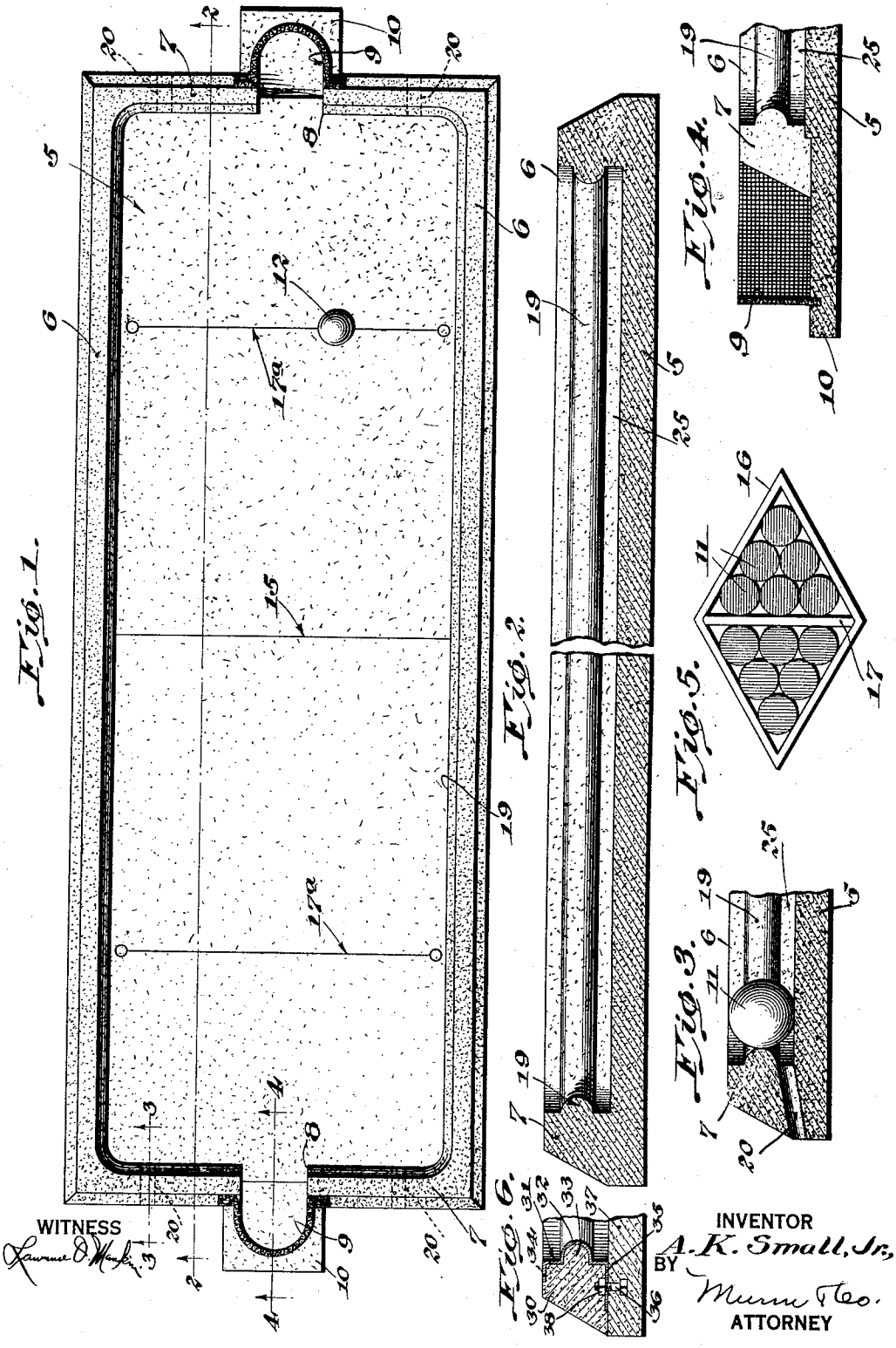
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My invention relates to games and more particularly to that type wherein balls are driven or shot into goals.

