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GAME APPARATUS

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Fig. 1.

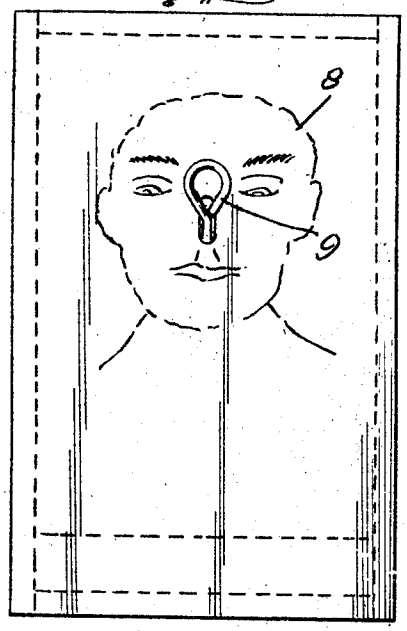
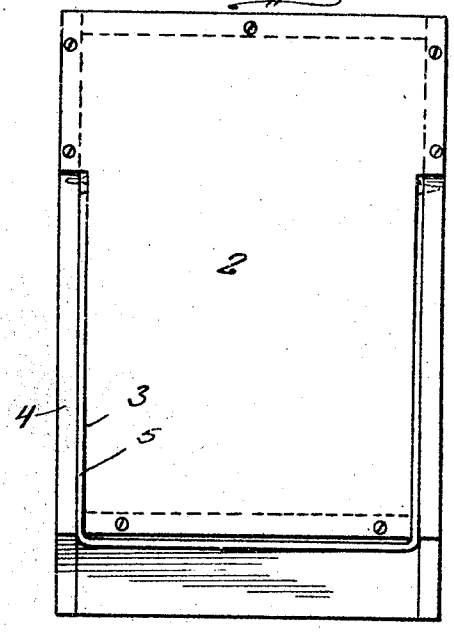


Fig. 2.



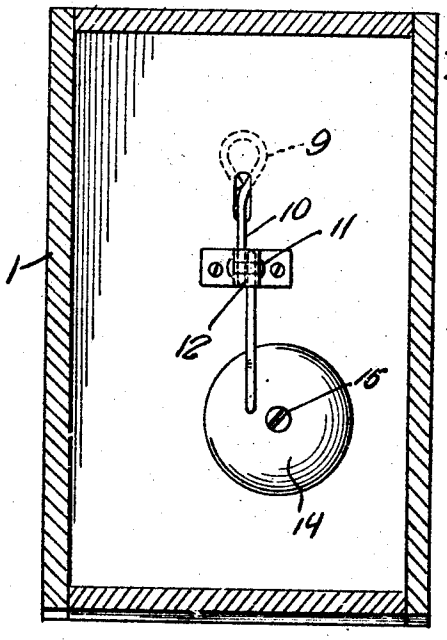


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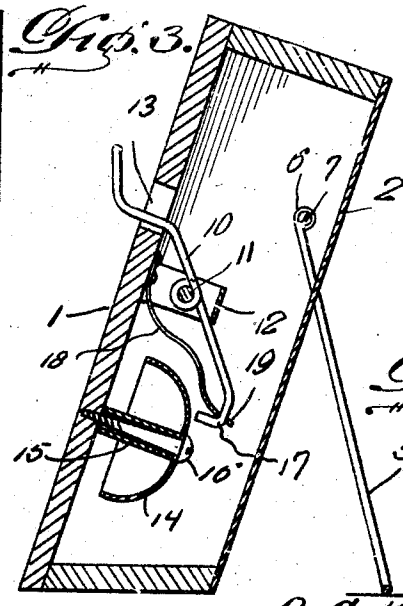


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR C. KNOPF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Flint, in the county of Genesee and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention pertains to game apparatus, and it contemplates the provision of a simple and inexpensive apparatus through the medium of which a game may be played calculated to afford considerable amusement to a number of persons, either adults or children.

My novel apparatus is designed to be used in conjunction with a ball or balls, and with the foregoing in mind the novelty and utility of the apparatus will be fully understood from the following description and claims when the same are read in connection with the drawings, accompanying and forming part of this specification, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the apparatus constituting the preferred embodiment of my invention.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the same.

Figure 3 is a transverse section of the apparatus taken in a plane in front of but adjacent to the back wall of the casing body.

Figure 4 is a vertical section of the apparatus, showing the same as positioned for use.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings.

