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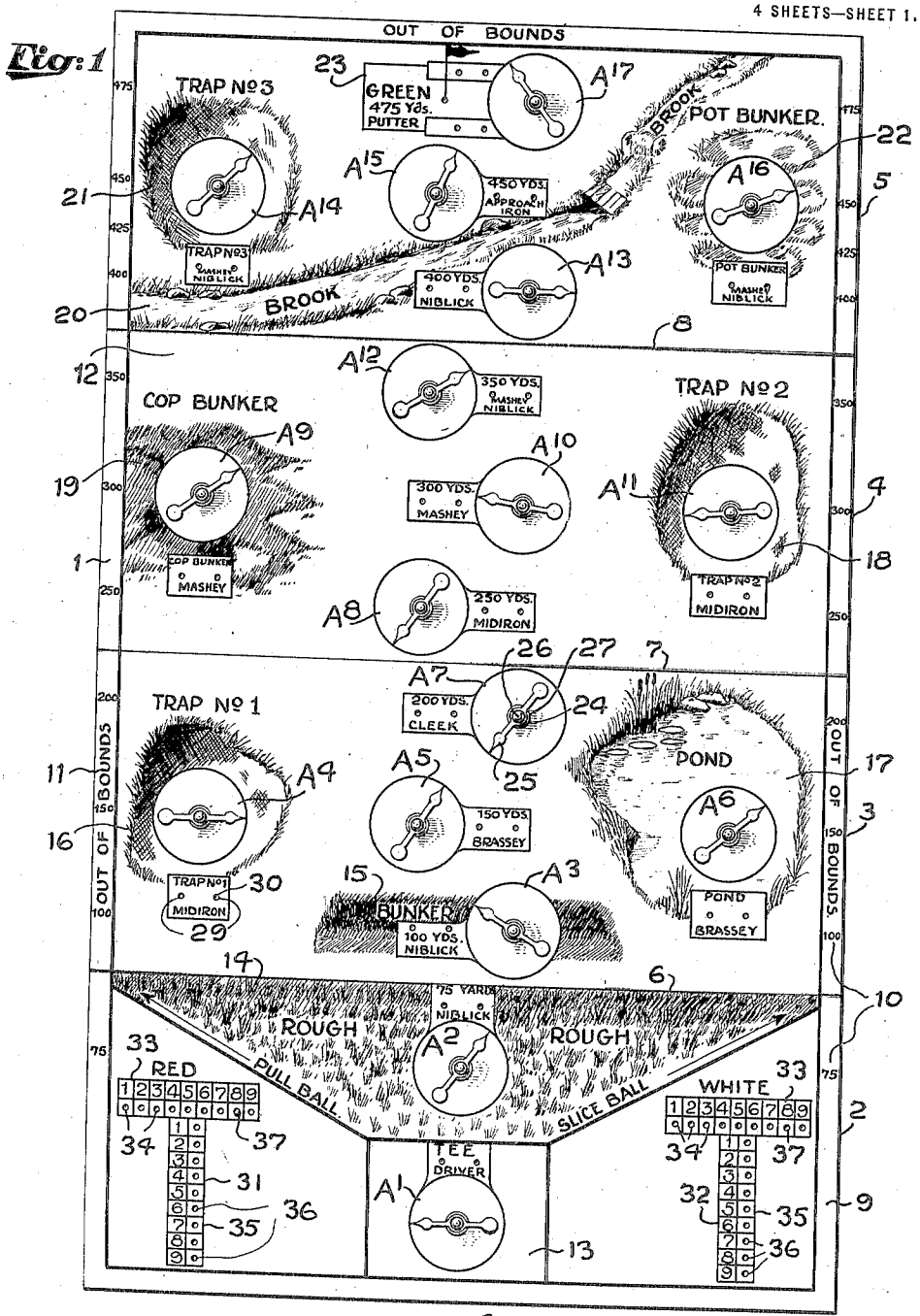
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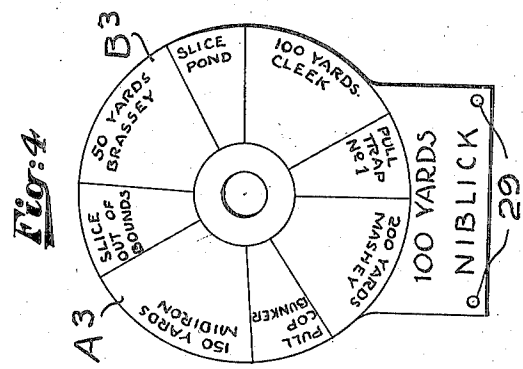



