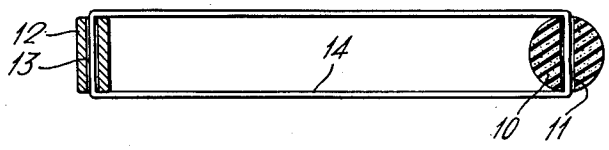
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FIG.1.



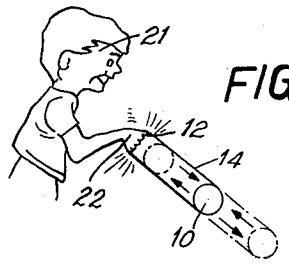


FIG.2.

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TETHERED BALL GAME

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This invention relates to a game of skill involving a tethered ball game.

Many games and toys are played with balls. In many such games, a resilient rubber ball is elastically connected directly to a wooden handle, and the ball is adapted to be struck by the wooden handle.

By the present invention, there is provided a game of skill comprising a resilient solid sponge rubber ball having a hole diametrically formed therethrough, a rigid inelastic hollow cylindrical handle adapted to be gripped by the hand of the user and a single elastic band passed through said hollow handle and through said hole in said ball and elastically connecting said ball to said handle, said elastic band constituting a closed loop, the length of said handle being at least equal to the diameter of said ball, whereby motion of the user's hand causes said elastic band to be stretched thereby causing said ball to be extended away from the hand of the user, and whereby contraction of said extended elastic band causes said ball to be moved towards the hand of the user and to be struck by the hand of the user.

In the drawings which illustrate an embodiment of the present invention:

FIG. 1 is a vertical cross-sectional view of one embodiment of this invention;

FIG. 2 is a side view of the embodiment of FIG. 1 of this invention, in use.

As seen in FIG. 1, this invention comprises a resilient rubber ball **10**, preferably formed of solid sponge rubber, a handle **12** preferably formed of wood or plastic material, connected together by means of an elastic rubber band **14** constituting a closed loop. The rubber band passes through a hole **11** bored through the sponge rubber ball **10**, and through a hole **13** bored through the handle **12**. The length of the handle **12**, as shown in the drawing, is at least equal to the diameter of the ball **10**.

FIG. 2 shows the invention in use. The user, a young boy **21**, grips the handle **12** with his hand **22** so that his fist is facing the ball **10**. Oscillatory motion of the user's arm causes the elastic rubber band **14** to be stretched and this causes the ball to be extended away from the user's fist. Then, the elastic contracts causing the ball to come closer to the user's fist. Eventually, the ball contacts the user's fist, and then the ball is "punched" away by the user's fist. It is to be noted that only a single closed loop of elastic connects the rubber ball to the handle so that the user must exercise considerable skill to strike the ball repeatedly. This repeated operation continues at the discretion and skill of the user.

I claim:

A game of skill comprising a resilient solid sponge rubber ball having a hole diametrically formed therethrough, a rigid inelastic hollow cylindrical handle adapted to be gripped by the hand of the user and a single elastic band passed through said hollow handle and through said hole in said ball and elastically connecting said ball to said handle, said elastic band constituting a closed loop, the length of said handle being at least equal to the diameter of said ball, whereby motion of the user's hand causes said elastic band to be stretched thereby causing said ball to be extended away from the hand of the user, and whereby contraction of said extended elastic band causes said ball to be moved towards the hand of the user and to be struck by the hand of the user.

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