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INDOOR-GOLF GAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Indoor-Golf Games; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain improvements in indoor or parlor golf games, and has for its object to provide a game of this description which shall be closely analogous to the ordinary outdoor game of golf both as to the manner of playing the same and also as to the general character of the ball and the surface upon which the game is played.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved game; Fig. 2, a section at the line *xx* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 a detail section of the ball.

Similar characters of reference denote like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Heretofore games of this description have been provided, but no attention has been paid to the character of the ball or the surface upon which the latter is played, and thus the game has practically lost its identity with the game of golf.

My improvement aims to preserve the main characteristics of the game of golf and will be best understood from the following description.

A is a foundation-board provided with sides B. Within this box-like receptacle thus formed is placed any suitable substance C, which may be wood, paper-pulp, cement, or the like, the upper surface of which substance

is irregular and rolling, so as to resemble the general layout of a golf-links. The surface of this substance C is covered or coated all over with any suitable fuzzy material D, which may be flock, felt, shoddy, or the like.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 represent the tees from which the ball is successfully driven in playing the game, and 1^a 2^a 3^a 4^a 5^a 6^a 7^a 8^a 9^a are the holes within which the ball is to be played, the lines dotted in the circle around each hole representing the putting-greens.

E is the ball, which is made of any suitable substance and is covered with any fuzzy material F, such as flock, felt, shoddy, or the like.

The game is played precisely after the manner of the ordinary game of golf, any suitable mallets or clubs being used to strike the ball.

As the ball is propelled over the surface of the game-board it will not skitter, but will closely hug the surface of the board, and on this account only can the element of skill be brought into the game.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In an indoor-golf game, a playing-board having an irregular rolling surface covered with fuzzy substance, tees and holes located at proper places throughout said board, and a ball made from suitable material and covered with a fuzzy substance, substantially as set forth.

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

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