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COMBINED GOLF TEE AND SCORE CARD.

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FIG. 1.

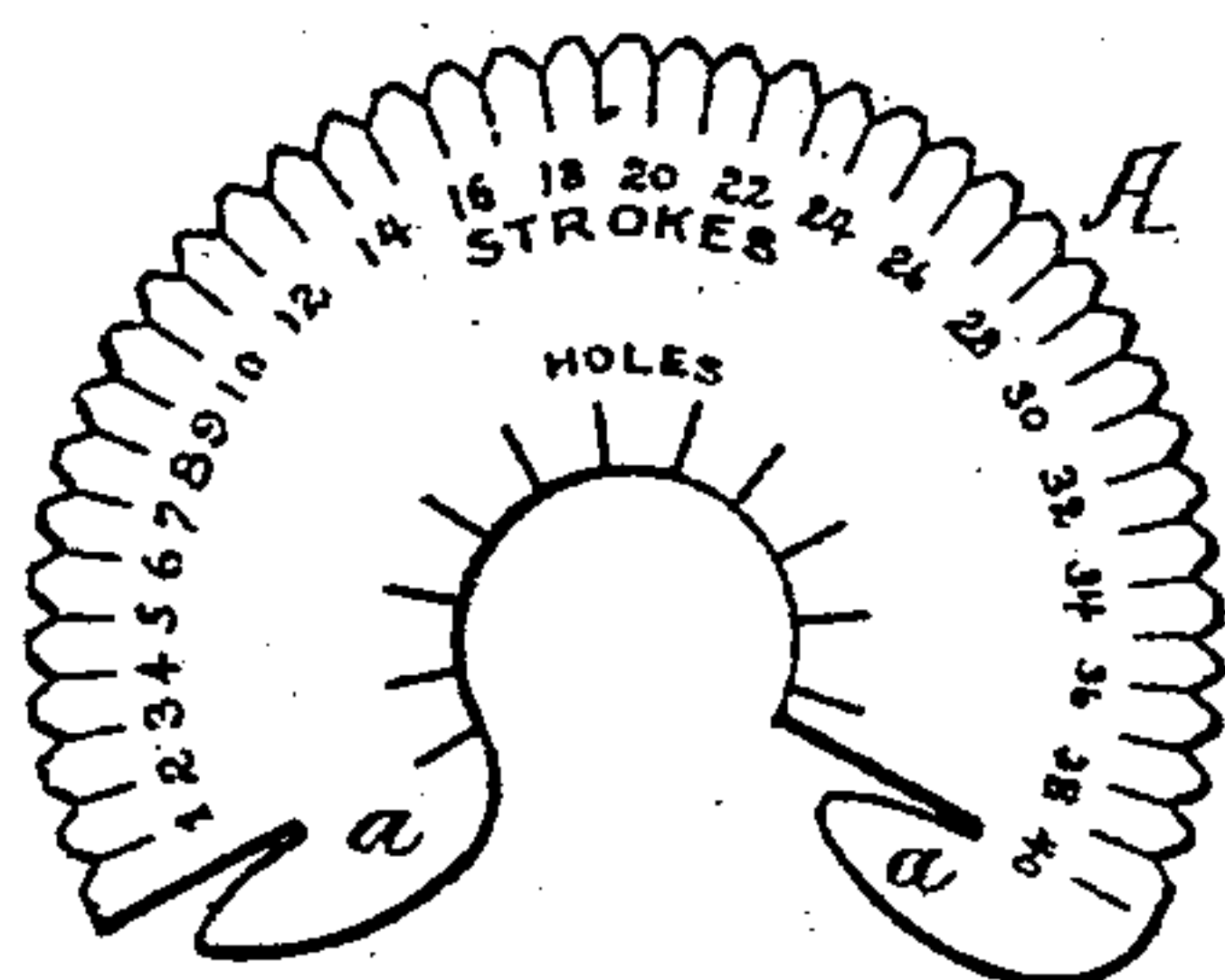


FIG. 2.

