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Fig. 1.

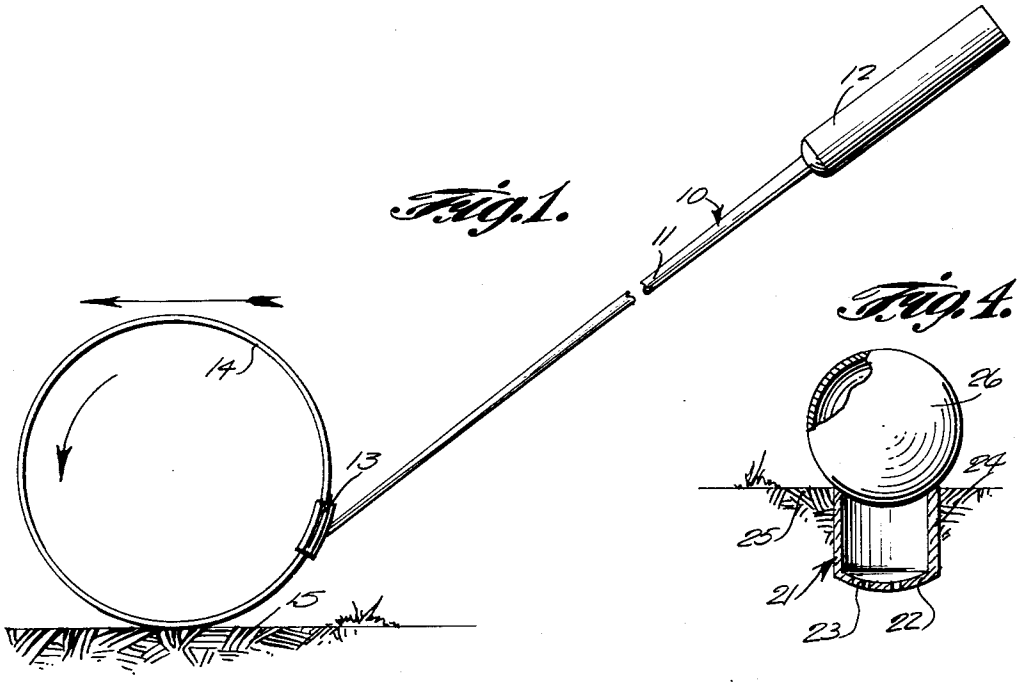


Fig. 4.

Fig. 2.

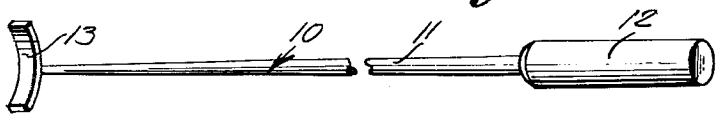
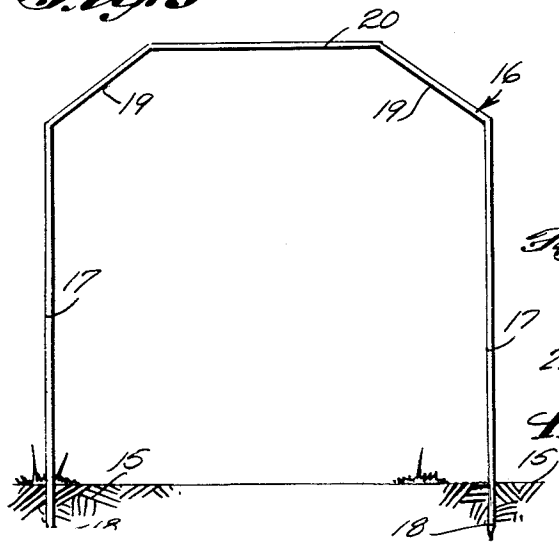


Fig. 3



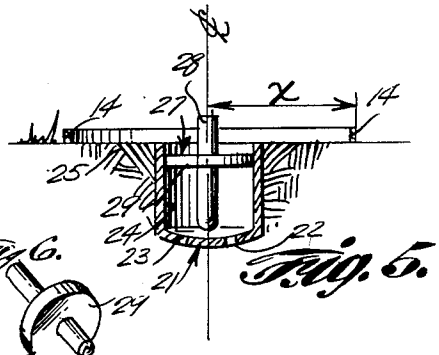


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Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to an amusement device or game.

