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Fig. 1.

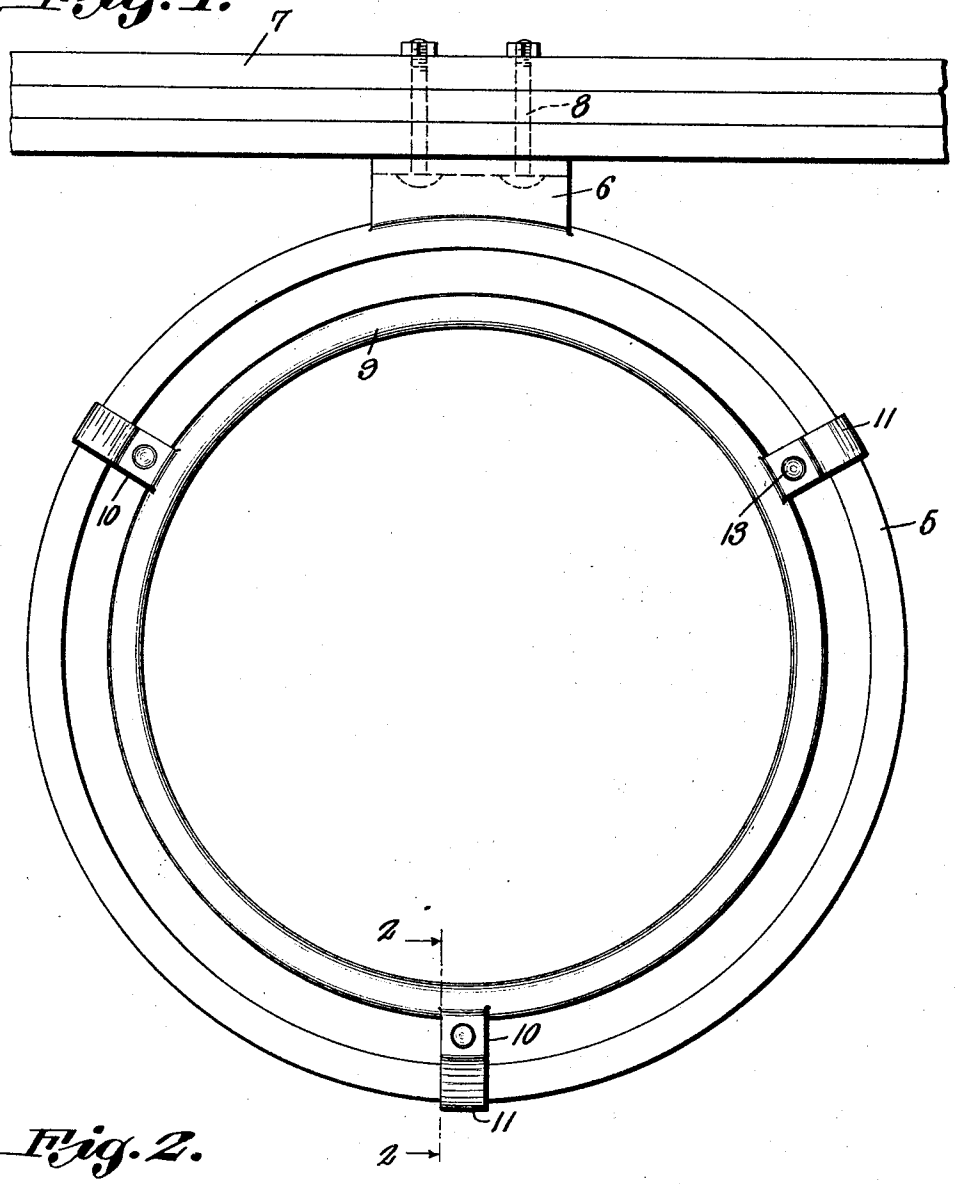
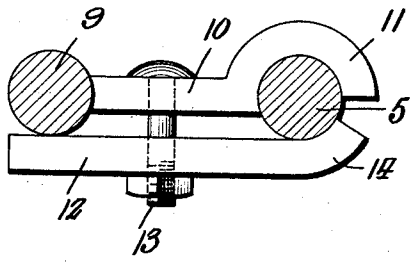



Fig. 2.




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My invention relates to goals which are used in playing the game of basket-ball and other like games.

It is an object of the invention to provide a smaller hoop or ring concentrically mounted with respect to the main hoop or ring of the goal, to reduce the opening of the goal, so as to require greater skill and accuracy on the part of the player in shooting goals.

A further object of the invention is to provide a smaller hoop or ring having means for detachably connecting it to the main hoop or ring, so that it may be readily applied to the goal during practice sessions and removed when the regular game is played.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the above-mentioned character which is simple and durable in construction, reliable and efficient in use and inexpensive to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a basket-ball goal with my attachment applied thereto, and,

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on lines 2—2 of Fig. 1.

In the drawing, wherein for the purpose of illustration, I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 denotes the main hoop or ring of a goal used in playing the game of basket-ball and other similar games, which has an angular bracket 6 formed integral with its outer peripheral edge, for attaching the hoop to the back board 7, by passing bolts 8 through the bracket and backboard.

Referring more particularly to my invention, it will be seen that a smaller hoop or ring 9 is supported in spaced concentric relation to the main hoop 5, on the same horizontal plane, by a plurality of supporting arms 10 which extend radially from the outer periphery of the ring 9, at uniformly spaced intervals. The outer ends of the arms 10 are shaped to form hooks 11 which engage over the main hoop 5 which hold the smaller hoop in spaced relation to the main hoop. A clamping plate 12 extends across the underside of the hoops beneath the arms 10 and is connected to the arm by a bolt 13 extending through the arm and plate. By tightening the bolt 13, the clamping plate and supporting arm are drawn into tight gripping engagement with the main hoop 5 thereby firmly supporting the hoop 9 in proper relation with respect to the main hoop. It will be observed that the outer end of the clamping plate 12 is slightly curved upwardly, as at 14, which prevents the plate from turning when tightening the bolt.

In use, it will be seen that the smaller hoop 9 may be readily attached to the main hoop 5, thereby reducing the opening of the goal, so that during practice sessions, the players must exercise greater skill and accuracy in shooting goals. When the regular game is played the smaller hoop 9 is removed, and the skill and accuracy acquired by the players during the practice session will naturally increase their proficiency in shooting the ball through the larger hoop.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same and that certain changes in the shape, size and arrangement of the parts may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A goal of the character described comprising a main hoop, a smaller hoop, supporting arms extending radially from the smaller hoop adapted to engage said main hoop and a clamping plate for securing the supporting arm in firm engagement with the main hoop.

2. A goal of the character described comprising a main hoop, a smaller hoop, supporting arms extending radially from the smaller hoop having hooks at their ends to engage over said main hoop, a clamping plate extending across the underside of the hoops

beneath said arms, and a bolt connecting said arms and plate together.

3. A goal of the character described comprising a main hoop, a smaller hoop, supporting arms extending radially from the smaller hoop adapted to engage said main hoop and means securing said supporting arms to said main hoop.

4. A basket-ball goal comprising a main hoop and a smaller secondary hoop mounted in concentric coplanar relation to said main hoop.

5. A basket-ball goal comprising a main hoop and a smaller secondary hoop mounted in a horizontal plane in concentric relation to said main hoop.

6. A basket-ball goal comprising a main hoop and a smaller secondary hoop suspended from said main hoop, to lie in a horizontal plane in concentric relation to said main hoop.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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