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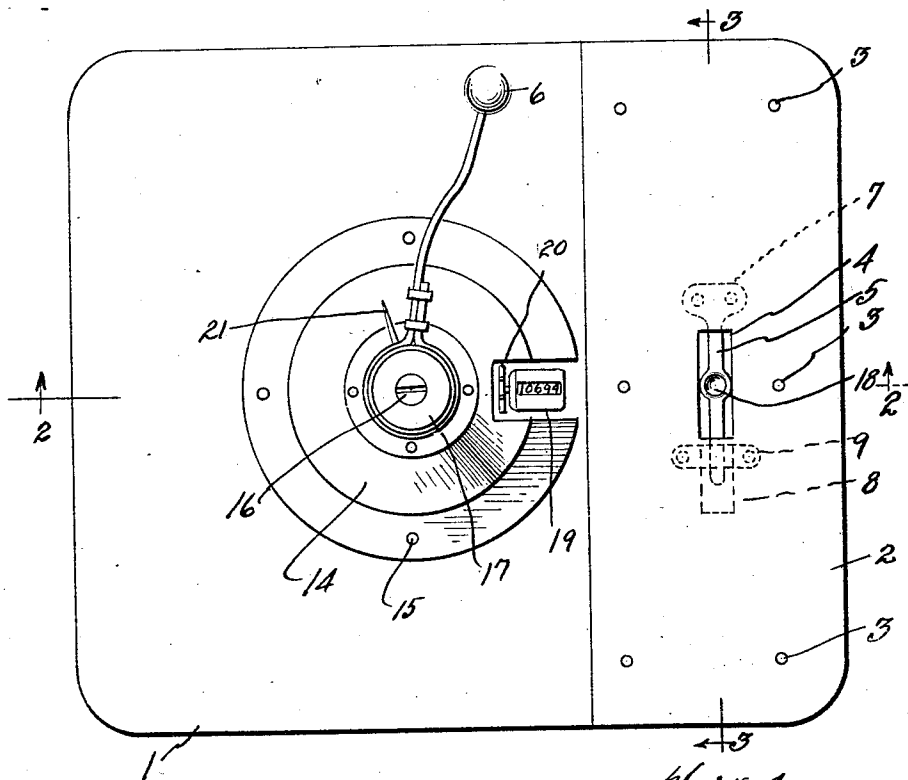


Fig. 1

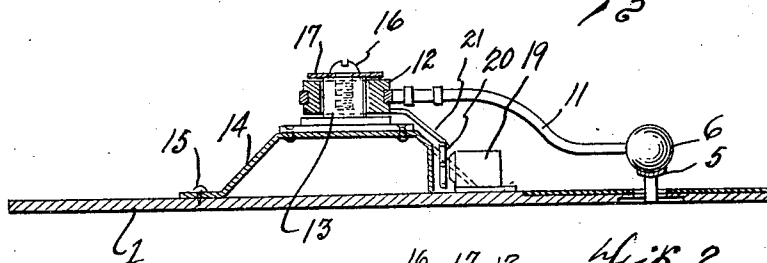


Fig. 2

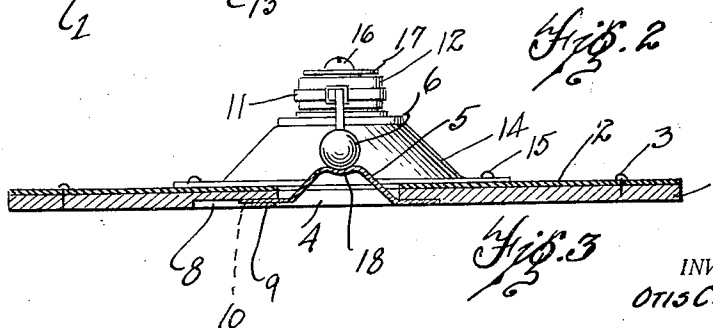


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to practice golf games and the object of the invention is to provide a device for practicing the strikes used in a golf game.

5 A further object of the invention is to provide a device in which all of the golf clubs may be used except the putter and in which the action of the ball after it has been hit will indicate whether the stroke has been
10 correctly made or not.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the character described which may be used in the house or in confined quarters and will provide an excellent means
15 for practicing the different golf strokes.

Another object of the invention is to provide a golf ball attached to a pivot about which the ball is adapted to be driven, the pivot being mounted on a base board having
20 a depressible spring tee on which the golf ball may be positioned and from which it is adapted to be driven.

These objects and the several novel features of the invention are hereinafter more
25 fully described and claimed and the preferred form of construction by which these objects are attained is shown in the accompanying drawings in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a practice golf game
30 embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

35 The device comprises a base board 1 which may be made of any material suitable for the purpose, such as laminated wood or the like. A rubber matting 2 is secured across one end of the base board in any approved manner
40 as by means of the tacks 3. An aperture 4 is cut through the base board and rubber matting 2 and a resilient spring tee 5 extends up through the slot 4 but is depressed at the center to provide a support for the golf ball as
45 shown in Figs. 2 and 3. This member 5 is provided with an enlarged end 7 which is secured beneath the base plate 1 and the opposite end of the member 5 extends into a
50 groove 8 in the bottom of the base board and a metal strip 9 extends across the groove as shown. If the member 5 is struck with a golf club the member 5 is depressed and the end 10 thereof is moved further into the groove 8 and rides on the cross member 9. This mem-

ber 5 and plate 9 are reversed for a left hand- 55
ed golf player.

