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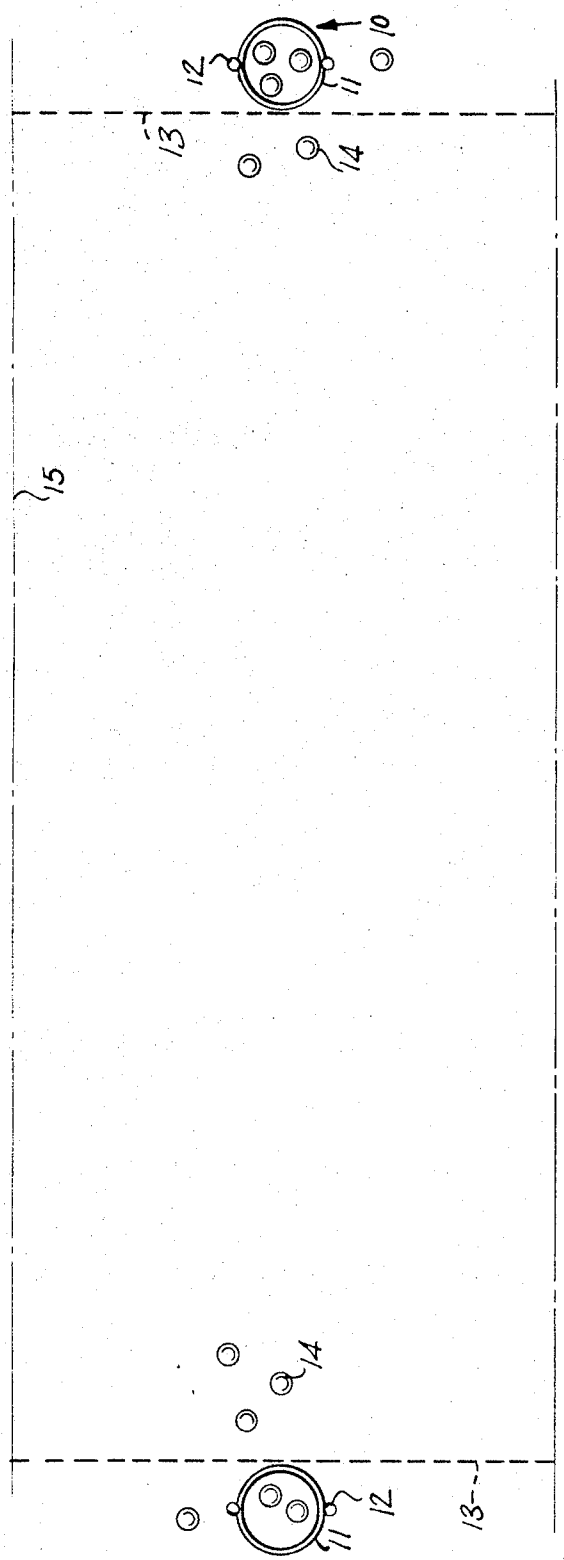


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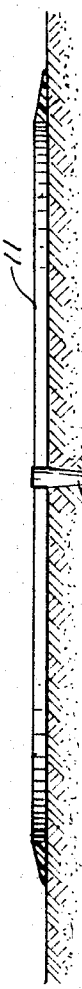


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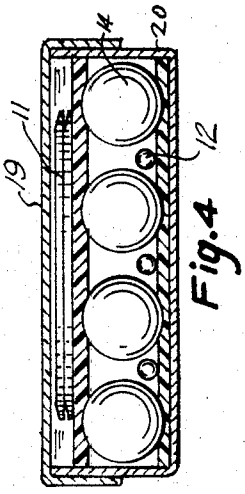


