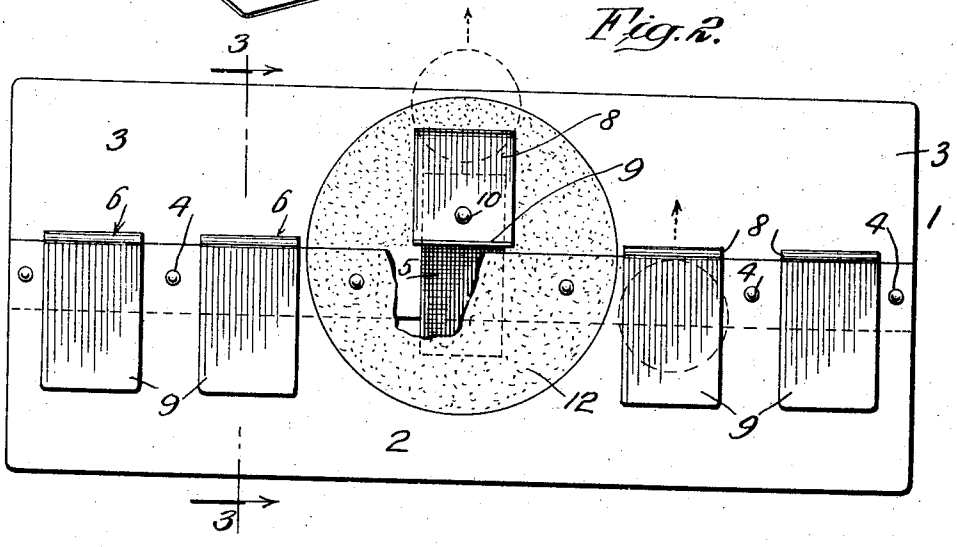


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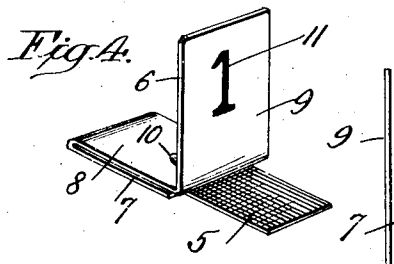


Fig. 3.

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The object of my invention is to provide an apparatus of this class which may be placed on a rug, or in any other convenient location, and used as a target so that a ball may be rolled, as a golf ball, and a score indicated, whereby one may practice "putting" strokes indoors, or elsewhere, as desired. This and other objects are accomplished by my invention, one embodiment of which is hereinafter more particularly set forth.

For a more exact description of my invention, reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of my invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is a sectional view, taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a detached part.

Throughout the various views of the drawings, similar reference characters designate similar parts.

My improved apparatus 1 consists of two plates 2 and 3 which are riveted together by rivets 4 or held in fixed relation in any other suitable manner. Where these plates overlap they are separated by a fabric or other flexible strips 5 which is secured tightly by the rivets, or in any other desired manner, and each strip extends clear of the parts 2 and 3 where it is fixed to a strip of metal, or other suitable material 6, shaped, as shown in Figure 4, that is with one end 7 under the tab 5, and this is bent round and back upon itself and over the tab 5, as indicated at 8, and thence upwardly and laterally, as indicated at 9, and the parts 7 and 8 are connected with the tab 5 by a rivet 10 which holds the parts securely one with another. These angles 6 may be made of any color or colors desired and are preferably provided on one face with a numeral or other designating mark, as indicated at 11. Preferably the plates 2 and 3 have a circle 12 which is colored and marked thereon which can indicate the hole of a putting green so as to simulate more closely the conditions on the links, or it can indicate the bull's eye of a target, with the tabs on either side colored to represent the rings of a target.

When the device is in use, a ball 13 is propelled in any suitable manner as by a blow from a golf club, across the floor 14 which supports it and from thence, as indicated by the arrows, up on the plate 2 and up on the part 9 of the movable member 6 and when this occurs, the momentum of the ball and its weight causes the end defined by the parts 7 and 8 to come down and the end defined by the plate 9 to come up thereby indicating a character 11 on the under side of the plate 9 which may be used for the purpose of scoring. If the ball should strike two of the moving parts and raise two scores, only the higher one should be counted, or perhaps only the lower one or a number between the two, depending on the rules of the game.

While I have shown and described one embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that it is not restricted thereto, but that it is broad enough to cover all structures that come within the scope of the annexed claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In an amusement apparatus, a base, angular, movable members connnected to said base by a flexible means and so arranged and disposed that they may be shifted by a ball passing over the apparatus and the shifted movable members then indicate a score.

2. An amusement apparatus having two overlapping plates secured together, flexible strips secured between the overlapping parts of said plates and angular members secured to said flexible strips, said members each having two parts, one adapted to lie horizontally and the other to rest in a vertical position so that when a ball passes over any one of these angular members the vertical part becomes horizontal and the horizontal part becomes vertical.

3. An amusement apparatus having two overlapping plates secured together, flexible strips secured between the overlapping parts of said plates, angular members secured to said flexible strips, said members each having two parts, one adapted to lie horizontally and the other to rest in a vertical position so that when a ball passes over any one of these angular members the vertical part becomes horizontal and the horizontal part becomes vertical and means for indicating a score on said angular members.

4. An amusement apparatus having two overlapping plates secured together, flexible strips secured between the overlapping parts of said plates, angular members secured to

said flexible strips, said members each having two parts, one adapted to lie horizontally and the other to rest in a vertical position so that when a ball passes over any one of these angular members the vertical part becomes horizontal and the horizontal part becomes vertical and a circle indicated on said base adjacent to one angular member.

5. An amusement apparatus having two overlapping plates secured together, flexible strips secured between the overlapping parts of said plates, angular members secured to said flexible strips, said members each having two parts, one adapted to lie horizontally and the other to rest in a vertical position so that when a ball passes over any one of these angular members the vertical part becomes horizontal and the horizontal part becomes vertical, means for indicating a score on said angular members and a circle indicated on said base adjacent to one angular member.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of December, 1925.

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