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Fig. 1.

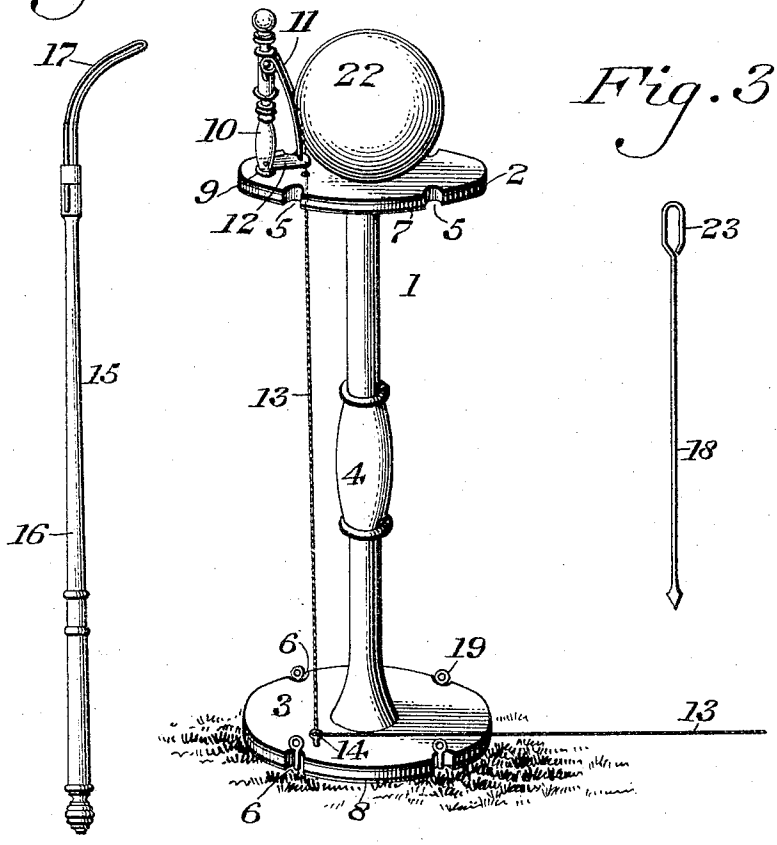


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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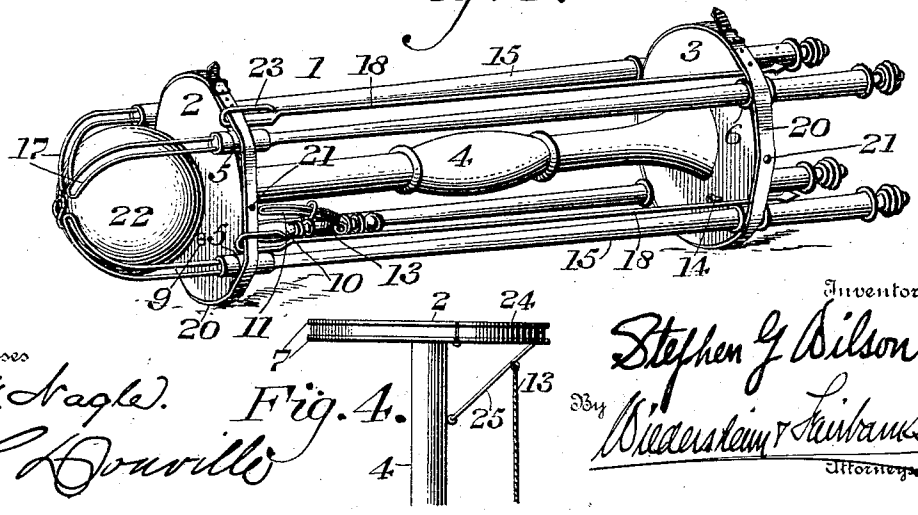


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN G. WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Game Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to games.

It consists of a device for playing a ball game which I have designated "lawn-hockey" and of the various parts of said device.

It also consists of means for compactly securing together the parts of the device for carrying or shipment.

It further consists of novel features of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents in elevation the principal parts of my device in operative position. Figs. 2 and 3 represent other portions of the device. Fig. 4 represents a modified form of the parts shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 5 represents the complete device packed for handling.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a stand or carrier consisting of disks 2 and 3, connected by a standard 4. The periphery of the disks 2 and 3 is interrupted by notches 5 and 6, and each disk has at its upper and lower edges peripheral beads 7 and 8, respectively. (Most clearly shown in Fig. 4.) In the upper disk 2 is an aperture 9, adapted to receive a post 10, attached to which is a spring-loop 11 and a latch 12, adapted to engage the loop. A cord 13 is secured to the latch 12 and passes downward to an eye 14 in the lower disk 3 and thence toward the player. The hockey stick or gad 15 consists of a handle 16 of convenient length and of a curved wire loop 17. The length and diameter of the handle 16 are such as to adapt it to enter the notches 5 and 6, as shown in Fig. 5. As shown, four of these gads are provided. Of the wicket-rods 18 not fewer than three should be used. Pins 19 may be used to hold the stand 1 from toppling. Straps 20, adapted to encircle the disks 2 and 3 and to pass between the beads 7 and 8, may be secured, as by a nail 21, to the disks. A ball 22 completes the paraphernalia, the use of which I will now describe.

The stand is set up on a lawn, as shown in Fig. 1, the spring 11 being retracted and engaged by the latch 12. The ball 22 is then placed on the disk 2. Wickets are made by forcing the rods 18 in the earth sufficiently far apart for the ball 22 to pass easily between them. Two or more players, each armed with a gad, stand in line. A pull of the cord 13 trips the latch 12 and releases the spring 11, throwing the ball 22 on the lawn and preferably toward the wickets, between which the players endeavor to force it.

In Fig. 4 of the drawings I have shown a part 24 of the upper disk 2 as hinged and supported by a trigger 25, to which the cord 13 is attached. It is obvious that a ball 22 placed on the shelf 24 will be dislodged, as before, by a pull of the cord.

To pack the device, the post 10 may be reversed in the aperture 9, the gads 15 placed in the notches 5 and 6, their loops 17 serving to retain the ball 22 *in situ*, when the straps 20, one of which is forced through convenient loops 23 on the rods 18, hold all the parts together, as shown in Fig. 5.

It is evident that various changes may be made by those skilled in the art which may come within the scope of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in every instance to the exact construction herein shown and described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A game device comprising a standard, a disk mounted on said standard and adapted to support a ball, a post detachably engaged in said disk, a ball-dislodging spring secured to said post, a latch, an aperture through said disk for the passage of a cord to be attached to said latch and a guide for said cord on said standard beneath said disk.

2. A game device comprising a stand made with a plurality of disks having notched peripheries, a ball, a plurality of gads having curved ends and means on said disks for securing said gads with their handles engaged

in said peripheral notches and with their curved ends surrounding said ball.

3. A game device comprising a stand made with a plurality of disks having notched peripheries, a ball, a plurality of wicket-rods having looped ends, a plurality of gads having curved ends and straps encircling said disks and adapted to secure said gads with their handles within the notches therein and said rods by the passing of one of said straps through said looped ends.

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