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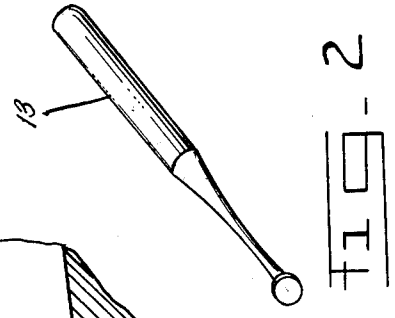


FIG. 2

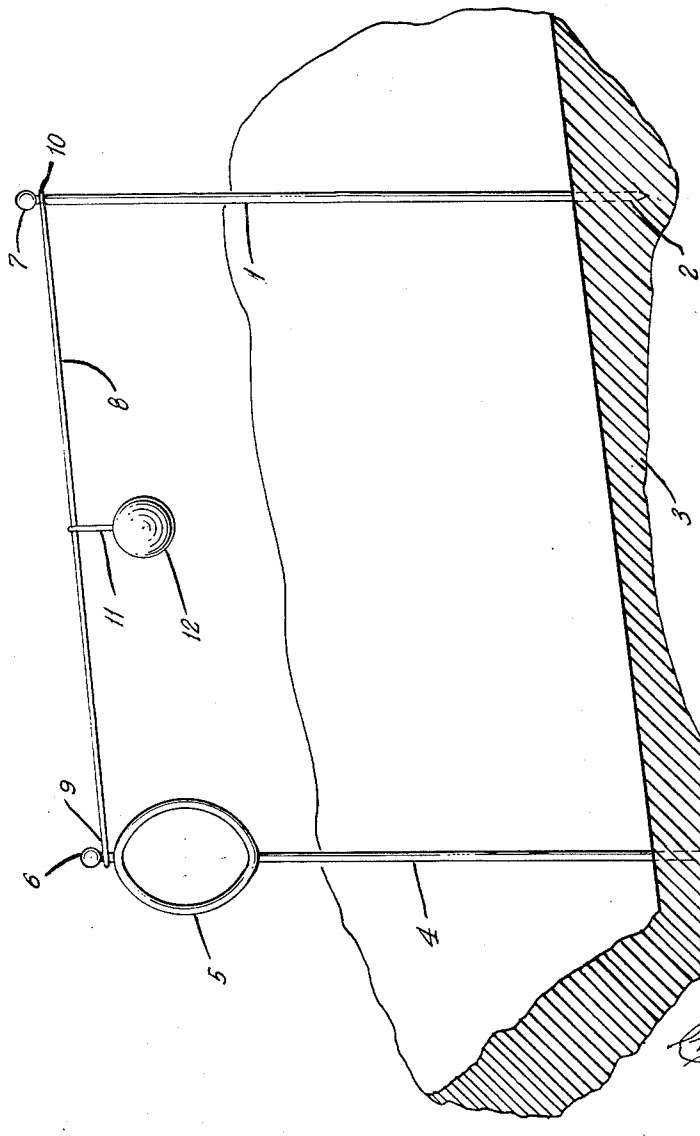


FIG. 1

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This invention relates to a baseball guide for batting practice. It has for its main object to provide such a guide for use by juveniles, but also may be used by mature baseball players.

Further objects are to provide such a guide that will be simple in structure, cheap to manufacture, easy to use, and very durable.

Other objects and advantages will appear from the drawing and specification.

By referring generally to the drawing it will be observed that—

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the guide made according to this invention.

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a regular type baseball bat.

Similar reference numerals refer to similar parts throughout the views.

Referring to the drawing in detail it will be seen that the guide comprises a round metal rod **1** having part of its lower end **2** inserted in ground **3** to thus hold it in position for use. Another round metal rod **4** is provided with an integral ring **5**, with a knob **6** integral with the top of the ring. A similar knob **7** is integral with the top of rod **1**. The rod with ring is also partly inserted in ground for use. A piece of strong elastic cord **8** is attached by its ends **9** and **10** to the knobs. A short piece of strong elastic cord **11** is by one end attached to the length center of the long cord. A regular size baseball **12** is attached to the other end of the short cord. The baseball bat **13** is for use by a baseball player for the purpose of striking the ball and cause it to pass through the ring. When such is accomplished the ball will hang in the ring, then it is released by manual means which will allow it to be pulled by the elastic cord back to its center position, and ready for another stroke of the bat in the hands of a player.

From the foregoing it will appear that the guide is adapted for use by a baseball player to improve efficiency in batting a baseball with a regular type bat. Also it is adapted for use in contests between players as to skill in driving the ball through the ring, the inside diameter of which should be approximately twice that of the baseball, but it could be more or less as desired.

The guide may be made of any material suitable for the purpose but I prefer to use aluminum or stainless steel and a good grade of elastic cord. Also it may be made in various sizes and capacities depending on the sizes of baseball players using the guide.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to limit same to the exact and precise details of structure and I reserve the right to make all modifications and changes so long as they remain within the scope of the invention and the following claims.

Having described my invention I claim:

1. A baseball guide for batting practice comprising, a metal rod as supporting means, the lower end of the rod inserted in the ground, the other end of the rod having an integral knob thereon; a second metal rod, the lower end of this rod also inserted in the ground, a ring, this ring being formed integral in the upper end portion of the second rod, a knob, this knob being formed integral on the outer edge top portion of the ring, said rods being spaced approximately six feet apart and in perpendicular positions; a piece of strong elastic cord, said cord being attached by its ends to the said knobs, a short piece of similar strong elastic cord, this piece of cord being attached by one end thereof to the center of said piece of cord supported by attachment to the said knobs, a regular size baseball, said baseball being attached to the lower free end of said short piece of elastic cord.

2. A baseball guide for batting practice according to claim 1, and being further characterized by said elastic pieces of cord being sufficiently strong to support said baseball in position to be struck by a baseball bat in the hands of a baseball player and knocked through said ring.

3. A baseball guide for batting practice comprising, two metal rods as supports, said rods having one end of each formed pointed for inserting in the earth approximately six feet apart, one of said rods having a ring formed in its upper portion and having a knob formed on the outer top edge of the ring, the other rod having a similar knob formed on its top end, a piece of strong elastic cord, said cord attached by its ends to said knobs when said rods are inserted in the earth for use, a short strong piece of elastic cord, this short piece of cord being attached by one end to the center of said other piece of cord, a regular size baseball, said baseball being attached to the other end of said short piece of cord; the inside diameter of said ring being approximately twice the diameter of said baseball; a baseball bat, said bat being of a size for use by a baseball player to try to strike said ball and knock it through said ring.

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