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Fig. 1

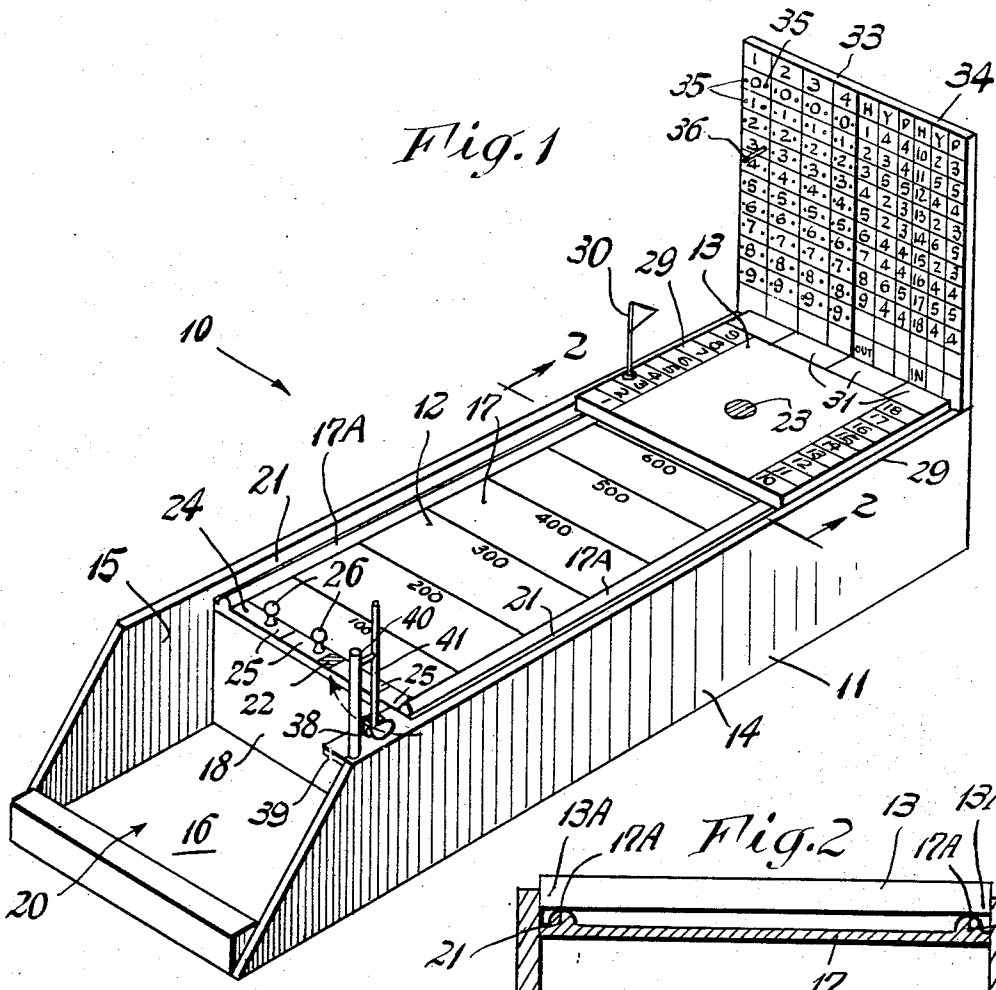


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

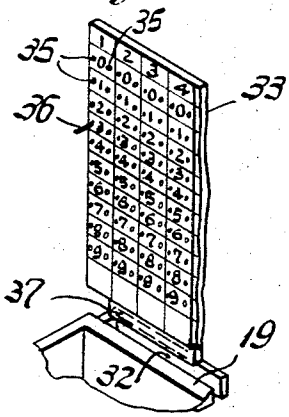


Fig. 4

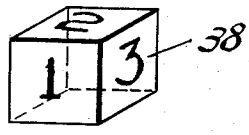
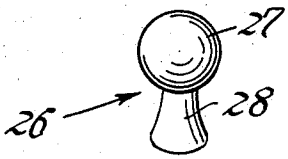


