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Fig. 1.

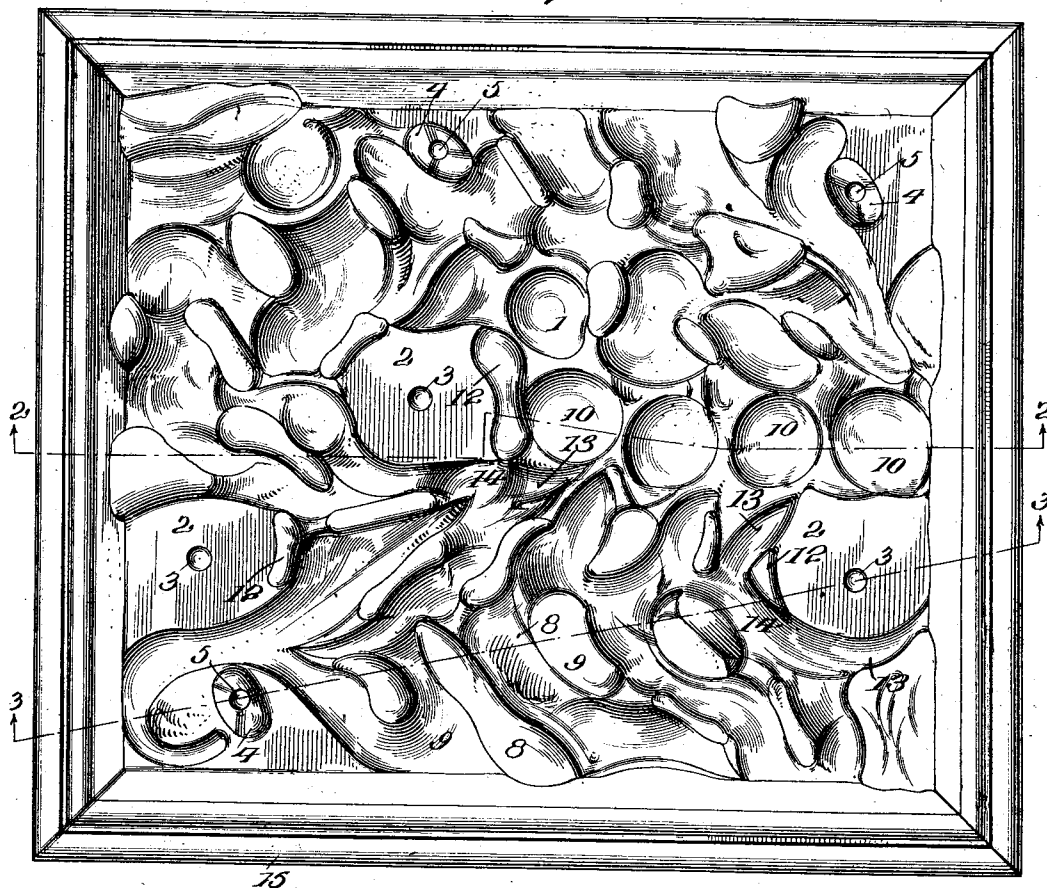


Fig. 2.

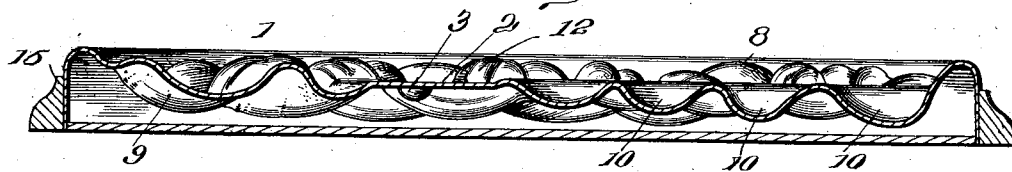
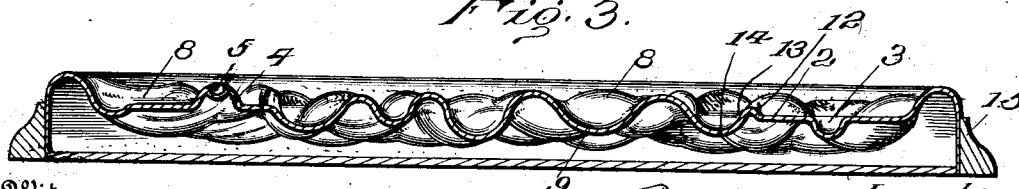
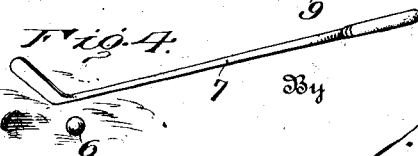


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. TOTTEN, of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards; 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.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved game board having all the characteristics of the game of golf in a highly accentuated form, and which may be played with zeal and interest, being both amusing and entertaining.

The invention will be hereinafter fully set forth and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view. Figs. 2 and 3 are sectional views on lines 2—2 and 3—3, respectively, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows a miniature golf club.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a base which is preferably rectangular and composed of a single piece of material, usually metal, although papier mâché may be employed. In the present instance I have shown a base of sufficient proportions to provide a "course" of three holes, but the number is regulated only by the size of the base. At suitable points the base has flat smooth portions 2, forming putting greens, and in each of the latter is a hole or recess 3, preferably at some central point. At different points on the board I provide raised portions 4 constituting teeing grounds, and in each of these raised portions I form a recess or depression 5 which serves as a seat for the ball 6 which is preferably a heavy buck shot. Each of the teeing portions is arranged with relation to one of the putting greens. The ball is positioned in the recess of a teeing ground and is then impelled toward the respective putting green by an instrument 7, which is preferably a miniature driving-iron or mid-iron, as shown in Fig. 4.

The object of this game, as with the regular game of golf, being to hole-out with the fewest possible strokes, the difficulty of

reaching the putting greens is increased by a series of bunkers and hazards, represented by alternate raised portions 8 and intermediate depressed portions 9, the former being irregular in size and varying in outline, while the latter are more or less irregular in depth. Adjacent to one of the putting greens I provide a series of pockets 10 which are preferably separated and of graduated depths, the pocket immediately adjacent the putting green being the deepest. I also surround some or all of the putting greens with raised portions, such as 12 and grooves or channels, such as 13, which either join at some point of maximum depth, or, otherwise stated, lead into pockets, such as 14. Throughout the board similar grooves or channels are irregularly arranged, thereby adding greater zest to the game than if the board closely simulated a golf course, since often when the ball has landed upon a point from which apparently it may be easily played, by reason of the grooves or channels it may be positioned either back of a raised portion or lead into a pocket.

The base being a single piece of material all of the raised and depressed portions, as well as the smooth portions representing the putting greens, are stamped in one operation. The base itself is shown as provided with inclined walls along its edges and as mounted on a board 12.

I claim as my invention:

1. A game apparatus comprising a board having a series of smooth or approximately smooth surfaces, forming putting-greens with holes formed in said putting-greens, a series of teeing-grounds, said board having between the teeing-grounds and the putting-greens obstructions composed of pockets, raised portions and grooves or channels, the latter leading into certain of the pockets, and a spherical counter designed to be propelled from the teeing-grounds to the putting-greens by one or more strokes.

2. A game apparatus comprising a board having a series of smooth or approximately smooth surfaces, forming putting-greens with holes formed in said putting-greens, a series of teeing-grounds, said board having

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greens obstructions composed of pockets and
raised portions, and grooves or channels sur-
rounding or in proximity to the putting-
5 greens, certain of said grooves or channels
leading into pockets also adjacent to the put-
ting-greens.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this
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