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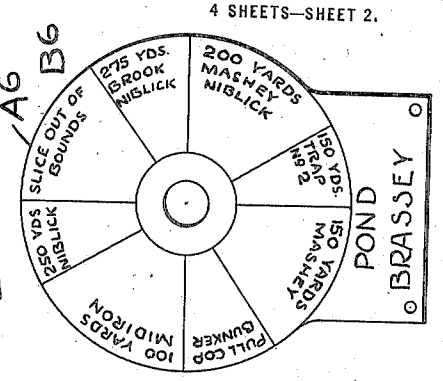



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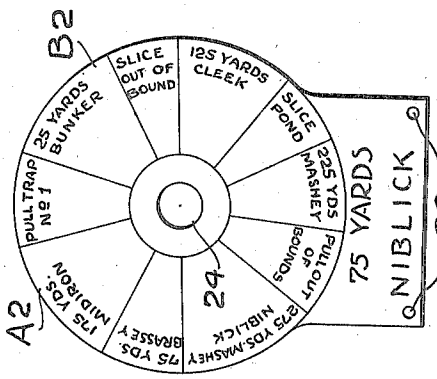



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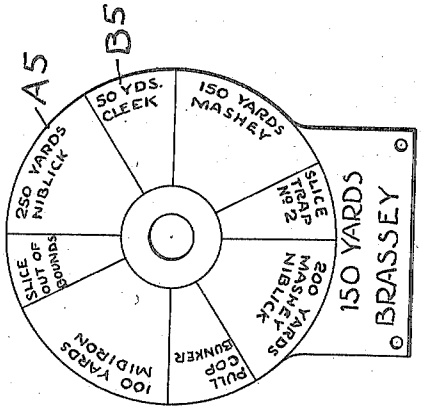



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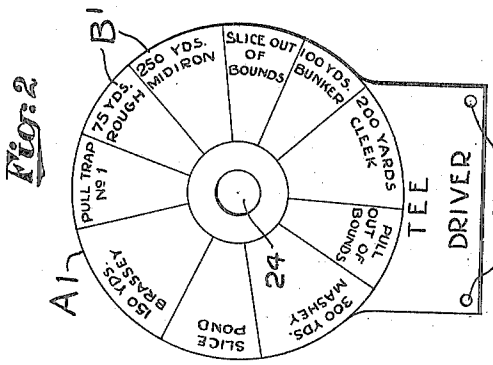



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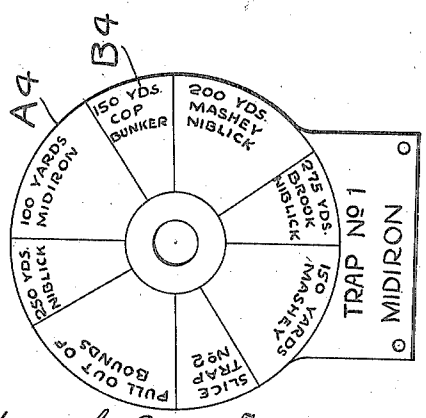



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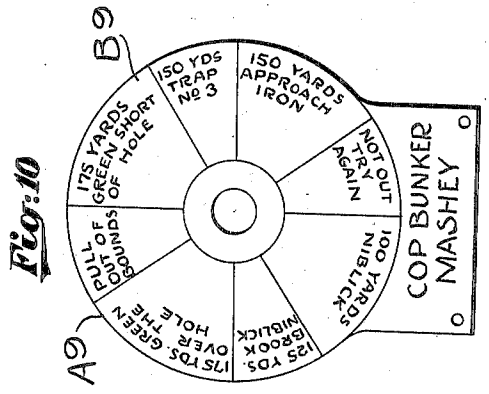



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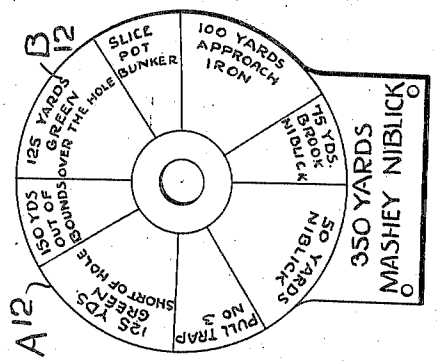



