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Fig. 1.

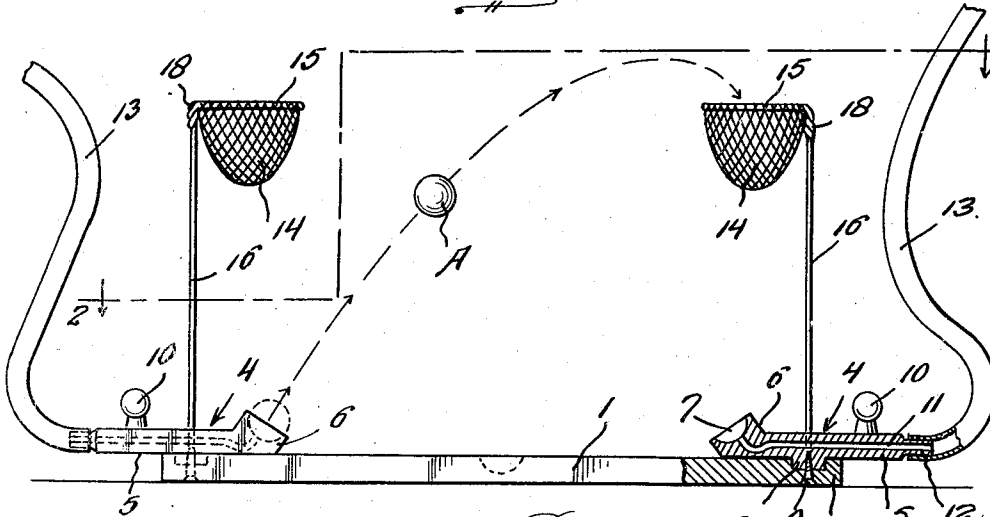


Fig. 2.

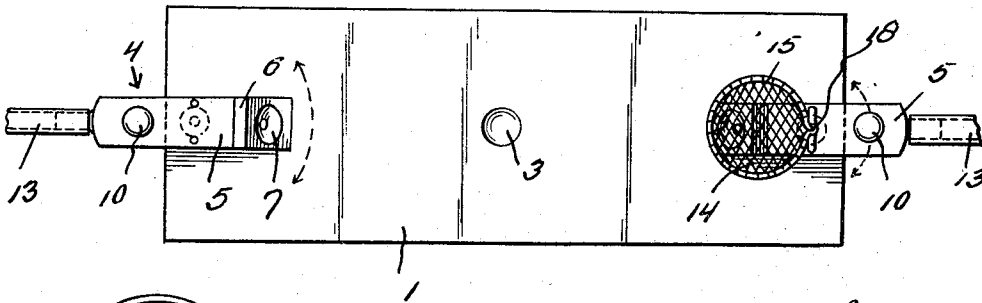
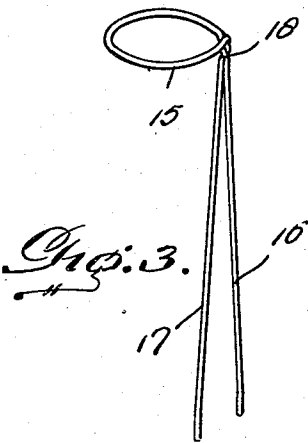
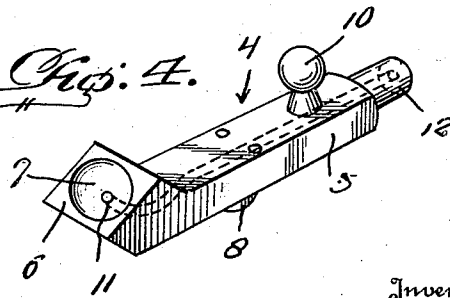


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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The present invention relates to improvements in amusement devices and has reference more particularly to a game simulating the well known game of basket ball.

One of the important objects of the present invention is to provide a game that requires the exercise of skill by the players in order to project the ball into the opponent's basket or goal, the ball being projected by a jet of air and the flight of the ball is controlled by the force of the jet of air which may be discharged by the mouth of the player directly through the mouthpiece end of the respective tube.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a game of the above-mentioned character wherein the unit that supports the ball initially at each end of the base is mounted for swinging movement in a horizontal plane so that the direction of flight of the ball may be controlled at will whereby to project the ball either into the opponent's basket or goal or to one side of the basket.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a game of the above-mentioned character wherein the game includes an improved support for the basket at each end of the base, the parts being further so constructed as to permit the same to be readily and easily assembled or disassembled and when not in use, the parts may be compactly arranged so that the game will not occupy any considerable amount of space when stored away.