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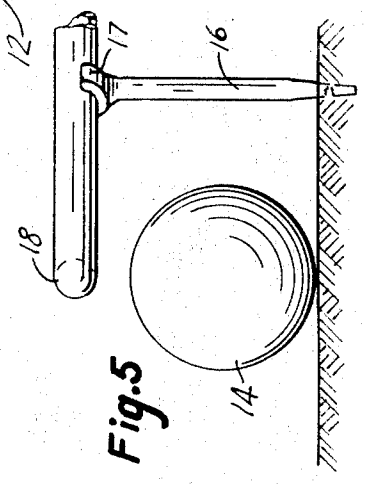


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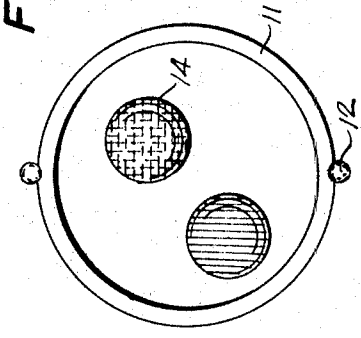


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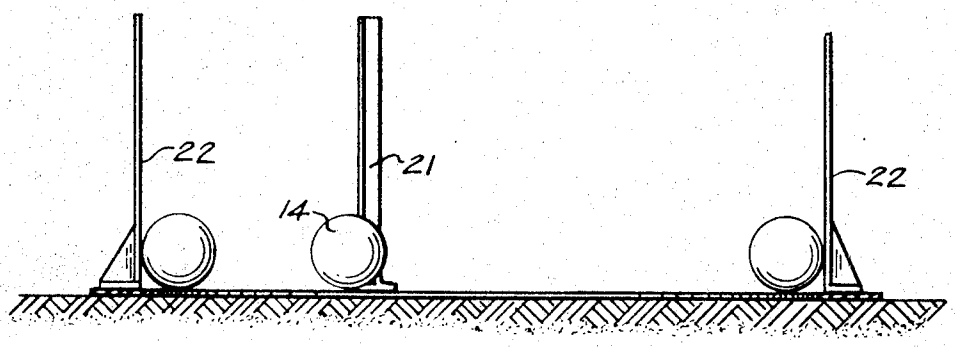


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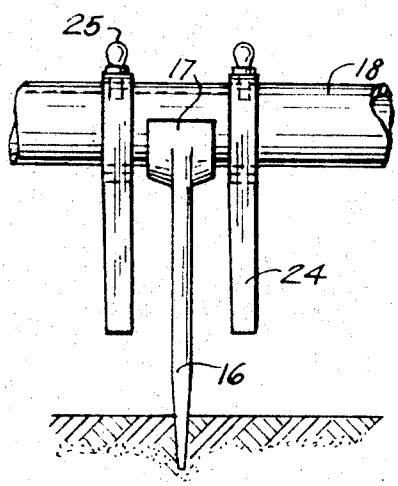


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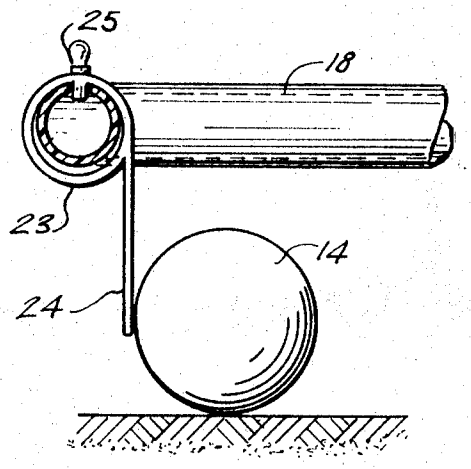


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A lawn ball game having goal targets on opposite sides of the playing field. The goals are circular in shape and may be either secured directly to the playing surface or elevated above it. In the elevated embodiment, a ball passes under a ring having a series of downwardly extending ball checking devices. These devices are secured to the elevated ring by a collar that allows them to rotate when struck by a ball. The collar of each device has a downwardly extending pin that may engage a groove in the elevated ring which permits a check to be made to see that the ball is completely within the target area.

This invention relates to outdoor games, and more particularly a lawn game.

