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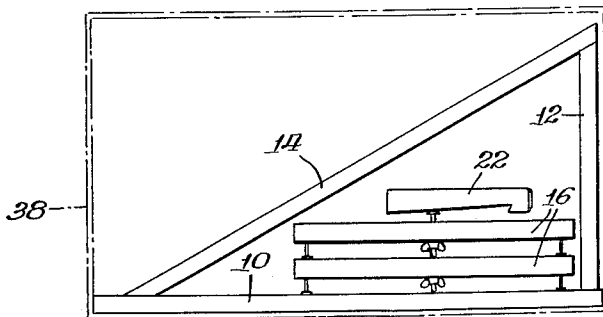
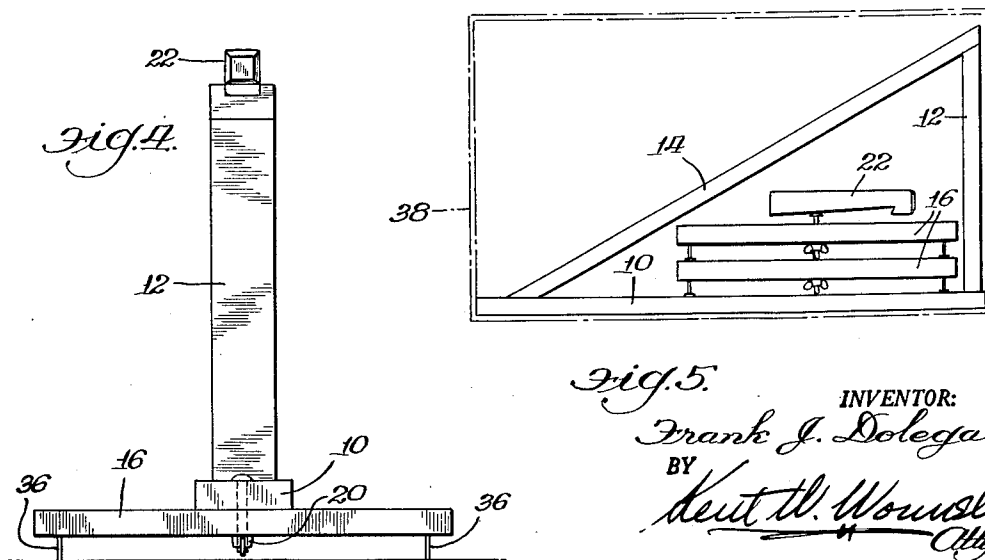
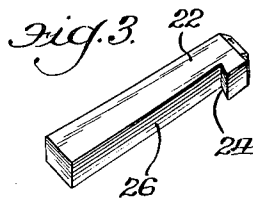
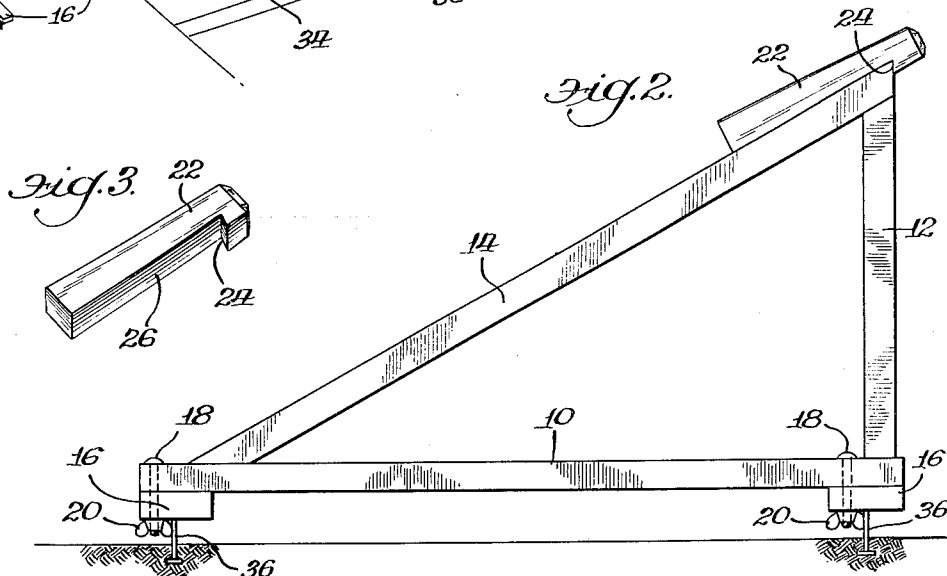
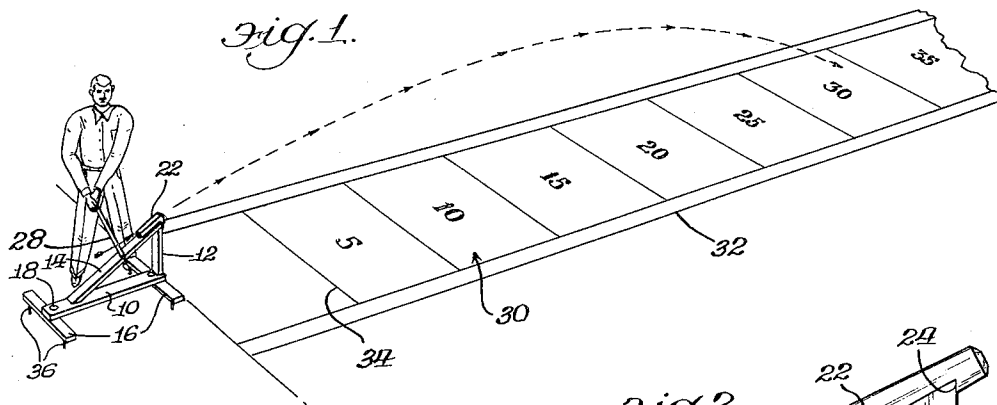


