

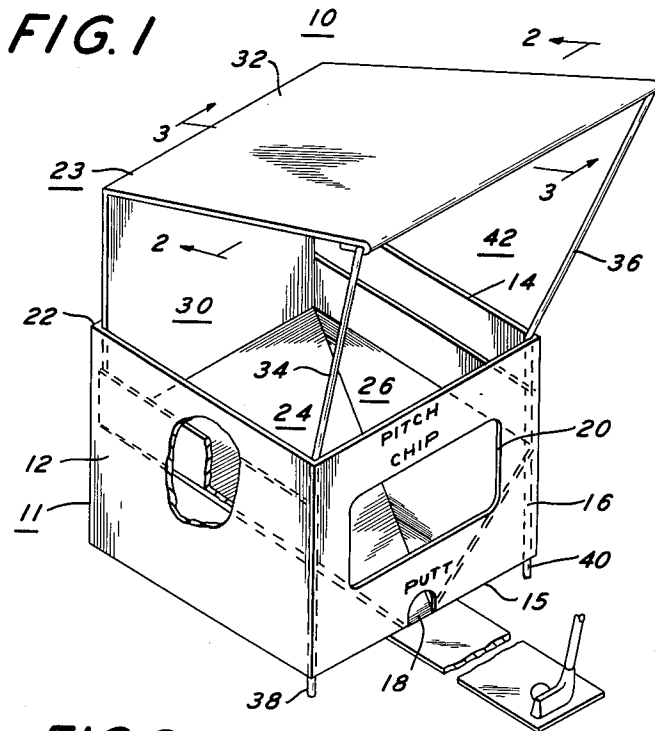
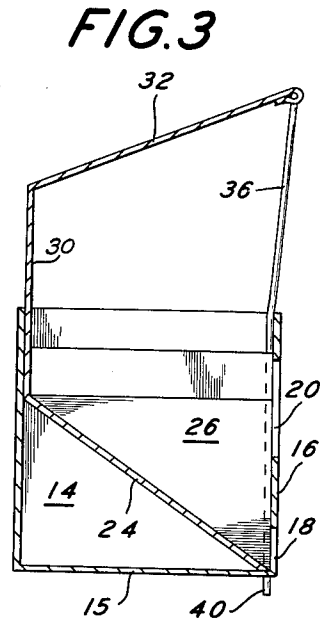
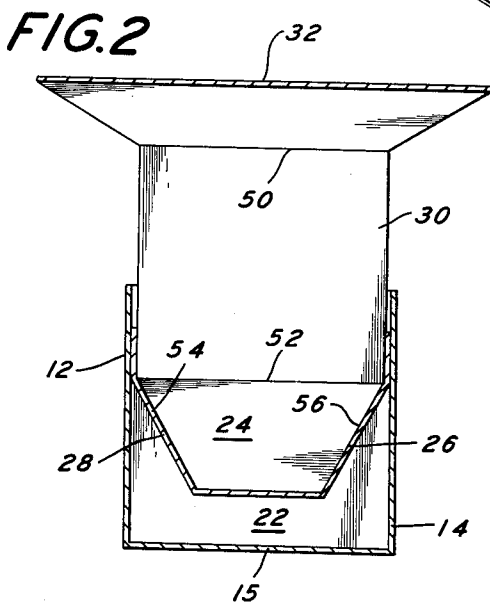
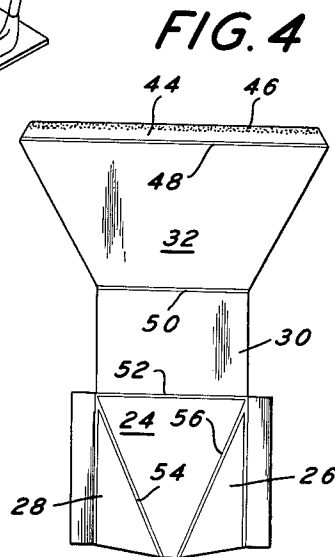
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In general, my invention relates to a new, simple golf practice device. More particularly, it relates to a simple golf practice device useful for putting, pitching and chipping practice.

In the past, a golf practice device which had the capabilities of use for putting, pitching or chipping was quite large, complicated, expensive and usually could not be easily moved once set up.

It is a general object of this invention to avoid and overcome the foregoing difficulties of and objections to the prior art practices by the provision of a better and simpler golf practice device.

It is another object of this invention to provide a golf practice device which can be made from cardboard or the like.

It is another object of this invention to provide a simple golf practice device for putting, pitching or chipping in which there is provided a common ball return.

It is another object of this invention to provide a simple golf practice device which may be used indoors or outdoors with equal convenience.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a simple golf practice device for putting, pitching or chipping which is lightweight and portable.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

For the purpose of illustrating the invention there is shown in the drawings a form which is presently preferred; it being understood, however, that this invention is not limited to the precise arrangements and instrumentalities shown.

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a golf practice device made in accordance with the present invention.

FIGURE 2 is a front sectional elevational view taken along lines 2-2 of the embodiment shown in FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 3 is a side sectional elevational view taken along lines 3-3 of the embodiment shown in FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 4 shows a blank for one part of the apparatus shown in FIGURE 1.

Referring to the drawings in detail, like numerals indicate like elements.

