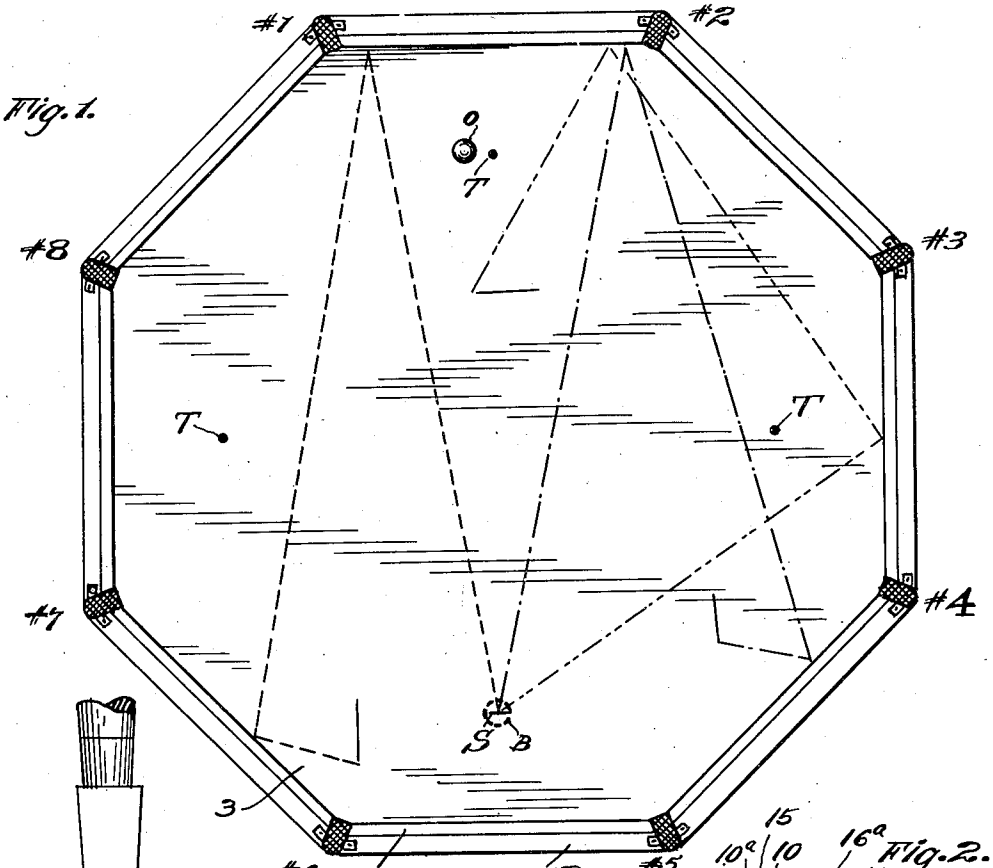
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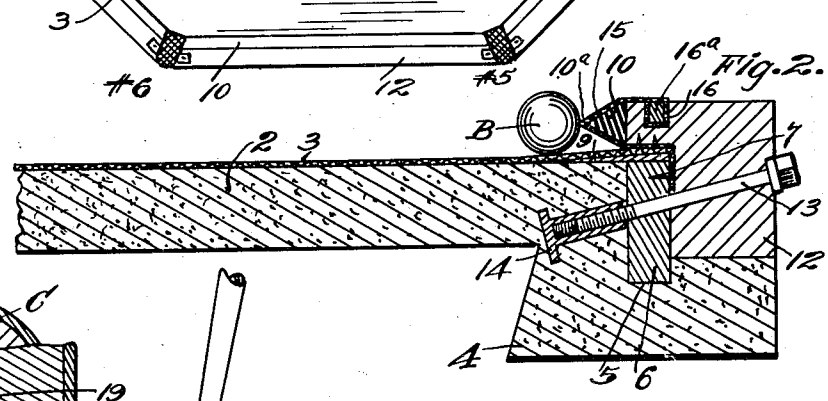


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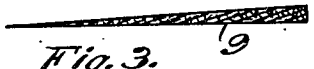


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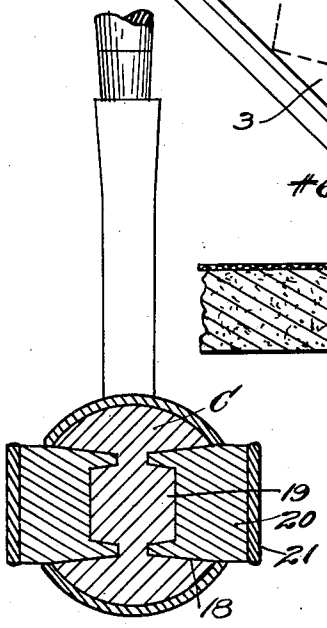


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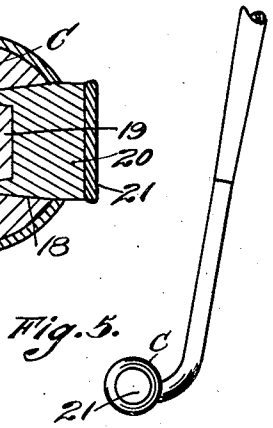


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This invention relates to games and more especially to games of skill.

An object is to provide a game for the development of nerve, eye and muscle control and concentration. At the same time an object is to provide a game which, while requiring a concerted coaction of eye, muscle and nerve control, will afford much innocent amusement and pleasure in the making of skillful plays by use of the apparatus.

