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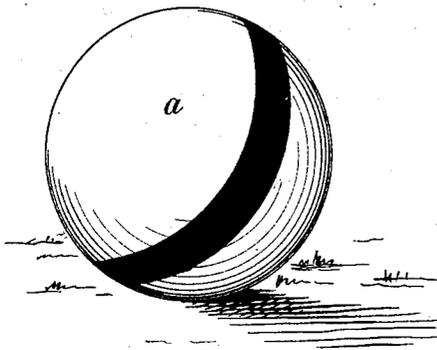
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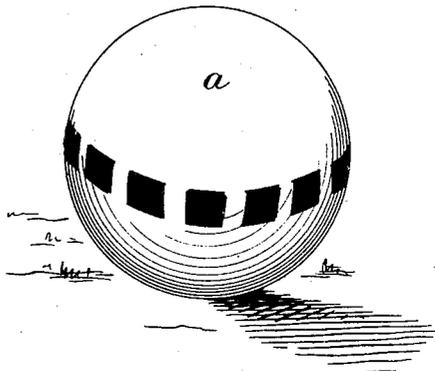
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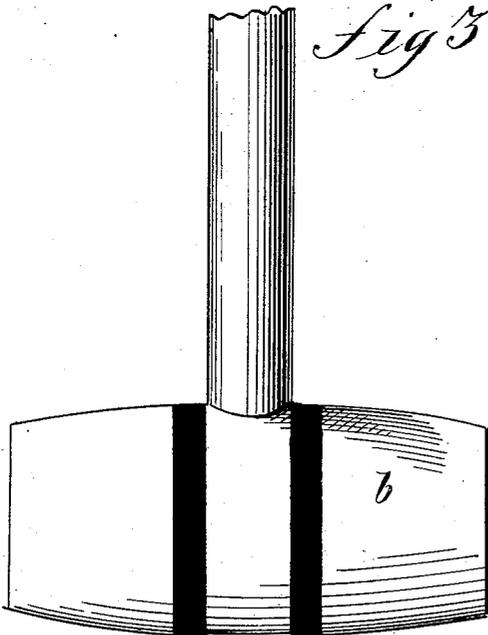
*fig 1*



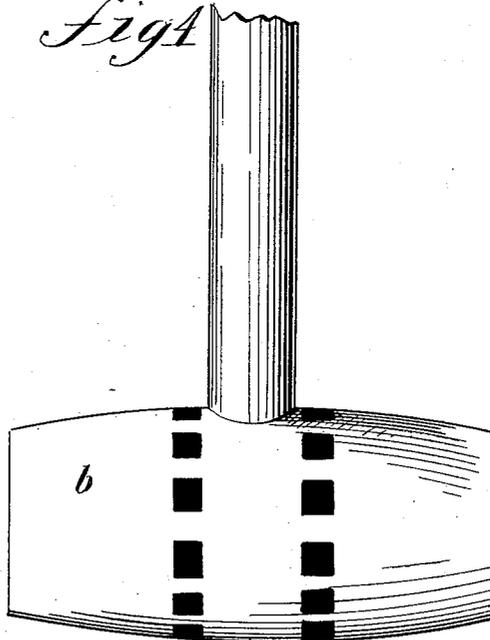
*fig 2*



*fig 3*



*fig 4*



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## CROQUET-SET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED D. F. FARLEY, of Leavenworth, Leavenworth county, Kansas, have invented a new and Improved Croquet-Set, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention consists of croquet balls, mallets, wickets, and stakes, all or either, but particularly the balls, made luminous by the application of a luminous substance, for enabling the balls and other articles to be found more readily when covered or hidden by the grass or leaves, and particularly to enable the game to be played in the cool evenings, when it may be more comfortable than in the hot sun, all as hereinafter more fully described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a luminous croquet-ball with an opaque or non-luminous band as a distinguishing mark. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a ball with a broken band of opaque character for its distinctive mark. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a mallet with two opaque bands, and Fig. 4 is a side elevation of a mallet with two broken opaque bands.

The balls *a*, mallets *b*, wickets and stakes are all to be covered with coatings of luminous

substance of any approved kind, to shine in the darkness, for distinguishing them.

The game of croquet can be played with greater accuracy in the evening with these illuminated sets, as all confusing objects between the ball and the wicket or other ball are lost in the darkness, and one projects the line of flight with mathematical accuracy. The ball of each player can be distinguished from another by any approved system of opaque marks. For instance, one ball can be entirely luminous; another have an opaque or non-luminous band around it; another a broken or dotted line; another two unbroken bands, two broken bands; two unbroken bands crossed; two broken bands crossed; a broken and an unbroken line, and so on; and the mallets may be marked to correspond, or the balls may be numbered and the mallets numbered to correspond.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The improved croquet-sets consisting of balls, mallets, wickets, and stakes, the surfaces of which are luminous in whole or in part, substantially as described.

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