In FIGURE 1 there is shown a golf practice device 10 made in accordance with the present invention. The golf practice device 10 consists of a bottom box shaped enclosure having side walls 12 and 14, bottom wall 15, front wall 16 and back wall 22. The front wall 16 has a putting opening 18 at the bottom thereof and a chipping opening 20 in the center thereof. Within the box 11 there is placed a cardboard piece 23. Both the box 11 and the piece 23 are preferably made of a hard paper such as cardboard. The piece 23 consists of an isosceles trapezoidal back portion 24 forming a chute in the box running from the top of the back portion 22 of the box 11 to the bottom of the putt hole 18. Triangular side walls 26 and 28 complete the chute within the box 11. A back wall 30 extends upwardly from the wide end of the chute backpiece 24. The upper end of the back piece 30 is integrally connected with a top portion 32 extending upwardly and forwardly of the back of the golf practice device.

The top portion 32 is shaped like an isosceles trapezoid with the ends of its longest side being attached by wires 34 and 36 to the top front corners of the box 11. The wires 34 and 36 aid in maintaining the device as an integral unit. The wires 34 and 36 pass through the bottom

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of box 11 to form legs 38 and 40. The chute side portions 26 and 28 are attached to the side walls 14 and 12, respectively, of the box 11. The back wall 22 also attaches to the blank 23. The back wall 22 need only be made as large as is necessary for support of blank 23.

One method of making the blank 23 is shown in FIGURE 4. In FIGURE 4, there is shown a piece of cardboard cut out to form the blank 23. The blank 23 consists of the rectangular back wall 30 having an isosceles trapezoidal extension 32 extending from fold line 50 on the back portion 30. The line 50 is preferably grooved for ease in folding. A similar grooved line 52 separates another isosceles trapezoidal portion 24 which is adapted to be the back portion of the chute. The side portions of the chute are formed along grooved lines 54 and 56 forming the non-parallel sides of the chute 24. The chute side walls 26 and 28 are triangular in shape with their longest side being integral with the non-parallel sides 56 and 54, respectively, of the chute back portion 24.

The isosceles trapezoidal top portion 32 has a flap 44 extending therefrom with an adhesive coating 46 along one end thereof. A grooved line 48 separates the flap 44 from the top portion 32. The flap 44 is utilized to form with the top portion 32 an opening wherein the wires 34 and 36 may be placed to better secure the top portion.

The operation of the golf practice device of the present invention is as follows:

Legs 38 and 40 which are extensions of wires 34 and 36 are placed in the ground to secure the golf practice device 10. The legs 38 and 40 are slidable upwardly by raising the top portion 32 and wires 34 and 36 so that the golf practice device 10 may be utilized indoors. For use in putting, a golf ball may be placed any distance from the golf practice device 10 with the object of the golfer being to roll the ball along the ground or floor into the putt hole 18.

For pitching or chipping, the golfer would place the ball a few feet from the golf practice device 10 and attempt to hit the ball through the chip hole 20 or through the pitch opening 42 defined by the box 11, the wires 34 and 36 and the top portion 32. For chipping, a golfer would probably be likely to use a middle iron, while for pitching, a club with greater loft, such as a nine iron, would be desirable.

The top 32 and back 30 stop balls passing through the pitch opening 42 and chip hole 20 forcing them to drop into the chute formed by the back portion 24 and side portions 26 and 28. Thus, balls which enter the putt hole 18, the chip hole 20 or the pitch opening 42 will all be returned by the chute through the putt hole 18.

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof and, accordingly, reference should be made to the appended claims, rather than to the foregoing specification as indicating the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. A golf practice device comprising a box having front, back and side walls, said front wall being the foremost wall of said device, said box having a first opening extending upwardly from the bottom edge of said front wall intermediate said side walls, a second larger opening above said first opening, a one-piece blank secured in said box, said blank including an isosceles trapezoidal section having one parallel side thereof adjacent to the bottom of said first opening and the other parallel side thereof adjacent said back wall and above said one parallel side, said blank having integral triangular sections extending angularly, outwardly, upwardly from the non-parallel sides of said isosceles trapezoidal section, said triangular sections secured to said front and side walls, said trapezoidal section and triangular sections defining a

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chute, said blank also including a back and top portion, said back portion extending upwardly and said front portion extending forwardly from the said other parallel side of said isosceles trapezoidal section secured to the top of said back wall, and means to support said top portion above said box; said top portion and support means defining a third pitch opening larger than and above said first and second openings.

2. The golf practice device of claim 1 wherein said box and said blank are formed of a hard paper material.

3. A golf practice device comprising a box including a front foremost wall of said device and side walls, said front wall having a first putt opening extending upwardly from the bottom edge thereof and intermediate said side walls, a second chip opening larger than and above said first opening, an angularly disposed chute in said box extending from the top portion of said box rearward of said front wall to the bottom of said first opening, a back portion extending upwardly from the upper end of said chute and a top portion extending from said back portion above said box, and means for supporting said top portion above said box, said supporting means and top portion defining a third pitch opening larger than and above said first and second openings, said chute being in open communication with said first, second and third openings and being adapted to deliver golf balls which may pass through said openings to said first opening.

4. The golf practice device of claim 3 wherein said supporting means comprises wire elements extending from said top portion to said box.

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5. The golf practice device of claim 3 wherein said supporting means comprises wire elements extending from said top portion to a point below the bottom of said box, said wire means being secured to the side walls of said box thereby forming legs for said golf practice device.

6. The golf practice device of claim 1 wherein said support means comprises wire elements extending downwardly adjacent said box to a point below said box, said wire elements being secured to said box, whereby said wire elements also form legs for said box.

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