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[54] **GOLF GAME**
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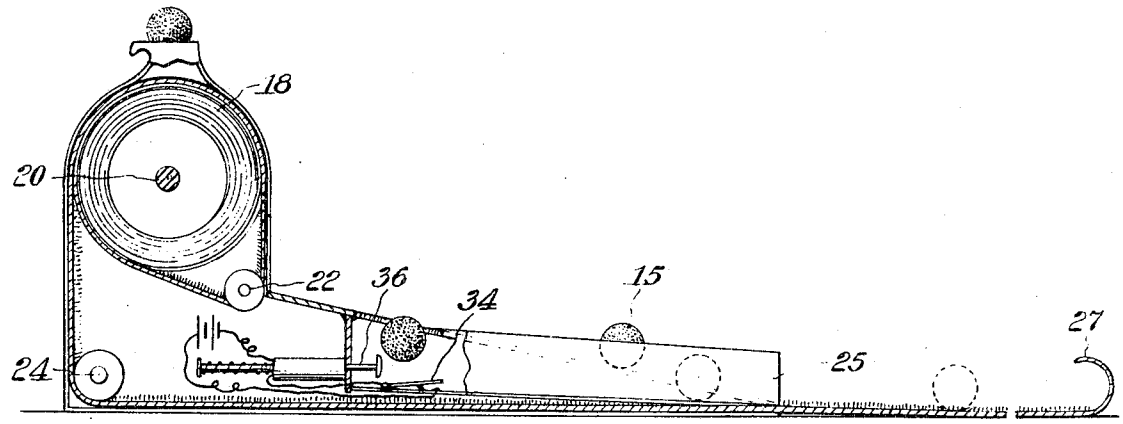
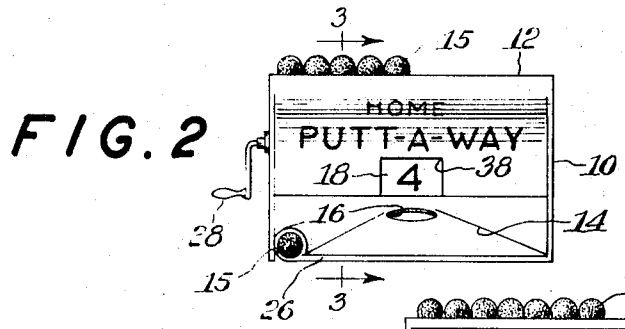
ABSTRACT: A golf ball putting device includes a housing positioned rearward of an inclined surface in which a putting hole is provided. The housing contains a rolled up putting surface which can be withdrawn from the housing, under the inclined surface, through a slotted lower end. Sunk balls actuate a solenoid switch and are returned along a gutter in the putting surface.





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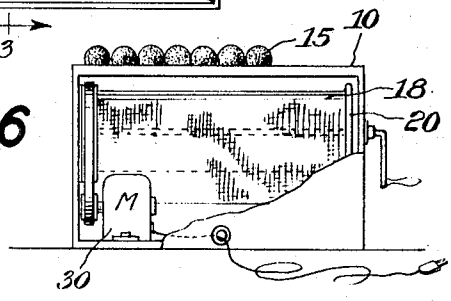

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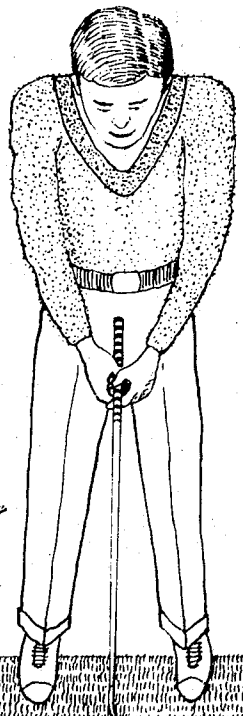

