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INDOOR GOLF HOLE

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FIG. 1

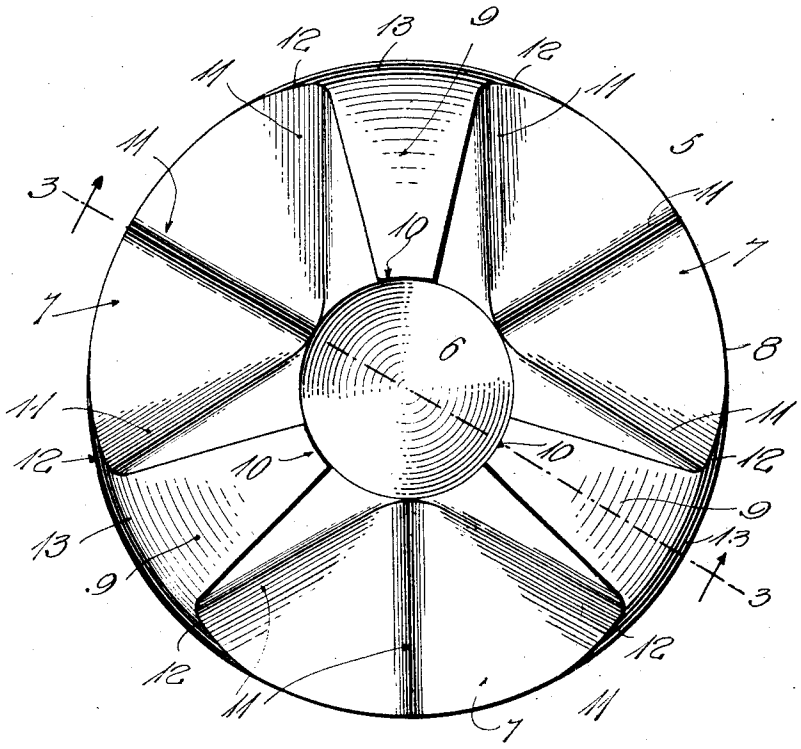


FIG. 2

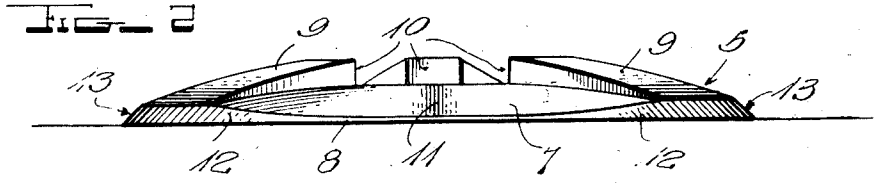
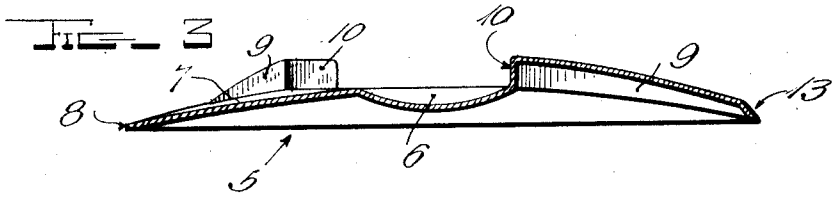


FIG. 3



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INDOOR-GOLF HOLE.

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The invention aims to provide a new and improved "golf hole" for use in playing indoor golf, and said invention resides in the novel structural features hereinafter described and claimed, and shown in the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a top plan view.

Fig. 2 is an edge view.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the drawing above briefly described, showing the preferred form of construction, the numeral 5 designates a metal disk of circular outline, the central portion of said disk being formed with a concave, ball-receiving pocket 6. The disk is formed with a plurality of ball runways 7 which incline from the peripheral edge 8 of said disk to the pocket 6, and between these runways, is provided with radial ridges 9 which extend to said pocket from said edge 8. The inner ends 10 of these ridges are diametrically opposed to the radial centers of the runways 7 and they constitute abrupt barriers tending to prevent the ball from jumping out of the pocket at the side of the latter opposite that at which it enters, the object of course being to drive the ball into the pocket 6, through one of the runways 7.

The runways 7 are of considerably greater width than the ridges 9 and they are given a transversely concave formation as shown most clearly in Fig. 2, but represented also by the shading 11 of Fig. 1. The portions of the peripheral disk edge 8 between the lowest parts of the concave runways 7 and the ridges 9, are beveled as at 12 to assist in guiding the ball into the runways, and the outer ends of the ridges 9 are similarly beveled at 13, so that even if the ball should strike the outer end of a ridge, there is still a possibility of it traveling along this ridge and dropping into the pocket 6.

In the preferred construction, the entire device is formed of a single sheet metal stamping, but whether of this construction or other adequate construction, it will be simple and inexpensive, yet very desirable for the purpose intended.

I claim:—

1. An indoor golf hole comprising a disk having a central pocket, a plurality of ball runways inclining to said pocket from the peripheral edge of the disk, and a plurality of radial ridges between said runways extending from said peripheral edge of the disk to said pocket, the inner ends of said ridges being diametrically opposed to the radial centers of said runways and constituting abrupt barriers to prevent rolling of the ball from the side of the pocket opposite that at which it enters, said runways being of considerably greater width than said ridges.

2. An indoor golf hole comprising a disk having a central pocket, a plurality of ball runways inclining to said pocket from the peripheral edge of the disk, and a plurality of radial ridges between said runways extending from said peripheral edge of the disk to said pocket, the inner ends of said ridges being diametrically opposed to the radial centers of said runways and constituting abrupt barriers to prevent rolling of the ball from the side of the pocket opposite that at which it enters, said runways being of considerably greater width than said ridges and having a transversely concave formation, the outer ends of said ridges and the peripheral edge portions of the disk between the lowest parts of said runways being outwardly declined to a horizontal plane at which said lowest parts of said runways are disposed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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