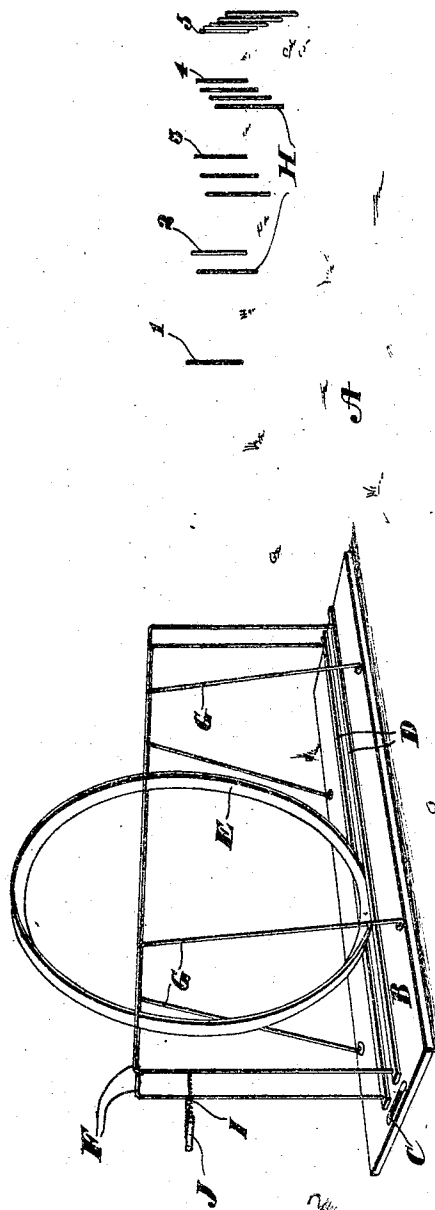


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL W. JANNOCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pasadena, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a simple and interesting game, in which a certain amount of skill is required to be used and which may be played out of doors or in the house, as desired, suitable change being made in the size of the apparatus for adapting it for use indoors or out of doors. I accomplish this object by the apparatus described herein and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which is a perspective view of my game apparatus ready for use on an outdoor field.

In the drawings, A is a level piece of ground, which may be covered with grass, if desired, which must be close-shaven when used for playing thereon.

B is a starting-board which rests upon the surface of the ground and is provided with a level C, so that it may be readily seen when the board is level transversely. Extending longitudinally on the surface of the base or starting-board are strips D, which form a guideway for the bottom of the hoop E when being rolled on the starting-board, as hereinafter explained. Two U-shaped frames F are secured to the starting-board and extend upwardly and form a guide for the top of the hoop when it is being started into play. The tops of these frames are supported by brace-rods G to prevent vibration of the top of the guideway. At a suitable distance from the starting-board are a number of pins H, which may be set in any desired form and given any desired values. I have shown fifteen of these pins arranged in a triangular shape with five pins in the first row, four in the second row, three in the third row, two in the fourth row, and a single pin for the fifth place.

In playing the game all pins in the first row are given a value of one, those in the second row a value of two, in the third row a value of three, in the fourth row a value of four, and the last

pin the value of five. The starting-board is placed at such a distance from the pins, which are driven into the ground, as may be desired by the players, and the object of the game is for a player to roll the hoop from the starting-board to the pins and cause it to fall over as many of said pins as is possible, which of course will depend upon the distance apart of such pins when driven in the ground, and the game will be counted according to the value of the pins which are inclosed by the hoop when it falls upon the ground over the pins, the skill being shown in the ability of the player to drive the hoop just far enough to cause it to fall and inclose a certain number of the pins in the field. When two players play the game, it is preferred to have two starting-boards and two fields of pins oppositely placed, so that a player can stand at each starting-board and roll the hoop across to the field of pins, where it can be picked up by the other player and rolled back to the other field of pins. In the drawing I have illustrated the hoop as the wooden rim of a bicycle-wheel, as I found in practice that it produces a very suitable hoop for that purpose; but any desired hoop may be used, and it may be made of wood or metal. Springs I, the ends of which are secured together by bar J, may be secured to frames F, and the hoop may be driven thereby instead of being driven by hand, if desired.

By this construction I have provided a useful and interesting game which will give a pleasurable amount of exercise for the players. A single pin could be used for the field of pins.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a game apparatus of the character herein described the combination of a starting-board having a guideway extending longitudinally the center thereof; guide-frames secured to said starting-board and extending upward therefrom; said guideways and frame being adapted to support and guide a hoop to be rolled through said guideway.

2. In a game apparatus of the character herein described the starting-board B having

strips D arranged longitudinal the center thereof; level C secured transversely the end of said starting-board; U-shaped guide-frames F secured to said starting-board and extending upwardly therefrom; brace-rods G secured to said starting-board and to said frames; said starting-board being adapted to support and guide hoop E adapted to be rolled through said guideway.

10 3. In a game apparatus of the character herein described the starting-board B having strips D arranged longitudinal the center thereof; level C secured transversely the end of said starting-board; U-shaped guide-frames

F secured to said starting-board and extending upwardly therefrom; brace-rods G secured to said starting-board and to said frames; said starting-board being adapted to support and guide hoop E adapted to be rolled through said guideway; and springs I secured to frames F and having their ends united by bar J. 15 20

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 24th day of June, 1904.

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