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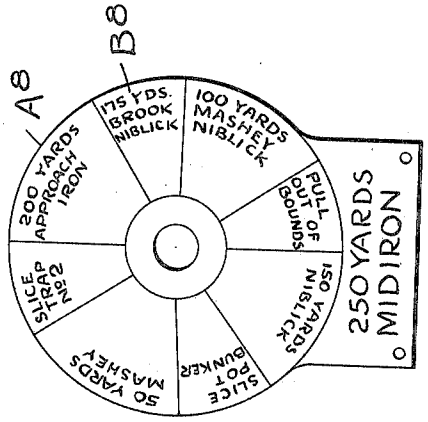



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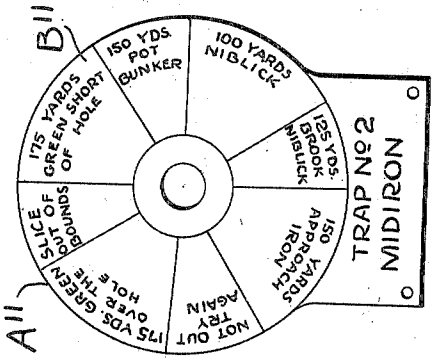



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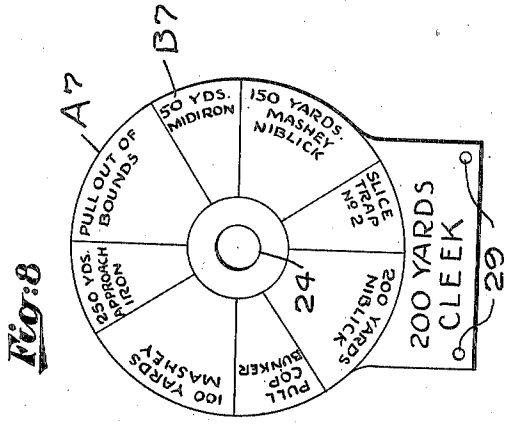



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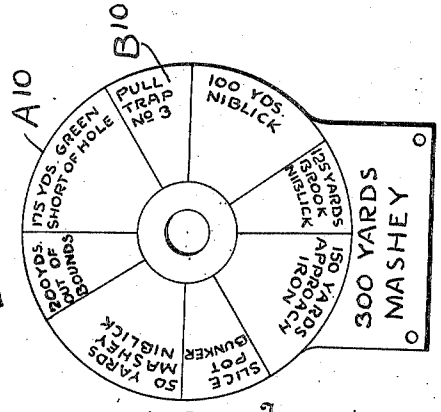



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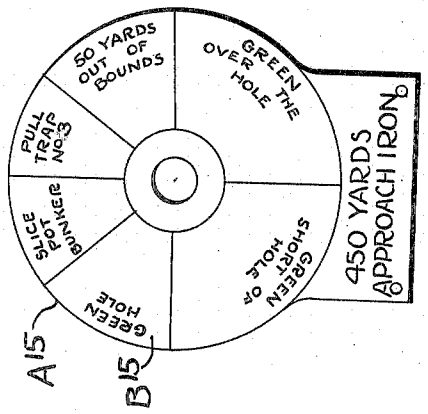



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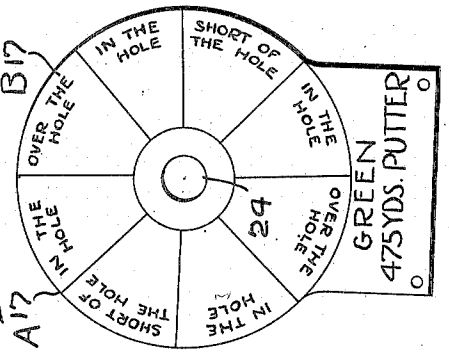



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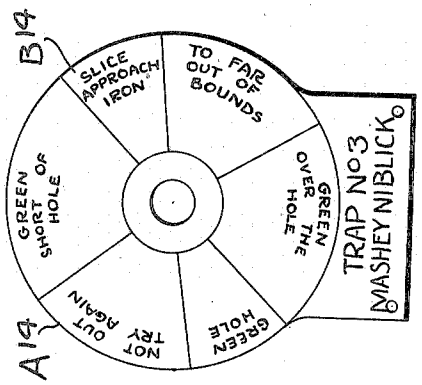