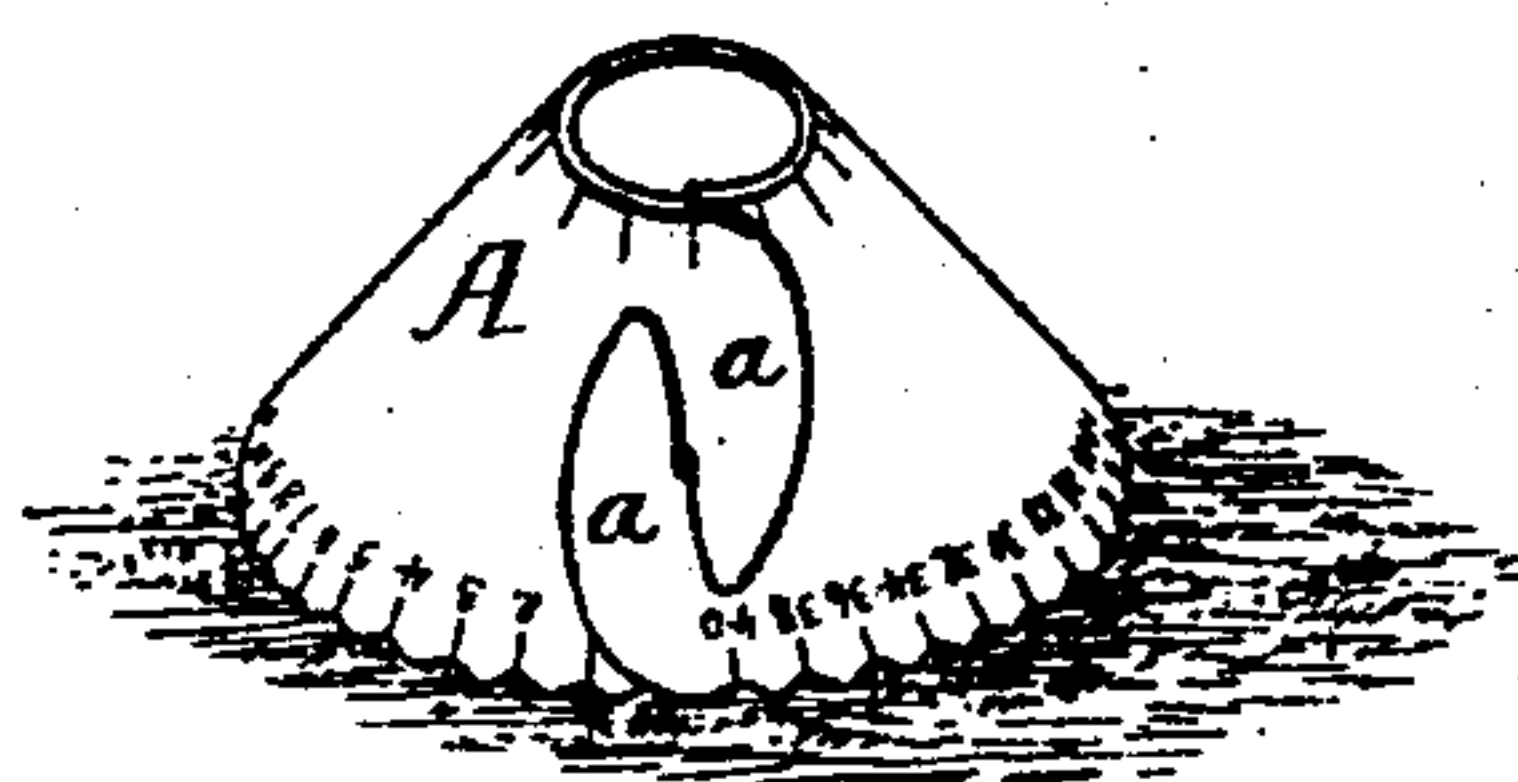


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