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Fig. 1.

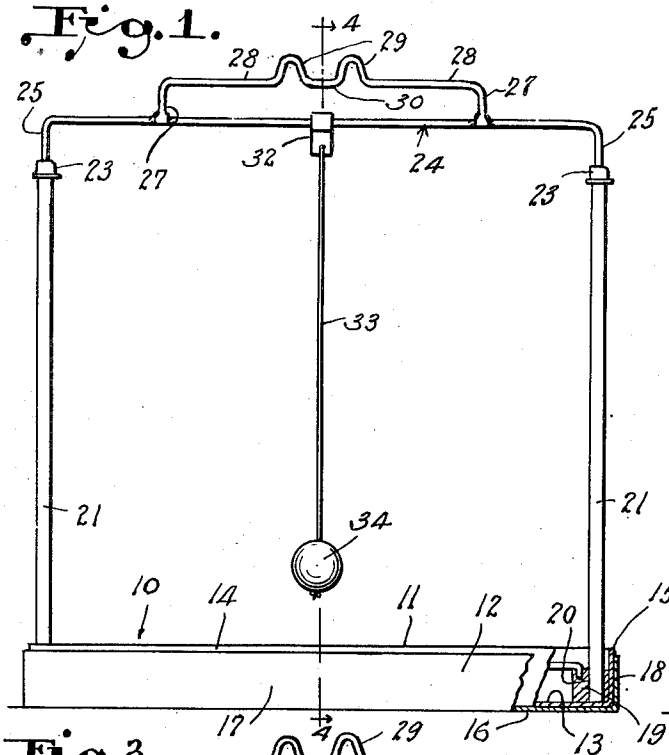


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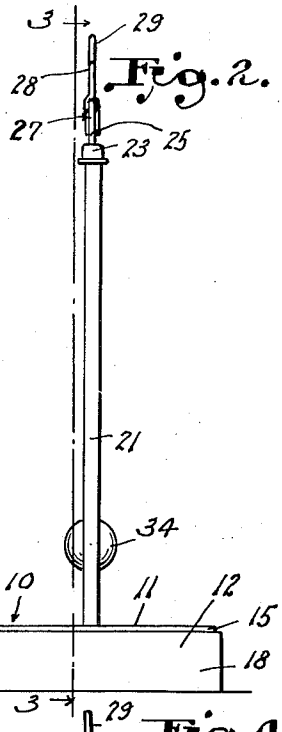


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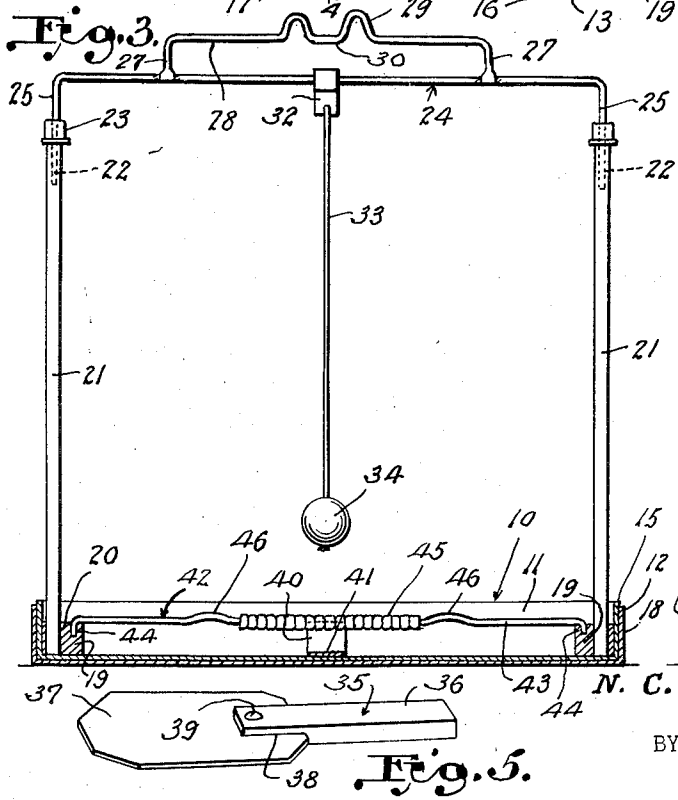


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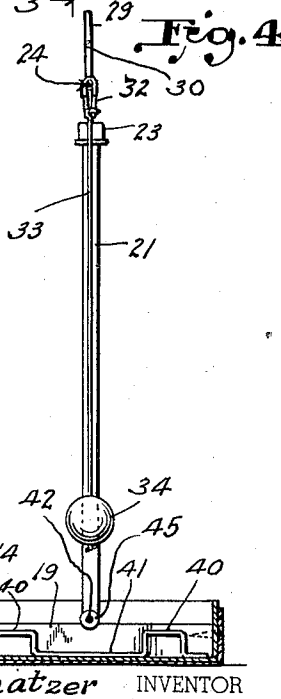


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This invention relates to a game and preferably to a game known as pendulum table tennis.

