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Fig. 4.

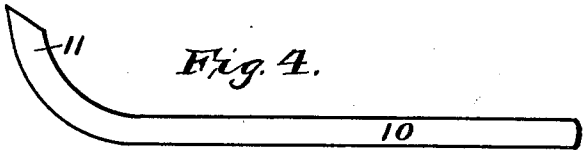


Fig. 1.

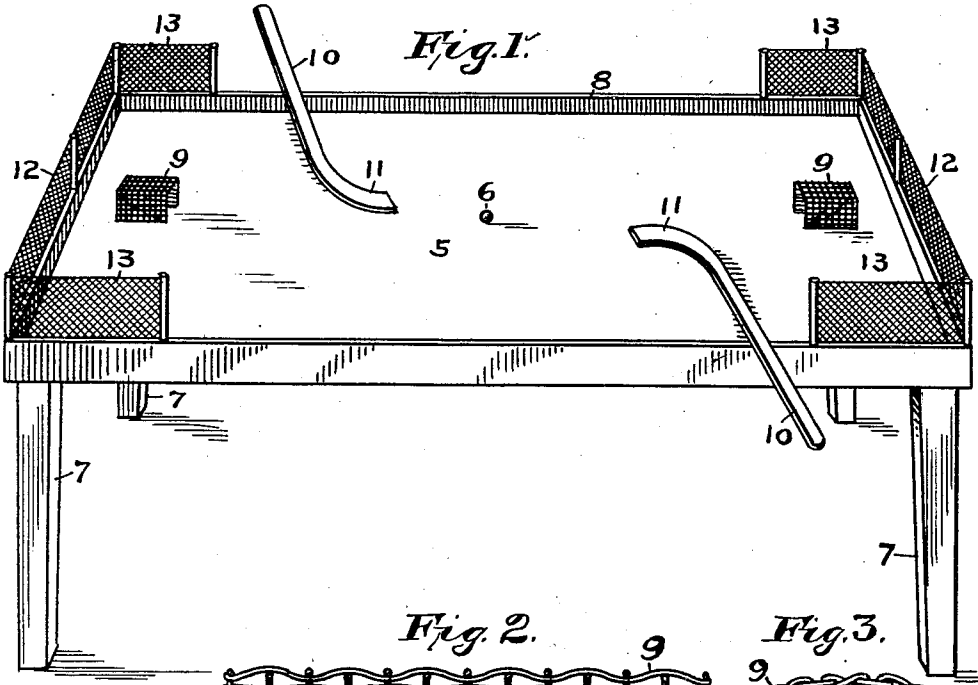


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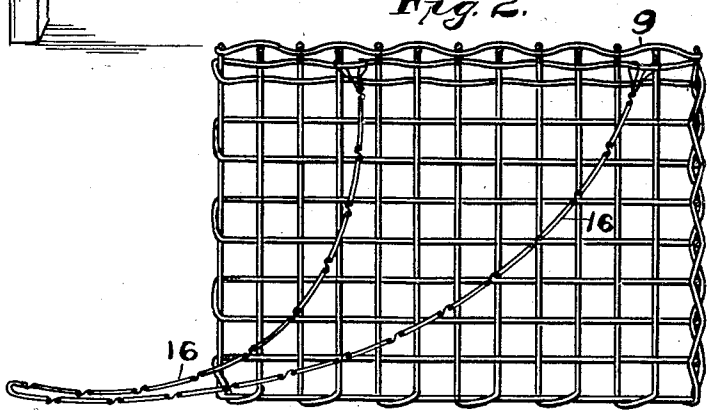
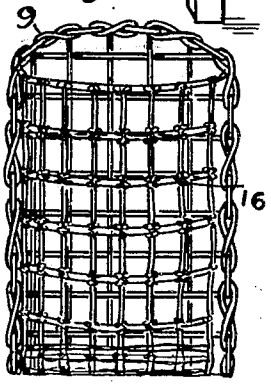


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LLOYD S. CARTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Parlor-Polo, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in gaming apparatus; and the object of the invention is to provide a table for playing an indoor game, which I have designated as "parlor-polo."

The accompanying drawings illustrate the appliances used in my gaming device, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a table containing my complete apparatus. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the wire cage into which a ball which is driven over the table is placed by the players as the result of their playing. Fig. 3 is a view in front elevation of this cage, and Fig. 4 is a side view of a club used by the players in driving the ball.

Like characters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

5 is the flat top of a table, preferably rectangular in shape and of sufficient size to provide a suitable field over which a ball 6 is driven. This table will be supported on suitable legs 7 and will have the raised edges 8 to keep the ball from being driven out of the field and also to carom the ball in making certain plays. At the beginning of the game the ball 6 is placed at the center of the table on a line running longitudinally and centrally of said table, and located on this line on the two opposite sides of the ball adjacent to the ends of the table or field are the small cages 9, which are closed on top, two sides, and outer ends with their inner ends, or ends toward the center of the table, left open. The play consists in driving the ball into one or the other of these cages. The game is played by two players placed on opposite sides of the table, each of which will endeavor to drive the ball into the cage at his left. The driving will be done by means of clubs 10, having the curved ends 11 opposite their handle ends. On beginning a game the ball 6 will be placed at the center of the table, as shown in Fig. 1, and the players will stand on opposite sides of the table with their clubs against the open inner ends of the respective cage at the right of each player, so as to guard the opening to the cage and prevent the entrance thereto of an opponent's ball.

In order to afford additional means than the raised edges 8 for keeping the ball from being driven off the table, I provide the woven wire-netting 12 or other suitable barrier at the ends of the table and extend same for suitable distances 13 from said ends along the sides of the table, but not far enough along the sides of the table to interfere with the free action of the players.

The cages 9 are here shown as made out of woven wire, and this material will be preferable on account of the strength and durability of the material and the rendering of the interiors of the cages visible through the apertures between the wires. It is obvious, however, that other material, such as perforated metal or even solid metal, might be used in the construction of these cages, and I therefore do not desire to limit my invention to this woven-wire material.

As the ball when driven into the cage is liable to rebound and come out of the cage, I prefer to provide the drapery 16, preferably consisting of a flexible cloth or netting, having its ends secured to the top of the cage in the manner as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. This netting will be long enough to be folded together and rest upon the table after the manner shown in Fig. 2, whereby the impact of the ball striking it will cause it to be drawn in with the ball, retarding the latter and surrounding the ball, so as to catch and hold it in the cage. The play will be governed by certain arbitrary rules, which may be enforced under suitable penalties by a third party acting as umpire.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a parlor-polo apparatus, a horizontal table having raised edges woven-wire extensions above said raised edges at the ends of the table and cages at opposite ends of the table said cages being closed at all parts except their adjacent inner ends and draperies fastened to the inside top of the cage and extending in a fold outside to prevent the accidental removal therefrom of a ball after the latter has been driven into the cage during progress of the game.

2. In a parlor-polo apparatus, a horizontal rectangular table supported on legs, said

table having raised edges and extensions above said edges at the ends and adjacent portions of the sides but not the middle portions of the sides of the table, cages formed entirely of woven wire, located at the two opposite ends of the table, said cages being closed at all parts except at their adjacent inner ends which are open, and draperies in a long strip folded double on the outside of the cage and having the ends of the strips fastened at separate places to the top of the cage within the latter.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 10th day of February, A. D. 1906.

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