An object of the present invention is to provide a game which embodies a court having upstanding walls whose inner face is formed with a semi-spherical shoulder which is so positioned that the center line of a ball will hit and rebound from the center line of the shoulder and thereby permit the players to make angle shots from any point of the court.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a game embodying a court having a base member with upstanding walls at the periphery thereof, a rounded shoulder projecting inwardly from the wall and spaced from the top and bottom of said wall, semi-circular goals or baskets embracing openings in the end walls and formed of wire mesh, the mesh being connected to the end walls or having portions embedded in the concrete of which the walls are formed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a game which involves the skill and accuracy of polo, as well as the competitive element of auction bridge.

This invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description, in view of the accompanying drawing forming a part of the specification; nevertheless, it is to be understood that the invention is not confined to the disclosure, being susceptible of such changes and modifications which shall define no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved game apparatus;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a similar view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1, and

Figure 5 is a plan view of a rack containing the balls, and

Figure 6 is a transverse vertical section showing a modified form of the invention.

Referring to the invention in detail, a playing court is provided comprising a concrete base 5 of rectangular configuration and upstanding parallel side walls 6 and end walls 7. The end walls 7 are provided with longitudinally alined openings 8 which open into semi-circular goals or baskets 9 formed of reticulated material and which are supported by lateral extensions 10 formed with the base 5.

A plurality of resilient objective balls 11 is provided and a resilient king ball 12 is adapted to be driven against the objective balls by a suitable mallet. Each set of the objective balls is of a different color so as to be distinguishable by the players. At the start of the game the balls are racked on a center line 15 extending transversely of the center of the court and for this purpose a diamond-shaped rack 16 having a central partition 17 is provided. Either of the players places the king ball on one of the quarter lines 17*a* farthest from his goal 9 and drives the same into the rack balls to break them up. When all the balls have come to rest the player then makes a bid for score, after which the second player makes his bid. After the bidding is completed the highest bidder then plays off first driving the king ball in the direction of one of his objective balls to drive the same into his goal. If successful the player then takes another drive. When the player fails to drive one of his balls into the goal it becomes the other player's turn.

A laterally projecting shoulder is formed on the inner face of the walls 6 and 7 and has a rounded outer face 19 against which the balls are adapted to be driven when it is desired to make angle shots. The shoulder 19 is of such radius and is located at a point where its horizontal center will be struck by the center of the ball. This will cause the balls to rebound accurately. In addition the balls will not jump from the court.

To permit rain water to drain from the court suitable drain openings 20 are provided.

The lower portions of the reticulated material may be embedded in the extension base

portion 10 or the ends of the mesh may be secured in any approved manner to the end walls at each side of the openings 8. The extension may be made separate from the base so that the wire mesh and said extension may be formed as a unit.

The annular shoulder 19 is spaced from the top and bottom of the end and side walls thereby providing an annular channel 25 at the periphery of the base 5.

In the modified form shown in Fig. 6 a transverse sectional view of a wall of the court is shown in which a concrete wall 30 has an outer facing 31 of metal including a curved portion 32 extending around a bead 33 on the wall 30. A flange 34 has its outer face flush with the upper surface of the wall 30 so that the flange is substantially seated within the concrete wall.

A flange 35 extends outwardly from the lower end of the member 31 and is located within an annular recess in the wall 30. A bolt 36 is secured within the base 37 of the court and extends upwardly through the plate 33 so that the flange 35 will be secured in place when the nut 38 is screwed up in position. It will be appreciated that the member 31 may be positioned initially and forms are then applied to the rear of the member and concrete poured therein so that when the forms are removed the concrete wall will appear with the facing 31.

I claim:

1. A game apparatus comprising a concrete base member, upstanding side and end walls formed integrally therewith and producing an enclosure, a shoulder formed integrally on the inner face of said walls, a resilient ball element movable over said base and into contact with said shoulders, one of said walls and said base being formed with a water drain opening for draining water from said enclosure, said drain opening having its inner end opening beneath said shoulder on the wall, a pair of the opposite end walls being provided with openings, and brackets bridging the openings.

2. A game apparatus comprising a concrete base member, upstanding side and end walls formed integrally therewith and providing an enclosure, an annular shoulder projecting laterally and inwardly of the side and end walls, formed integrally with said walls and spaced from the top and bottom of the side and end walls, the opposite end walls being provided with openings, a basket formed of wire fabricated materials embracing each opening and extending outwardly from an end wall, an extension base portion at each end of the apparatus supporting the baskets, the lower portions of the baskets being cemented into the material forming the extension base portion.

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