An object of this invention is to provide a game embodying a base with upstanding supports or posts between which a wire is stretched and a captive ball which is swingably supported on said wire between the posts.

Another object of this invention is to provide a game which also includes a scoring rack carried by the base.

A further object of this invention is to provide a game which can be played by one or two players.

A further object of this invention is to provide a game of this kind wherein the elements are collapsible into the base where the parts may be conveniently retained when not in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts, hereinafter more fully described and ponited out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a detail front elevation partly broken away and in section of a game structure embodying this invention.

Fig. 2 is a detail end elevation of the game structure.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken substantially on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken substantially on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the paddles used with this game.

Referring to the drawing the numeral **10** designates generally a box or holder which includes a bottom box member **11** and a top member **12**. The bottom member **11** is formed of a bottom wall **13**, opposite side walls **14** and opposite end walls **15**. The top or cover **12** is formed of a bottom wall **16**, opposite side walls **17** and opposite end walls **18**. In the open position of the box **10** the cover **12** is adapted to telescope over the bottom section **11** after the manner shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

A pair of transversely disposed blocks **19** are fixedly secured within the bottom member **11** adjacent each end thereof and each block **19** is provided with a socket **20**. An upstanding post **21** is adapted to removably engage in the socket **20** and a post **21** is provided in the upper end thereof with a downwardly extending opening or socket **22**. A metal ferrule **23** engages about the upper ends of posts **21** so as to prevent splitting of the posts.

A ball suspension member generally indicated at **24** is adapted to be removably mounted in the sockets **22** of the posts **21**. This suspension member **24** is formed of substantially inverted U-shape and has vertically disposed ends **25** which are adapted to engage in the sockets **22**. The suspension member **24** also includes a member **28** constructed of heavy wire material which is also U-shaped with its ends **27** welded to the member **24**, as shown by the drawing. The member **28** is formed with vertical offset portions **29** providing a horizontal bar **30** disposed directly above the clip indicated by reference character **32**. The clip **32** has the upper end of a cord **33** secured thereto and the lower end of the cord **33** extends diametrically through the ball **34**. While I have shown this support as constructed in a preferred manner, it is within the scope of the invention to vary the form and shape of the support to meet various requirements without departing from the spirit of the invention.

There are two paddles generally indicated at **35** which are used in the playing of the game and each paddle **33** is formed of a handle **36** and a plate **37**. The plate **37** is extended into a slot **38** which is formed in the handle **36** and a screw or fastening member **39** secures the plate **37** in the slot **38**. The two paddles **35** are adapted to be removably disposed in the bottom member **11** and when the paddles **35** are not in use the handles **36** are engaged in upwardly offset loops **40** which are formed in a strap **41** secured transversely across the bottom wall **13** of the bottom member **11**.

A scoring rack generally indicated at **42** is disposed in the bottom member **11** and comprises an elongated rod **43** having downturned opposite ends **44** which are secured to the blocks **19**. The rod **43** has loosely mounted thereon beads **45** and the beads **45** are normally disposed between a pair of upwardly offset portions **46**. During the playing of the game the beads **45** are moved outwardly over the offset portions **46** toward each end of the rack **42** indicating scored points.

In the playing of the game the box **10** in open position is set upon a table with the length of the box disposed transversely of the table. If desired, the box may be set upon the floor and each player will be disposed on opposite sides of the box. Each player takes a paddle **35** and the server who starts the play strikes the ball **34** in the suspended position of the ball. The opponent upon having the ball **34** swing toward him will strike the ball from beneath so as to carry the ball with the cord **33** over the top of the wire and pivot bar **30**. The first player or server will attempt to strike the ball from beneath so as to drive it back over top of bar **30** to prevent recoil over suspension member or bar **30**.

Each player is entitled to only two attempts to hit the ball over the top of wire form **24**, after which two attempts by each, the ball is brought to a standstill and the points earned by each, if any, scored. No score is given for returning the ball over the central portion of the suspension member. If the ball is hanging from the second section at the end of a round, a score of five points is given to the player putting it in that position. If the ball is hanging over an outer section, a score of ten points is given and if the ball is hanging over the middle and outer sections a score of fifteen points is given. If the cord is wrapped around the wire more than one time, additional score is earned for each additional wrap at value of each section. Players continue to serve alter-

nately until one player has scored a total of fifty points which constitutes a game.

What is claimed is:

A game comprising a base including an upstanding marginal flange, a pair of blocks fixedly secured to said base adjacent the flange, said blocks having apertures therein, upstanding posts rising from said blocks, a bar extending between the upper ends of said posts, a suspension member extending above said bar, a clip mounted on said bar, offset portions on said suspension member on opposite sides of said clip, a flexible cord having one end secured to said clip, a ball secured to the other end of said cord, and paddle means for effecting rotation of said ball and said cord around said bar and said suspension member between said offset portions.

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