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FIG. 1

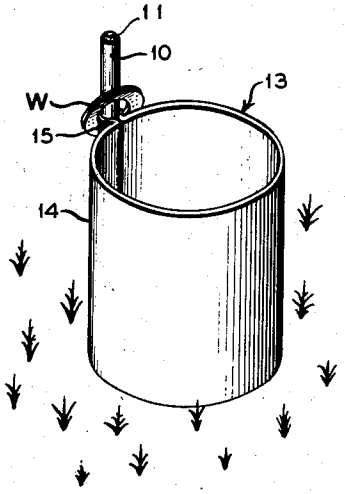


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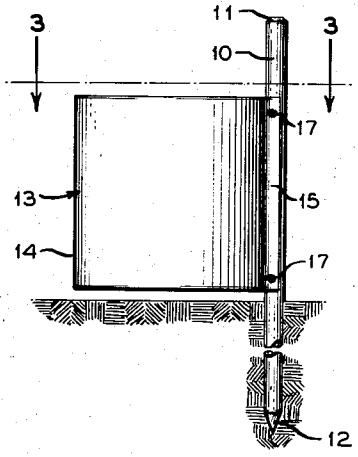


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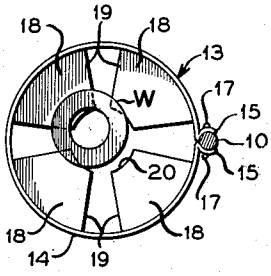


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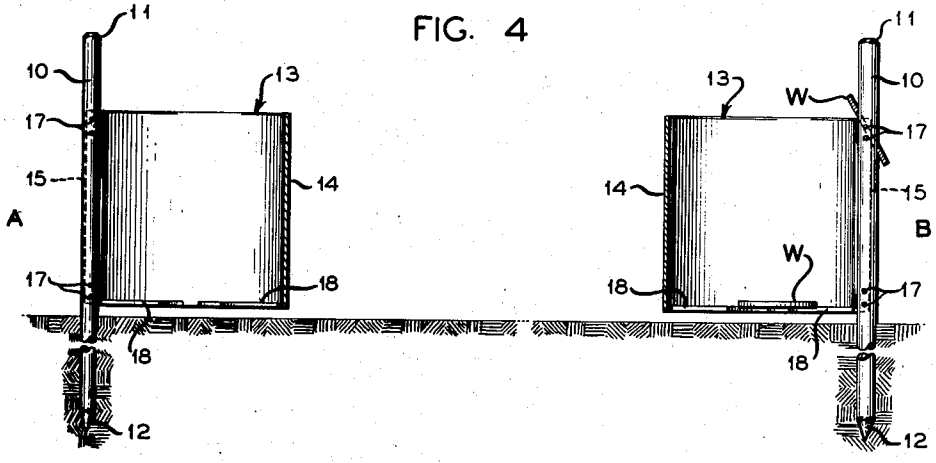
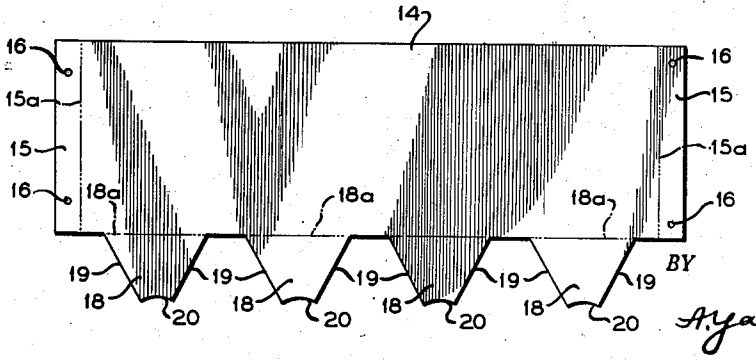


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This invention relates to improvements in games and more particularly to a game of the character known as quoits wherein an annular member is tossed at a substantially vertically disposed target such as a peg or post in an effort to drop the annulus over the target in surrounding relationship thereto.

Dependent upon the size or internal diameter of the annular members employed in the game, and the distance such members are tossed, particular skill is required in accomplishing a perfect throw, commonly called a "ringer," and it is accordingly a major object of the present invention to provide a secondary target intimately associated with the usual peg or post, whereby tosses which are not sufficiently accurate to result in "ringers" may fall within said secondary target and thus be scored for the player.

It is a further object of the invention to provide an improved game of the character set forth where a cup-like receptacle is mounted upon the usual peg or post, the internal diameter and height of the container being sufficient to receive and retain there in a plurality of the annular members employed in playing the game.

It is a further object of the invention to provide novel means for mounting a receptacle upon a post so that it may function as a secondary or auxiliary target in the manner contemplated herein.

A still further object of the present invention is to provide a novel receptacle formed from a blank of sheet material, and especially designed for convenient attachment to a post.

It is a still further object of the present invention to provide an improved target of the character with which we are presently concerned which may be conveniently moved from place to place and be readily inserted in the ground at a desired location where the game is to be played.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following specification taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a combined post and receptacle illustrating one embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 2, a side elevation of the device disclosed in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3, a horizontal sectional view taken in the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4, a vertical sectional view taken through a pair of opposed combined posts and receptacles illustrating the manner of playing the game; and,

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Fig. 5, a detail plan view of a blank illustrating the manner of forming the receptacle of the instant invention.

