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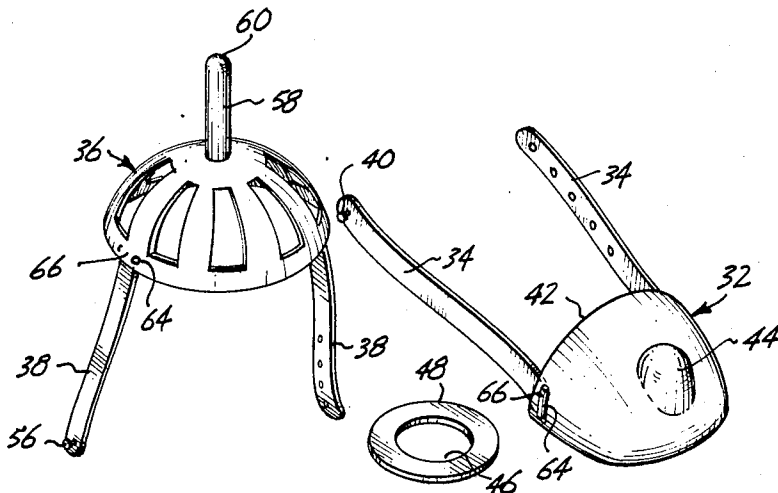
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[54] **SPORTING EQUIPMENT FOR PLAYING GAME CALLED TOE TOSS**
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ABSTRACT: Sporting equipment is provided for the skilled aerial transfer of a formed object from a confinement overlay adapted to securement on one's foot, to a receiving overlay adapted to securement on one's head, as one's foot is swung in a kicking motion.



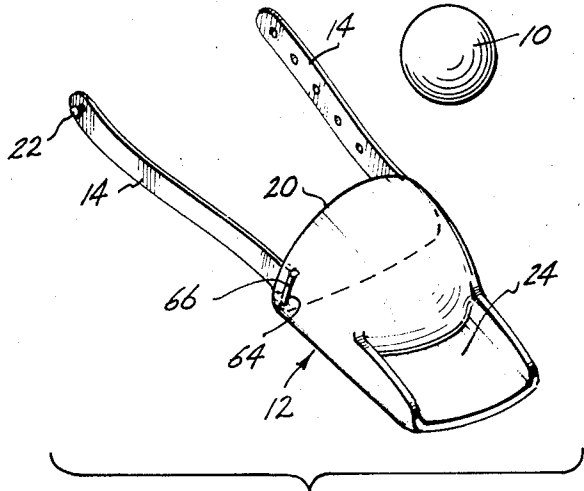
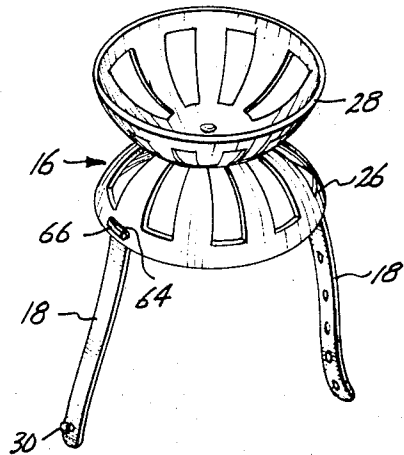
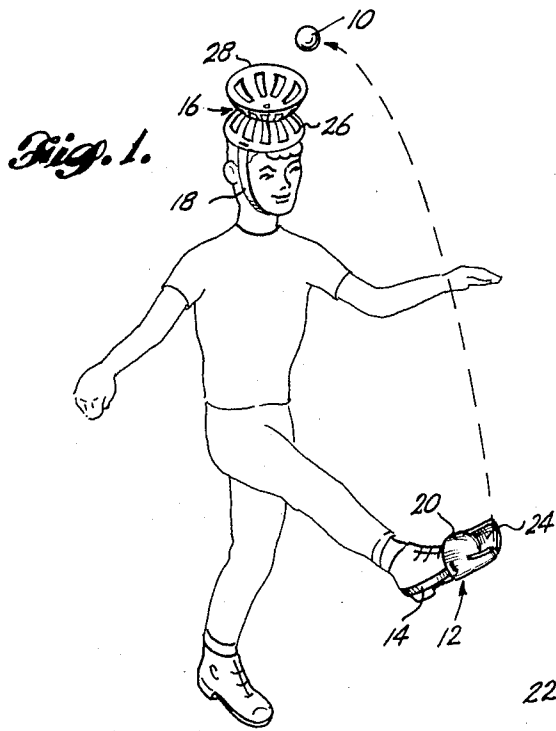