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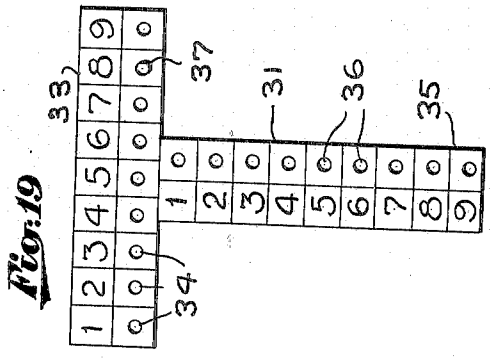



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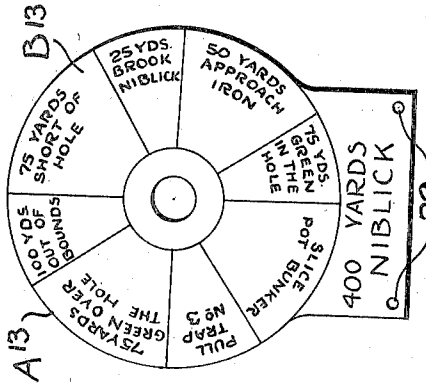
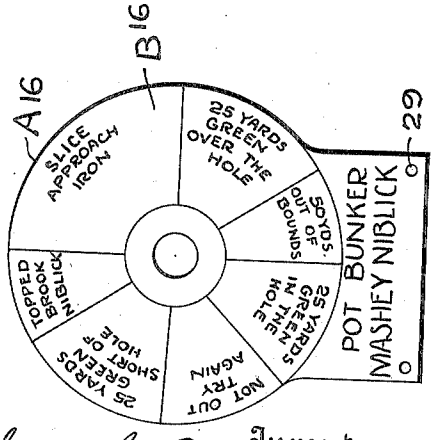



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## GAME.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW LE MASSENA, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the town of Glen Ridge, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to games, and more particularly to such as are in the form of game boards devised to simulate the game of golf.

It is an object of the present invention to provide game devices of the character specified which shall closely resemble the game of golf, as near as is feasible, under actual playing conditions, and also to devise a game which shall possess considerable educational value and shall initiate the beginner into the terminology and fundamental playing conditions of this game.

For purposes of illustration I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game board as a whole, in extended position, ready for being played on;

Figs. 2 to 18, inclusive, are detail plan views of the various series of indications used on the illustrative game board herein described;

Fig. 19 is a detail plan view of one of the scoring devices associated with the game board.

While my invention may be embodied in games of varied arrangement and construction, I prefer the embodiment herein shown and described, comprising a game board consisting of a supporting member 1. The supporting member 1 is preferably made up of a series of sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, successively hinged to each other as at 6, 7, and 8, respectively, for convenience in packing and transportation.

The game board 1 is preferably provided with a marginal portion 9 containing indications of distances 10, and also the legends 11, reading "Out of bounds". Within the margin 9 there are represented a tee, hazards, greens, etc., of one hole 12 of a golf course.

In particular, the hole 12 in question may comprise a tee 13, the rough 14, a bunker 15, a trap 16, a pond 17, a second trap 18, a cop bunker 19, a brook 20, a third trap 21, a pot bunker 22, and a green 23.

Associated with the supporting member comprising the board 1, are a plurality, as one or more, herein shown as seventeen, indicator means or devices successively designated by the reference characters $A^1$ to $A^{17}$, inclusive. Each indicator means or device comprises a series of indications $B^1$, $B^2$, etc., respectively, and a freely movable indicator 24 preferably comprising a freely rotatable arrow 25 mounted for rotation on pin 26 which removably fits in perforation 27 preferably located at the center of each of the indicator devices.

Each series of indications $B^1$ to $B^{17}$, inclusive, indicates various possible shots of a game of golf. Furthermore, each series of indications occupies a particular part of the course indicated on the board and bears the name of the particular club which would normally be used from the position on the course occupied by the particular series of indications in question.

In order that the game may resemble as closely as is feasible the game of golf under actual playing conditions, the various indications of each series, which are preferably, as shown, located within the segments or sectors bearing such indications are of such areas that the indications will substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot designated by the particular indication in question. Moreover, these probabilities vary for the different series of indications according to the probability of making the particular shots indicated by the particular series from the position on the course occupied by such series.

