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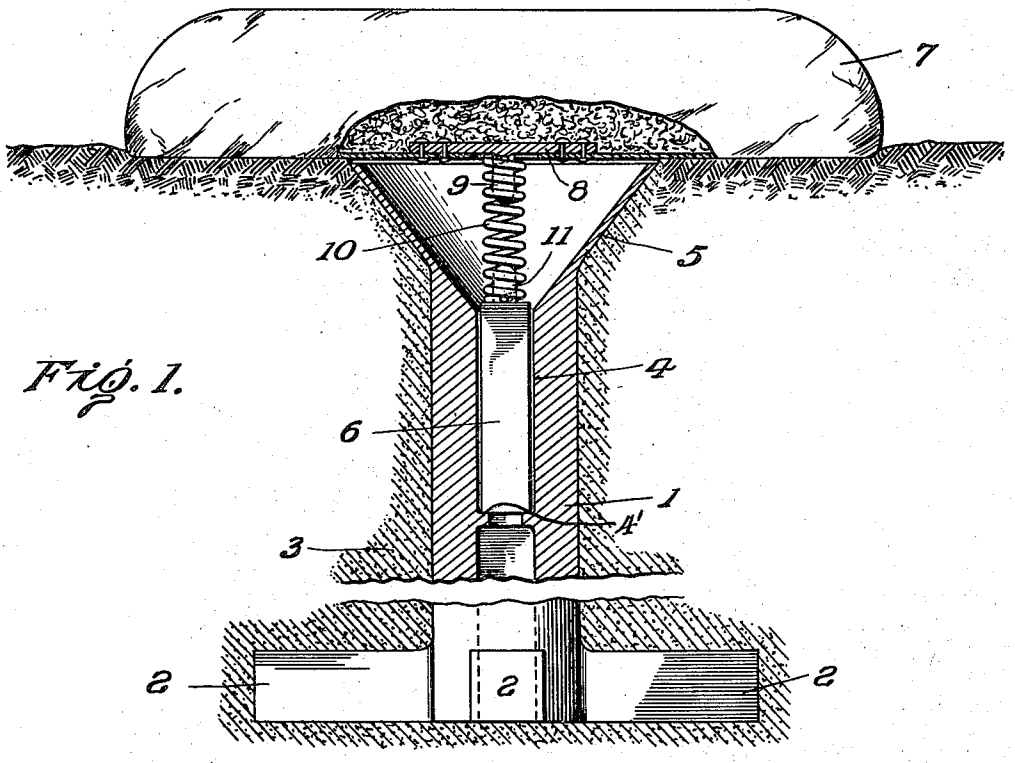


Fig. 1.

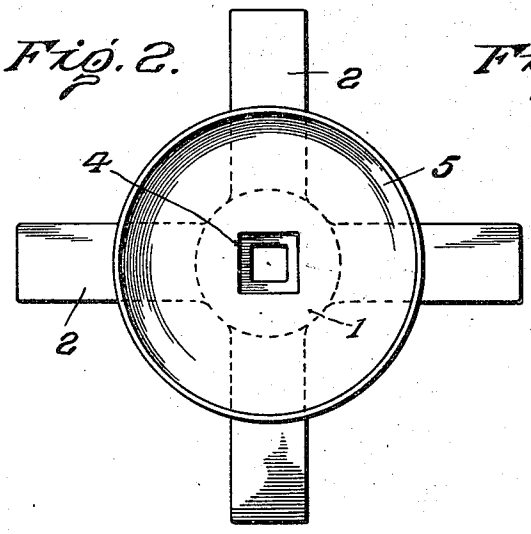


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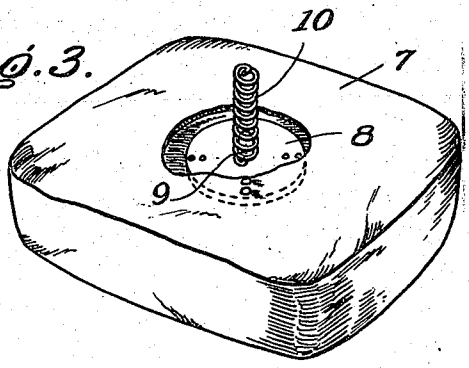


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SYDNOR M. FALCONER, Sr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bases for Base-Ball Grounds, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bases for baseball grounds.

The object of my invention is to produce a base of said character adapted to be securely but yieldingly anchored in the proper position in the baseball field. A further object thereof is to provide means for anchoring a base in such a manner that it will be capable of slight movement to prevent injury to players who come into violent contact therewith, and which will promptly return to proper position when lateral pressure thereon is released; and, a still further object of my invention is to produce a more simple, cheap and efficient base of said character than has heretofore been attained.

To these ends, my invention includes the combination and arrangement of component parts to be hereinafter described and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters indicate similar parts,

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of my invention secured in position for use;

Fig. 2 is a ground plan view of the foundation and socket for holding the base in position; and,

Fig. 3 is a detailed perspective view of the base and resilient pin therefor.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 indicates a tubular casting provided at its lower end with laterally-extending arms 2, adapted to be buried beneath the surface of the ground and preferably held in rigid position by cement foundation 3.

Said casting is provided with a central bore or socket 4, having a flaring mouth 5 in which the pin or stem 6, attached to the base, is carried. The lower portion of said socket 4 is rectangular in cross-section to accommodate the similarly-shaped stem 6 and to prevent the turning of the base thereon, and is provided with an interior shoulder 4′ on which the end of the stem 6 rests when assembled for use.

The base 7 is provided with a plate 8 secured upon the bottom thereof, having a downwardly projecting lug 9, to which the coil-spring 10 is secured. Said spring is secured at its lower end to a similar lug 11 on the top of the stem 6, and both of said lugs extend a short distance into the coils of the spring. As shown in the drawing, the stem 6 terminates at its upper end substantially at the top of the squared portion of the socket bore, and the spring 10 is carried within the circular flared portion of the mouth 5.

From the foregoing description and references to the accompanying drawings it will be appreciated that the base and depending stem may be removably positioned in the socket 4 of the anchor 1, and that the spring 10 will permit a limited lateral movement of the base when violently struck or pressed by a player within the limitations of the flared portion 5 of the opening in said anchor, by which injuries to players may be avoided which might otherwise result from a base held rigidly in position. It will also be appreciated that when such pressure by a player is removed the base will promptly return to its proper position.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A base for base ball games, comprising a vertical socket anchored below the surface of the ground having a flaring mouth at its upper end, a spring anchored in the lower and narrow portion of the socket to hold its lower end in fixed position, said spring extending through the flared or enlarged portion of the tube to permit limited lateral movement, and a base secured to the upper end of the spring.

2. A base for baseball games comprising a tubular foundation anchored below the surface of the ground, having a vertical socket therein provided with a flaring mouth at its upper end, a base anchored therein, having a depending stem carried in said socket and a spring interposed between said stem and base.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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