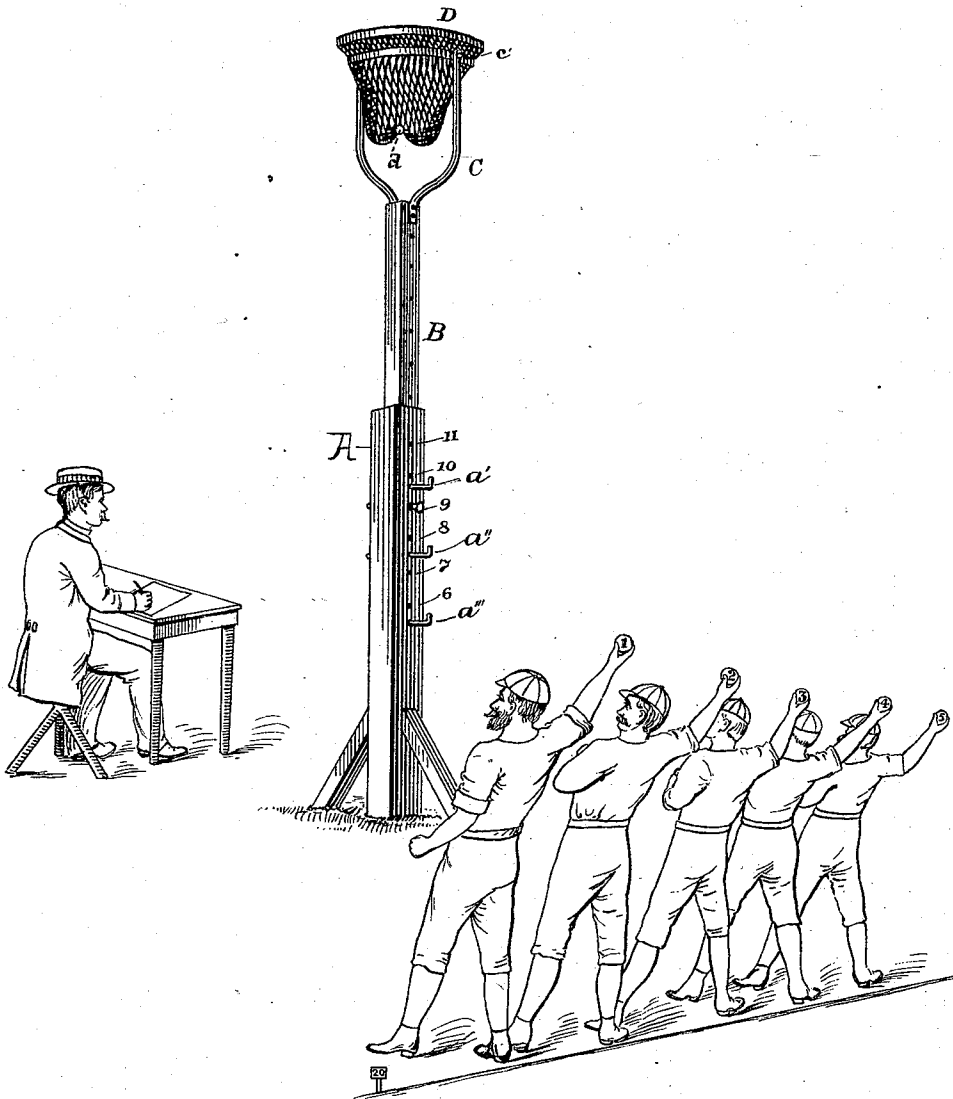


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES WM. ZAREMBA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new Game Apparatus for Outdoor Exercise as well as for Indoor Improvement of the Human Body; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled as artisans in the branches to which the apparatus belongs not only to make the same, but they, as well as others, to play the game according to the first rules laid down here, which, however, might be changed should an association or league be formed for playing the new game.

The object of my invention is to add a new sport to the limited number of existing out-and-in-door exercises of the human body, especially training the eye and arm of the players, which, when adopted especially by the fire-departments and life-saving crews in this country will be of inestimable value in preparing these crews for throwing lines in order to save human lives, &c.

To carry my invention into effect, the following apparatus is needed: first, the pole with basket; second, the numbered balls; third, the scorer's table; fourth, the tally-sheet, and fifth, the field.

The single figure in the drawing is a perspective view of the parts in operative position.