It will, of course, be understood that the probability of making a certain shot from a certain position on the course will vary with the difficulty of the course and the skill of the player. Accordingly, various types of game boards, made in accordance with my invention may be produced which will simulate the game as played on an easy course, a moderately difficult course, or a very difficult course. The series of indications may also be so proportioned and arranged that the game will resemble the game of golf as played by highly skilled players, moderately skilled ones, or beginners.

In order to produce these various results, all that is necessary is that the areas of the various segments and sectors containing the various indications be proportioned with

the proper end in view. For example, assuming the board to be arranged to represent the game as played on a difficult course by very skilful players, the segments indicating good shots as to distance and direction would be comparatively large, while the segments indicating hazards and the like would be slightly but not much smaller than for an average game. If the board is arranged to reproduce the game as played on an easy course by a player of little skill, the segments representing poor strokes would be of comparatively large area, while the segments indicating hazards would be slightly larger than for an average game.

It will be noted, also, that most of the indications designate also the club that is to be used for making the next succeeding shot. Since the indications also designate the position reached by the player in making the shot designated by the indication under consideration, and since each series of indications bears the name of the club which would normally be used from the position occupied by the series, an easy and effective method is provided whereby the player may determine his position on the course after each stroke.

For marking the position of each player on the course as the game progresses, pairs of apertures 29 are provided adjacent each series of indications, and the position of each player may be designated by a pin 30, of peculiar color, placed in one of the apertures 29, according to the position of the particular player on the course.

In order that the score may be kept, I have shown a plurality of scoring devices 31, 32, bearing the legends "Red" and "White", according to the color of the pin designating the particular player's position on the course. Each scoring device comprises a horizontal portion 33 with a series of numbers from 1 to 9, and an aperture 34 under each number. This is for indicating the number of strokes each player requires to make the hole. The scoring devices also comprise the vertical portions 35 having a series of perforations 36 for indicating the lead in holes of the leading player. Pins 37 of appropriate color are employed to keep the score. This arrangement is suitable for match play. For medal play the usual score cards may be employed, thereby serving to further educate the beginner in the rules of the game.

The manner of playing the game herein shown and described for purposes of illustration only is as follows:

Assuming "red" to have the "honor," he proceeds to spin the indicator 25 of series $A^1$, each player having previously placed his appropriately colored pin in the aperture under numeral 1 in the horizontal portion of the scoring devices 31 and 32, respectively, thereby indicating that he is "playing one." Let us assume that the point of the indicator 25 stops over the indication of series $A^1$ reading "Two hundred yards cleik". This indicates that "red" has made a stroke of two hundred yards, taking him two hundreds yards from the tee, and that the next succeeding stroke from the position on the course reached by him may be made with the cleik.

"Red's" position on the course may also be readily ascertained by the distance indicated on the indication covered by the point of the indicator 25, and also by the name of the club on such indication. This position is the one shown in detail in Fig. 8 and marked $A^7$. It will also be noted that the cleik is a club that might normally be used from the position on the course indicated by the series $A^7$. "Red" has made one stroke and "white" is now to play.

"White" now spins the indicator of series $A^1$, and we shall assume that the point of the indicator stops over the indication of this series which reads "One hundred fifty yards brassey." As already stated, this indication designates the distance made by the stroke, and the club to be used for the next succeeding shot. The indications of distances and clubs serve also to locate the position reached by the player on the course, said position in the present instance being the position on the course designated by series $A^5$. It may here be stated that as the game progresses, each player's position on the course is marked by an appropriately colored pin 30, which pin is moved from place to place on the course as the game progresses.

"Red" and "white" now place their appropriately colored pins in the apertures numbered 2 of the horizontal portions of their respective scoring devices, thereby indicating that they are playing "two." It is now "white's" turn to proceed, since he is farther from the hole than "red," or "away," which he does by spinning the indicator of series $A^5$, which is "white's" position on the course.

Assuming that the point of the indicator stops over the indication reading "One hundred yards midiron," this brings "white" to the position occupied by series $A^8$. It may here be stated that the indications of each series designate the distance made by the stroke indicated thereby. By means of this distance indication, and the distance indications at the margin of the board, the position reached on the course after making a stroke may be readily ascertained.

