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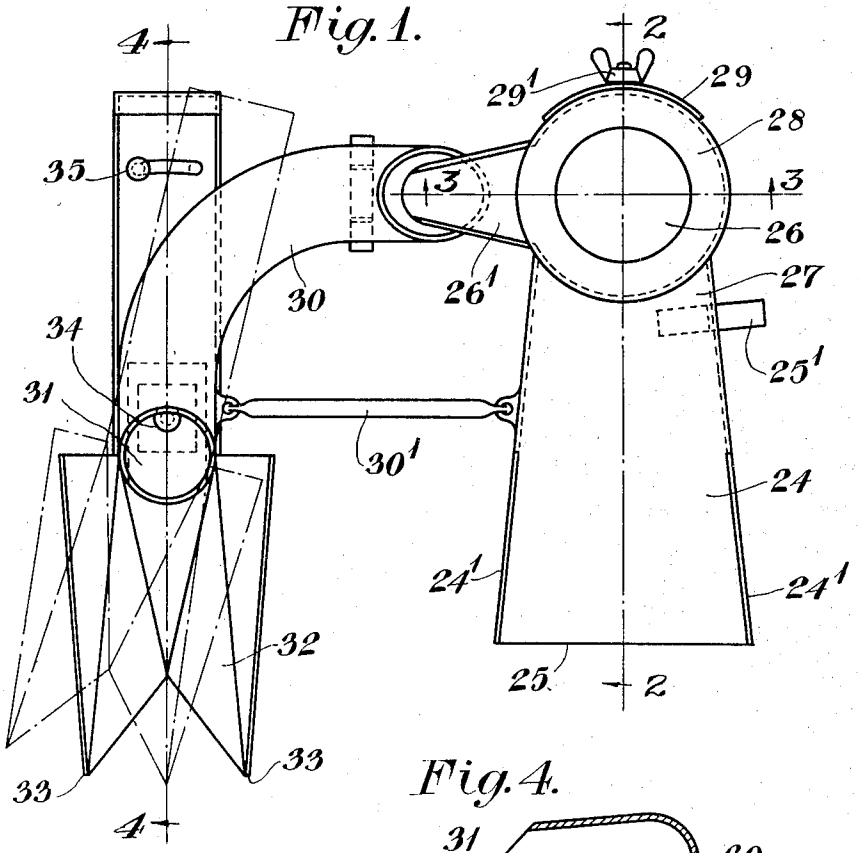


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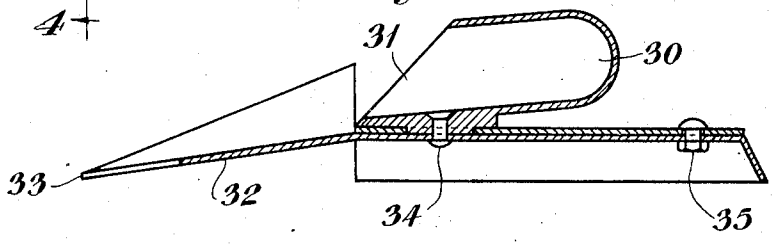


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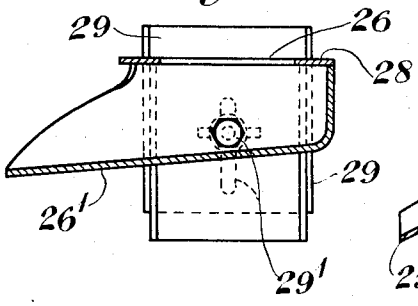
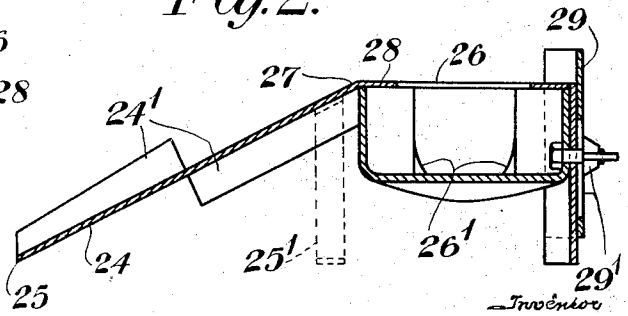


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This patent application is a divisional application on my United States patent application No. 428,982, filed February 17, 1930.

