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Fig. 1.

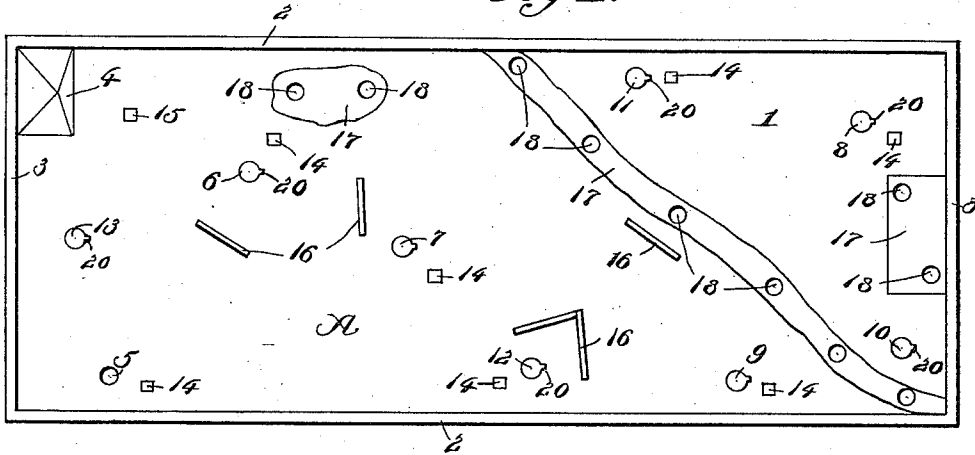


Fig. 2.

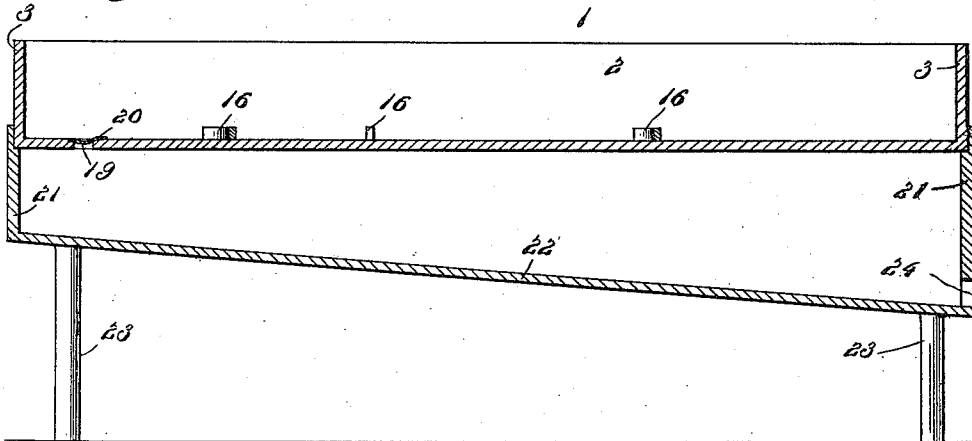


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. O'DONNELL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Plainfield, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to parlor games and has particular application to a miniature golf game.

One object of the invention is the provision of a miniature golf game which may be utilized in the household for amusement purposes, and at the same time familiarize the player with the game of golf as played in the open.

Another object of the invention is to provide a miniature game of this character which shall include a box of convenient and portable size and having a surface marked off to represent a golf course, the box being mounted upon a suitable stand or support constructed in such a manner as to facilitate the delivery of the balls therefrom, in the playing of the game.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description progresses, the invention resides in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawing forming a part of this specification; Figure 1 is a top plan view of the box illustrating the golf course thereon. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the box and its support, and Fig. 3 is a detail thereof.

Similar reference characters designate like parts throughout the drawing.

Referring more particularly to the accompanying drawing, 1 designates the box provided with vertical side and end walls 2 and 3 respectively, and which may be constructed of cardboard, wood or any other suitable or preferred material. The upper surface of the bottom of the box 1 is marked off to represent a nine-hole golf course A, it of course being understood that the surface may be constructed to represent an eighteen-hole course, if such is desirable.

As illustrated in the drawing, the golf course A comprises a club house indicated at 4, the holes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, adjacent to which are the tees 14, and a

tee 15 in the vicinity of the club house as usual.

16 designates the bunkers located in the golf course to render the difficult holing of the balls, and 17 indicates the natural hazards, such as a pond, brook and long grass. These natural hazards are formed with openings 18 of a size sufficient to receive the balls, during the course of the game in the event of a misplay.

Each of the holes 5 to 13 inclusive, of the golf course, is provided with a removable cover 19 adapted to seat in the hole, the hole and the cover being of substantially concave and convex contours respectively to retain the covers within the holes. These covers 19 are to be removed from the holes, only, when the player is endeavoring to hole the ball in the course of the game, and for this purpose each cover is provided with a laterally projecting finger or lip 20 to facilitate the removal of the cover.

The box 1 is removably mounted upon a receptacle 21 provided with an inclined bottom 22 and mounted upon suitable supports or legs 23. The inclined bottom 22 of the receptacle is designed to permit of the convenient recovery of the balls after the same have passed through the holes and openings 18 of the golf course, the receptacle 21 being formed with an opening 24 in one end thereof and at the lowest point of the inclined bottom 22 for such recovery of the balls.

The golf balls and sticks are to be of such size as to accommodate the size of the course and may be made of any suitable material.

To play the game, use is made of a number of miniature golf balls and sticks, and in starting out, one of the balls is placed upon the tee 15 and the cover removed from hole 5 to permit "holing" of the ball in the course of the game. Upon the ball passing through hole 5, the former is discharged from the opening 24 of the receptacle 21, after which the hole 5 is closed by means of a cover 19, and the cover 19 of hole 6 removed, the ball being mounted upon tee 14 adjacent hole 5 so that an attempt may be made to drive the same into hole 6, and so on throughout the game, the usual forfeits being imposed upon the player in the event of the ball striking the bunkers or passing through the openings in the hazards.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:

In a game of the class described, a box
5 formed to provide a golf course and having openings formed therein to receive the golf balls, covers mounted in said openings and removable therefrom, means attached
10 to said covers for removing the same, a receptacle below said box and provided with

an inclined bottom to facilitate the convenient recovery of the balls, and said box having an opening formed therein to permit of such recovery of the balls.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 15 in presence of two witnesses.

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