For further enabling the players to easily locate their respective positions on the course during the progress of the game, it will be noted that each indication designates the club to be used for the next suc-

ceeding shot, the name of the club being borne by the series occupying the position on the course reached by the stroke just made. Most of the series of indications, moreover, bear legends indicating their respective distances from the tee.

It now being "red's" turn to play from the position on the course occupied by series $A^7$, "red" spins the indicator of series $A^7$ and we shall assume the point of the indicator to stop over the indication reading "One hundred yards mashey." This brings him to the position on the course occupied by series $A^{10}$. Each player now places his pin in aperture numbered 3 of the horizontal portion of his scoring device, thus indicating that he is playing "three."

It is now "white's" turn to play from the position on the course indicated by series $A^8$, which "white" does by spinning the indicator of said series, the point of the indicator being assumed to stop over the indication reading "One hundred yards mashey niblick." He thus reaches the position on the course indicated by series $A^{12}$. "Red" now spins the indicating device of series $A^{10}$, and we shall assume that the point of the indicating device stops over the indication reading "Pull, trap No. 3," meaning that "red" had pulled the ball and gotten into difficulty, the ball dropping into trap No. 3 beyond the brook. "Red's" position on the course is indicated by series $A^{14}$. Each player now places his pin in aperture numbered 4 of the horizontal portion of his scoring device, thus indicating that he is playing "four."

It is now "white's" turn to play, and "white" spins the indicator of series $A^{12}$. We shall assume that the point of the indicator stops over the indication reading "One hundred twenty-five yards green, over the hole," to the position on the course occupied by series $A^{17}$. It is now "red's" turn to play. "Red," from the position on the course indicated by series $A^{14}$, spins the indicator of said series. We shall assume that the point of the indicator stops over the indication reading "Green, over the hole." "Red," therefore, has also reached the position on the course occupied by series $A^{17}$. Each player now places his pin in aperture numbered 5 of the horizontal portion of his scoring device, thus indicating that he is playing "five."

It is now "white's" turn to play. We shall assume that "white" spins the indicator of series $A^{17}$ and that the point of such indicator stops over the indication reading "Over the hole," desgnating that "white" has missed the hole. It is now "red's" turn to play, and on spinning the indicator of series $A^{17}$, we shall assume that the point of the indicator stops over the indication reading "In the hole," thereby designating that "red" has made the hole in five strokes and therefore won the hole.

An appropriately colored scoring pin is thereupon placed by "red" in the aperture to the right of numeral 1 of the vertical portion of his scoring device 31, indicating that "red" is "1 up." The game is resumed from the tee for the usual number of holes, as nine or eighteen, according to whether the course is a short one of nine holes or the regulation course of eighteen holes.

It is, of course, to be understood that in "medal" play, count is kept only of the number of strokes, and for this purpose the usual score cards may be employed. It is also to be understood that, as in the case of the actual game under the usual playing conditions, if a player makes a stroke "out of bounds," he loses distance, or if, for example, he sends the ball into the "brook" or the "pond," he loses a stroke, according to the rules prevailing in the game as actually played, which rules govern the game as played on the board of my invention.

It is also to be understood that my invention is not to be limited to the specific embodiment thereof herein shown and described for purposes of illustration only.

What I claim is:

1. A game board comprising a supporting member, a freely movable indicator supported on said member, and a series of indications adapted to be selectively designated by said indicating member, said series indicating various possible shots of a game of golf, said indications being so proportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot designated by the particular indication and certain of said indications designating the club which would normally be used for making the next succeeding shot from the position on the course reached by advancing the distance designated by the particular indication.

2. A game board comprising a supporting member, a freely movable indicator supported on said member, and a plurality of series of indications adapted to be selectively designated by said indicating member occupying a plurality of positions on said board, each of said series indicating various possible shots of a game of golf and also the club which would normally be used for making the shot indicated by the particular indication, said indications being so proportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot designated by the particular indication from the position on the board occupied by the particular series.

3. A game board comprising a supporting member, a plurality of successive series of indications on said member, and freely movable indicator means associated with each of

said series of indications and adapted to selectively designate each indication of each series, said board representing one hole of a golf course and having thereon representations of a tee, hazards, distances, greens, and the like, each of said series of indications designating various possible shots of a game of golf, each series of indications occupying a particular part of the course indicated on the board and bearing the name of the particular club which would normally be used from the position on the course occupied by the particular series of indications under consideration.