As shown in the drawing, each combined post and receptacle includes a post 10, preferably metallic, of suitable length and diameter. The upper extremity of this post may be slightly beveled as indicated at 11 and the lower extremity 12 thereof is sharply pointed to permit of ready insertion into the ground.

In the embodiment of the game illustrated, the annular members have been disclosed as metallic washers, W, of comparatively small size and, of necessity, the diameter of the post 10 is such as to be conveniently receivable within said washer. It will be understood that while the size of the annular members W and the diameter of the post form no part of the present invention, since these proportions may be varied at will through reasonable limits, the skill required in playing the game increases proportionately as the diameters of the annular playing member is reduced.

A receptacle 13 is mounted upon the post 10, intermediate the length thereof and not too far removed from the upper extremity 11. Preferably this receptacle includes a vertically disposed peripheral wall 14 provided with opposed arcuate flanges 15 which are intended to embrace the post 10. To secure the receptacle upon the post, the flanges 15 are provided with spaced apertures 16 and the post 10 is complementarily apertured, screws, rivets or other suitable fastening members 17 being employed to provide a rigid and serviceable device.

Preferably the receptacle 13 is so positioned upon the post 10 that, when the post is inserted in the ground, the bottom of the receptacle will be immediately above the surface of the earth.

As shown more particularly in Fig. 3 of the drawing, the bottom of the receptacle 13 comprises a plurality of spaced ears 18 providing sufficient surface to retain within the receptacle such annular members W as may be successfully tossed therein. By such an arrangement convenient drainage may be obtained and, since it is contemplated that the combined post and receptacle may be manufactured from suitable metal properly protected against deterioration, the device may be permitted to remain out of doors and exposed to the elements.

It has been found that the receptacle 13 may be conveniently cut or stamped from a flat blank of sheet material, as indicated more particularly in Fig. 5. From an examination of this figure of the drawing it will be readily apparent that the

flanges 15 and spaced ears 18 may be formed integrally with a rectangular central portion forming the peripheral wall portion 14. Each ear includes angularly inclined side walls 19 and an arcuate base or end wall 20, thus insuring that, upon assembly, appropriate spaces will be provided for drainage purposes.

With the preformed blank, as above described, creation and mounting of the receptacle is a particularly simple matter. The flanges 15 are bent along the dotted lines 15*a*, and are then brought into substantially abutting relationship, thus creating the circular peripheral wall 14. The flanges are then secured to the post 10 and the ears 18 are then bent inwardly along the dotted lines 18*a* to a position substantially perpendicular to the peripheral wall 14.

In the playing of the improved game contemplated herein, combined posts and receptacles are positioned in the ground in opposed positions A and B, as indicated more particularly in Fig. 4 of the drawing. Participants then take their places at the opposed positions and each takes his turn, with a given number of annular members W, and seeks to ring the post 10 in the opposite position or, failing to do this, to toss his playing members so accurately that they will fall into the receptacle attached to said post. In this figure of the drawing, one annular member W has been illustrated as a "ringer" resting against the upper edge of the attached receptacle and a second one is disclosed within said receptacle. Scoring may be as desired with "ringers" and "cupped" members scoring an appropriately different number of points. With relatively small annular members, such as the washers illustrated, particular skill is required to achieve a commendable score.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit and scope thereof and therefore the invention is not limited by that which is shown in the drawings or by that which is disclosed in the specification but only as indicated in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a game device, a vertically disposed post provided with a sharpened lower extremity, a receptacle attached to said post intermediate the extremities thereof, said receptacle comprising a vertically disposed peripheral wall including opposed arcuate flanges engaging opposite sides of said post, said flanges and post being provided with aligned spaced apertures for the reception of fastening members, a plurality of inwardly directed ears on the lower edge of said peripheral wall forming a bottom for said receptacle, said ears being spaced from each other to permit drainage, and annular members to be tossed over said post.

2. In a game device, a vertically disposed post provided with a sharpened lower extremity, annular members to be tossed over said post, and a receptacle attached to said post intermediate the extremities, said receptacle comprising a vertically disposed peripheral wall, flanges on said peripheral wall whereby said receptacle may be attached to said post, a plurality of inwardly directed ears on the lower edge of said peripheral wall forming a bottom for said receptacle, said ears being spaced from each other to permit drainage, the interior diameter of said receptacle being greater than the exterior diameter of said annular members, whereby said members are receivable therein.

3. In a game device, a combined post having a sharpened lower extremity adapted to be inserted in the ground and a receptacle attached to said post intermediate the extremities thereof, said receptacle comprising a single piece of sheet material including a substantially rectangular portion terminating in apertured flanges and provided with a plurality of spaced ears along an edge wall thereof, each ear including angularly inclined side walls and an arcuate end wall, and a plurality of annular members to be tossed over said post, the interior diameter of each of said annular members being greater than the diameter of said post and the interior diameter of said receptacle being greater than the exterior diameter of each of said annular members.

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