

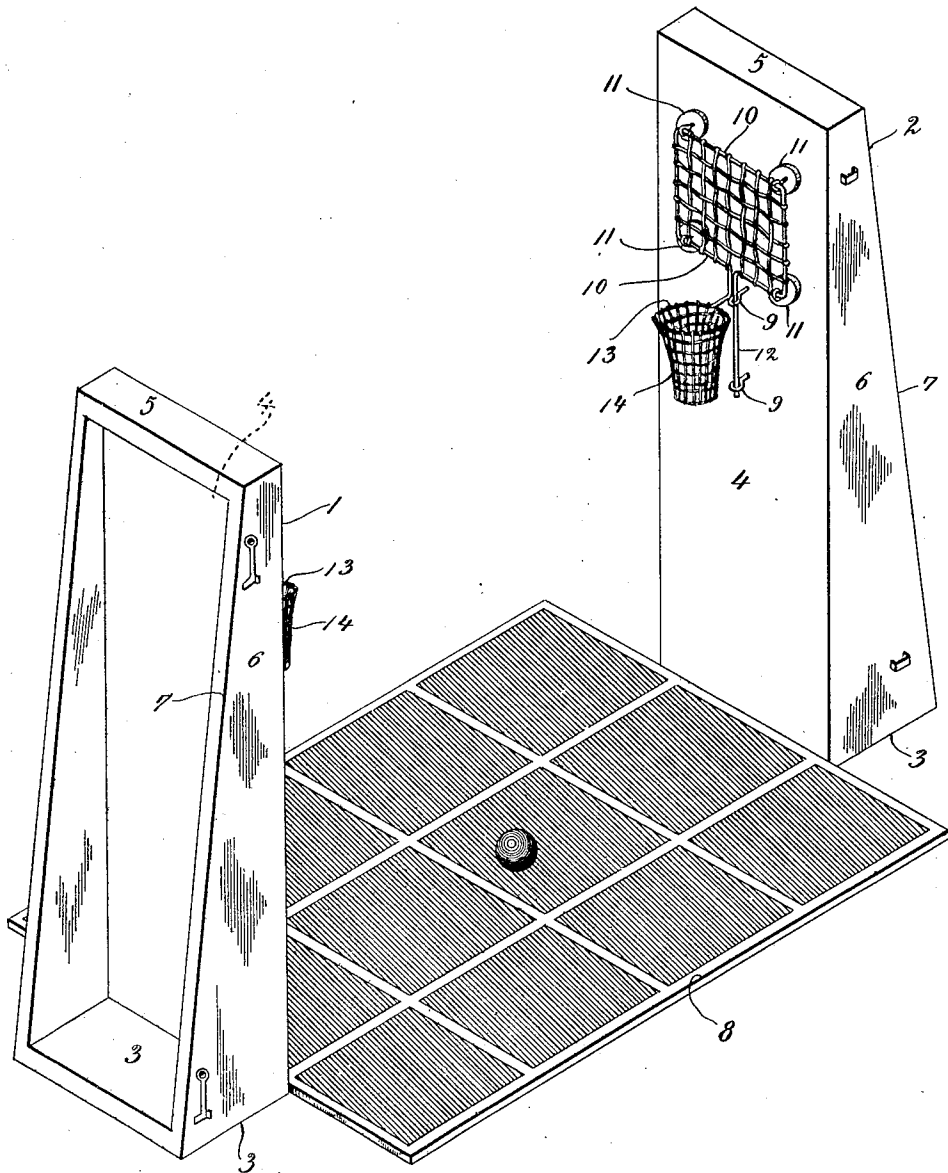
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOHN L. E. PELL and EDWARD L. C. CLARK, citizens of the United States, residing at Great Barrington, Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a clear, full, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved game apparatus for simulating the game of basket ball or the like.

In carrying out this invention it is our desire to adapt the apparatus to allow the game to be carried on upon a small scale and at the same time succeed in maintaining an interest in it by the players.