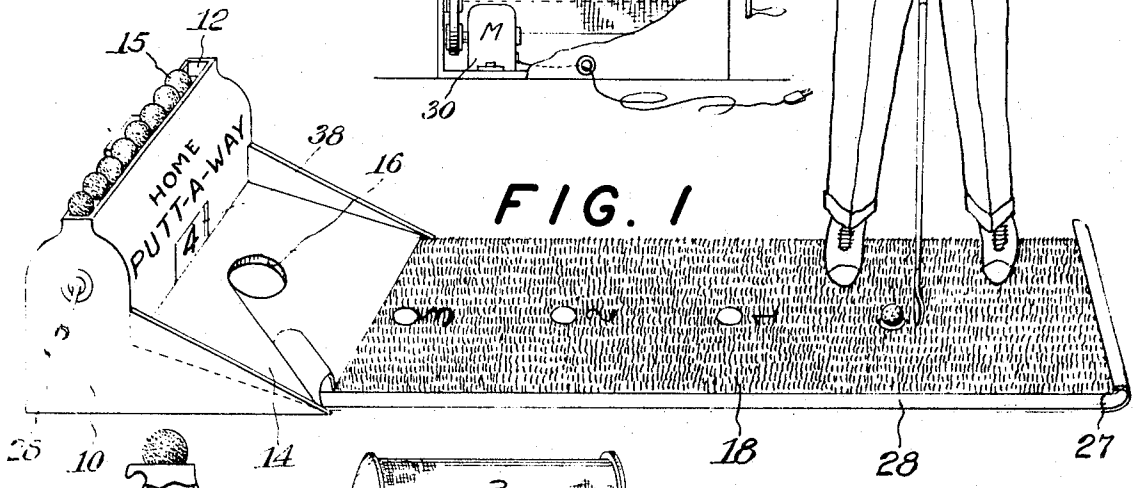

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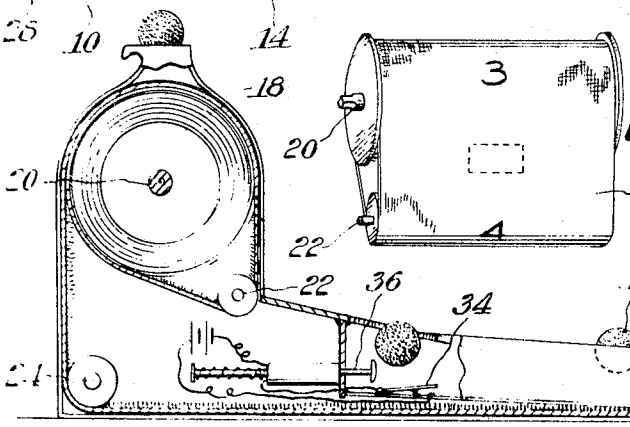

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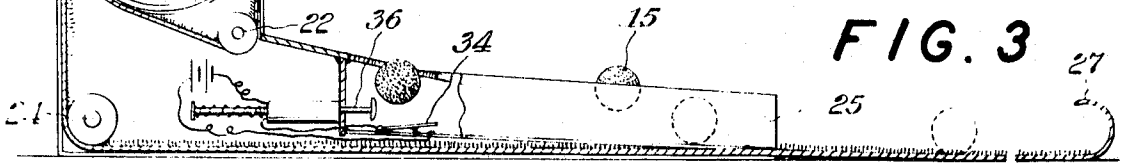

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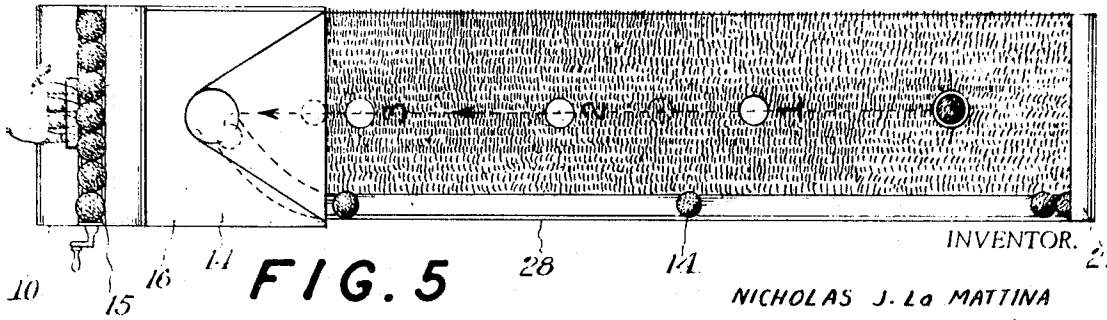

FIG. 5

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GOLF GAME

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A frame supports an upwardly inclined plane with a golf ball cup therein and a roller having a rolled up simulated green layer which can be unrolled and pulled out horizontally and flat from the bottom of the plane. Balls can be placed on the green and putted into the hole. Means can be provided for automatically returning the ball, once in the cup, back to the user as well as for rolling up the green when not in use.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of my invention in use;

FIG. **2** is an end view thereof;

FIG. **3** is a cross section taken along line **3–3** in FIG. **2**;

FIG. **4** is a view of the wound up green on rollers;

FIG. **5** is a plan view of my invention in use; and

FIG. **6** is a rear view of my invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now to FIGS. **1—5**, a horizontally elongated vertical hollow housing **10** has a top horizontal groove **12** in which golf balls **15** can be disposed and at its base is provided with a vertically inclined plane **14** having an opening **16** which simulates a golf ball cup.

A layer of material **18** simulating a green and having spaced-apart numbers **1, 2, 3, 4** and the like simulating units of length is wound about a horizontal roller **20** and a second and lower horizontal roller **22**, as well as a third and still lower roller **24**. The material as it passes around roller **24** can be pulled out of a horizontal slot **26** at the base of the plane **14**.

The material can be unrolled for use and rolled up for storage either by handle **28** or electric motor **30**.

The opposite edges of the material form gutters **25** and the free edge of the material curves to define a stop **27** for the gutter.

As a user using a putter **32** drives a ball into the cup, the ball drops therethrough and falls by gravity onto switch **34** closing same to actuate battery powered circuit pushing solenoid arm **36** outward to strike the ball and drive it along the gutter back to the free end of the material. As soon as the ball moves off the switch, it opens and the solenoid arm is returned to its initial position.

A vertical slot **38** in housing **10** exposes the number on the material to permit an estimation of distances.

While I have described my invention with particular reference to the drawings, such is not to be considered as limiting its actual scope.

I claim:

1. A golf game device comprising:

a vertically inclined plane having a hole simulating a golf ball cup and a horizontal slot at its bottom end;

a housing extending upward from said plane;

means supporting in rolled position a layer of simulated greens material and adapted to permit said layer to be unrolled; and

means to pass said unrolled material through said slot.

2. A device as set forth in claim **1** further including means to roll and unroll said material.

3. A device as set forth in claim **2** wherein said material has gutters and further including means to roll any ball falling through said hole along said gutters.

4. A device as set forth in claim **3** wherein said ball rolling means includes a switch disposed below said hole, said switch being closed when a ball rests thereon and being otherwise open.

5. A device as set forth in claim **4** wherein said means includes a battery and a solenoid connected in circuit with said switch.