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Fig. 1.

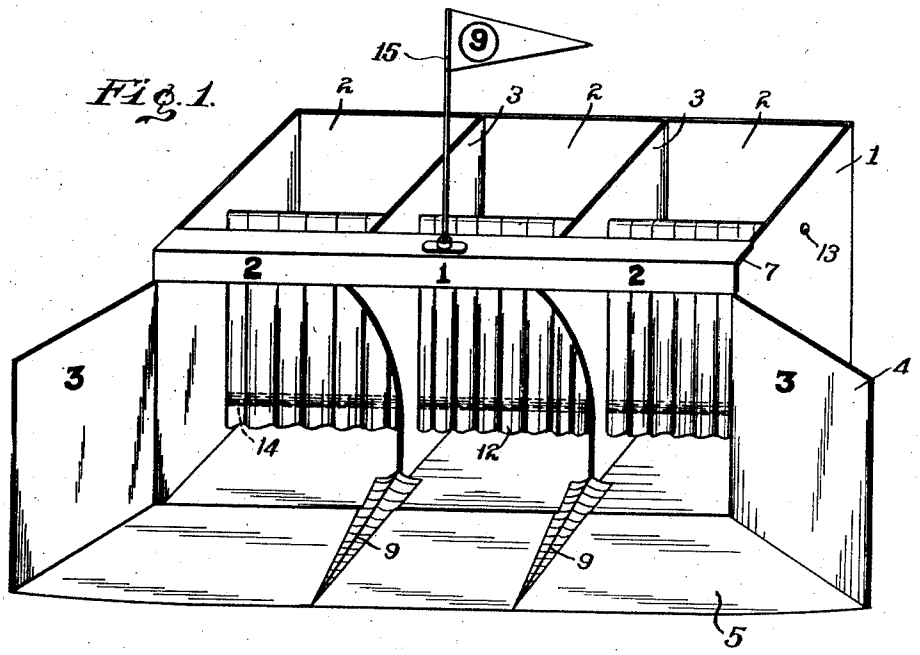
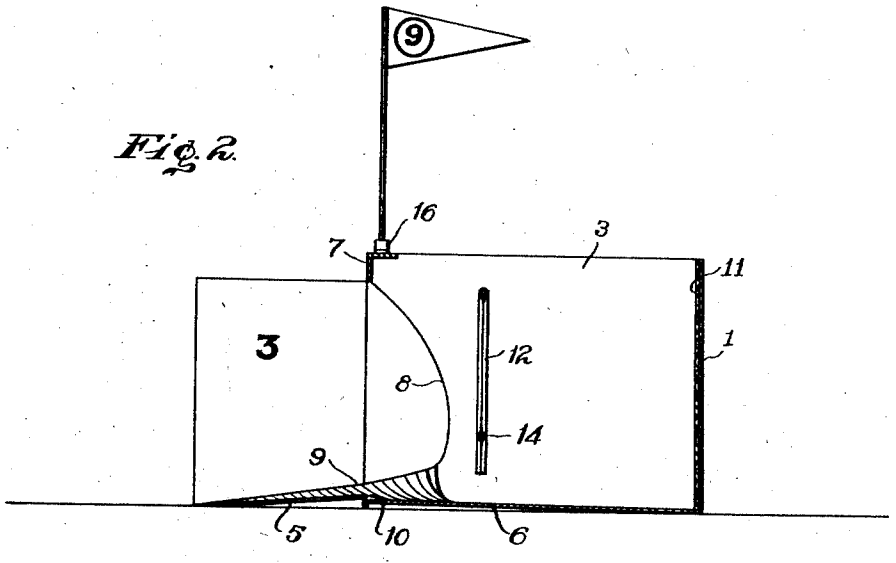


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a putting receptacle for golf which is particularly adapted for indoor use.

It is among the objects of the invention to provide a putting receptacle which shall be specially adapted for putting practice and which shall be adapted for use in playing golf games in which the score or count is similar to the count used in standard games of golf.

Another object of the invention is to provide a putting receptacle which shall be designed to simulate the characteristics of putting greens in that provisions are made to repel the ball if it travels with too great speed and to prevent its admission to the putting receptacle if it is too slow in its travel.

These and other objects will become more apparent from a consideration of the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters designate like parts and in which Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of a receptacle embodying the principles of this invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view illustrating the manner of its construction.

