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Fig. 1.

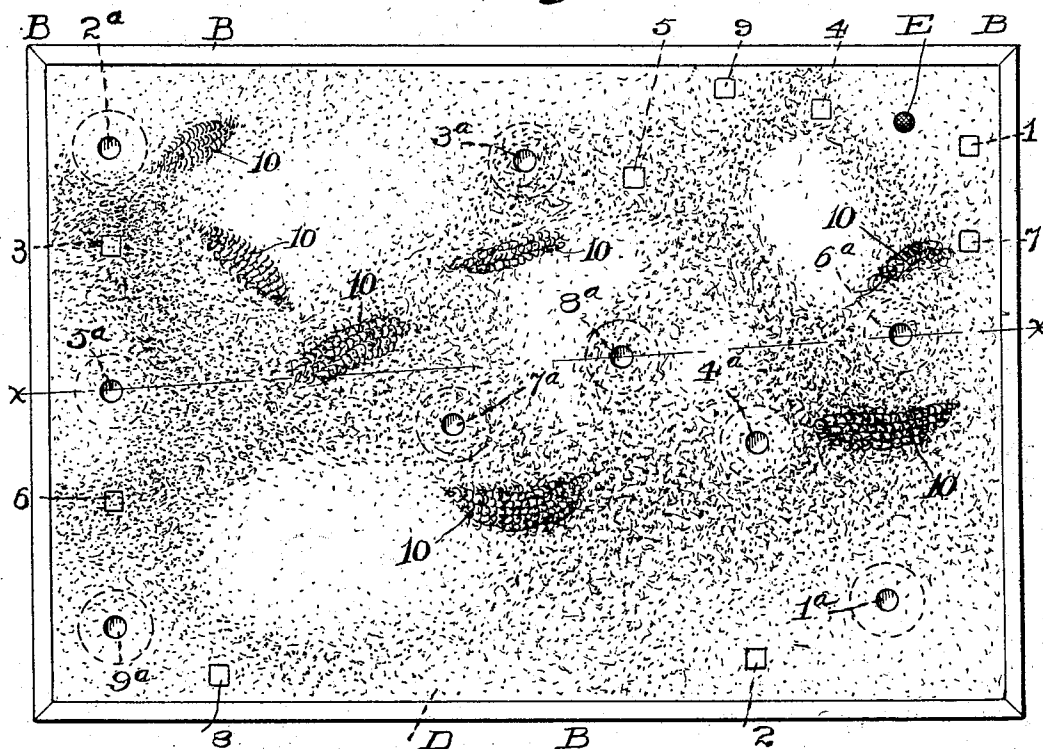


Fig. 2.

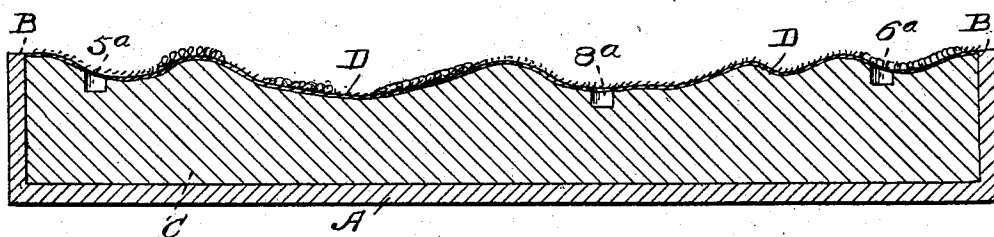


Fig. 3.

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Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Indoor-Golf Games; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain improvements in indoor-golf games, and has for its object to improve upon the construction shown and described in Letters Patent No. 713,253, issued to me November 11, 1902; and it consists in certain details of construction hereinafter fully set forth and then specifically designated by the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved game; Fig. 2, a section at the line *x x* of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a detail elevation of one form of ball, and Fig. 4 is a detail elevation of another form of ball.

Similar characters of reference denote like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

In the Letters Patent above referred to I showed and described a ball covered with a "fuzzy" substance, and I also showed and described the surface of the game-board likewise covered with a fuzzy substance; but I have ascertained that I can use either a perfectly-smooth ball or a ball having a serrated surface, provided that a very pronounced fuzzy substance is used upon the board, and, moreover, it is true that either a smooth ball or a serrated ball is more satisfactory, particularly when "hazards" are placed upon the board.

A is the foundation-board, provided with the sides B. Within this box-like receptacle I place any suitable material C, which may be wood, paper-pulp, cement, or the like, the upper surface of which substance is irregular or rolling, so as to represent the general layout of golf-links. The surface of this substance C is covered or coated all over with a proper fuzzy material D, which is preferably a pile fabric, such as plush, or a very pronounced fuzzy substance.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 represent the tees from which the ball is successively driven in playing the game, and 1^a 2^a 3^a 4^a 5^a 6^a 7^a 8^a 9^a are the holes within which the ball is to be played, the lines dotted in the circle around each hole representing the putting-greens.

10 represents hazards, which I preferably make from curled hair or other analogous substance and which are located upon the surface of the board at proper places. These hazards represent difficulties or particularly rough places and quite a little skill is required to avoid them.

A ball covered with a fuzzy substance would stick in these hazards, so that the playing of the ball therefrom would be attended with more luck than actual skill.

In my present improvement I use a ball whose surface is either perfectly smooth, as shown at E' in Fig. 4, or the surface of the ball may be scored, so as to present a rough appearance, as shown at E in Fig. 3.

I have ascertained that both the smooth and the serrated ball can be played with far more accuracy than would be obtained by the use of a fuzzy ball, and, moreover, a ball that is not covered with a fuzzy substance will not skitter, but will closely hug the surface of the board, provided that the latter is covered with a pronounced fuzzy substance.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In an indoor-golf game, a playing-board having an irregular playing-surface covered with a pronounced fuzzy substance—as a pile fabric, tees and holes located at proper places throughout said board, and hazards made from curled hair secured to the board and extending above the playing-surface thereof and located at points intermediate of said tees and holes, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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