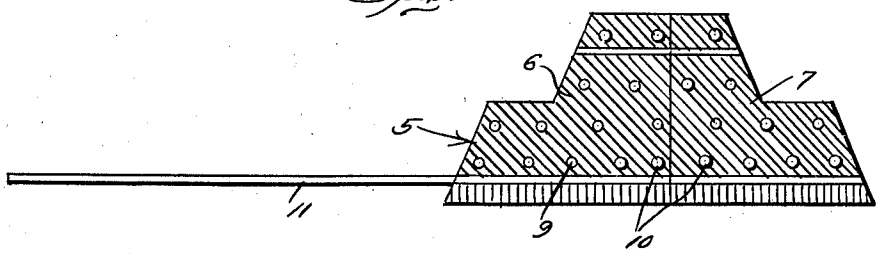
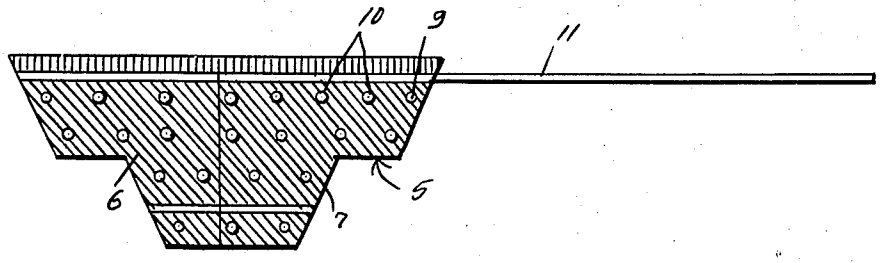
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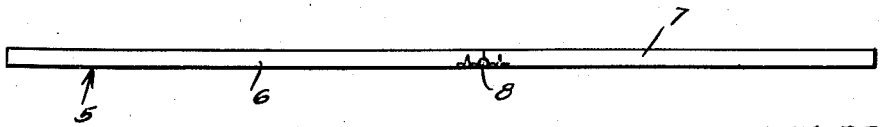


Fig. 2.

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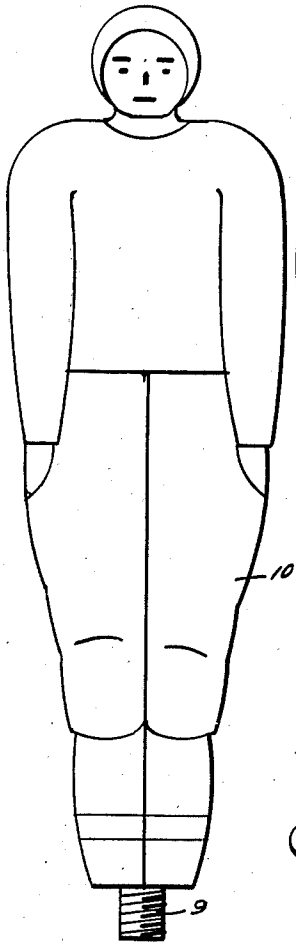


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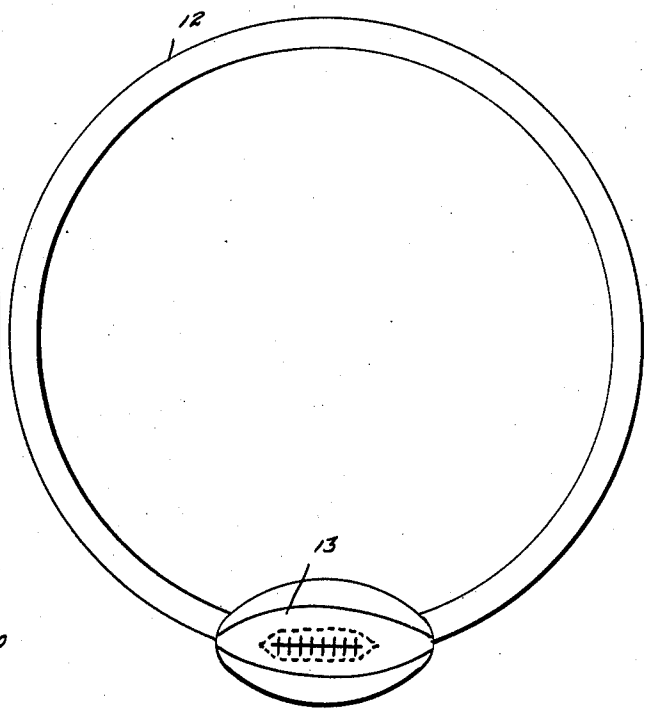


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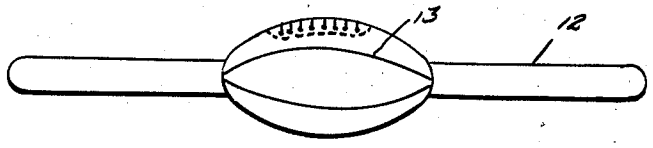
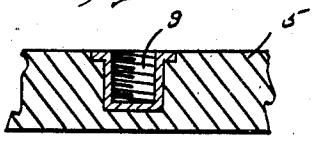