A further object is to provide a game having the features of golf, of pool and of billiards, in that a billiard ball is driven by a rather heavy driving club against a cushion wall which is provided with ball pockets or holes at intersections of angular parts of the wall.

Another object is to provide a game of this type which may be played indoors or out of doors, and may be made of various sizes and includes a playing court substantially limited to an octagonal plan for the purpose of requiring the development of skill in play.

An additional object is to provide means for causing the played, spent ball to recede from the cushion so as to be in a playable position, without being manually set away from the cushion.

Additional objects and advantages, and novel features will be made manifest in the following specification of an embodiment of apparatus of the invention; it being understood that modifications, variations and adaptations may be resorted to within the spirit, scope and principle of the invention as it is here claimed.

Figure 1 is a plan of the court.

Figure 2 is a vertical section of the edge structure.

Figure 3 is a cross-section of the margin shim.

Figure 4 is a section of the driving club.

Figure 5 is a side elevation of the lower end of the club, on a small scale.

The apparatus includes a bed or firm foundation 2 capable of maintaining a perfectly plane top surface. Over the bed top is laid and securely cemented or painted down a smooth top cover cloth 3, which is dressed or painted with a suitable material to present a plane and very smooth surface. The bed 2 is here shown as concrete and has a marginal footing 4 which has a recess or channel 5 receiving a nailing strip 6, of wood, set edgewise and over which the cloth 3 is drawn down tight and nailed at 7.

From the top of the strip 6 there extends inward over the base a thin shim 9 of felt, or fabric or other desired means slanting and down from the outer edge of the base. This is for the purpose of giving the margin of the top of the court a slight in and down pitch from a rubber cushion 10, of triangular section, laid with its base against an overhanging ledge 11 of a side rail 12. The rail is bolted down on the footing 4 and against the backing strip 6 by bolts 13 run into sockets 14 embedded in the concrete.

A protecting cloth 15, clinched down in a groove 16 in the rail by a wedge 16^a, is laid over the reacting edge 10^a of the rubber and is tacked in under the ledge 11 of the rail 12 before this is bolted down. The cushion edge 10^a is arranged at such height as to encounter a ball B, preferably a billiard ball, at a point in its horizontal equator.

The side walls are arranged to form a true octagon of equal sides and angles, and at the angles are placed suitable pockets or holes numbered from #1 to #8 around the bed in order.

The field of the court has a starting mark S and also has ball spots T, all about 90° apart and centrally in front of the adjacent sides.

There will be times when the driven ball will have spent its momentum as it reaches a cushion and the marginal instant is to, and will cause the played ball to recede a distance from the wall so as to allow striking without manually setting the ball in from the wall.

The game further includes, as an element in its combination, a club C which is heavy enough to be readily effective in impelling the ball so that it may be caused to impinge at two side cushions from one blow. At the same time the club is so constructed as to prevent injury to the expensive ball. The club has a heavy metal spherical head with opposite, external conical sockets 18 having bottom bosses 19. Driven tight in the sockets are wooden wedge plugs 20 which project out from the body and have leather masks 21 forming ball engaging pads. This club, therefore, has the desired weight, and

the plugs and masks afford elasticity and silence in play.

One ball golf game rules.

The object is for the player to make the round of the holes in the least number of strokes. In playing for hole #1 the ball B must first strike the end wall and then one of the three side cushions lying on the same side as the next object hole, #1 hole being first, and the others in sequence. If the player fails to make the two cushions on his try he must next play for the required two cushions from where the ball lies or must play for position, until he obtains the necessary two cushions before trying for the proper hole. Having made the two cushions he drives for the hole, keeping a number record of each stroke or shot made.

If the ball enters any hole, previous to making the required two cushions (either from one or more shots) the player retrieves the ball and again starts at the starting point S to make the required play and pocket. When playing for #2 hole the player must drive the ball against the end cushion and against one of the right hand cushions. Holes #3 and #4 are played by driving the ball to a side cushion on either side of the holes and then to end E before trying for the required hole. Holes #5 and #6 are played in the same manner as #1 and #2, and holes #7 and 8 are played like #3 and #4, confining cushioning shots to the side on which the object hole lies. In case the ball leaves the court, the play is started over at line S, all shots being strictly counted.

Two ball game.

Place an object ball O on spot T at the far end of the court and then drive the ball B from the starting spot S to hit the object ball and cause either ball to go into #1 hole. If either ball goes into wrong pocket they are replaced for a new start; record of number of plays being kept. The other holes are to be made in the same manner in succession.

Four ball game.

The ball B is placed on starting spot, and an object ball is placed on each spot T. The ball B is now driven to sink the remote ball (near E) into any hole, or to billiard off one ball to another, each hole or billiard counting one point. If the driven ball goes into a pocket, a point is deducted. The game is played for points and not plays. When a player misses, the following player sets up the balls for his own play and game.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination in a game of a ball, and a generally plane, smooth surface ball court having a surrounding ball cushioning wall; the margin of the court surface adjacent to the cushioning wall being slightly inclined inward and downward so as to cause the ball to gravitate from the wall to a playable position.

2. A golf court game including a cloth covered, plane top base having an inwardly overhanging, edge presenting cushion, and a wedge shaped shim disposed beneath the margin of the covering cloth on the base for causing the ball to roll back by gravitation to a striking position from the cushion.

3. A golf court game including, in combination, a billiard ball, a cloth covered, plane-top base, an octagonal cushion around the base and presenting an abutting edge to the played ball, and a driving club having a heavy weight head, for effective action on the ball, provided with wooden blow absorbing plugs which are leather faced on the driving end; whereby to protect the ball from direct engagement with the club.

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