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Fig. 1

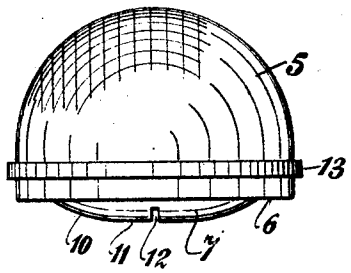


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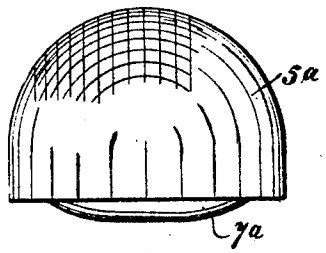


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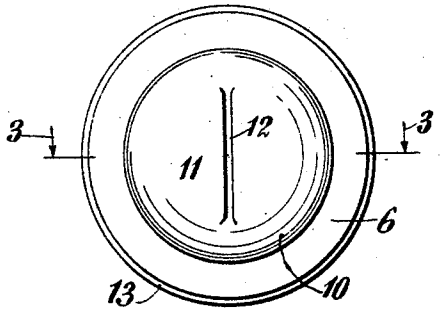


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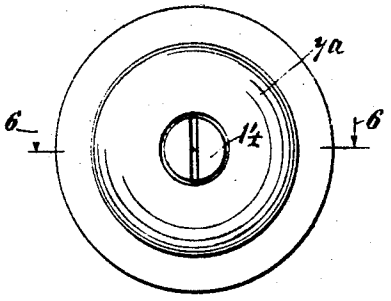


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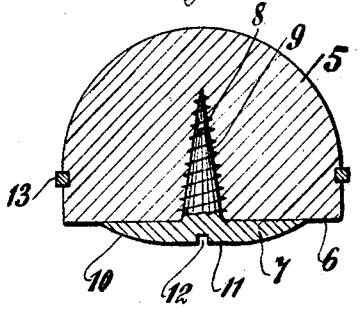
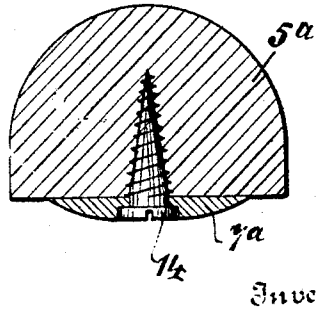


Fig. 6



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PLAYING OBJECT.

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This invention relates to playing objects employed in games and more particularly to a novel and improved spheroid of any suitable material which may be thrown or slid over a playing surface such as a pavement block or large game board or floor according to prescribed rules.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a playing object or device constructed and devised to be thrown or struck with a club such as a hockey stick or golf club for instance over a restricted playing surface, the said object or device being so balanced that it will come to rest on its flat base.

Another object of my invention is to provide a playing object in the form of a spheroid or semi-circular body of light material having a weighted base permitting the object to come to rest and prevent its rolling when struck off center by a club when playing a game over a restricted playing surface.

To enable others skilled in the art to more fully comprehend the underlying features of my invention in this class of playing objects, reference is had to the accompanying drawing showing a preferred form thereof wherein

Fig. 1 is a side view.

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a side view of a slightly modified form of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a bottom plan of the modified form of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawing, 5 designates a spheroidal body, preferably semi-circular which may be formed of wood, fiber or other light material, the surface of which may be marked, scored or numbered, or covered to simulate a golf ball. Secured to the bottom, flat surface 6 is a weighted base 7 preferably of lead or other heavy metal formed integral with a tapered screw 8 and adapted to be threaded in a socket 9 within the center of the body. The weighted base tapers outwardly as at 10 toward the edge or periphery of the body and the flat central portion 11 is provided with a slot 12 whereby it may be threaded tightly within the body 5 should it become loosened. In this form of the invention a groove is formed on the outside of the body to receive a resilient bumper ring 13 whereby the object will not damage or mar the legs of furniture or wall base board for instance when thrown or knocked with considerable force against the same when playing a game indoors. The ring will also cause the object to slide away from such parts due to its resiliency.

In Figs. 4 to 6 inclusive, I have shown a slightly modified form of the invention in which the body 5^a is of substantially the same shape and size but the weighted base 7^a is secured to the bottom of said body by a countersunk screw 14 passing through a suitable aperture through the weighted base and screwed into the body proper.

In both forms of the invention, it will be appreciated that the weighted base is below the center of gravity of the object and being of heavier material will cause the body to come to rest quickly when either slid or struck with a club for instance. The flat surface of the weighted base permits the object to be easily thrown from one position to another over a restricted playing surface from one point to another according to any prescribed rules of a game so that it may be used or thrown manually or struck with a club such as a hockey stick or golf club for instance. In any event, the purpose of the playing object is to provide a spheroidal body that may be slid as opposed to being rolled from one position to another and which will always right itself or come to rest on its base as above described.

Having shown and described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the U. S. is:—

1. A playing object of the class described comprising a spheroidal body having a flat base, a metallic element having a central flat surface and tapering outwardly attached to said base and fastening means formed with said element and passing within the interior of said body.

2. A playing object of the class described comprising a spheroidal body having a flat base, a weighted element having a central flat surface and tapering outwardly flush with said base, threaded fastening means formed with said element for securing it to the flat base, and a bumper ring on the outer surface of said body.

3. A playing object of the class described comprising a spheroidal body having a flat base, a weighted element of less diameter than said body attached to and flush with said base, said weighted element having a central flat surface and tapering toward its periphery.

4. A playing object of the class described comprising a light spheroidal body having a flat base, a weighted metallic element of less diameter than said body fastened to and flush with said base, said weighted element being formed with a central flat surface and tapering toward its periphery whereby it will come to rest on the flat surface only, said body having a circumferential groove and a bumper ring within said groove.

In testimony whereof he has affixed his signature.

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