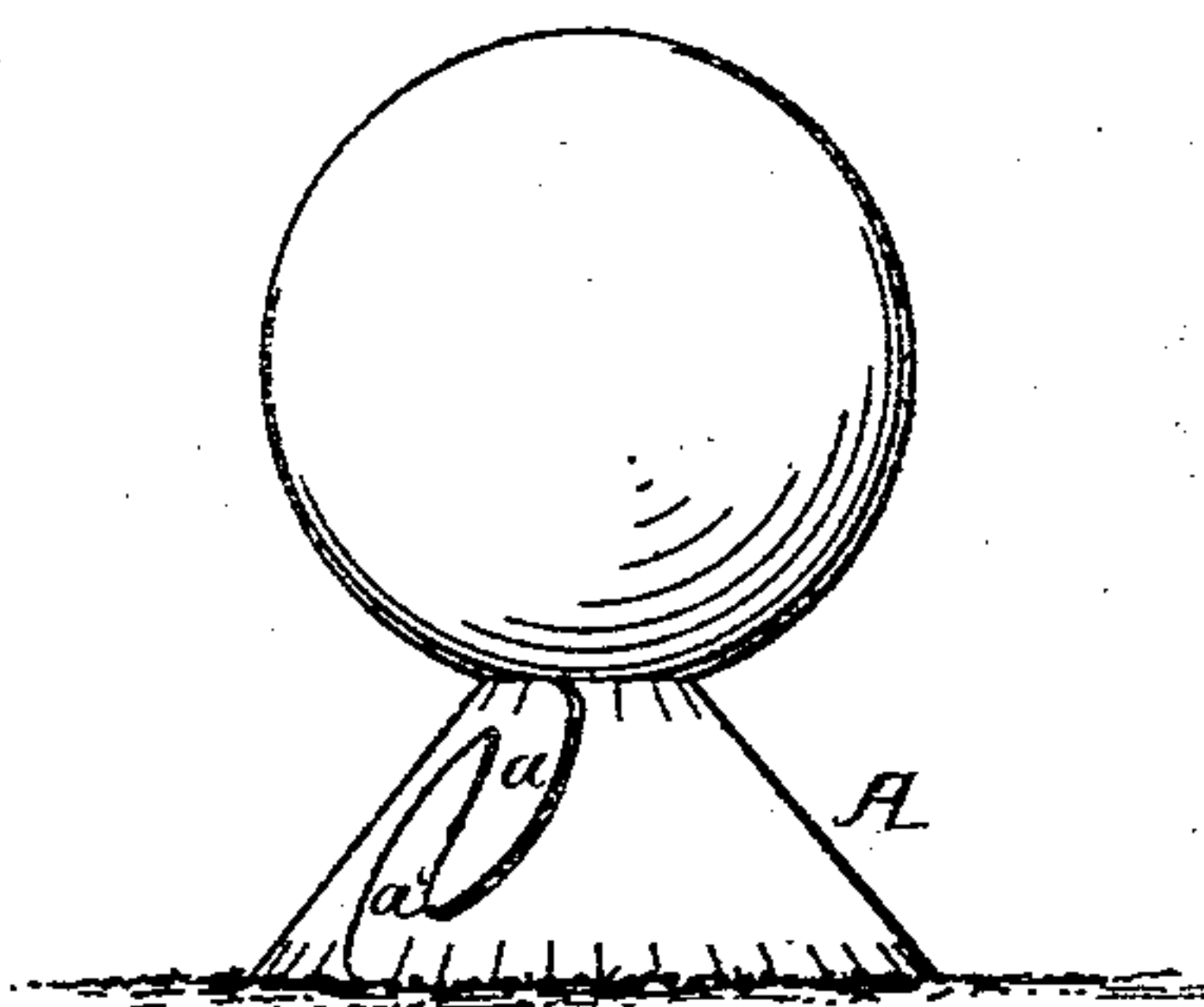