Fig. 5



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A golf game comprising a game board, constructed to simulate a fairway portion of a golf course on which there is a slide, adjustably mounted thereon. The slide represents the putting green which can be moved to vary the distance of the successive holes to be played in the course of the game. Operatively associated with the board is a schedule representing the respective distances and par of each hole to be played and game tokens are included to indicate the lay of the imaginary ball on the game board. Also, a die is provided for randomly signifying the distance of the drive of a given player and the strokes taken by the player to putt out the hole. Means are also included for effecting the throw of the die.

This invention relates in general to a game device, and more specifically to a gaming device for authentically simulating the game of golf.

Considerable efforts have been made to develop a game device in which the game of golf could be authentically simulated. Heretofore, the prior known golfing game devices simulated a miniature golf course over which a ball or projectile was advanced by engaging the same with an instrument or tool representing a golf club. However, with such miniature golf game constructions the real thrill of an authentic golf game could not be appreciated or approached in that the play of the game was dependent upon the manual skill of an individual player; and further that the play of the game was particularly confined to the physical structure of the miniature course. For this reason the course could not be varied or changed. Such games then for the most part had no fixed par values for a given hole which would represent that of an actual game and the skill of one player would be merely pitted against the skill of another player. Consequently, such game held little, if any, interest to persons of unequal skills. Thus, the known construction merely simulated a miniature golf game in that a ball or projectile was advanced over the lay of a miniature course by means of a tool to simulate a club.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a game device in which the game of golf can be authentically simulated to substantially that of an actual golfing game without utilizing a projectile or ball of any kind.

Another object is to provide a game device to simulate the game of golf wherein any of the known or famous golf courses can be readily recreated and played with all the authenticity of actual play thereat.

The foregoing objects, features and other advantages are attained in accordance with this invention by a game board constructed and arranged to simulate the fairway portion of a golf course and which is provided with an adjustably mounted slide thereon to represent a movable putting green. The arrangement is such that the slide representing the putting green can be readily moved over the fairway representation of the board to vary the distance of the successive holes to be played in accordance with a predetermined schedule or course.

Accordingly, the fairway representation of the board may be marked off in predetermined distances so that the slide may be readily positioned at any of the distances marked thereon. A schedule representing a given or fictitious course is provided whereby the respective distances and par for each of the holes to be played can be readily noted and whereby the slide may be readily positioned in accordance therewith.

Game tokens are provided to indicate the position of the respective players over the game board during the play of the game. The play of the game is conducted by an indicating means to randomly determine by chance either the distance of the drive of an imaginary ball along the fairway portion of the game or the number of putts to hole out an imaginary ball when a player's position is on the green simulated by the slide. Means are also provided for penalty strokes just as in an actual golfing game, and a score keeping means is included whereby the player can keep count of his individual score.

A feature of this invention resides in the provision of an improved game board construction wherein the game of golf can be actually simulated without resorting to the use of any projectile or ball required to be advanced, as by hitting it with a tool or the like.

Another feature of this invention resides in the provision wherein the distances of the respective holes of the simulated golf game can be readily adjusted in accordance to those of any well known golf course so that the play of a known course can be simulated with the same accuracy and thrill of actual play thereon.

Other features and advantages will become more readily apparent when considered in view of the drawings and specification in which:

FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of a game embodiment in which the principles of the invention in question are utilized.

FIG. 2 is a sectional view taken along line 2—2 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of construction detail.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a die construction utilized in conjunction with the play of the instant game.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a typical game token utilized in conjunction with the game of the instant invention.

