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FIELD GAME MARKER.

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Fig. 1.

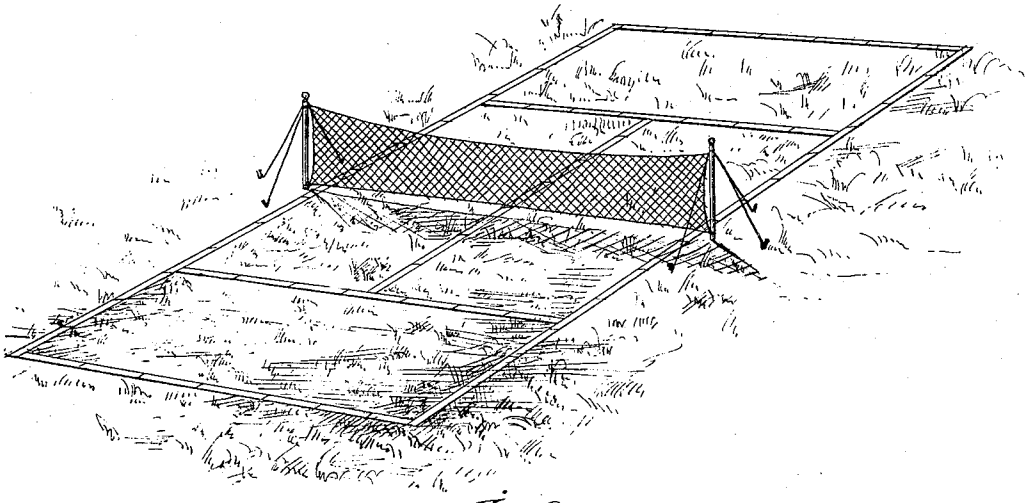


Fig. 2.

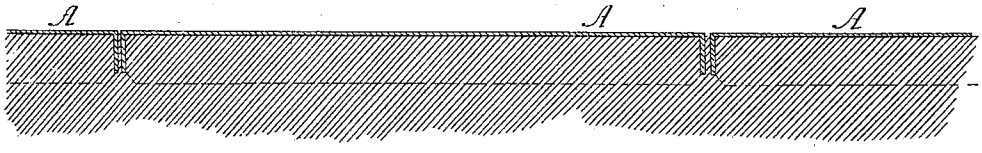
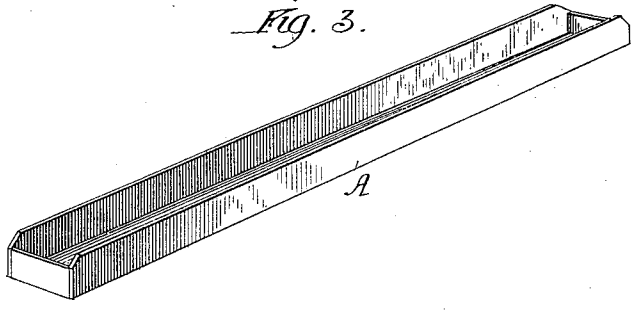


Fig. 3.



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FIELD-GAME MARKER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST GUTZLOE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Field-Game Markers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to devices for marking boundary or division lines upon meadows or lawns for field or outdoor games, as for lawn-tennis or base-ball games. Such marking-lines heretofore were produced by strewing air-slaked lime, which, however, frequently required renewal, as it is washed or blown away by rain or storm.

My invention consists in producing such lines by metal strips that have angularly-bent margins, which will stiffen the strips, and which, when forced into the ground, will hold such strips permanently, and will expose no sharp edges, all as hereinafter more fully described and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a piece of meadow laid out by my device for the lawn-tennis game; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the strips as laid in the ground to form a marking-line, and Fig. 3 a perspective bottom view of one of the marking-strips.

Corresponding letters in the several figures of the drawings designate like parts.

A denotes one of the marking-strips, having its side and end edges bent rectangularly to have the shape of a trough, which is about two or three inches wide and from six to twelve feet in length. These strips, as will be seen in Fig. 2, are placed end to end, and their bent edges are pushed into the ground, so as to be rigidly held in their position, and yet, if desired, can be taken up and stored away. These strips I prefer to make of galvanized sheet metal; but any metal that will not readily corrode will answer the purpose. The strips, also, can be painted on their exposed surface in any suitable color. Lines thus marked by such metal strips will remain permanent during the whole summer season, and although protuberant the strips will not form stumbling-ridges, and can be readily removed in the fall, to be replaced in the spring.

What I claim is—

The device herein described for producing boundary or dividing lines upon a field or lawn for outdoor games, which consists in metal strips having bent edges that are inserted into the ground, substantially as set forth.

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

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