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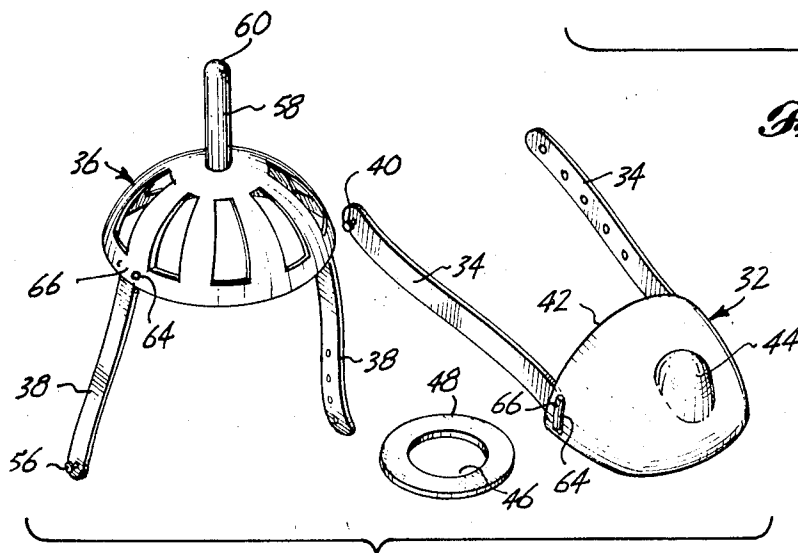


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SPORTING EQUIPMENT FOR PLAYING GAME CALLED TOE TOSS

BACKGROUND

An athletic game was sought, and presently it is only performed by using this sporting equipment, which would provide the basis for: developing coordination and balance while creating a need for a certain degree of skill; being an enjoyable game whether played alone or with others present; being played indoors or outdoors; developing multiple ways of playing and scoring using various colors and/or various aerial objects such as rings or balls, participating in a game to be played safely without incurring injury to oneself or another person, nor damaging any property; and economically manufacturing all the relative components in a particular embodiment.

SUMMARY

For fun, training, and exercise related components adapted respectively to be secured to one's foot, to be secured to one's head, and to be moved for aerial travel are provided in different embodiments. All embodiments have: one overlay for securement over toes of one's foot; one overlay for securement on top of one's head; and a formed object for skilled aerial transfer from the foot overlay to the head overlay, as one's foot is swung in a kicking motion.

DRAWING

Two embodiments of the sporting equipment components are shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a boy using one embodiment of the related components wherein a ball is moved as the aerial transfer object from a confinement overlay on his toe to a receiving overlay on his head as his foot is swung in a kicking motion.

FIG. 2 is a composite figure illustrating in perspective, a confinement overlay to be strapped on one's foot and having a scoop for confining an aerial object, a round aerial object, and a receiving overlay to be fitted as a hat on one's head with a chin strap and having a bowl for receiving the round aerial object; and

FIG. 3 is a composite figure illustrating in perspective a confinement overlay to be strapped on a foot and having a cylindrical projection for confining a ring aerial object, a ring aerial object to fit over the projection on the confinement overlay to be strapped to the foot, and a receiving overlay to be fitted as a hat on a head with a chin strap and having an upstanding cylindrical projection for receiving ring aerial object.

PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Tossing a Ball

In FIGS. 1 and 2, this sporting equipment is arranged for aerial transfer of a ball 10 from a confinement overlay 12 adapted for adjustable strap 14 securement on one's foot to a receiving overlay 16 adapted for adjustable strap 18 securement on one's head.

The confinement overlay 12 is formed with a receiving cavity structure 20 to be fitted over one's toes or over the toe portion of one's shoe and secured by manipulation of a fastener 22 on strap 14. Also just forward of cavity structure 20, an open top ball-holding structure 24 is formed which preferably resembles a scoop when viewed from above.

