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GOLF GAME

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Fig. 1.

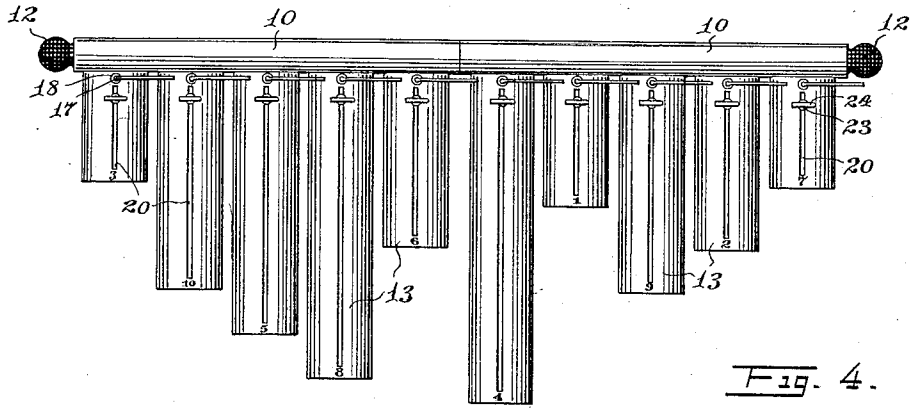


Fig. 4.

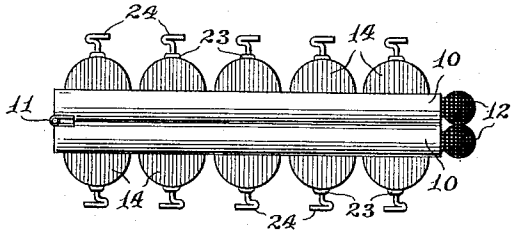


Fig. 2.

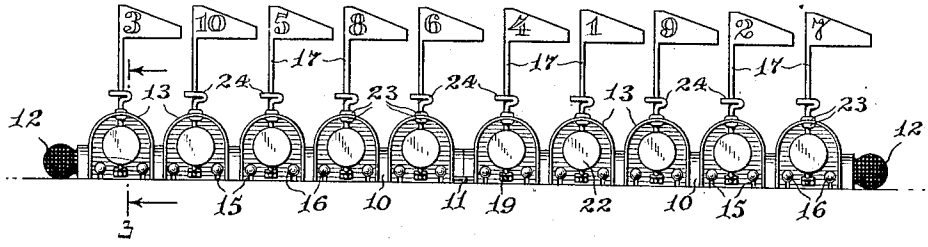
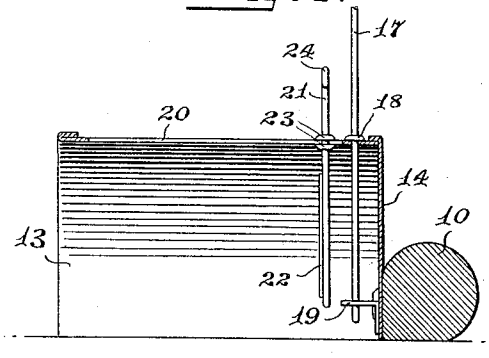


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to golf games.

It is among the objects of the present invention to provide a novel and improved game apparatus, in the use of which golf balls and golf clubs may be used.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a novel indoor golf game which lends itself to use of golf equipment and to golf scoring cards and methods of scoring.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a foldable game apparatus for the playing of indoor golf.

Other objects of the present invention include the novel structural features of the apparatus, together with the combination and interrelation of parts, whereby the apparatus provides a simple and improved device particularly adapted for the demands of economic manufacture.

Other objects of the present invention will be apparent from a consideration of the following specification taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a top plan view of one form of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of that form of the invention shown in Fig. 1;

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

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the device in folded position.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the invention includes a hinged base or supporting structure formed by hingedly connected base members 10. As illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4, the joining ends of the members 10 are recessed to receive a connecting hinge 11, the arrangement being such that in open position, the bottom surface of the members 10 lie flush with the floor and the hinge leaves will be received therein to provide a continuous flat surface for the support of the device. As shown in Fig. 3, it will be noted that the members 10 are preferably of substantially round configuration, their bottom surface being flat to provide a flat surface to bear upon the floor or rug while the front is flattened to be secured to the ball-receiving receptacles, as will be hereinafter described. The ends of the members 10 are provided with suitable ornamental pieces 12, which, as illustrated, may simulate a golf ball, if desired.