Referring to the drawings, there is shown a game device for simulating the game of golf. It comprises a game board constructed and arranged so as to authentically simulate the play of the game of golf. As shown, the game board **11** comprises a portion **12** representing the fairway of a golf course, and a slide **13** movable therealong to represent the golf green of a golf course. In the illustrated embodiment of the fairway portion **12** of the golf course is represented by a pair of opposed vertically disposed side forming members **14, 15** which are connected in spaced relationship by a bottom member **16**. Spaced above the bottom member **16** is a top forming member or platform defining the fairway of the golf course. If desired, a front wall **18** and a rear wall **19** are provided to support the ends of the top member **17** on the bottom member **16**. As best seen in FIG. 1 it is to be noted that the top member or platform **17** is made somewhat shorter than the bottom member **16** so that there is defined at the front end of the game board a well portion **20**.

In the illustrated embodiment there is provided along each longitudinal side of the top member **17** means defining a slideway **21**. As best seen in FIG. 2 the slideways **21** are defined by upwardly extending rails **17A** connected to the top member. Accordingly, the slide **13** which is intended to represent the green is arranged to rest on and slide along the rails **17A** of the board so that the slide may be readily adjusted therealong. As shown, the sides **14** and **15** extend slightly above the rails **17A** to confine the slide **13** therebetween.

In accordance with this invention the top member or platform **17** representing the fairway is marked off by

transversely extending lines into predetermined equal distances to represent the distances between an imaginary tee **22** and an imaginary hole **23** on slide **13**. As shown in FIG. 1, the fairway is marked off in hundreds of yards, as for example, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 yds.

At the front end of the top member **17** there is provided a strip **24** which is marked off to define stations **25** for game tokens **26** at the start of the play. Accordingly each station **25** may be separately colored to distinguish the players. The game token **26** may comprise a symbolic golf ball **27** on a pedestal **28** or any other suitable object.

Along the sides of the slide **13**, there are provided rows of numerals **29**, e.g., 1 to 18, to indicate the numbers of the respective golf holes. To indicate which hole is being played during the game, a game piece or marker **30** in the form of a flag or the like is positioned at the number corresponding to the hole which is being played.

Extended along the back of the slide are marked off portions **31** corresponding to the starting stations **25** to indicate penalty stations when a player is operating under a penalty, as will be hereinafter described.

As best seen in FIGS. 1 and 3, the rear wall **19** of the game board is provided with means **32** for supporting thereon a backboard including a pair of backboard portions **33**, **34**. One portion **33** is utilized for indicating the number of strokes each individual player requires, and the other portion **34** to indicate the yardage and par score for each of the holes to be played. The backboard may be made either as one piece or two pieces.

As shown, backboard portion **33** is marked off into columns, one for each player, e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4. In each of the columns, the numerals 0 to 9 are set forth. Disposed on opposite sides of the respective numerals in each of the columns are peg holes **35** adapted to receive peg marker **36** by which the individual players may keep track of their score. Therefore, by advancing the pegs **36** from a hole opposite one numeral to the next the score of any given player can be readily noted. The holes **35** to the right of the numerals in each of the respective columns signify strokes under ten corresponding to the adjacent numeral and the holes **35** to the left of the numerals in each of the respective columns signify strokes over ten. Therefore, for example, if the peg is disposed to the right of any of the numerals in the column, for example, numeral 3, the player has three strokes. If the peg is placed to the left of the numeral 3, the indication is that the player has 13 strokes.

The other backboard portion **34** is divided up into columns to indicate the numbers of the holes, yardage for each hole, and the par score for each of the holes. As for example, the first hole is a 400 yd. par 4 hole, the second hole is 300 yds. and a par 4, and so forth.

As best seen in FIG. 3 each of the backboard portions **33**, **34** is provided with projecting tongue **37** to be received in corresponding slot **32** formed along the rear wall **19** of the game board. In this manner, the backboard can be readily detached to facilitate the stowing and/or packing of the game.