It is, therefore, the main purpose of this invention to provide a lawn game which will significantly contribute to the physical well being of the players.

Another object of this invention is to provide a lawn game which consists of rolling balls toward a ball circle, those balls lodged within said circle obtaining the highest score.

Another object of this invention is to provide a lawn game wherein, in its modified version, measuring devices may be employed for determining whether a ball is within the goal circle.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a lawn game which is easy to set up, the components used for this game may be mass-produced, said conmponents may be moderately priced, and said lawn game being capable of providing maximum amusement and joy to the players.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein a satisfactory embodiment of the invention is shown. However, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the details disclosed but includes all such variations and modifications as fall within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 is a plain view of the playing field.

FIGURE 2 is a side elevation of the ball circle secured to the ground.

FIGURE 3 is a top plan view of said ball circle including a pair of balls of symbolically different colors therein.

FIGURE 4 is a sectional view of a carrying case containing the components of said game.

FIGURE 5 is a modification showing the ball circle being spaced from the ground. A portion of said circle being broken away.

FIGURE 6 depicts a variety of measuring devices for establishing where the ball is fully within said ball circle.

FIGURE 7 is another modified view showing said measuring device being suspended from the ball circle.

FIGURE 8 is another modified view, similar to the one in FIGURE 7, wherein more than one measuring device is being used.

According to this invention, a lawn game **10** is usually being played on a flat surface, such as, a lawn or field. At each end of said field provisions are made for a ball

circle which is fastened to the ground or soil by means of downwardly extending fasteners or pins **12**. As shown in FIGURE 1, said field includes longitudinal side lines **12** which are uniformly spaced from each other and the end lines **13** adjacent to each goal circle **11**. The actual game is being played with a plurality of balls each of them having a different designation or color for keeping score. Accordingly, the players line up at each end line **13** and roll the balls **14** toward the oppositely positioned ball circle **11**. The team which has greater number of balls **14** within circle **11** may be designated as the winning game.

Looking now at FIGURE 4 of the drawing, one will see that a carrying case **20** is provided for storing pins **12**, goal circle **11** and playing balls **14** therein thus assuring sufficient flexibility to the players if they decide to transfer the game into another area or field. A cover **19** is provided for closing box **20**.

It will also be noted that in its modified version, the invention provides for ball circles which are suspended from the ground by means of pins **16** having semi-circular support **17** for supporting each circle **18** in an elevated position. In this manner, balls **14** roll under the circle **18** thus making the game more interesting and, unlike in circle **11** (see FIGURE 2) of the preferred embodiment, does not even remotely implore the rolling of ball **14**. However, for this type of game, a plurality of measuring devices such as **21** or **22** (see FIGURE 6) may be employed for establishing whether the center portion of ball **14** is within the circle **18**.

This invention also provides another modification which employs a plurality of downwardly extending ball checking devices **24**, each of which being supported on ball circle **18** by ring-like members **23** and support pins **25**. In this arrangement balls in their relative positions are checked out automatically thereby eliminating the mistake factor which may be caused through human error.

What I now claim is:

1. A lawn game comprising, in combination, a flat, rectangular playing field, a goal circle at each end line of said field, a plurality of balls used for rolling from one end line toward the opposite goal circle adjacent the other said end line, and fastener means secured to said goal circle, said goal circles being located along a mid-portion of each said end line, each said goal circle comprising a ring supported in elevation above the ground by means of a plurality of downwardly extending pins secured into said ground, said balls being rollable beneath said ring into a central area defined thereby to form said goal circle, said ring supporting a plurality of downwardly extending ball-checking devices, each of which comprises a circular collar of relatively larger diameter on its inner side than the exterior diameter of said ring, said collar supporting a vertically extending integral bar, said collar carrying a downwardly extending support pin at the upper end thereof, said support in being receivable within a circular groove around the upper side of said ring for aligning said bar in a truly vertical position.

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