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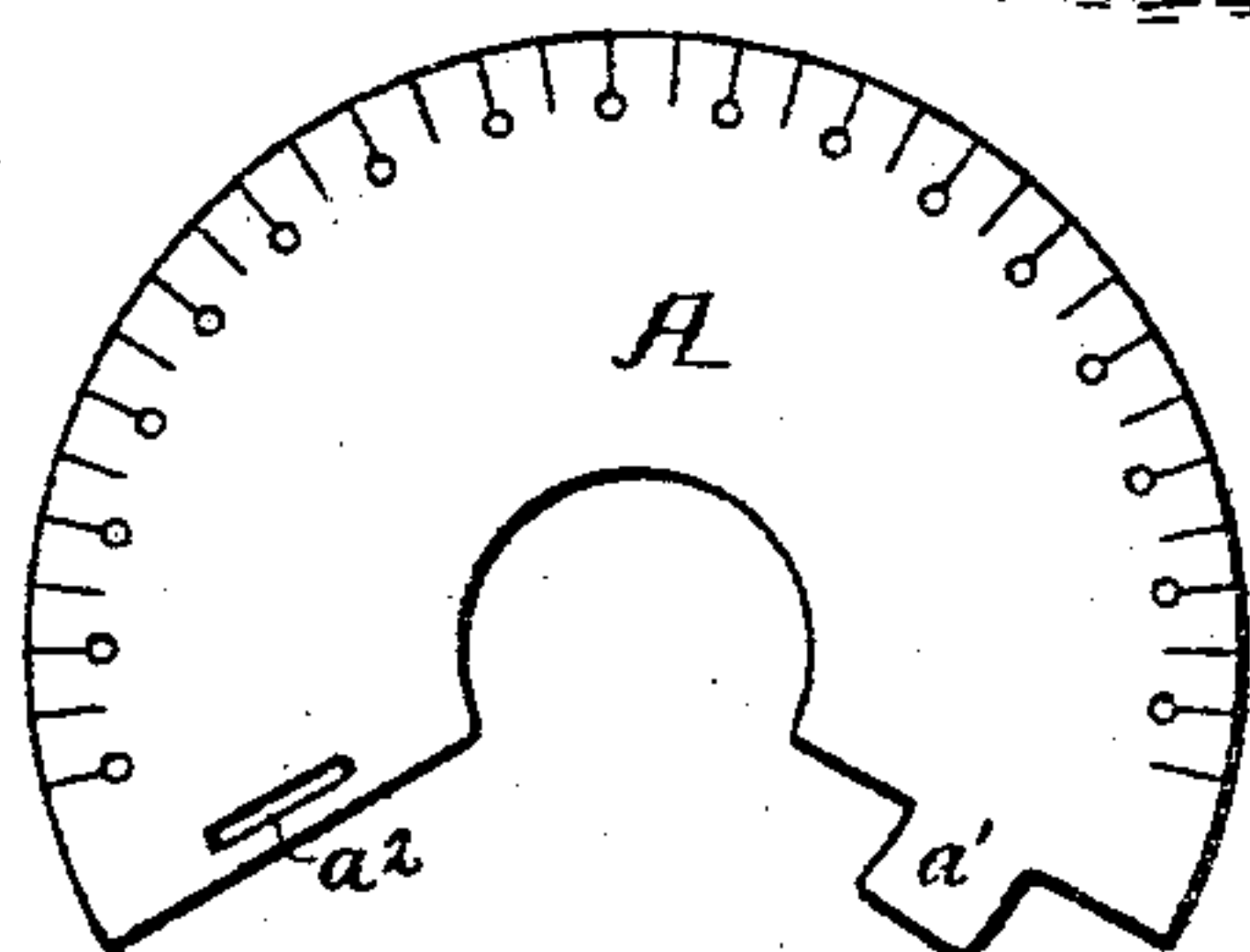


FIG. 5.

