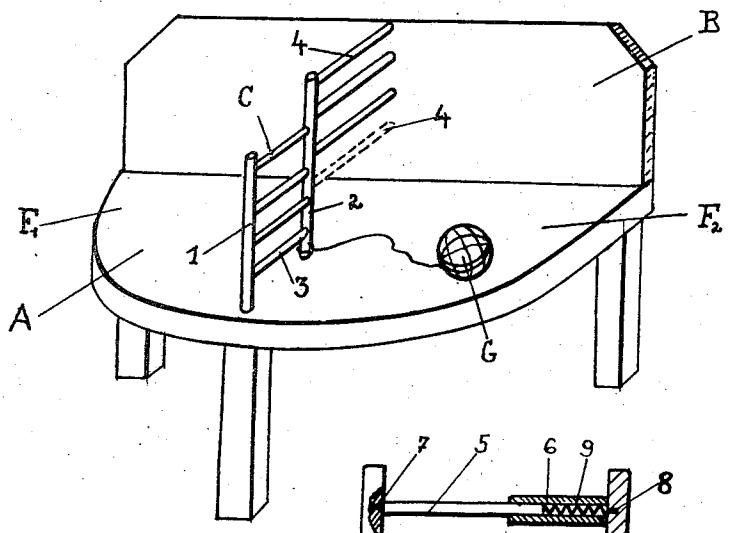
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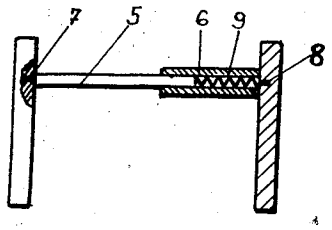


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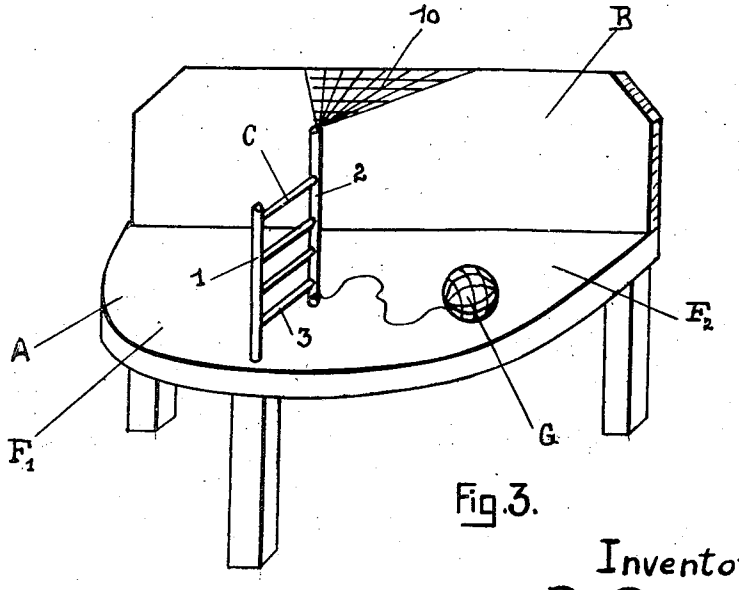