Among other elements my novel game apparatus comprises a casing body 1, which may be formed of wood or of any other material compatible with the purpose of the invention. For the sake of cheapness the back wall 2 attached to the casing body 1 is preferably of cardboard, and it will be noted that the said back wall 2 is recessed at 3 and that the back portion of the casing body 1 is recessed at 4 for the accommodation of a bail-shaped stand 5 when the latter is not in use. Also for the sake of cheapness the stand 5 is formed by a loop of wire, the terminal portions 6 of which are connected by screws 7 through the casing body. Manifestly when not in use the stand 5 may be arranged as shown in Figure 2 in the recesses afforded by the recessing of the back 2 and the casing body 1, so that the said stand 5 will not extend from the back of the apparatus and hence will not increase the size of the space occupied by the apparatus in storage or shipment.

The front wall of the casing body 1 bears on its face a simulation 8 of a man's face, and it will be noted that the nose of the face is formed by the forwardly projecting portion 9 of a lever 10, the said portion 9 being by preference of loop form, as shown, so as to afford a broad target. At an intermediate point of its length the lever 10 is fulcrumed on a pin 11 in a bracket 12 fixed to the inner side of the front wall of the casing body 1. The upper arm of the lever extends loosely through and is adapted to play in an aperture 13 in the front wall of the said casing body 1.

At 14 is a gong and arranged loosely in the said gong is a sleeve 15 of metal or alloy. A screw 16 extends through the central portion of the gong and the sleeve 15 and into the front wall of the casing body 1 so that in an inexpensive but strong manner the gong 14 is attached to the front wall of the casing body.

For the purpose of yieldingly maintaining the hammer end 17 of the lever 10 in rear of and in spaced relation to the gong 14, I employ a spring strip 18. The spring strip 18 is preferably bifurcated at 19 to enable it to straddle the hammer portion of the lever 10, and consequently it will be understood that while the strip 18 will yieldingly maintain the lever 10 in the position shown in Figure 4, rearward movement of the upper arm of the lever 10 will against the action of the spring strip 18 bring about striking of the hammer portion of the lever against the gong.

In the playing of the game contemplated by my invention, two or more pairs take turns in throwing three balls each, and preferably from a distance about six feet from the forward arm of the lever 10 which as before described simulates a man's nose. If a player hits the man's nose once out of three throws and brings about ringing of

the gong or bell, the player scores five points, if two hits are made out of three plays ten points are scored, and if the nose or lever 10 is hit three times in three plays in succession the player scores twenty-five points.

I would also have it understood that in the playing of the game if a player misses the entire apparatus in one throw out of three, the player loses five points, and if two misses attend the throwing of the three balls the player loses ten points, while if the apparatus is missed three times in succession the player is set back or loses twenty-five points. Any predetermined number may be set for the winning of the game though I have found from experience that it is desirable to have fifty points to win the game.

It will be manifest from the foregoing that notwithstanding its simple character, my novel apparatus is calculated to afford considerable amusement and entertainment to a group of adults or to several children playing together.

It will also be appreciated that notwithstanding its inexpensive construction, my novel apparatus is not liable to get out of order when subjected to the usage that ordinarily obtains in the playing of a game involving the throwing of a ball, particularly when the ball is of soft rubber.

I prefer the construction herein illustrated and described in detail because of its inexpensiveness. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to the specific construction and relative arrangement of parts as disclosed, my invention being defined by my appended claims within the scope of which structural changes and changes in arrangement may be made without departure from my invention.

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

1. A game apparatus comprising a casing body having on its face the simulation of a human face, and also having in its front wall an aperture, a lever mounted at the back of the said front wall and having an upper arm extending through said aperture and adapted to form the nose of said face simulation, a spring strip carried by the front wall of the casing body and engaged with one arm of said lever, and a gong opposed to the said arm of the lever and connected with and supported by the front wall of the casing body.

2. A game apparatus comprising a casing body having on its face the simulation of a human face, and also having in its front wall an aperture, a lever mounted at the back of the said front wall and having an upper arm extending through said aperture and adapted to form the nose of said face simulation, a spring strip carried by the front wall of the casing body and engaged with one arm of said lever, and a gong opposed to the said arm of the lever and connected with and supported by the front wall of the casing body; the rear portion of the said casing body being recessed, and the casing body being combined with a loop shaped stand the end portions of which are hingedly connected to the casing body.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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