It is particularly adapted for play upon tables, floors of rooms and even upon lawns limited in size.

As in the well recognized game of this description, a pair of supports placed in opposition for the baskets is essential. We supply between these baskets a court marked out into spaces, preferably squares along the other boundary of the court. Each of the squares or certain ones may be allotted to separate players who will play upon the ball which comes into their domain.

The supports may consist of plane surfaces supported upon broad bases, and I prefer that each support be formed of a portion preferably a half portion of the box which is to contain the game. For this purpose the box is formed of a right prism and broad supporting bases are provided one to each box by dividing the box along an oblique longitudinal plane.

Each surface of the box parts which is to directly support the apparatus is provided with suitable attachment means preferably sockets in the shape of rings into which a post of a pair of frames at right angles to each other may fit. One of these frames is supplied with a deadening net adapted to lie in the plane of the box portion surface while the other is preferably of curved or circular shape and carries a basket. The post comprises an adequate and ready means for attaching the parts to the surface, while the frame carrying the deadening net is adapted to bear against the surface and hold the parts in rigid position.

The court may at times be omitted, but

we prefer in some cases to provide a court which may be of any material, preferably a fabric which may be folded and placed within the box.

In the accompanying drawings, we have shown a perspective view of our improved invention.

The two parts of the box 1 and 2 are formed with a broad base 3 constituted by one end side of each of the parts. The surfaces 4, which in the box proper are the outer sides of the top and bottom respectively, are perpendicular to said broad base. The side 5 opposite the broad base is of smaller area than the base, and the sides 6 which connect the sides 5 and 3 are formed in consequence with an oblique edge 7, so that when the two parts are fitted together they will form a proper rectangular box. The court 8 is preferably of a felted fabric and is with advantage laid out as shown in the drawing, into a set of squares along each side.

Each surface 4 is provided with rings 9, two in this instance for each surface. A frame 10 shown as rectangular and having projections or buttons 11 on its rear is provided with a post 12 to fit within the rings and also with a projecting frame 13 having a curved end in a horizontal plane when in position for play. The frame 13 is provided with a basket 14 preferably of loosely knit cording, while the frame 10 is covered with a deadening screen preferably of taut and coarsely woven wires or cords.

The rules of the game will obviously be such as required by the individual players. We have found in a parlor game that sitting players of opposite sides alternating down the board one to each marked out square and putting the ball or other device 14 into play by rolling or tossing it against one of the supports to cause it to roll into one of the squares, for the player of that square to play it, is a good way. The player that thus receives it either makes a toss to the basket or plays it into the square or into the hands of a partner who is in better position to play the same.

We claim as our invention:

1. The herein described game apparatus comprising a game containing box, a pair of baskets and frames therefor, the halves of

said box forming a pair of supports one for each basket, each support provided with means to receive and hold a basket frame.

2. The herein described game apparatus 5 comprising a game containing box, a pair of baskets and frames therefor, the halves of said box forming a pair of supports one for each basket, each support having a broad base and a surface at right angles thereto and 10 sides having oblique edges, each support provided with means to receive and hold a basket.

3. The herein described game apparatus 15 comprising a pair of supports, sockets thereon, each support provided with a deadening net and a basket a common frame for net and basket and a post on the frame adapted to fit the sockets.

4. The herein described game apparatus 20 comprising a pair of supports, sockets thereon, a rectangular frame having projections on its rear, and a post depending from its lower

edge, a basket holding frame extending at right angles to the post, said post adapted to be removably attached to the sockets.

5. The herein described game apparatus 25 comprising a pair of supports, composed of two portions of a box each having a broad base and a surface in a plane at right angles thereto and sides having oblique edges, frames adapted to project from the front 30 surfaces of the portions, in combination with baskets carried by said frames and a ring on each support adapted to receive and support a basket frame.

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