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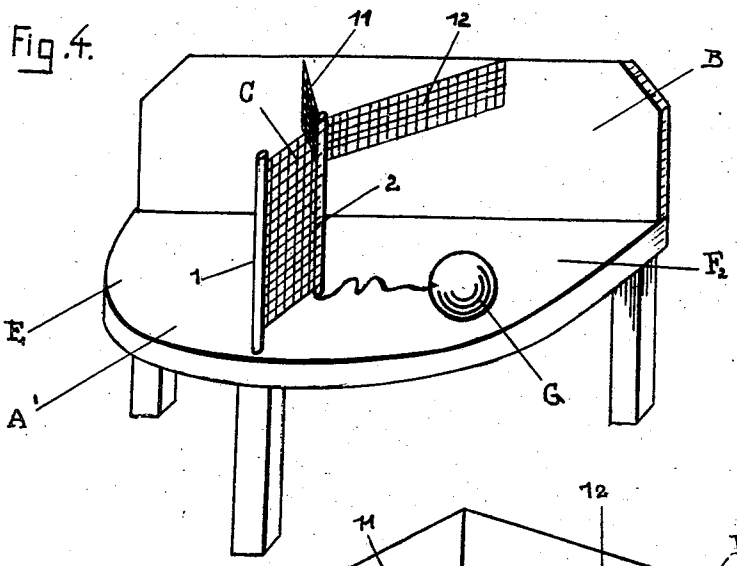
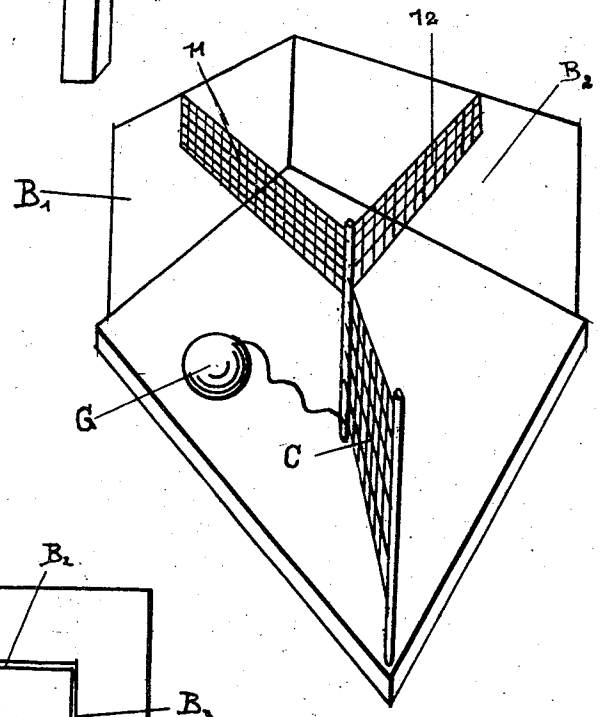


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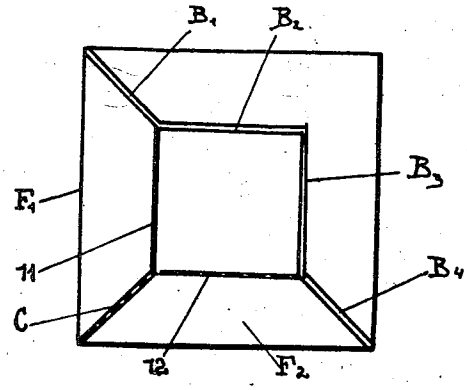


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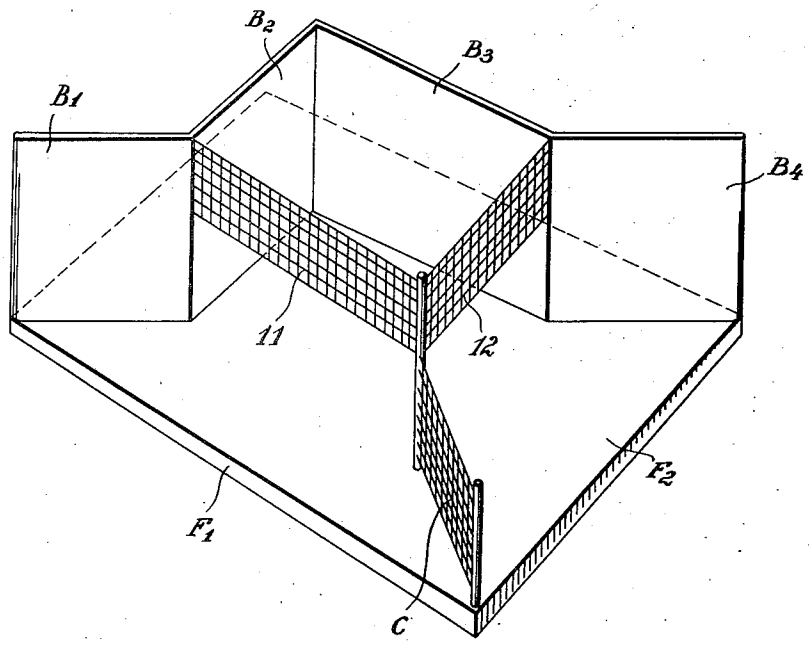
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Fig. 7



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The present invention relates to improvements in games provided with a pediment.