Means are provided for randomly indicating solely by chance either the distance of a drive and/or the number of putting strokes required to hole out during the play of any particular hole. As best seen in FIG. 4, the indicating means comprise a die **38** which is provided with six sides or faces. Each of the sides or faces of the die is provided with a marking thereon to signify either the yardage and/or the putting strokes an individual player is charged with. As best seen in FIG. 4, the opposed faces of the die are each provided with a numeral 1, 2 or 3. Thus, upon the roll of the die, only a 1, 2 or 3 is possible.

In accordance with this invention and referring to FIG. 1, there is provided adjacent the front end of the game board a ledge **39** which projects over the well portion **20** of the board. Extending upwardly from the ledge there is provided an upright support or post **40** to which a simulated golf club **41** is pivotally connected. Thus, in accordance with this invention, the throw of the die is effected

by positioning the die **38** on the ledge **39** as indicated in FIG. 1, and flipping the golf club **41** so that the club will knock the die **38** off the ledge and into the well **20** of the game board. In this manner, a player may effect the throw of the die to determine his respective position on the game board when his turn is had. Since the play of the game is controlled entirely by the throw of the die **38** it will be apparent that manual dexterity or manual skill is not a requisite for the play of the game. For this reason, the game can be played with equal opportunity by persons of varying skills and/or age.

With the structure of the game thus described, the operation or play of the game is as follows:

With the respective backboard portions **33**, **34** for keeping score, and for determining the number, yardage and par of the respective holes, assembled on the back wall **19** of the game board as shown in FIG. 1, the slide **13** representing the putting green is placed along the fairway marking corresponding to the yardage indicated for hole 1 on the backboard **34**. For example, hole No. 1 in the illustrated embodiment is 400 yards. Consequently, the green or slide is moved to the 400 yd. mark or stripe on the fairway. This then indicates to the players that the first hole to be played is a 400 yd. hole with a par of four strokes. The first player to tee off then positions his marker or token on the tee **22** and the die **38** on the ledge **39** and rolls the die into the well **20** by hitting the same with the club **41**. Whatever marking appears on the face of the die indicates the distance of the first player's drive, and he accordingly positions his token **26** at the fairway mark corresponding to that. For example, if the numeral 2 of the die faces up, then the indication is that the player has driven 200 yds. and he will place his token at the 200 yd. mark. If numeral 1 showed, the player succeeded in driving only 100 yards, etc. The player then scores his peg **36** by inserting it in the hole **35** to the right of the numeral 1 of his scoring column on the scoring backboard **33**. The next player in turn repeats the operation of rolling the die **38** to indicate his drive along the fairway.

Since hole No. 1 is a 400 yd. hole and the maximum drive that can be had is a 300 yd. drive, as the die contains only markings 1, 2 and 3, the respective players are again required to roll the die in order to reach the green or slide **13**. The next throw of the die may or may not advance the respective players to the green, depending on the length of the first drive. Once on the green, the next throw of the die **38** by the respective players is used to indicate the total number of putts required to hole out the particular hole. Thus, by a single throw of the die a player can hole out on one, two or three putting strokes depending on the marking of the die which turns up. Consequently, it is to be noted that the player adds the number of putt strokes to the number of drives required to reach the green to determine his score for a particular hole. After each of the respective players has holed out on a given hole, the slide **13** representing the putting green is moved as required for the play of the next hole, as for example hole No. 2. As indicated on board **34**, hole No. 2 is a 300 yd. hole. Thus, the movable green is moved to the 300 yd. mark on the fairway and the play resumed as herein described.

From the foregoing it is to be noted that the game is realistically played in that all the possibilities of an actual game can occur. Also, it is to be noted that by interchanging different backboards having different yardage and par scores, any well known golf course play can be simulated.

In accordance with this invention penalties are also possible. This occurs if a player overdrives a hole. As for example, hole No. 5 is a 200 yd. hole. In this case the putting green **13** is moved up to the 200 yd. marker on the fairway portion of the game board. If a player, when he tees off, rolls a 3 on his die, the indication is that he has overdriven the hole as the hole was only 200 yards. In this event the player places his marker **26** in the appropriate penalty square **31** indicated at the rear of the putting green, and a penalty of a stroke is incurred.