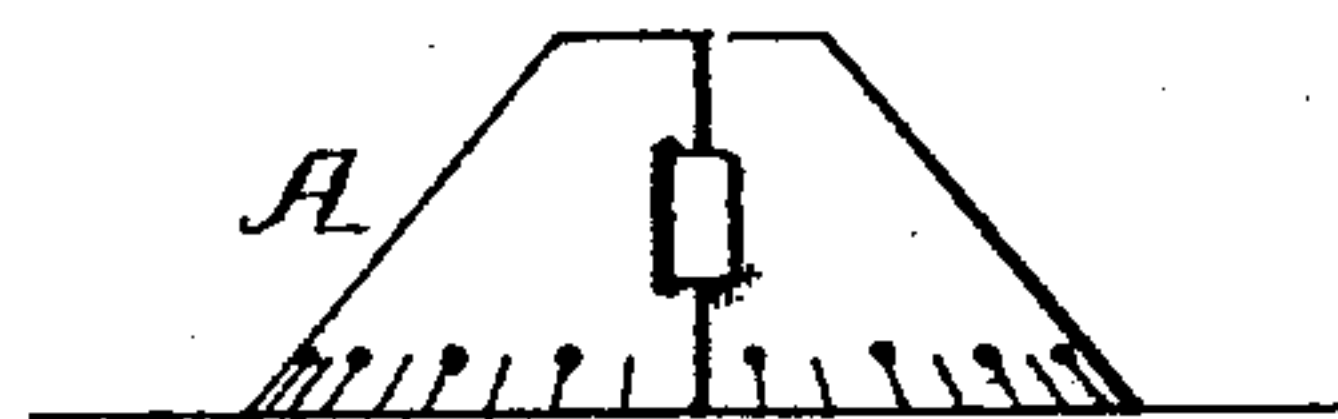
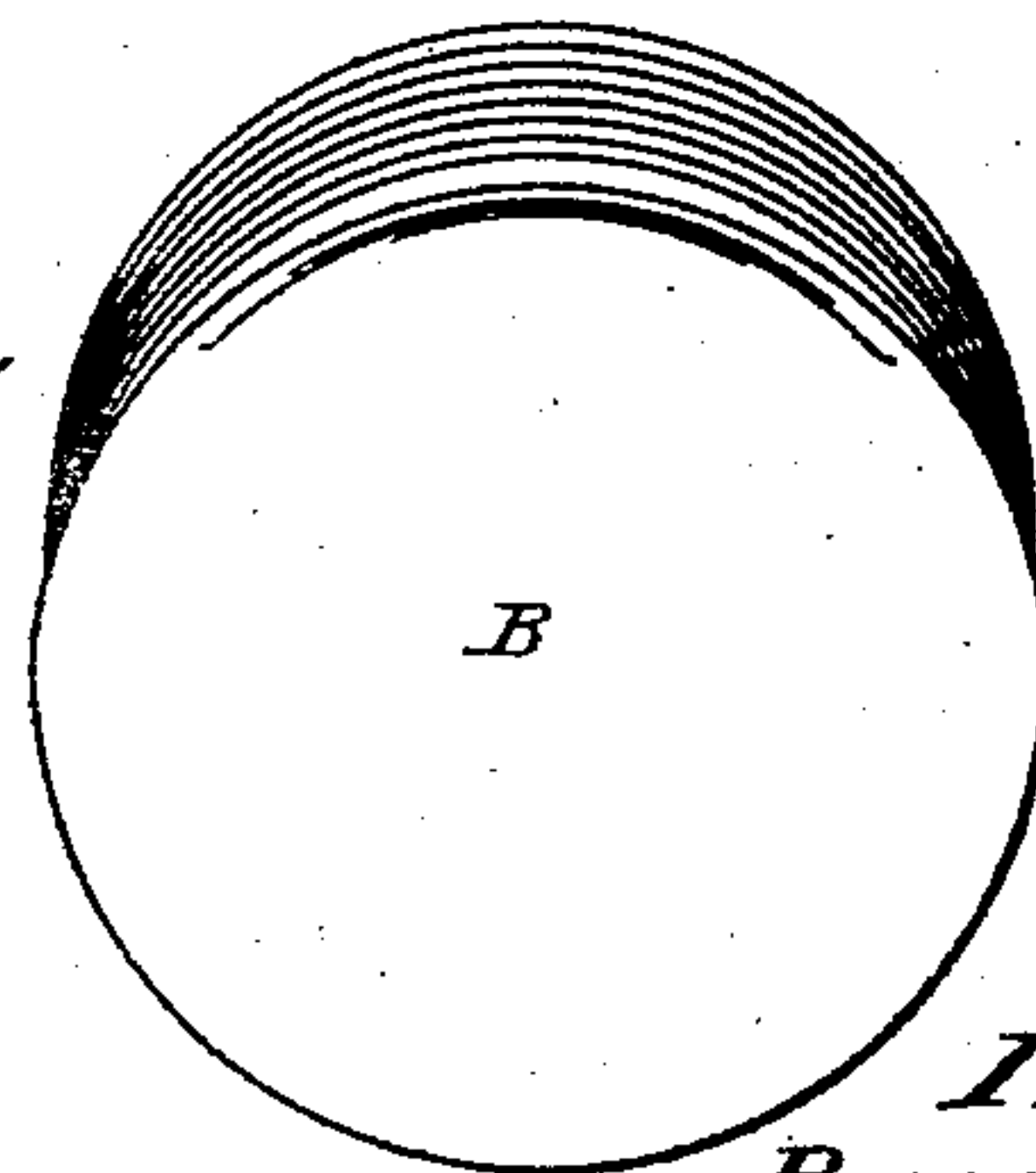


FIG. 6.



