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Fig. 1.

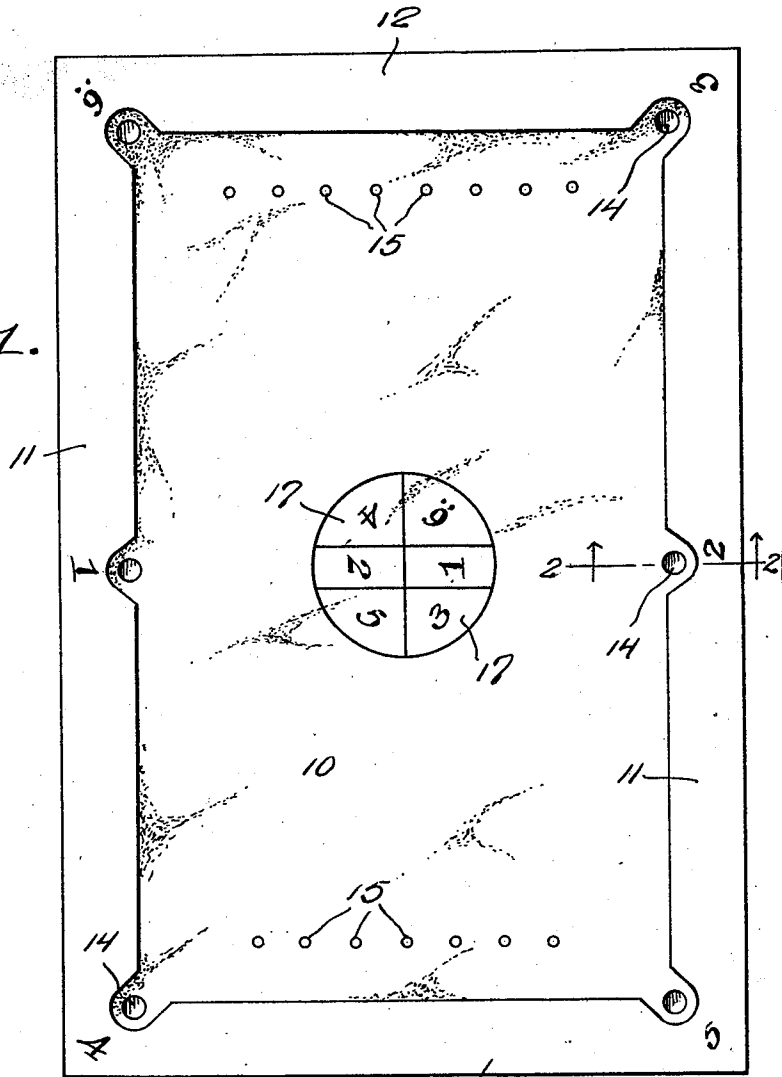


Fig. 2.

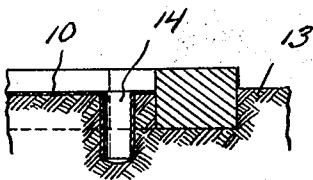


Fig. 3.

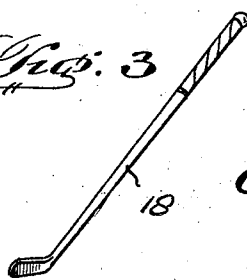


Fig. 4.



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The present invention relates to game apparatus, and comprehends a structure which embodies amongst other features, a playing field or surface having pockets of relatively different fixed valuations located about the playing surface, and into which balls are adapted to be singly driven by a suitable club, from definite points on the playing surface.

In carrying out the invention, the playing surface is further provided with a centrally located area into which the balls are adapted to be singly driven from definite points on the playing surface, and which area is provided with means for indicating the particular pocket to be subsequently played therefrom.

The nature and advantages of the invention will be better understood when the following detail description is read in connection with the accompanying drawings, the invention residing in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as claimed.

In the drawings forming part of this application like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views and wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the apparatus forming the subject matter of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a detail view of the club used in the playing of the game.

Figure 4 is a view of one of the balls.

The apparatus forming the subject matter of the present invention embodies a playing surface 10 bounded by side and end rails 11 and 12 respectively. The playing surface 10 may be constructed of any suitable material, as may also the side and end rails referred to, and the entire device may also vary in size without departing from the inventive idea. The playing surface 10 however is preferably arranged to repose upon the ground 13, with the side and end rails partly embedded within the latter, while the playing surface or apparatus is further characterized or provided with pockets 14. These pockets can be arbitrarily located about the playing

surface in any desired manner, while I preferably arrange the pockets midway of the side rails and at the corners of the playing surface, in a manner similar to a pool table. Each pocket 14 is numbered, although the pockets have relatively different fixed valuations, which are used in the scoring of the game in a manner to be hereinafter described. As shown in Figure 2 the pockets 14 are also embedded in the ground, but of course lie flush with the playing surface 10.

