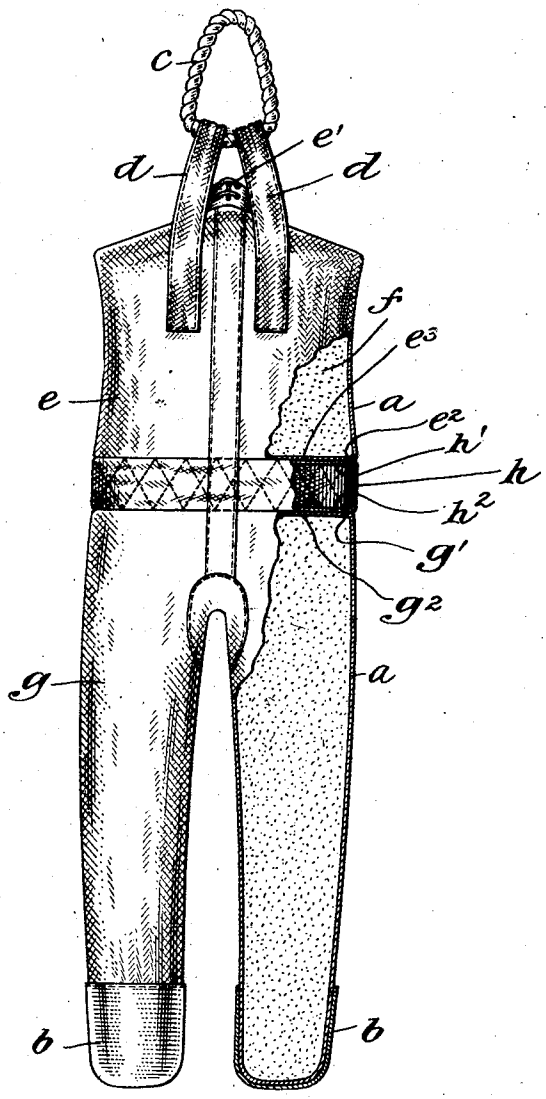
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT SNYDER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Valley, in the State of Wyoming, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tackling Dummies for Football Practice, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof.

This invention relates to tackling dummies such as are used in football practice to simulate an opposing runner. The object of the invention is to provide an improvement in tackling dummies whereby such dummies will simulate more nearly the action of a player when tackled. According to the invention the tackling dummy is articulated at about the waist-line so that, upon being tackled, in falling it will simulate more nearly the movements of a player. More particularly, the tackling dummy is formed in two sections; an upper trunk portion and a lower leg portion which are connected together by a flexible connection which will afford a limited degree of relative movement between the portions. The connection preferably takes the form of a substantially cylindrical element formed of re-enforced canvas or similar material and the upper and lower edges are turned over and secured to the respective body and leg portions by stitching. The separate body and leg portions may be formed as is usual in the art of heavy canvas or the like re-enforced at the seam and stuffed with any convenient medium, such as sawdust. In order that the invention may be more clearly understood the same will now be described more fully with reference to the accompanying drawing illustrating a preferred embodiment thereof.

The drawing illustrates a tackling dummy of customary form made up of canvas *a* or similar material, re-enforced at the seams and strengthened at the lower end of each leg member with heavy sole leather caps *b*. Suitable means for suspending the dummy are illustrated as a ring of rope *c* passing through canvas loops *d* secured to the upper portion of the dummy. The upper portion of the dummy may be formed as a separate trunk portion *e* manufactured as a separate integral piece adapted to be stuffed with some convenient filling, such as sawdust *f* through the laced opening *e'*. The lower portion of the dummy *g* is also formed as a separate integral piece which may be filled with sawdust or the like *f* contained within a re-enforced canvas cover *a*. Provision for filling the leg portion is not indicated but may also be a laced opening situated in any convenient place.

The object of the present invention is to provide a tackling dummy which upon being tackled in practice will simulate to some extent the movements of the human form. To this end the individual portions *e* and *g* are connected in spaced relation by flexible means illustrated in the drawing as taking the form of a substantially cylindrical connection of re-enforced canvas having inturned upper and lower edges h', h^2 secured to the respective sections *e* and *g* as by a row of stitching e^2, g', respectively. It will be observed that the connected portion *h* is so disposed as to continue the outer superficial surface of the dummy.

It will thus be seen that the flexible connection *h* provides limited relative movement between the portions *e* and *g*. The connection *h* being such that when the lower portion is tackled by a player movement of the lower portion is permitted to a limited extent until the opposed faces e^3 and g^2 abut.

Various modifications may be made in the character of connecting means incorporated in the tackling dummy according to the present invention without departing from the spirit thereof and it is intended to cover by the appended claims all types of flexible connections which provide limited relative movement.

What I claim is:

1. A tackling dummy comprising an upper trunk portion and an articulated leg portion.

2. A tackling dummy comprising, in combination, an upper body portion, a leg portion, and means to connect the said portions with provision for limited movement therebetween.

3. A tackling dummy comprising, in combination, an upper body portion, a leg portion, and a flexible connection therebetween continuing the outer marginal surface of the dummy.

4. A tackling dummy comprising, in combination, an upper body portion, a leg portion, and a connection therebetween continuing the outer marginal surface of the

dummy with provision for limited relative movement therebetween.

5. A tackling dummy comprising, in combination, a canvas covered torso, a canvas covered leg portion, a re-enforced canvas connection therebetween comprising a substantially cylindrical portion having inturned upper and lower edges, and means to secure the inturned edges to the torso and leg portions, respectively.

This specification signed this 30″ day of April, A. D. 1925.

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