It has already been proposed to make games with a pediment against which the players send the ball which has to be caught by another player as it rebounds.

According to the invention, the game comprises a platform, which is preferably wider than it is deep, a pediment arranged on one of the edges of the platform, a separating partition spaced apart some distance from the pediment in such a manner as to divide the platform into two compartments that communicate with each other through the opening between the pediment and the separating partition, and means for limiting the height of said opening.

According to a particularly advantageous embodiment, the ball is attached by means of a cord to any appropriate spot of the game. Games of this type may be of different dimensions; it is possible to construct the game apparatus for large outdoor enclosures, and for a small drawing room by mounting on a platform or a table.

Several embodiments of the game have been illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawings.

Figs. 1, 3 and 4 show perspective views of three modifications of the game apparatus, each provided with a straight pediment;

Fig. 2 shows a constructional detail;

Fig. 5 shows a perspective view of a game, the pediment of which is formed by two panels forming an angle;

Fig. 6 shows a plan view and Fig. 7 a perspective view of a game, the pediment of which is formed by four panels.

The game shown in Fig. 1 comprises a semicircular platform A, a pediment B, an openwork separating partition C arranged perpendicular to the pediment and spaced apart some distance from same, in such a manner as to divide the platform into two compartments F1 and F2. Said separating partition C is formed by two poles 1, 2 which are fixed on the platform and are connected to each other by horizontal cross-pieces 3. Other fixed or removable cross-pieces 4 are arranged between the pole 2 and the pediment B, limiting the height of the communication opening between the two parts of the enclosure.

In order to enable the cross-pieces to be mounted and dismounted quickly, they are preferably formed, as shown in Fig. 2, by a bar 5 on which is mounted a slidable tube 6, the

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closed end of which carries a spike 7, another spike 8 being provided on the free end of the bar. A spring 9 is arranged in the tube.

For fixing these telescopic cross-pieces, said spikes are engaged in holes in the poles 2 and the panels B, compressing the spring 9 (Fig. 2). By means of this device, the height of the opening can be quickly enlarged or reduced at will, by adding or removing one or more of the cross-pieces, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

As shown in the drawing, the ball is attached by means of a cord at any appropriate spot of the game. The point of attachment is preferably near the center of the game, for example at the inner end of the separating panel. The fact that the ball is attached offers the advantage of undisputably showing the goals that have been scored and of preventing the ball from being projected far from the game. It is also possible to arrange the ball at an appropriate spot in a net and to attach said net. In Figs. 1 and 3 the ball is shown in such a net.

The following game can be played by means of this device: two players, each placed behind a compartment, endeavour to send the ball into one of the opponent's compartments by making it bounce on the pediment, the goals being scored when the ball passes the outer edge of the compartments.

According to the embodiment shown in Fig. 3, the communication opening between the two compartments is limited in height by a horizontal triangular net 10 which is fixed, on the one hand to the separating partition C, and on the other hand to the pediment B.

In Fig. 4, the means limiting the height of the communication opening is formed by two vertical nets 11, 12 which are stretched between the separating partition and the pediment, in such a manner as to form an angle.

The device shown in Fig. 5 comprises a pediment formed by two panels B1, B2 arranged at an angle, for example at right angles. The separating partition C is arranged in the bisector of said angle. A net, arranged at a certain height, perpendicular to the platform, connects each panel to the front edge of the separating partition.

Fig. 6 shows a plan view and Figure 7 a perspective view of a game provided with a pediment formed by four panels B1 to B4, arranged at various angles, a separating partition C and two nets 11, 12 connecting partition C and the panels B1—B4.

I claim:

A game of ball, which comprises in combination a platform, a pediment being arranged along the longest edge of the said platform, a separating unrebound partition being arranged in the shortest direction of said platform and spaced apart some distance from said pediment, in such a manner as to divide the platform into two compartments, communicating with each other through the opening between said pediment and said separating partition, and a horizontal triangular net fixed at a certain height to said separating partition and to said pediment.

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