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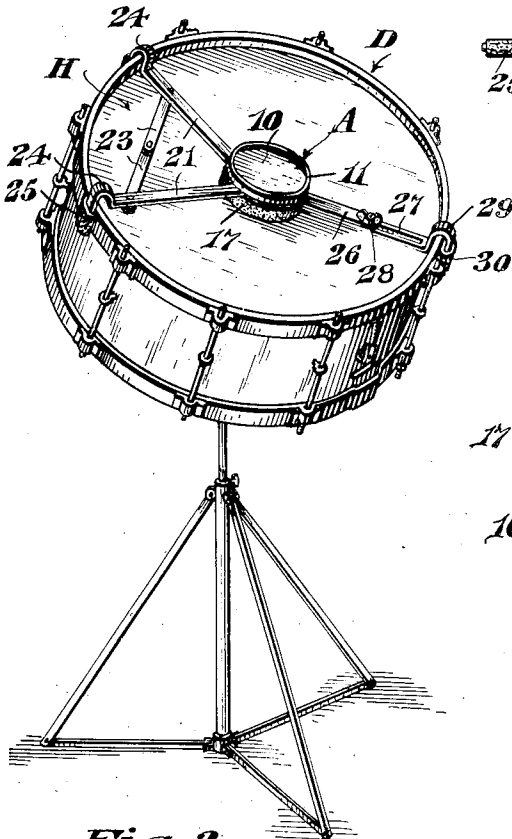


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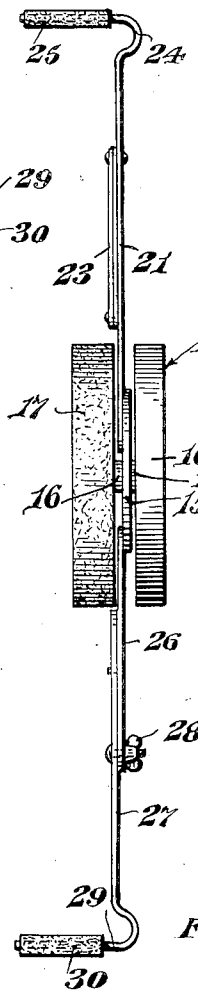


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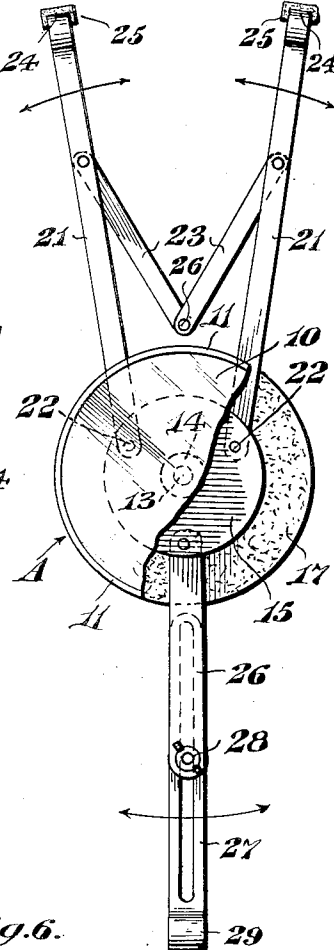


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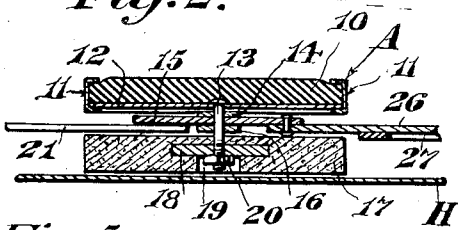


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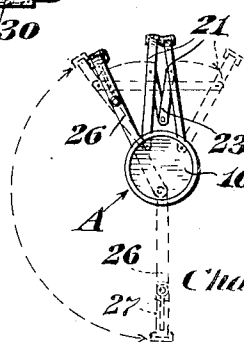


