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Fig. 1.

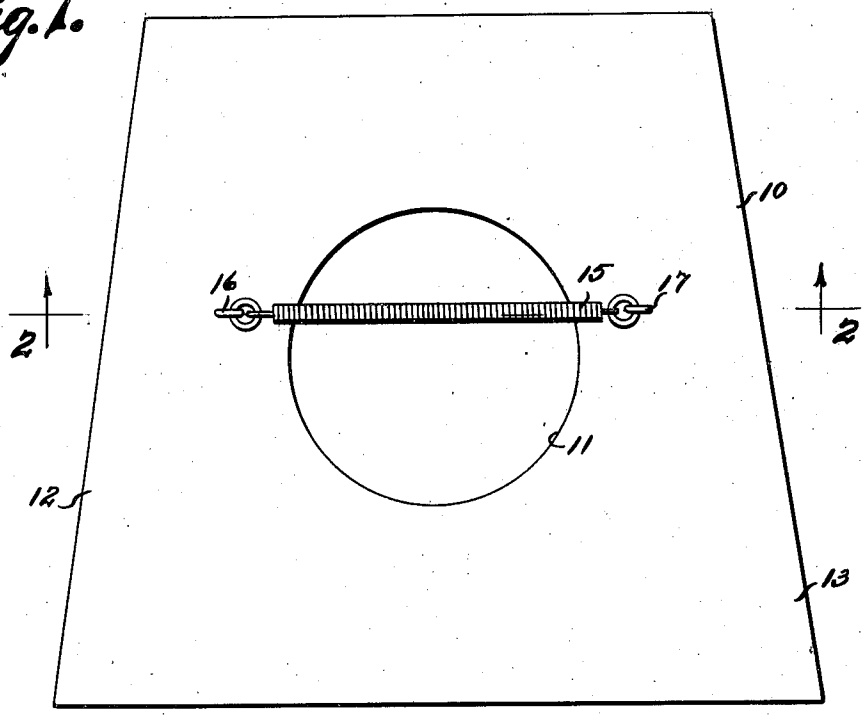


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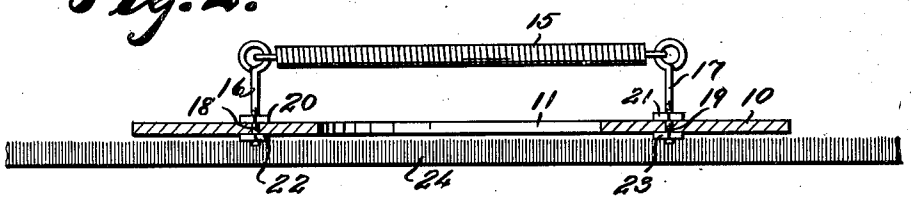
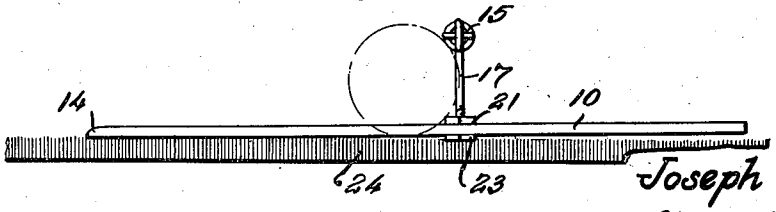


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to practising devices such as used by golfers to perfect putting shots in the home and particularly on a carpet or the like, and in particular a cup formed in a flat plate having a resilient element in combination therewith in which the resilient element is so positioned in relation to the cup or opening that when a ball is driven so that it will roll into the hole the resilient element will retain the ball in the opening, and when it is driven with too much force or so that it will roll toward either side it will not be retained by the resilient element.

The purpose of this invention is to provide an improved device for enabling golfers to practise putting in the living room of a home.

Various devices have been used for providing stops or traps for arresting golf balls and the like but these are formed with moving parts and are, therefore, comparatively costly or too complicated for general use.

With this thought in mind this invention contemplates a golf putting device formed with a flat base plate having a hole therein and with a spring stretched across the hole so that as a ball strikes the spring over the hole with the correct force the spring will hold the ball in the hole.

The object of this invention is, therefore, to provide means for suspending a spring over an opening in a flat plate wherein a golf ball striking the spring will be trapped thereby with the spring holding the ball against the edge of the opening.

Another object of the invention is to provide a golf putting practise receiver that may readily be moved around from place to place.

A further object of this invention is to provide a device for arresting and holding golf balls which is adapted for use in putting practise indoors which is of a simple and economical construction.

With these and other objects and advantages in view the invention consists of the new and novel combination, construction, and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more fully described, set forth in the claims appended hereto, and disclosed in the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the golf ball arrestor and holder.

Figure 2 is a cross section through the holder taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a view showing an end elevation of the golf ball holder illustrating a golf ball held therein.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts

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the golf ball holder of this invention includes a plate 10 having a centrally disposed opening 11 representing a cup, tapering sides 12 and 13, and a beveled forward edge 14.

A comparatively small spring 15 is suspended above the plate 10 by screw eyes 16 and 17 and the screw eyes are secured in openings 18 and 19 on opposite sides of the opening 11 by lock nuts 20 and 21 on one side and 22 and 23 on the other, and with the nuts 21 and 23 on the under side of the plate the plate may be supported in a slightly inclined position as illustrated in Figure 3, from a rug 24 or the like.

The screw eyes form posts and the posts are of sufficient heighth to space the spring above the plate so that as a golf ball rolls into the cup or opening 11 the spring will ride slightly upward on the surface of the ball so that it will exert a downward pressure urging the ball against the forward edge of the opening. The spring is positioned slightly behind the center of the opening and if the ball strikes the spring with substantially the correct force to enable the ball to roll into a hole in a golf course it will be arrested and held by the spring. However, should the ball strike the spring too hard, or with sufficient force to carry the ball beyond or over the hole, the ball will roll beyond the opening or will rebound toward one side. The device is small and of comparatively light weight so that it may readily be carried, packed, or stored, when not in use.

It will be understood that modifications may be made in the design or arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A holder for golf balls comprising a base having a centrally disposed opening therein, a horizontally disposed spring extending across said opening positioned behind the center thereof, and means supporting said spring in spaced relation above the base and above the center of a golf ball positioned in the opening in the base wherein the spring is adapted to hold a golf ball in the opening.

2. A holder for golf balls comprising a substantially flat base having a centrally disposed opening therein and having a beveled forward edge, a horizontally disposed coil spring extending across the opening and positioned behind the center thereof said spring spaced from the upper surface of the plate, a distance greater than one-half of a golf ball, screw eyes threaded in the base providing supporting posts for the spring, and lock nuts on said screw eyes positioned on both sides

of the base and wherein the lock nuts on the under side of the base provide means for supporting the base in an inclined position.

3. In a holder for golf balls, a flat plate having tapering sides, a beveled forward edge, and an opening therein, a horizontally disposed coil spring extending across the opening parallel to the plate and spaced above the plate a distance greater than one-half of a golf ball, posts extending through the plate and providing supporting means for the spring through the ends thereof, and lock nuts on the post positioned on upper and lower sides thereof, said lock nuts on the lower side of the plate providing spacing means

elevating the rear portion of the plate whereby the plate is supported in an inclined position.

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