The object of the invention is to provide a game apparatus which includes a stick that is adapted to be used for propelling a game piece such as a hoop, or ball or the like in a desired direction or manner.

Another object of the invention is to provide a game apparatus which includes a hoop stick that is provided with means for engaging a hoop or ball, or its equivalent and wherein by using the apparatus of the present invention, the games can be played in different manners so that for example the hoop or ball or game piece may be directed or propelled through a wicket, or wherein the ball or game piece can be pushed into registry or engagement with a cup or the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide a game apparatus which is extremely simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this application, and in which like numerals are used to designate like parts throughout the same.

FIGURE 1 is a side elevational view illustrating the stick of the present invention being used for propelling a hoop.

FIGURE 2 is a plan view of the stick.

FIGURE 3 is an elevational view illustrating a wicket.

FIGURE 4 is a fragmentary sectional view, with parts broken away and in section, showing a ball which can be propelled by means of the stick so that the ball can be arranged in engagement with a cup such as a cup or pocket on a golf course or the like.

FIGURE 5 is a sectional view showing a modification wherein a hoop, or its equivalent is adapted to be projected into engagement with a member that is mounted in the cup.

FIGURE 6 is a perspective view illustrating the body member for use with the set up shown in FIGURE 5.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral **10** indicates a stick which includes a rod or shaft **11** that has a handgrip **12** on one end thereof. Secured to the other end of the rod **11** is a shoe or base **13** which has a curved or arcuate formation, and the base **13** is adapted to engage a game piece which is to be propelled, and the game piece may consist of a hoop, such as the hoop **14** which is to be propelled along the ground **15**.

Referring to FIGURE 3, there is illustrated a wicket **16** which is adapted to be used in such a manner that the game piece such as the hoop, a ball or its equivalent, **14** can be propelled therethrough so as to increase the interest in the game. The wicket **16** includes vertically disposed portions **17** which have their lower ends pointed as at **18** for insertion in the ground **15**, and the wicket **16** further includes inclined corner portions **19** and a horizontally disposed top portion **20**.

Referring to FIGURE 4 of the drawings, the numeral **21** indicates a cup which includes the bottom wall **22** and a side wall **24**, and the bottom wall **22** is provided with openings **23** whereby rain water or the like can drain therethrough. The cup **21** is adapted to be seated or positioned in a surface **25** which may form part of a golf course putting green. The numeral **26** indicates a ball which is adapted to be engaged by the base **13** whereby the user can test his or her skill

in attempting to propel the ball **26** in such a manner that it engages the cup **21** as shown in FIGURE 4, termed a ballo as the ball being at neutral position, motionless over the cup.

In FIGURES 5 and 6 there is shown a further modification wherein the numeral **27** indicates a body member which includes a pin **28**, and mounted on the pin **28** in a disc **29**. As shown in FIGURE 5, the body member **27** is adapted to be positioned in a cup such as the cup **21** so that a portion of the pin **28** will extend upwardly above the cup **21**. Then, by means of the arrangement shown in FIGURE 5, the user can use the apparatus to try and propel the hoop **14** or its equivalent so that it moves from the vertical position shown in FIGURE 1 to the horizontal position shown in FIGURE 5. Thus, the center of the diameter surrounding the pin **28** in the most perfect manner will have the highest score. The smaller the diameter of the hole in the hoop or game piece or disc, the more professional the player must be to make the game piece surround the pin.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that there has been provided a game apparatus which will provide amusement and recreation to the user. In use, with the parts arranged as shown in FIGURE 1 for example, it will be seen that the user can grip the portion **12** of the stick **10** and then propel the hoop **14** along as for example, in the direction indicated by the arrow in FIGURE 1. When the hoop **12** is being propelled along the ground **15**, the hoop **14** is engaged by the curved base or shoe **13** on the lower end of the stick **10**. The hoop **14** or other game piece may be propelled in any desired direction, as for example, the user may attempt to propel the game piece or pieces through the wicket **16**. The wicket **16** may have the lower ends thereof inserted into the ground, or stabilizer, such as a hard floor, as shown in FIGURE 3 whereby the wicket **16** will remain immobile in the proper position.