A still further object is to provide a game of the above-mentioned character that will afford amusement to children as well as grown persons and due to its simplicity, the game may be played by placing the same on a table or the like.

A further object is to provide a game of the above-mentioned character that is simple in construction, inexpensive, strong and durable and further well adapted for the purposes for which it is designed.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing wherein like reference

characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the game embodying my invention, parts being shown in section.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken approximately on the line 2—2 of Figure 1 looking downwardly.

Figure 3 is a detail perspective view of the support for each basket; and

Figure 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the movable units arranged at each end of the base.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a substantially rectangularly shaped base that is formed in its upper face adjacent the respective ends thereof with the circular sockets 2, the purpose of which will be presently described. The upper face of the base is furthermore formed at its central portion with the ball-receiving cavity 3.

Arranged at each end of the base for swinging movement in a horizontal plane is the unit shown generally at 4 in Figure 4. Each unit comprises a rectangular shaped body 5 that is formed at its inner end with the upwardly disposed angularly arranged head 6 whose upper face is formed with a ball-receiving cavity or depression 7.

Formed on the bottom face of the intermediate portion of the body 5 is the circular stud 8 that is receivable within the respective circular recess or socket 2 and a screw 9 extends upwardly through the bottom of the base at each end thereof for disposition within the respective studs whereby to provide a pivotal connection between each unit and the base so that the units may be arranged for swinging movement in a horizontal plane on the upper face of the base 1.

The outer end portion of the body 5 of each unit projects normally beyond the respective end of the base and an actuating knob 10 projects upwardly from the upper face of the outer end portion of the body 5 for facilitating the manual adjustment of each unit.

The body 5 of each unit is formed with a longitudinally extending air passage 11 and

the inner end of this air passage is curved upwardly for communication with the central portion of the cavity or depression 7. A nipple 12 is formed on the outer end of the body for communication with the air passage 11 and fitted over this nipple is the rubber tubing 13, the other end of which may be provided with a suitable mouthpiece not shown.

The game further includes the provision of a basket 14 for disposition at each end of the base above the respective unit and this basket 14 is suspended from a horizontally disposed ring 15 from which depends the downwardly diverging arms 16 and 17 in a vertical manner, the free ends of these arms being disposed through suitable openings provided therefor in the body 5 of each unit 4. The portion of the wire from which the basket supporting standards is formed at the juncture of the legs or arms with the ring 15 is twisted as indicated at 18 in Figure 3.

In playing the game, one player places the ball A in the cavity or depression 7 of one of the units 4 and then by properly positioning the unit, and blowing on the free end of the adjacent tube 13, a jet of air will be forced through the air passage 11 and this jet of air will strike the ball causing the same to be lifted upwardly out of its cavity and the ball will be projected toward the opponent's goal or basket with a view of projecting the ball into the basket or else to one side thereof as may be desired. The other player attempts to project his ball into his opponent's basket or goal in a similar manner.

The game may be played under various rules and regulations formulated by the players before commencing the game and a game of this character will in addition to affording amusement also requires the exercise of skill in projecting the ball. Furthermore when not in use, the parts can be disassembled or so arranged as to occupy a minimum amount of space when stored away. Due to its simplicity, the game can be constructed and sold at a very low cost.

While I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that minor changes in the size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A game of the class described comprising a base, a pair of units pivoted on the respective ends of the base for swinging movement in a horizontal plane, each unit including a body formed at its inner end with a ball-receiving and supporting cavity, a basket, supporting means therefor extending upwardly from each of the units, and means for projecting the ball from its cavity in a direction toward the opposite basket.

2. A game of the class described compris-

ing a base, a pair of units pivoted on the respective ends of the base for swinging movement in a horizontal plane, each unit including a body formed at its inner end with a ball-receiving and supporting cavity, a basket, supporting means therefor extending upwardly from each of the units, and means for projecting the ball from its cavity in a direction toward the opposite basket, the support for each basket being constructed from a single strand of wire and bent to form a central horizontally disposed basket attaching ring, the free end portions of the wire extending downwardly in a vertical direction from the ring for connection at their lower ends with the body of the unit, the portion of the wire at the juncture of the ring with the depending portions being twisted.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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