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Fig. 1.



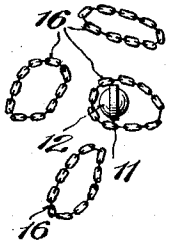


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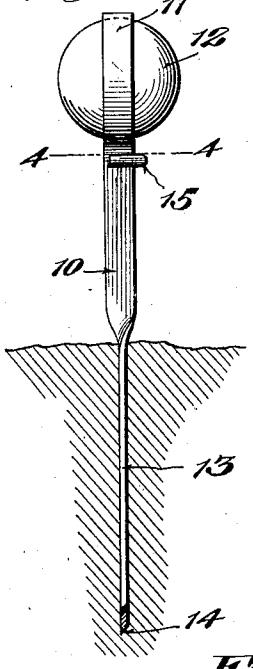


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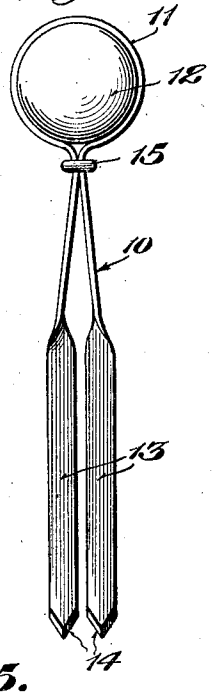


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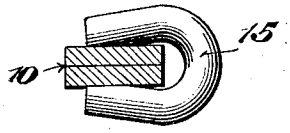
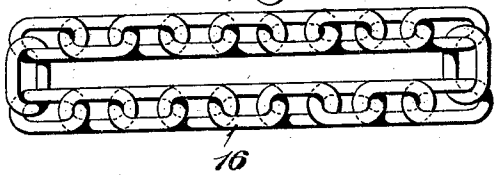


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAVE O. CARLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wethersfield, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to a new and improved game apparatus, and has for its object, among other things, to provide a game apparatus having one or more fixed parts, which may be easily and readily positioned, one or more flexible movable members which when thrown will either encircle one of the fixed parts or strike a surface and collapse without injury either to itself or said surface.

To these, and other ends, my invention consists in the game apparatus, having certain details of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, in which like numerals of reference designate like parts in the several figures;

Figure 1 is a plan view of the fixed parts of my improved game apparatus positioned for use, and the movable members around and adjacent to one of such parts;

Figure 2 is an enlarged elevation of one of the fixed parts positioned for use;

Figure 3 is another elevation of the same fixed part;

Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view thereof, taken generally upon line 4—4 of Figure 3; and

Figure 5 is a plan view of one of the flexible members.

My improved game apparatus is designed for use in playing a game similar to quoits or horse-shoe pitching.

An objection under some circumstances to the apparatus used in playing both of these games is the fact that both quoits and horse-shoes tear up, injure and damage the stakes and the ground immediately therearound, and thereby prevent the playing of the game indoors or upon lawns or the like. Efforts have been made to obviate this difficulty in quoits by using a rope ring, but this is also objectionable, because the rope rings roll from the point where they strike. In my improved apparatus neither these or other objections are present. The game may be played on a lawn without damage or injury thereto and also indoors. The movable portions of the apparatus will collapse at the striking point without injury to the surface against which it strikes.

The fixed part of the apparatus comprises one or more stakes 10, which are preferably constructed from a strip of metal with a loop 11 at one end enclosing and securing a ball 12 and the opposite ends 13 of which are preferably turned at an angle to the adjacent portion and provided with pointed ends 14 so as to more readily facilitate the positioning of the stake. A clip 15 ties the stake together adjacent to the loop 11 and holds the ball 12 against displacement within said loop.

A golf ball or the like is especially suitable for use within the loop 11. Its white exterior makes a striking contrast with the green lawn and thereby increases its visibility.

Other objects may be substituted for the ball 12, if desired, or these may be of any other color within my invention.

In the use of this apparatus either one or more stakes may be used, preferably two, and these placed in the ground opposite to each other, as illustrated in Figure 1, or when used indoors placed in the floor of a room or supported upon a table, wall or the like.

The movable portion of my apparatus comprises a ring 16 made of a section of link chain and is thereby both flexible and collapsible.

In playing the game, the ring 16 is grasped in the hand, preferably with the back of the hand upward, and then tossed toward the stake. While passing through the air the chain, by centrifugal force, forms a perfect ring of sufficient size to readily pass over the ball 12 if accurately thrown. If, however, the throw is not accurate, the ring will collapse where it strikes and by reason thereof will not mar or injure the surface against which it comes in contact.

In Figure 1 is shown four of the rings, one over one of the stakes, and the other

three adjacent thereto, illustrating some of the positions they assume when at rest after being thrown or tossed.

There are minor changes and alterations that may be made within my invention, aside from those herein suggested, and I would therefore have it understood that I do not limit myself to the exact construction herein shown and described, but claim all that falls fairly within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A stake composed of a band of metal with a loop at one end enclosing a ball, and means for holding the loop against expansion.

2. A stake composed of a band of metal with a loop at one end thereof, a clip for holding the loop against expansion, and an object, as a ball, enclosed within the loop.

3. A stake composed of a band of metal with a loop at one end and the portion thereof adjacent to the opposite end turned at an angle to the portion adjacent to the loop, and an object, as a ball, enclosed within the loop.

4. In a game apparatus, a stake, and one or more collapsible rings composed of a plurality of interlocking links.

5. In a game apparatus, a stake composed of a band of metal and an object, as a ball or the like, and one or more flexible link rings independent thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

GUSTAVE O. CARLSON.