If desired, a penalty stroke may also be had in the event a player overdrives the hole on his second drive from the fairway. This situation can arise when the putting green is disposed at a 300 yd. limit, and a player's first drive is 200 yards and his second stroke is either 200 or 300 yards. From the foregoing, it is to be noted that the players can enjoy a realistic game of golf without requiring the need for hitting a ball over the course as heretofore known or relying on any manual skills in doing so.

From the foregoing it will be readily apparent that the play of the game will vary from game to game and consequently one will not tire from repetition since all the situations possible on an actual golf course are possible with the game construction.

While the instant invention has been described with reference to a particular embodiment thereof, it will be readily understood and appreciated that variations and modifications thereof may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A game device in which the game of golf can be authentically simulated comprising:
   (a) a game board including means defining a raised platform portion to simulate a fairway portion of a golf course and a well portion adjacent one end of said platform portion,
   (b) means indicating distances on said fairway portion,
   (c) means defining a slideway extending longitudinally of said platform portion,
   (d) a slide member adapted to be slidably adjusted along said slideway, said slide member simulating the green portion of a golf course,
   (e) game tokens adapted to represent players movable over said game board,
   (f) and indicating means for randomly signifying the lie of an imaginary ball in driving toward the green by a given player and strokes taken to putt a hole after reaching the green by the respective players,
   (g) said indicating means including a die,
   (h) said die having markings on the faces thereof to represent yardage when used to indicate drives and strokes when a player is on the green,
   (i) and means for effecting the throw of the die,
   (j) said means including a ledge mounted adjacent the end of said platform portion and within the well portion of said board,
   (k) and means positioned adjacent said ledge to knock said die placed on said ledge into said well to effect the throw of the die.

2. The invention as defined in claim 1 and including
   (a) means connected to said game board for keeping count of the strokes of each player.

3. The invention as defined in claim 2 wherein said means for keeping count of the strokes of each player include:
   (a) a backboard connected to the end of said game board,
   (b) said backboard having numeral markings thereon to indicate numbers of strokes with a hole disposed on each side of the respective numeral markings thereon,
   (c) and a peg adapted to be received in said holes to indicate the number of strokes taken by each player.

4. The invention as defined in claim 1 and including
   (a) means connected to said game board for indicating the number of holes to be played, the yardage of the respective holes, and the par for each of said holes.

5. A game device in which the game of golf can be authentically simulated comprising:
   (a) a game board including opposed elongated side members, a bottom member and a top member connected between said side members, said top member being spaced from said bottom member, and said top member being slightly shorter than said bottom member,
   (b) whereby said side members and bottom member define a well portion open at the top adjacent one end of said top member,
   (c) said top member defining the fairway portion of a simulated golf course,
   (d) means indicating fairway distances on said top member,
   (e) means defining a slideway extending longitudinally of said top member and adjacent the side members of said board,
   (f) a slide member adapted to be slidably adjusted along the fairway defining top member of said board, said slide member simulating a putting green portion of a golf course,
   (g) means simulating a hole marked on said slide member,
   (h) said slide member including indices thereon indicating the numbers of the holes to be played,
   (i) game tokens adapted to represent players,
   (j) and indicating means for randomly signifying the distance of a drive of a given player and strokes taken by said player to putt a hole,
   (k) said indicating means including a die,
   (l) said die having markings on the faces thereof to represent distances when used to indicate drive strokes and numbers of putting strokes when a player is positioned on the green,
   (m) and means for effecting the throw of the die,
   (n) said means including a ledge connected to a side member of said board,
   (o) said ledge being disposed adjacent the well portion of said board,
   (p) and means for providing an impact to said die placed on said ledge to knock the same thereoff and into said well.

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