Referring to the drawings, the device comprises a receptacle generally designated at 1 having retaining walls and an open front 2. The receptacle is provided with partition members 3 which divide it into a plurality of individual receptacles.

The front of the receptacles is provided with flared side walls 4 arranged at such an agle that a ball striking the same will be diverted from the openings in the front of the receptacle so that it cannot enter. The bottom portion of the front is provided with a runway 5 which as shown in Fig. 2 consists of a gradually sloping portion that is formed integrally with the bottom 6 of the receptacle. A transverse member 7 in the shape of an angle bar is fastened across the top of the receptacle as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, this member constituting a striking plate to prevent the balls entering the compartments when travelling up the runway 5 at too great speed.

As shown in the drawings the front of the partitions 3 is preferably cut away as at 8 to provide clearance for a ball travelling in the path of the edge of the partition member and to prevent the ball striking the partition a tongue or projection 9 is provided either as an upstruck portion of the receptacle proper or as an independent member which may be attached thereto as by welding or soldering. The portion 9 is designed to produce a gradually rising and flaring surface which diverts the ball from alinement with the edge 8 of the partitions 3 so that it will enter one of the compartments instead of striking the partition member.

As shown in Fig. 2 the botom 6 of the receptacle is adapted to slope gradually inward to the rear wall 1 and is provided with a shoulder portion 10 at the front thereof to cause the ball entering the receptacle to roll towards the back portion thereof and to prevent the same from rolling out at the front.

To further aid in decreasing the momentum of the ball a felt liner 11 may be fastened to the back wall of the receptacle and a curtain 12 may be hung in a position near the front thereof, the curtain shown in Fig. 2 being suspended from a rod 13 extending through openings in the end walls and partition members of the receptacle. As shown in Fig. 2, a rod 14 may be fastened in the bottom portion of the curtain to weight it, thereby setting up resistance to the forward travel of the ball and which also functions to immediately replace the curtain to a vertical position after the ball has passed thereunder.

A flag 15 may be secured in the center of the receptacle in any suitable manner but preferably to be removable as by mounting it in a socket 16, the object of the flag being to constitute a sight for the player.

The use of the receptacle for putting is obvious from a consideration of its construction, the purpose being to place a golf ball in the compartments of the receptacle by means of a putting club. To make such receptacle entertaining as well as useful for practice, the compartments are numbered 1 and 2, the center compartment being numbered 1 and the side compartments 2, indicating that a ball placed therein by the putter counts for 1 or 2 points which are considered as strokes in the playing of the game. If the ball strikes the flared end members 4, or if it fails to enter or strike the receptacle, a penalty of three strokes are counted against the player.

In playing the game, three balls are employed, each player in turn putting the three balls in the receptacle. The total score of the three balls represents the number of strokes for one hole and any number of holes, such as 9 or 18, may be played by the use of this device.

The numbering of the receptacle or the number of pockets may be altered to increase

or decrease the penalties as desired, but I have found that with the number employed in the illustration, a golf score can be simulated for 9 or 18 holes by a skillful player.

Although one embodiment of the invention has been herein illustrated and described, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various modifications may be made in the details of construction and in the arrangement of the parts without departing from the principles herein stated.

I claim herein as my invention:

1. A putting receptacle for a golf game having dividing partition members forming compartments open on one side for receiving a ball, a guide member leading to the open side of said compartments, and means associated with said guide member for diverting the ball from said partition members.

2. A putting receptacle for a golf game having dividing partition members forming compartments open on one side for receiving a ball, means for preventing the escape of the ball from said compartments, and means for diverting the ball from said partition members.

3. A putting receptacle for a golf game having dividing partitions forming compartments open at one end and having its bottom sloping rearward, and an inclined guide leading to the open end of said compartments, said guide being of such shape that the ball entering the receptacle is diverted from the said partitions.

4. A putting receptacle for a golf game as set forth in claim 2 having a visible sight provided in the center thereof.

5. A putting receptacle for a golf game having an open side and partitions dividing said receptacle into a plurality of separate ball-receiving compartments, the front edges of said partitions being spaced from the open side of the receptacle whereby a ball entering the same will be partially admitted before striking the edge of said partitions.

6. A putting receptacle for a golf game having the dividing partition members forming a central and two end compartments open on one side for receiving the ball, means for preventing the escape of the ball from said compartments and means for diverting the ball from said partition members.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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