The ball 6 is a captive ball secured by means of a thong 11 to a rotatable collar 12 on a stud 13 which is secured to a raised base plate 14 which in turn is attached by means
60 of screws 15 to the base board 1. The stud 13 has a threaded aperture for a screw 16 which secures a washer 17 in place preventing the collar 12 from lifting off from the stud 13. It is also to be noted that the center plane of revolution of the collar 12 is
65 well above the tee 5 which is provided with a depression 18 to receive the ball. It is further to be noted that the thong 11 is of greater length than the distance between the axis of
70 revolution of the collar 12 and the tee 5, the purpose of which is hereinafter described.

The game is particularly to enable one to practice driving the ball with both the wood and iron golf clubs and the player stands in
75 proper position relative to the tee, and due to the structure of the device he may drive the ball with the same force as in playing the actual game. In driving the ball from the
80 tee if the club is properly presented to the ball it will swing in a circle the axis of which is the axis of the collar 12, and the thong permits the ball to traverse a circle whose diameter is greater than the distance of the tee
85 from the center of revolution of the ball and thus the ball passes outside the plane of the tee in these revolutions and thus the tee does not interfere with rotation of the ball.

The revolutions of the ball about the stud 13 may be counted by providing a counting
90 device 19 of the usual type having a star wheel 20. The collar 12 is provided with an arm 21 adapted to engage the star wheel upon each revolution of the collar 12. With this
95 arrangement the player may determine the number of revolutions of the ball about the stud 13 and thus by mental calculation estimate its supposed distance of flight. The rubber mat 2 is preferably inset into the base
100 board as shown and while I have utilized a rubber mat any composition which will not readily be cut by the golf clubs and which is somewhat resilient may be used. The ball is a regulation golf ball as to size, weight and
105 resiliency and thus the exact resistance is met with as in driving the regulation golf ball from a tee on a golf course. If the ball is topped it will revolve about the center

but will strike the board and bound in its rotation. If the ball is sliced or hooked it will travel unevenly about its center but if the ball is properly hit it will travel evenly about the center and make a greater number of revolutions than when the ball is improperly struck. The player may thus determine when the ball is correctly struck and by means of the counter may by mental calculation estimate the supposed distance of flight. With this device all the necessary features are present to enable a person to acquire facility in the various strokes with both the wood and iron clubs. It is, of course, possible to vary the structure in many ways without departing from the spirit and scope of this invention as set forth in the appended claims, the principal feature of the invention being involved in the provision of a captive ball and a spring tee for the ball which is depressible to the surface of the base board to which the tee is secured.

From the foregoing description it becomes evident that the device is very simple and efficient in operation, will not readily get out of order, provides a means for practicing the different golf strokes in the house or on the lawn and provides a device which accomplishes the objects described.

Having thus fully described my invention, its utility and mode of operation, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

1. In a device of the character described, a base, a standard secured to the upper side of the base, a collar rotatably secured to the standard, a thong secured at one end to the collar, a ball secured to the opposite end of the thong, an arm extending outwardly from the collar, a counting device mounted on the base, and a star wheel through revolution of which the counting device is actuated, said star wheel lying in the path of movement of the said arm whereby the wheel is caused to turn by revolution of the collar.

2. In apparatus of the character described,

a base, a standard secured thereto and having a cone shaped portion and a vertical stud, a collar rotatably secured to the stud, a thong secured at one end to the collar, a ball secured to the opposite end of the thong, said cone shaped portion of the standard having a recess, a counter member secured to the base and extending into the said recess including a casing having an opening in its upper face exposing numerals to view, a star wheel through rotation of which the counter member is actuated, an arm extending outwardly and downwardly from the collar adapted to engage the star wheel once each revolution of the ball and collar, said base having an aperture therein a distance from the axis of the standard, a depressible member secured to the under side of the base having a portion extending upwardly through the said aperture substantially of the form of an inverted V having a depression for the ball provided at the uppermost point of the said inverted V portion.

3. In apparatus of the character described, a base, a standard secured thereon, a collar rotatably secured to the standard, a counting device mounted on the base at a distance from the axis of the standard, a star wheel through rotation of which the counting device is operated, an arm extending outwardly from the collar and adapted to engage the star wheel once each revolution of the collar, said base having an aperture at a distance from the standard, a tee consisting of a strip of resilient material secured at one end to the under side of the base and free to move at its opposite end, said strip having an upwardly bent part extending through the aperture and having a depression at its uppermost point to receive the ball, a thong having one end secured to the collar, and a ball at the opposite end of the thong for positioning on the tee.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification.

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