4. A game board comprising a supporting member, a plurality of successive series of indications on said member, and freely movable indicator means associated with each of said series of indications and adapted to selectively designate each indication of each series, said board representing one hole of a golf course and having thereon representations of a tee, hazards, distances, greens, and the like, each of said series of indications designating various possible shots of a game of golf, and said indications being so proportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot designated by the particular indication and certain of said indications designating the club which would normally be used for making the next succeeding shot from the position on the course reached by advancing the distance designated by the particular indication.

5. A game board comprising a supporting member, a plurality of successive series of indications on said member, and freely movable indicator means associated with each of said series of indications and adapted to selectively designate each indication of each series, said board representing one hole of a golf course and having thereon representations of a tee, hazards, distances, greens, and the like, each of said series of indications designating various possible shots of a game of golf, and said indications being so proportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot designated by the particular indication, each series of indications occupying a particular part of the course indicated on the board and bearing the name of the particular club which would normally be used from the position on the course occupied by the particular series of indications under consideration.

6. A game board comprising a supporting member, a plurality of successive series of indications on said member, and freely movable indicator means associated with each of said series of indications and adapted to selectively designate each indication of each series, said board representing one hole of a golf course and having thereon representations of a tee, hazards, distances, greens, and the like, each of said series of indications designating various possible shots of a game of golf and also the club which would normally be used for making the next succeeding shot, each series of indications occupying a particular part of the course indicated on the board and bearing the name of the particular club which would normally be used from the position on the course occupied by the particular series of indications under consideration.

7. A game board comprising a supporting member, a plurality of successive series of indications on said member, and freely movable indicator means associated with each of said series of indications and adapted to selectively designate each indication of each series, said board representing one hole of a golf course and having thereon representations of a tee, hazards, distances, greens, and the like, each of said series of indications designating various possible shots of a game of golf, and also the club which would normally be used for making the next succeeding shot, said indications being so porportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot designated by the particular indication and certain of said indications designating the club which would normally be used for making the next succeeding shot from the position on the course reached by advancing the distance designated by the particular indication.

8. A game board comprising a supporting member, a plurality of successive series of indications on said member, and freely movable indicator means associated with each of said series of indications and adapted to selectively designate each indication of each series, said board representing one hole of a golf course and having thereon representations of a tee, hazards, distances, greens, and the like, each of said series of indications designating various possible shots of a game of golf and also the club which would normally be used for making the next succeeding shot, said indications being so proportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot designated by the particular indication, each series of indications occupying a particular part of the course indicated on the board and bearing the name of the particular club which would normally be used from the position on the course occupied by the particular series of indications under consideration.

9. A game board comprising a supporting member, a plurality of successive series of indications on said member, and freely movable indicator means associated with each of said series of indications and adapted to selectively designate each indication of each

series, said board representing one hole of a golf course and having thereon representations of a tee, hazards, distances, greens, and the like, each of said series of indications designating various possible shots of a game of golf, and also the club which would normally be used for making the next succeeding shot, the indications of each series being so proportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot from the position on the course indicated by the particular indication of the particular series under consideration, and the shots indicated by each series substantially corresponding to the possible shots from the position on the course indicated by the particular series under consideration.

10. A game board comprising a supporting member, a plurality of successive series of indications on said member, and freely movable indicator means associated with each of said series of indications and adapted to selectively designate each indication of each series, said board representing one hole of a golf course and having thereon representations of a tee, hazards, distances, greens, and the like, each of said series of indications designating various possible shots of a game of golf and also the club which would normally be used for making the next succeeding shot, the indications of each series being so proportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot from the position on the course indicated by the particular indication of the particular series under consideration, and the shots indicated by each series substantially corresponding to the possible shots from the position on the course indicated by the particular series under consideration, each series of indications occupying a particular part of the course indicated on the board and bearing the name of the particular club which would normally be used from the position on the course occupied by the particular series of indications under consideration.

11. A game board comprising a supporting member, a freely movable indicator supported on said member, and a plurality of series of indications adapted to be selectively designated by said indicating member and occupying a plurality of positions on said board, each of said series indicating various possible shots of a game of golf and said indications being so proportioned as to substantially correspond to the probability of making the particular shot designated by the particular indication from the position on the board occupied by the particular series.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this sixth day of August 1918.

ANDREW LE MASSENA.