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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in game devices and has for its primary object to provide a game board or chart upon which imitation or pictured men respectively simulating football players may be supported or fashioned in an upright position or in postures characteristic of their positions on a football team, and arranged in accordance with the playing formations of a football team together with certain players of an opposing team, each of the men having a label, sign or signs displayed thereon, or otherwise by virtue of the manner in which they have been rung or struck designating a particular kind of play, score or the amount of gain made by the ringing or striking of the men on the game board by rings adapted to be tossed by the participants of the game for ringing or striking the men by tossing the ring upon the board from a predetermined distance to thus represent the progress of the football by the traverse of yardage over the field in accordance with the instructions and designated gain displayed on the man which has been rung or struck, or by virtue of the manner in which the man has been rung or struck.

A further object is to provide a game board having means for supporting the men in an upright position thereon or in postures characteristic of their positions on a football team or a chart for picturing them in this manner.

A further object is to provide a game device of this character of simple and practical construction or fashion, which is neat and attractive in appearance, which will afford a high degree of amusement and entertainment to the players and which is otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction as more fully hereinafter described and claimed (the chart being simply an adaptation of the game board to a chart with the men pictured in their respective positions), reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a set of the game boards showing the same in open position,

Figure 2 is an edge elevational view of one of the boards,

Figure 3 is a front elevational view of one of the men,

Figure 4 is a plan view of one of the rings,

Figure 5 is an edge elevational view of the ring, and

Figure 6 is a fragmentary sectional view through the game board and showing one of the threaded sockets adapted for receiving the threaded stem on the base of the men.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration I have disclosed a preferred embodiment of the invention, the playing equipment of the game comprises a pair of game boards designated at 5—5, the boards being of duplicate construction and each composed of a pair of hinged sections 6 and 7 connected at their bottom surface by hinge members 8 for folding the board into a compact form, when not in use.

The upper surface of the board is provided with a plurality of internally threaded sockets 9 recessed in the surface of the board, the sockets being arranged in rows, the sockets of the respective rows preferably being offset or staggered with respect to each other, and any desired number of rows and sockets in each row being provided. The sockets are adapted to receive the threaded stem portion 9 projecting downwardly from the bottom of imitation men 10 which are constructed of rigid material and preferably ornamented to simulate a football player, the men thus being supported in an upright position on the board 5. The men may be mounted in crouching or other postures characteristic of their positions on the football team. Also the men could be secured to the game board on designated places by means of rubber suction cups or some other simple method. In the case of the use of a chart instead of a game board, the men are merely pictured in their respective positions.

In play the board is placed on a floor or other playing surface; a tape 11 extending laterally from one front side of the board to serve as a scrimmage or toeing line for the opposing participants, and behind which each player or participant stands for tossing the rings 12 toward an opponent's board for ringing the men thereon.

Any desired number of sockets 9 may be provided in the board, in excess of the usual number of eleven men forming a football team and two sets of game boards and men are provided for the opposing players. The game boards 5 are placed in position on the floor with their front edges in opposed relation and spaced a predetermined distance apart, the line marked on the front edge of the board representing the scrimmage line of the two teams.

A plurality of ring members 12 are also provided, each ring having an imitation football 13

interposed therein and formed as a part of the ring, the ring being of sufficiently rigid construction and of a diameter sufficient to be tossed over the men 10.

The football formed as a part of the ring forms a finger grip for the ring and is designed to add a realistic atmosphere to the game.

In playing the game any desired number of players may participate and may divide into two teams.

The imitation men on the boards are provided with signs or symbols (not shown) on their persons to show (or the men otherwise indicate by the manner in which they have been rung or struck) the kind of play, score or the amount of gain made by the ringing or striking of the imitation or pictured players.

The respective teams may arrange their imitation men on their board in any legitimate football formations in certain sockets of the game boards. The opposing players then may arrange certain of their players in any unoccupied sockets on their opponent's game board. The players then toss the rings upon the men on their own board, standing behind their opponent's scrimmage line opposite their own board.

In the case of the use of charts instead of game boards, various charts may be provided showing any legitimate football formations together with certain players of the opposing team, any kind of which charts may be selected for use by either team.

The movement of the ball over the field is indicated by the particular man rung or struck and for convenience an imitation football field may be marked off on a score sheet (such as commonly used for this purpose) to show the successive moves of the ball.

It is believed the details of construction and manner of use of the device will be readily understood from the foregoing without further detailed explanation.

What I claim is:

1. A ring-tossing game comprising a pair of game boards adapted for resting on the ground with one edge of the boards disposed in spaced parallel relation from each other, and a foul line indicating tape projecting laterally from each board and extending parallel to the front edge thereof, said boards being arranged with the tape of one board positioned transversely in front of the other board.

2. A ring-tossing game comprising a pair of game boards adapted for resting on the ground with one edge of the boards disposed in spaced parallel relation from each other, and a foul line indicating means projecting laterally from each board and extending parallel to the front edge thereof, said boards being arranged with the indicating means of one board positioned transversely in front of the other board.

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