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This invention relates in general to a game apparatus of the type in which a game piece is projected through the air in an upwardly inclined path and in relation to a playing surface having a plurality of areas in which the game piece may lodge, the areas having differently numbered score points.

An important object of the invention is to provide a game piece in connection with an inclined launching support which may be propelled through the air upon the playing field dependent upon the strength and skill of an operator.

A further object of the invention is to provide a launching device in which the angle of flight is fixed and having adjustable and removable supports adapted to be contained within the confines of the launching device for compact storage and shipment of the game.

Still a further object of the invention is to provide a movable game piece of simple design and construction adapted to rest upon an inclined support and to be swept or impelled upwardly and outwardly therefrom by means of a stick or striking bar in the hands of a player.

Another object of the invention is to provide removable cross pieces for supporting the inclined projector which have end pegs or projections adapted to engage in the ground or any other soft support for holding the inclined projector in relatively fixed position for the purposes of playing the game.

Other objects of the invention will appear in the specification and will be apparent from the accompanying drawings in which,

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the game apparatus in accordance with this invention showing a divided playing field in front of an inclined projection device upon which a playing piece may be impelled by a stick or bar in the hands of a player.

FIG. 2 is an enlarged side elevation of the inclined projection device with a playing piece thereon.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a preferred form of playing piece.

FIG. 4 is a front elevation of the device shown in FIG. 2; and

FIG. 5 is a knock-down view of the playing device and its cross pieces and game piece assembly within the confines of the projection device and within the confines of a rectangular storage or shipping carton or container.

In playing this game, the inclined projector is set up at the end of a playing field. The game piece is set at the top of the incline and the game is ready for playing.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the projector for this game comprises a base member 10 having an upright support 12 at one end and an inclined launching bar 14 extending from the other end of the base to the top of the support 12 and firmly secured at both ends in inclined position.

At the bottom of the base 10 are supporting cross pieces 16 each adapted to be removably secured to one end of the base in any suitable manner as by a bolt 18 extending through the base and cross piece with a thumb screw 20 engageable with the bolt for tightening the cross piece in place transversely of the base.

A playing piece 22 is preferably several inches in length and of rectangular cross section having a notch 24 at one end and an inclined surface 26 extending to the bottom of the notch from the other end. This construction adapts

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the game or playing piece to be deposited at the upper edge of the inclined launching bar 14 where the notch engages the upper projecting edge of the bar for retaining the playing piece in position for launching.

To play the game, a rod or playing stick 28 of wood, plastic, metal or other suitable material two or three feet in length and of sufficient thickness to continue unbroken in use is grasped at one end by a player and with the other end of the stick, the playing piece 26 is swept along the launching bar 14 or the playing piece is struck upwardly and outwardly to propel it into a playing field 30 which may have side lines 32 and cross lines 34 dividing it into various areas or zones which may be designated with different numbers or values for counting and playing the game.

In order to secure the launching device more firmly in place, the ends of the cross pieces 16 may be provided with pegs or nails 36 adapted to engage the ground or any other suitable surface upon which the launching device is placed. In order to collapse the game for storage or shipment, in a carton or a rectangular space 38, the cross pieces are removed from the ends of the base 10 and together with the playing piece 22, they are placed in the space between the base 10, the launching bar 14 and the support 12 so that these pieces are all within the confines of the launching device.

With this construction, the launching device may be set up quickly upon the ground or upon a marked court such as the stones of a sidewalk, and the game is ready for playing. The game piece 22 is swept or propelled by each player in turn and his score depends upon the skill with which it is deposited in the numbered or game areas.

I claim:

In a game apparatus having a playing field with a succession of areas of graduated values, the combination with a hollow projection device located at one end of the graduated areas adapted to extend in a vertical plane and having a horizontal base, a vertical support at the projecting end and an inclined projection bar secured at one end to one end of the base and secured at the other end to the upper end of the support, cross pieces at both ends of the base for additionally mounting the member to uphold it in upright position, the inclined bar having a flat upper face, a playing piece having a notched side forming a projection at one end adapted to engage the upper end of the inclined support, and the notch forming a projection at one end adapting it to be seated upon the bar with a portion of the projection overlapping the upper end thereof and thereby forming an elongated projectile extending along the upper side of the inclined flat bar, and a striking stick member adapted to be grasped at one end by a player and moved sharply upward on the inclined bar and into engagement with the lower end of said projectile forming the playing piece to project it upwardly and forwardly therefrom from the support into one of the said graduated areas, and the cross pieces being removably attached to the ends of the base so that they may be disengaged and packed with the projectile within the hollow of the playing piece in the triangular area between the base and the upwardly inclined bar for including them all compactly in the same package.

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