The receiving overlay 16 is formed with a hat structure 26 to be fitted over one's head and secured by manipulation of a fastener 30 on strap 18. Also immediately above hat structure 26, an open top ball-receiving structure 28 is formed which preferably resembles a bowl when viewed from above.

Tossing a Ring

In FIG. 3, this sporting equipment is modified in structure but it is still arranged, as indicated in FIG. 1, for the aerial transfer of a formed object which this time is a ring 48 instead

of a ball 10. The aerial transfer is from a confinement overlay 32 adapted for adjustment strap 34 securement on one's foot to a receiving overlay 36 adapted for adjustable strap 38 securement on one's head.

This embodiment of a confinement overlay 32 is also formed with a receiving cavity structure 42 to be fitted over one's toes or over the toe portion of one's shoe by manipulation of a fastener 40 on strap 34. On the forward top exterior of receiving cavity structure 42, a round knob 44 is formed or secured which has a cross-sectional area slightly smaller than the diameter of hole edge 46 to ring 48 and which is high enough to hold, preferably, just one ring 48.

This embodiment of a receiving overlay 52 is also formed with a hat structure 54 to be fitted over one's head and secured by manipulation of fastener 56 on strap 38. Immediately above hat structure 54, a vertically orientated pin 58 or rod 58 is formed or secured preferably at the center of hat structure 54. It has a rounded top 60. The cross-sectional area of pin 58 is substantially less than the diameter of the hole edge 46 in ring 48. The height of pin 58 is high enough to hold, preferably, several rings 48.

THE GAME OF TOSSING A BALL OR A RING

These two embodiments illustrate sport equipment provided for playing this tossing game wherein the swinging foot movement of either foot is coordinated with other movements of one's body, such as head and neck movements, to skillfully transfer in the air, a ball, ring or other object from the locale of one's toe to one's head. In group games, the transfer may be from locale of one's toe to locale of another's head. Various modifications of game rules are possible to accommodate competition between individuals, groups, etc. Variable colors to mark aerial objects; slight size changes of rings or balls, etc., playing surface spaces, etc. all are used in establishing variation in game scoring.

CONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATIONS OF SPORTING EQUIPMENT FOR TOSSING AERIAL OBJECTS

The illustrated embodiments and discussion of game plays and scoring indicates how modifications are made of this sporting equipment. Others are to be considered. For example, although straps 14, 18, 36 and 38 have been shown with their respective fasteners, continuous elastic members, not shown, might be used.

The various straps are indicated as being slipped through retaining slots 64 until their anchored enlarged ends 66 reach the slot to then hold the straps in place. Other means of fastening might be used.

Upon proper selection of overall resilient materials, no straps or special elastic materials would be used. However, in anticipation of the exercising and game activity that may often occur, and of the various sized persons using this sporting equipment, it is deemed preferable to provide the straps and fasteners as illustrated and described.

Although many materials, cloth, wood, leather, etc. may be used, the preference is for producing this sporting equipment from plastic materials.

SPORTING EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED FOR MANY NEW GAMES

In whatever forms the aerial object, confinement overlay, and receiving overlay, may take and following whatever sequence of rules may be adapted, this sporting equipment produced economically provides the basis of a new sport to be enjoyed by one and all. They may play as individuals or play in groups. They may be very skilled or be less skilled. They may play safely almost almost any time at almost anyplace. Moreover, this sporting equipment in its various embodiments is used while following the rules of many different games such as "toe Toss," "Toe Bas Go," and "Toe Ring Go."

I claim:

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1. Sporting equipment for a game involving the aerial transfer of an object from the locale of one's foot to one's head or from the locale of one's foot to the locale of another's head, comprising:

- a. a ring aerial object;
- b. a receiving overlay adapted for securement to one's head to removably receive the aerial object on a pin secured to

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- an inverted bowllike head covering having adjustable under chin retaining straps; and
- c. a confinement overlay adapted for securement to one's foot to removably support the aerial object on a knob located on a receiving cavity for fitting over one's toes having adjustable around heel retaining straps.

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