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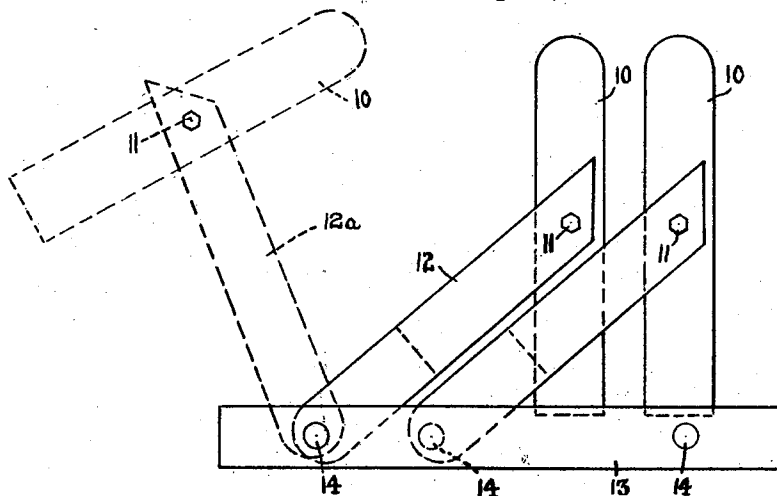


Fig. 1

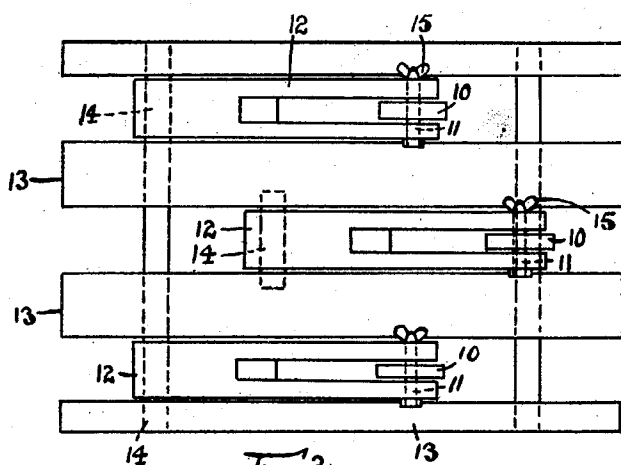


Fig. 2

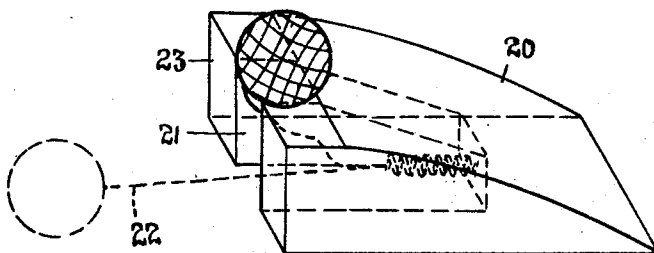


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to apparatus or appliances for giving or imparting self-instruction in the playing of games, particularly those in which an implement is employed to drive or propel an object and refers more particularly to the game of golf.

The invention relates in particular to that kind of appliance which includes a number of suitably spaced targets pivotally supported above a base which is placed on the ground at a suitable distance from a ball or other teed object so that when the object is struck by the club, one or other of the targets is also struck by the club and an indication of the quality of the executed stroke is thereby afforded.

Amongst the objects of the invention is to provide an appliance of cheap and robust construction and one in which provision is made for giving an indication as to when a target is struck near its upper or its lower end.

According to the present invention an appliance is provided, consisting of a base adapted to rest upon the ground, a number of supporting members pivoted to the base and extending upwards from the base at an inclination, each of the supporting members carrying a target in the form of a strip pivoted to the supporting member, the arrangement being such that a target is moved with regard to its supporting member if said target is struck by the club near its upper end, or the target and its supporting member are moved with regard to the base if the target is struck near its lower end.

The invention further includes an improved form of tee for the ball.

The appliance is arranged at a suitable distance from the teed ball so that when the ball is struck, one or other of the targets will also be struck by the club during the follow-through and an indication is thereby afforded of the quality of the stroke.

The appliance may conveniently comprise three spaced targets and in this case the central target is arranged in a direct line with the tee.

If the centre target is struck then the stroke has been accurately performed, if the target to the left of the centre target is struck it indicates that the player has pulled the stroke, whereas if the target to the right of the centre target is struck the stroke has been sliced.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a side elevation and

Fig. 2 a plan view of the appliance and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the improved form of tee.

Referring to the drawings, the targets are in the form of strips 10, pivoted at points 11 to obliquely arranged members 12, which in turn are pivoted to a base 13 at points 14. The stroke of the club is delivered from the right in Fig. 2, and whichever strip is struck is caused to spin about its pivot 11, thus giving a visible indication of the quality of the stroke.

The strips 10 are preferably pivoted away from their centres so that they normally occupy a vertical position.

Should a target be struck low down, the member 12 carrying it will be caused to rock about a pivot 14 into a position, for example, such as that shown in Fig. 1 in dotted lines at 12^a. This will give an indication that the target has been struck low down and that the distance between tee and targets should be increased and at the same time the arrangement lessens the chances of breakage. The strips 10 are secured to the members 12 by pivot pins 11 and wing nuts 15 which permit easy replacements. Any other convenient device adapted to fulfil this purpose may be employed.

Fig. 3 shows a form of tee adapted for use with the apparatus shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The tee may comprise a heavy block 20 having a slot 21 over which the ball or other object may be placed preparatory to being struck and an anchoring device 22 for the ball may be provided.

The leading edge 23 of the tee is of a depth such that the ball or other object can fall below the upper surface of the tee when struck, thus moving out of the path of the club.

It has been found for example that an apparatus having three objectives standing at the centres of three sides of a rectangle about four inches by five inches and a distance of from 15 to 22 inches between the tee and the centre objective will provide a good test for an average golfer.

It will of course be understood that the objectives need not necessarily be arranged in staggered relation as shown in the draw-

ing, but they may be arranged in one straight line or in any other desired formation.

The targets and tee may if desired be mounted upon a common base or support.

The targets may be adjustable also relatively to each other so as to indicate greater or small deviations of the player's stroke from the direct line.

Tees and targets may also be adapted for fixing to carpets, sheets of cocoanut matting or other material for use indoors.

What I claim is:

1. Appliance for use in practicing games comprising a base, a plurality of supporting members pivotally carried upon said base each of said supporting members being adapted to be easily displaced about its pivot on the base and a plurality of targets each carried upon and pivoted to one of said supporting members each target being adapted to be easily displaced about its pivot upon its supporting member.

2. Appliance for use in practicing games comprising a base, a plurality of normally

inclined supporting members pivotally carried on the base each of said supporting members being adapted to be easily displaced from its normal inclined position and a plurality of normally vertically disposed targets each pivoted outside its centre to one of the supporting members, and each adapted to be easily displaced about its pivot upon a supporting member.

3. Appliance for use in practicing games comprising a base, a plurality of supporting members pivotally carried upon said base each of said supporting members being adapted to be easily displaced about its pivot on the base, a plurality of targets each carried upon and pivoted to one of said supporting members and a tee block for the ball adapted to rest on the ground at a convenient distance from the targets said block having a leading edge of a depth such as will permit the ball to fall below the upper edge of the tee when the ball is struck.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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