For receiving the golf balls which are driven toward the device, whereby the device acts as a target and provides the equivalent in size to the holes of a golf course putting green, there is provided a plurality of substantially semi-circular ball-receiving chambers 13. As shown in Fig. 2, the chambers are placed with their open sides upon the ground to form a tubular receiving passage for the balls. The device is here shown as including ten chambers of various lengths. The invention is, of course, not confined to this specific number of chambers. The arrangement is such that the ends of some of the chambers lie inwardly spaced from the ends of the chambers on either side, thus increasing the difficulty of driving a ball into the chamber. By this arrangement, it will be seen that par values can be assigned to the chambers, thus providing realism in the playing of the game, and, further, providing for the use of the conventional golf score cards on which a par value is assigned to each hole. The rear ends of the chambers are closed by vertical closures 14, the lower ends of which are suitably secured to the members 10. As shown in Fig. 2, the attachment of the closure 14 to the member 10 is preferably by the provision of slots 15, which receive the reduced shank of headed securing pins, tacks, nails, or the like, 16. By this construction, it will be seen that the assembly of the device is readily secured. It will be understood, of course, that the invention is not confined to the structural details of attachment here shown.

Each of the members 13 is provided with an aperture through which a flag post 17 is received, the flag post preferably including an extending flange 18 which bears against the top of the chamber 13, the lower end of the flag posts being received within apertured brackets associated with the closures 14 of the chambers to act as a guide or rest therefor. Equivalent structures for supporting suitable hole-identifying flags may, of course, be used.

For ejecting golf balls which have been received by the chambers, the upper surface of the chamber is provided with a longitudinally-extending slot 20, which receives therethrough the operating handle 21 of a substantially circular ejecting plate 22. The ejector assembly is secured for sliding movement in the slot 20, by upper and lower flanges 23 attached thereto. The upper end of the handle 21 is bent at a suitable angle, as indicated at 24, to provide manipulation thereof.

In the use of the device, it will be understood that it may be folded, as shown in Fig. 4, with the flags and flag poles removed. When it is desired to use the device, it is opened to the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the flags and flag poles are positioned and the user is allowed as many balls as is necessary to putt from a predetermined distance into a selected one of the chambers. When he has succeeded in driving the ball by a single blow into the chamber, his score is then determined by the number of balls which he has used in his endeavor.

It will be seen that the apparatus is not confined to use by a specific number of players, and in the playing of the game, considerable value in the practice of putting is secured. The device is preferably used on a smooth carpet or artificial putting green. The foldability of the device provides for its ready transportation so that it may be used either indoors or outdoors. It will be understood, of course, that the invention is not specifically confined to the structural details of the chambers, their mode of attachment, identifying flags, or the ejector mechanism. The invention is thus adapted to various changes and modifications without departure from the spirit or scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a golf putting game apparatus, a base, a plurality of golf ball-receiving chambers removably connected with the base and extending forwardly thereof, the chambers being of variable length so that the entrances of the chambers will be at varying distances from the base member, the removable chambers being interchangeable so that varying combinations of the chambers may be had for locating the entrances of the chambers at different distances from a player.

2. In a golf putting game apparatus, a base, a plurality of golf ball-receiving chambers removably connected with the base and extending forwardly thereof, means for movably connecting the chambers to the base so that the chambers are interchangeable, the inner ends of the chambers being open to provide entrances, said entrances being of varying distances from the player.

3. In a golf putting game apparatus, a base, a plurality of golf ball-receiving chambers, each chamber having a rear wall for closing the inner ends of the chambers, means for removably connecting the rear walls of the chambers with the base member, the chambers being of variable lengths so that the entrances of the chambers will be at varying distances from the base member, the removable chambers being interchangeable so that varying combinations of the chambers may be had for locating the entrances of the chambers in different positions relative to a player.

4. In a golf putting game apparatus, a base member, a plurality of golf ball-receiving chambers, the chambers being substantially semi-circular in cross section, the inner end of each chamber being closed by a rear wall, the opposite end being open, co-operating means on the base member and rear walls of the chambers for removably connecting the chambers to the base member, the removable chambers being interchangeable so that varying combinations of chambers may be had for locating the entrances of the chambers at different distances from a player, the outer open ends of the chambers forming entrances, the bottoms of the chambers being open so that when the apparatus is placed on the ground, the ground will form the "green" on which the golf ball is moved before entering one of the chambers.

5. In a golf game apparatus, a base member, a plurality of golf ball-receiving chambers, the chambers being substantially semi-circular in cross section, the inner end of each chamber being closed by a rear wall, the opposite end being open, means for removably connecting the chambers to the base member, each chamber being slotted longitudinally, a plate in the chamber, a handle secured to the plate, extending through the slot and movable freely longitudinally of the slot for manually moving the balls out of the open ends of the chambers.

6. In a golf putting game apparatus, a base, a plurality of golf ball-receiving chambers removably connected with the base and extending forwardly thereof, said chambers being of variable lengths means for removably connecting the chambers to the base so that said chambers are interchangeable on the base, indicating means provided with posts removably mounted on the chambers, said indicating means being interchangeable on the chambers.

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