Instead of propelling the hoop **14**, a ball such as the ball **26** can be propelled, and the user may attempt to direct or move the ball **26** so that it engages the cup **21** as shown in FIGURE 4.

In FIGURES 5 and 6 there is shown a further modification whereby the hoop **14** is adapted to be propelled by the stick **10** in such a manner so that it moves to a horizontal position and surrounds the upper end of the pin **28**. The pin **28** is maintained in upright position in the cup **21**, by means of the disc **29**.

By means of the apparatus of the present invention, one or more persons may play the game and the game can be played with different variations and the rules of playing the game can be varied or made up as desired.

The parts can be made of any suitable material and in different shapes or sizes.

As previously described, the game piece may consist of either a hoop or a ball or its equivalent, and with the stick **10**, the game piece or pieces is kept in a rolling forward motion by applying pressure through the medium of the stick **10** which can be held with one hand and the base **13** is held against the rolling hoop or ball whereby the game piece will be propelled in the desired direction as the player walks or runs forward and presses the stick against the hoop or ball or game piece or pieces and the game pieces can be of different sizes and may be of any desired weight and the hoops may be rolled on a golf course to simulate a golf game and as shown in FIGURE 5, the set up is arranged so that the player attempts to cause the hoop or game piece to fall over and surround the pin **28**. When a large ball such as the ball **26** of FIGURE 4 is used, the object of the game is to cause the ball to rest on the

top of the cup **21**. Any desired type of scoring arrangement can be used when playing the game. The stick **10** is used to steer and propel the hoop or ball or its equivalent and the length of the stick **10** can be varied depending upon the requirement or size of the user or player. The handgrip **12** may be perforated or formed of a suitable material so as to minimize slippage from perspiration or the like. The wicket or arch **16** can be used as a target whereby the player can attempt to propel the hoop or ball or game piece or pieces through the wicket. The wicket **16** may be used on a lawn, and as previously described, the apparatus may be used on a golf course where convenient. It is to be understood that a plurality of the arches or wickets **16** can be used whereby the user can attempt to roll the hoops or balls or game pieces through the arches without stopping or without rolling out of the proper aligned position or to a designated location. The surface **25** may be a part of a conventional putting green or a golf course. The user may attempt to manipulate the game piece such as the hoop so that it moves from a vertical position to a horizontal position at the proper time, and different points or scoring may be awarded depending upon the closeness of the game piece such as the hoop **14** to the pin **28**. The game can be played by children as well as by adults, and the game will provide healthful exercise as well as entertainment and recreation. The shoe **13** can be used for slowing down or guiding the game piece as well as for propelling the game piece.

The above description of the invention is for illustrative purposes only and it is understood that modifications may be made in the construction within the scope and spirit of the following claim.

I claim:

A game apparatus including a playing stick that comprises a rod that has a curved base on the lower end thereof, a hoop for engagement with said base, and a target comprising a cup that is adapted to be embedded in the ground and said cup embodying a bottom wall and a cylindrical side wall, the top of the cup being flush with ground lever, the outer diameter of said cup being substantially less than the diameter of said hoop so that the hoop can selectively surround the cup, said bottom wall being shaped arcuately and the central portion of said bottom wall being bowed outwardly and downwardly, a body member including a vertically disposed pin projecting through said cup, the upper end of said pin projecting above the top of said cup, and wherein with the hoop surrounding the cup and pin, the top of the pin will be slightly higher than the upper surface of the hoop, the lower end of said pin being arranged just above the bottom wall of said cup, a disc mounted on said pin and said disc snugly engaging the side wall of said cup, said body member being selectively removable from the cup, said disc being circular and the diameter of said disc being approximately the same as the inner diameter of the cup so that the disc is snugly held within the cup, the bottom wall of said cup having a plurality of spaced apart apertures therein.

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