*The pole and basket.*—The pole and basket may be stationary or portable. In the first instance they are erected in the ground outdoors, like any pole, supported, if need be, by braces. If intended for in-doors, the pole has any suitable kind of foot-rest, so that the same may easily be removed from one place to another.

The pole proper consists of a narrow, wooden box A, having a diameter of say two by four inches in the clear and being from six to twelve feet high. Into this box fits an upright extension piece of scantling B, from six to ten feet high, to the upper end of which is fastened a fork C of iron or other suitable material. Between the two arms of this fork swings in pivots  $c'$ — $c'$  a bell-shaped basket D of galvanized wire, rattan, wood, or any other suitable material. This basket D is about

two feet in diameter at the top, where it has a broad rim or band of any suitable material and painted in a dark color, and tapers in its whole depth of about fifteen inches, to a bottom resembling an inverted parabolic conoid of about nine inches in diameter. The basket is balanced and held in an upright position by a small weight  $d$  in the focus of the parabolic conoid.

To the wooden box A are fastened in a suitable distance from each other foot-rests  $a'$ — $a''$ — $a'''$  of iron or other suitable material in order to better enable the raising or lowering of the extension-piece B and fixing the same in position.

The pole A and upright extension-piece B have every twelve inches holes bored through from side to side, which holes commence perhaps six feet from the bottom of the pole A, and one foot from the lower end of the extension piece B so that a bolt or pin  $a$  may be inserted into these holes in order to lower or raise the extension-piece B holding the basket D.

*The numbered balls.*—The game being played by one, two or more parties or crews, requires a certain number of balls for each party or crew. The balls of the opposing crews or parties are of a different color; the same color however being adopted for each member composing one crew. Each member has his number and as such, say from three to five balls with the player's number marked indelibly upon them. For instance crew A has all white balls, and crew B has all red balls, each crew being composed of say five members or pitchers, numbered from 1 to 5, and each pitcher having five balls bearing his number. So these two crews would require fifty balls, which may be of any suitable material and of any diameter but for convenience's sake I adopt the sizes now used among base-ball players.

*The scorer's table E.*—This table may be of any size or shape or might be dispensed with altogether, but it will prove a convenience when association or league-games are played.

*The tally-sheet.*—The tally-sheet may be of any size of ruled or unruled paper, having two principal columns, one for each crew or party, which is subdivided into horizontal spaces one for each member of the crew, bearing the corresponding number and having

five or more vertical spaces for each member of the crews, corresponding with the numbers of pitches to be made by each crew and forming a sub-division of each inning, it being beforehand decided, how many points are to be played in each game.

The scorer keeps record on the tally-sheet of hits and fouls of each pitcher.

*The field.*—The field F is the measured space on either side of the pole. For convenience sake a line or lines are drawn every five or ten feet off the pole and thus form the left or right field when reckoning from the left or right hand of the scorer's table.

*Preliminary rules to play the game.*—Suppose it is to be a game of one hundred points, by two crews of fives—*i. e.*, each crew having five members or pitchers, the pitching to be at twenty feet from the pole—twenty foot line—the basket being raised to the twelve foot pole from the ground. The pitching is "by crews" and five balls to the inning, all pitching in first game being with right hand. Crew A takes the right, crew B the left field from the scorer. Being formed at the twenty foot line, scorer (or captain) counts: one—two—three—pitch! and crew A pitches the first ball up into the basket. It can easily be seen what numbered balls enter and upset or tip the basket over and this number of balls will be entered by the scorer on the tally-sheet. The missing balls, those that do not

fall into and tip-over the basket, are called "fouls," the others "hits," and as such are entered on the tally-sheet. This same performance is now repeated by crew B, from the twenty foot line of the left field; and so the pitching is repeated alternately until each member of the crew has pitched his five balls—which beingscored, finishes the first inning. This is repeated until one of the crews scores the first hundred points, when it has won the first game. The game can now be varied by making it a game of one hundred points—thirty foot line—twenty foot pole, left handed pitching; or a game of one hundred points fifty foot line with twenty foot running, five-ball pitch in quick succession, all right-handed pitching and so on *ad libitum*.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The pole A with extension-piece B and pivoted, swinging and balanced basket D, connected with each other and held in position substantially as described.

2. In a game-apparatus the combination of a pole, provided with suitable bearings, with a basket D and weighted so as to maintain an upright position, substantially as described.

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