Arranged adjacent each end of the playing surface is a transverse row of spaced spots 15, upon which balls are adapted to be arranged for the playing of the game, and while balls of any suitable character may be employed, they are preferably in the nature of golf balls varying in color, one of which is indicated in Figure 4. Furthermore, the number of spots in each transverse row, and of course the number of balls used in the playing of the game can be varied without departing from the spirit of the invention. The balls are adapted to be singly driven from the spots 15 in the direction of a particular pocket, in an effort to pocket the particular ball so played, but in accordance with the present invention, the particular pocket to be played is determined by a novel construction of means located centrally of the playing surface as illustrated.

For this purpose I provide the playing surface with a centrally located area, which is bounded by a ring or other suitable design, and subsequently subdivide this area into a plurality of spaces, corresponding in number with the number of pockets with which the game is provided. These spaces are indicated at 17, and as will be noted, each space is marked or numbered to correspond with one of the pockets 14. Obviously, the player or participant, instead of selecting a particular pocket to play, must drive the ball within the area from a definite or fixed point on the playing surface, namely the spots 15, and the particular space 17 in which the ball comes to rest, indicates the particular pocket the participant must play. The game is scored by the number or valuation of the pockets which are successfully played, and

obviously the player who pockets the greatest number of balls for the highest score wins the game.

The game preferably includes fifteen balls, 5 which are arranged singly on the spots 15, seven at one end of the table and eight adjacent the opposite end of the table, and these balls are driven by means of a suitable putter or club 18 illustrated in Figure 3. The 10 first player to start the game can select any particular ball, driving the same in the direction of the area located centrally of the playing surface, and should he be successful in his efforts, the ball will come to rest on 15 one of the spaces 17 of this area. The number of the particular space indicates the particular pocket to be played, so that the player or participant then attempts to successfully drive the ball from the centrally located area or space 17 into the particular pocket so indicated. Should the player miss the area 20 including the spaces 17, the next player takes his turn, and can play the particular ball driven by the first player in the direction of the centrally located area, or he can select to drive any of the other balls located on the spots 15. However, when a player successfully drives a ball into the centrally located 25 area, and from there into the particular pocket so indicated by the spaces of said area, he continues to play, selectively driving another ball from one of the spots 15. Furthermore if a player successfully drives the ball into the centrally located area or into 30 one of the spaces 17 thereof, and subsequently misses the pocket of play, the next player or participant takes his turn. As above stated the winner of the game is the player or participant who scores the greater 40 number of points, which is determined by the aggregate of the valuations of the various pockets successfully played.

While it is believed that from the foregoing description the nature and advantages of 45 the invention will be readily understood, I desire to have it known that I do not limit myself to what is herein illustrated or described and that such changes may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed. 50

What I claim as new is:

1. A game apparatus including a playing surface bounded by side and end rails, pockets located about the surface and having relatively 55 different fixed valuations, transverse rows of spots adjacent each end of the surface and upon which the balls are adapted to be arranged, and a playing area located on the surface and having indicia for indicating 60 the particular pockets to be subsequently played.

2. A game apparatus including a playing surface bounded by side and end rails, pockets located about the surface and having relatively 65 different fixed valuations, transverse

rows of spots adjacent each end of the surface and upon which the balls are adapted to be arranged, a centrally located playing area into which the balls are adapted to be 70 singly driven from said spots, and means arranged in said area for indicating a particular pocket to be subsequently played therefrom.

3. A game apparatus including a playing surface bounded by side and end rails, pockets located about the surface and having relatively different fixed valuations, transverse 75 rows of spots adjacent each end of the surface and upon which balls are adapted to be arranged, a centrally located playing area 80 into which the balls are adapted to be singly driven from said spots, and said playing area being subdivided into marked spaces corresponding with said pockets for indicating the particular pocket to be played 85 therefrom.

4. A game apparatus including a playing surface adapted to repose upon the ground, side and end rails bounding said surface and partly embedded in the ground, pockets located about the playing surface and arranged 90 within the ground and having relatively different fixed valuations, transverse rows of spots adjacent each end of the surface and upon which balls are adapted to be arranged, 95 a centrally located playing area into which the balls are adapted to be singly driven from said spots, and means arranged in said area for indicating the particular pocket to be played therefrom. 100

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