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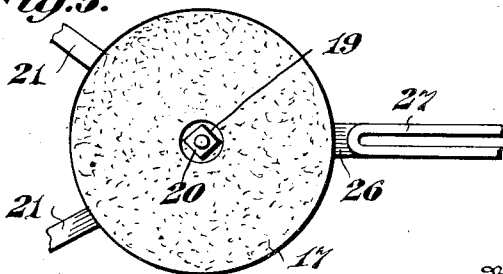
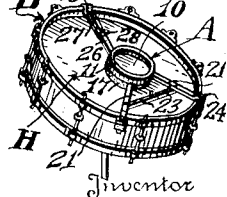


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This invention relates to a snare drum muffler and practice pad, and one of the principal objects of this invention is the provision of a simple and efficient snare drum muffler and practice pad which may be conveniently mounted upon a drum shell in order to place the striking surface of the pad in the approximate center of the snare drum head, thereby providing means for permitting the drummer to become accustomed to the correct drumming position and at the same time avoiding the attendant noise ordinarily made while practicing upon drums and similar percussion instruments.

A further object of this invention is the production of a simple and efficient snare drum muffler and practice pad which may be so mounted upon the shell of the drum as to place the soft felt pad against the batter or playing head to provide the muffled sound.

A still further object of this invention is the production of a simple and efficient snare drum muffler and practice pad which is so constructed as to permit the use of suitable material on the top of the pad to provide desired novelty effects other than the dull thud which would be occasioned by drumming upon a rubber surface.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will appear throughout the following specification and claims.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a snare drum showing the muffler and practice pad in position;

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view through the muffler and pad showing a portion of the batter head of the drum;

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the muffler and pad showing the supporting arms associated therewith;

Figure 4 is a top plan view of the muffler and pad partly broken away;

Figure 5 is a bottom plan view of the muffler pad;

Figure 6 is a top plan view of the muffler and practice pad and supporting arms, the supporting arms being shown in a folded position; and

Figure 7 is a perspective view of a snare drum showing the muffler and practice pad in a different position from that as shown in Figure 1, the position of the braces being optional with the user.

By referring to the drawing, it will be seen that D designates the drum which is provided with the usual batter head H. My improved muffler and practice pad A is adapted to be placed

directly upon the head H of the drum D, as shown clearly in Figure 1.

The drum muffler and practice pad A comprises a batter pad member 10 which is preferably circular in formation and for ordinary practice purposes may be formed of rubber or other resilient material, or such other material which may be common to the trade. The batter pad 10 is reinforced by means of a metal band 11 around its periphery, and is also provided with a rigid base 12. An anchoring bolt 13 passes through the rigid base 12 and this bolt 13 carries a spacing washer 14 which spacing washer 14 fits against the rigid base 12 and constitutes a spacing means for holding the anchoring plate 15 in spaced relation from the rigid base 12. A spacing washer 16 is also placed below the anchoring plate 15 and against this spacing washer 16 fits the felt or other soft pad 17. This pad 17 is preferably formed of felt or other thick soft material and carries a metal or other rigid plate 18 through which the bolt 13 passes, the pad 17 having a socket 19 for receiving the securing nut 20, the nut 20 firmly holding the parts in assembled relation. The pad 17 is preferably formed circular and of the same diameter approximately as the batter pad 10.

A pair of hanger arms 21 are hinged, as at 22, to the anchoring plate 15, and these arms 21 may be connected by means of a folding brace 23 to limit the spreading movement of the arms, if desired. The arms 21 are provided with angularly bent fingers 24 upon which are mounted resilient pads or sleeves 25 to fit over the rim of the shell of the drum D. Pivotally secured to the opposite side of the anchoring plate 15 is an extensible arm 26 which is provided with a slotted section 27, which slotted section may be locked in position by a suitable thumb nut 28. The slotted section 27 is provided with an angularly bent finger 29 upon which is mounted a pad or protecting sleeve 30 for engagement with the rim of the shell of the drum D. The fingers 24 and 28 are connected to the arms 21 and 26 in a manner to allow the arms to lie in a plane normally below the upper edge of the rim of the shell of the drum D, (note Figure 1).

By considering Figure 1, it will be seen that the practice pad and muffler may be supported in substantially the center of the drum thereby permitting the student practicing upon the drum to assume the proper position and become accustomed to the proper bearing point upon the batter pad. It will be further understood that the batter pad 10 may be formed of rubber or any