This invention relates to appliances for golf practice.

This invention has for its object to provide an appliance for use in practicing golf putts only of a few yards length, and is adapted for practice in-doors, although it may be used out-of-doors.

In accordance with this invention I provide an appliance for golf practice comprising a guide device provided with means for causing a golf ball placed therein to run on reaching the ground in the direction desired, said means comprising a pivoted discharge chute.

The accompanying drawing illustrates the invention:

Fig. 1 is a plan of the appliance comprising the filling chute and the discharge chute;

Figs. 2 and 3 are sections along lines A—A and B—B in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the discharge chute along the line D—D in Fig. 1.

An inclined filling chute 24 is employed, one end 25 of such a chute resting on the ground or floor, and the other end 27 sloping up in the direction of the rear end whereat the chute is provided with a tray 28 having a central hole 26 below which is disposed an inclined chute 26'. The tray 28 is bordered at the back and rear end by an upwardly extending barrier 29, preferably adjustable vertically by a pin and slot device 29'. The chute 24 is suitably supported by vertical legs 25', the walls 24' of the incline are carried only half-way up the incline, the upper halves being turned down to give stiffness to the upper portion. The chute 26' leads at its forward end into a channel provided for the balls to pass away from the tray.

This channel is a bent tube 30 which is pivotally connected, at its forward end 31, to a discharge chute 32, the pointed ends 33 of which rest on the ground. Chute 24 and tube 30 are connected by a hook and eye device 30'. The said discharge chute 32 has, as aforesaid a pivotal connection at 34 with the tube 30 to admit of the chute 32 being moved to right or left on the ground. The chute 32 serves as a guide for the balls leaving the bent tube 30 and the position to which the chute 32 is turned determines the direction the balls will take on running out of it. Its position is fixed by a screw 35.

With short putts up to about a yard or so, the discharge chute 32 would be turned towards the right sufficiently to direct the ball to the front of the inclined filling chute 24 aforesaid. When the discharge chute 32 is in this position, a ball after being played up the inclined filling chute 24 and into the cup or dished tray at the top thereof, will return again to approximately the spot it was played from, viz., in front of the filling chute 24.

With longer putts the discharge chute 32 will be turned to the left away from the inclined filling chute 24 so that the balls will be taken clear of the line of play and therefore out of the way of balls subsequently being played up the inclined filling chute 24.

The top part of the inclined filling chute may be slightly dished so as to present a convex edge to an approaching ball instead of an edge with a straight line.

Variations in the constructional details and arrangements of parts may be made, both in respect of the filling chute and also in respect of the putting arrangements without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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

1. An appliance for golf practice comprising a guide device provided with means for causing a golf ball therein to run on reaching the ground in the direction desired, said means comprising a pivoted discharge chute.

2. An appliance for golf practice comprising a guide device provided with means for causing a golf ball therein to run on reaching the ground in the direction desired, said means comprising a pivoted discharge chute with means for securing said chute in position.

3. An appliance for golf practice comprising a chute having an incline with a cup at the top of it which is adapted to receive a golf ball when suitably played and a guide device provided with means for causing a golf ball placed therein to run on reaching the ground in the direction desired, said means comprising a pivoted discharge chute.

4. An appliance for golf practice comprising a chute having an incline with a cup at the top of it which is adapted to receive a golf ball when suitably played and a guide device provided with means for causing a golf ball placed therein to run on reaching the ground in the direction desired, said means comprising a pivoted discharge chute with means for securing said chute in position.

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