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COMBINED GOLF-TEE AND SCORE-CARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PROSPER L. SENAT, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a certain Combined Golf-Tee and Score-Card, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to form a tee, used in playing the game of golf, in such a manner that it can be carried flat and when used can be bent and locked in the form of a pyramid, so that a number of tees can be packed in a small compass and carried in the pocket, thus obviating the necessity of building up a tee or mound of sand or earth, as is the common practice.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the tee in a flat condition. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the tee bent and locked. Fig. 3 is a side view of the tee with a ball mounted thereon. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a modification. Fig. 5 is a side view of the same, and Figs. 6 and 7 are views of the carrying-case.

The tee used in the game of golf is simply an elevation on which the ball is placed in making the initial stroke after each ball has been holed. As mentioned above, this mound has usually been made of sand or earth from a place adjacent to the teeing-ground, or made of some solid substance in a conical form, but these conical forms are cumbersome to carry and they become soiled in a very short time.

By the invention that I will now proceed to describe the tees can be made so cheaply that they can be used once and then discarded or can be used as score-cards after the ball has been struck, the sheet being flat when carried, and quite a number can therefore be placed in a suitable carrying-case.

Referring to the drawings, A is a segmental piece of cardboard, paper, or metal of the shape of a portion of an annulus, having hooks *a* at each end, one hook projecting from the bottom upward, while the other extends from the top downward, so that when the sheet is bent and the two hooks coupled it will assume the form of a frustum of a cone, as shown in Fig. 2, and the pressure of the ball upon the cone will keep the two ends locked. Thus the support is perfectly rigid and always the same height from the ground,

so that the player can always gage the position of his ball in respect to the ground, which cannot be done with the ordinary built-up tee of sand.

As shown in Fig. 1, on the periphery of the tee are a series of notches, and these notches are preferably numbered, as shown, and after the player has teed off he can take the tee and keep the score of the number of strokes made to reach the hole played for by simply tearing it at a given point. If, for instance, it takes six strokes to make the hole, he simply tears at the place marked "6." The score can be kept on the same card for the next series. If, for instance, it takes eight strokes from the second tee to the next hole, he simply adds eight to the six and tears at the "14" indicating-mark.

On the inner edge of the segment are a series of marks indicating the holes played for, so that on special matches the score can be kept for each hole as scored, so that if six strokes are required to reach the first hole the segment is torn at "6" on the periphery and at "1" on the inner edge, so that when the game is concluded the score can be readily ascertained by referring to the series of tees in rotation.

The lock for the two ends of the tee may be made in a different manner from that shown in Figs. 1 and 2. For instance, if it is made of stiff cardboard or thin sheet metal a tongue *a'* may be formed at one end of the segment, adapted to a slot *a''* in the other end, so that the tongue can be passed through the slot and turned down, holding the tee rigidly in the conical position, and instead of using the notches to indicate the score a series of small holes may be placed around the periphery. Thus the player can mark the score by simply placing the nails of his fingers on each side of the line and tearing to the hole.

Other modifications may readily suggest themselves without departing from my invention.

The case B for the segments may be made as shown in Figs. 6 and 7. The front *b* is in the form of a spring, so as to keep the series of segments always in frictional contact, and the bottom *b'* of the case is beveled, so that the segments will be arranged in the step

form for ready removal. These cases may be made of stiff cardboard or metal.

I claim as my invention—

1. The herein-described blank for forming
5 a golf-tee, consisting of a piece of flexible material in the shape of a portion of an annulus, having at one end a tongue and at the other end means for engaging said tongue, whereby the blank may be formed in the
10 shape of a frustum of a cone whose small end is adapted to support the ball, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described blank for forming a golf-tee, consisting of a piece of flexible

material in the shape of a portion of an annulus, having at each end a hooked tongue whereby the two ends may be locked together to form a golf-tee in the shape of a frustum of a cone, the small end of which is adapted to support the ball, substantially as described. 15 20

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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