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BASKET BALL TOY.

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Fig. 1

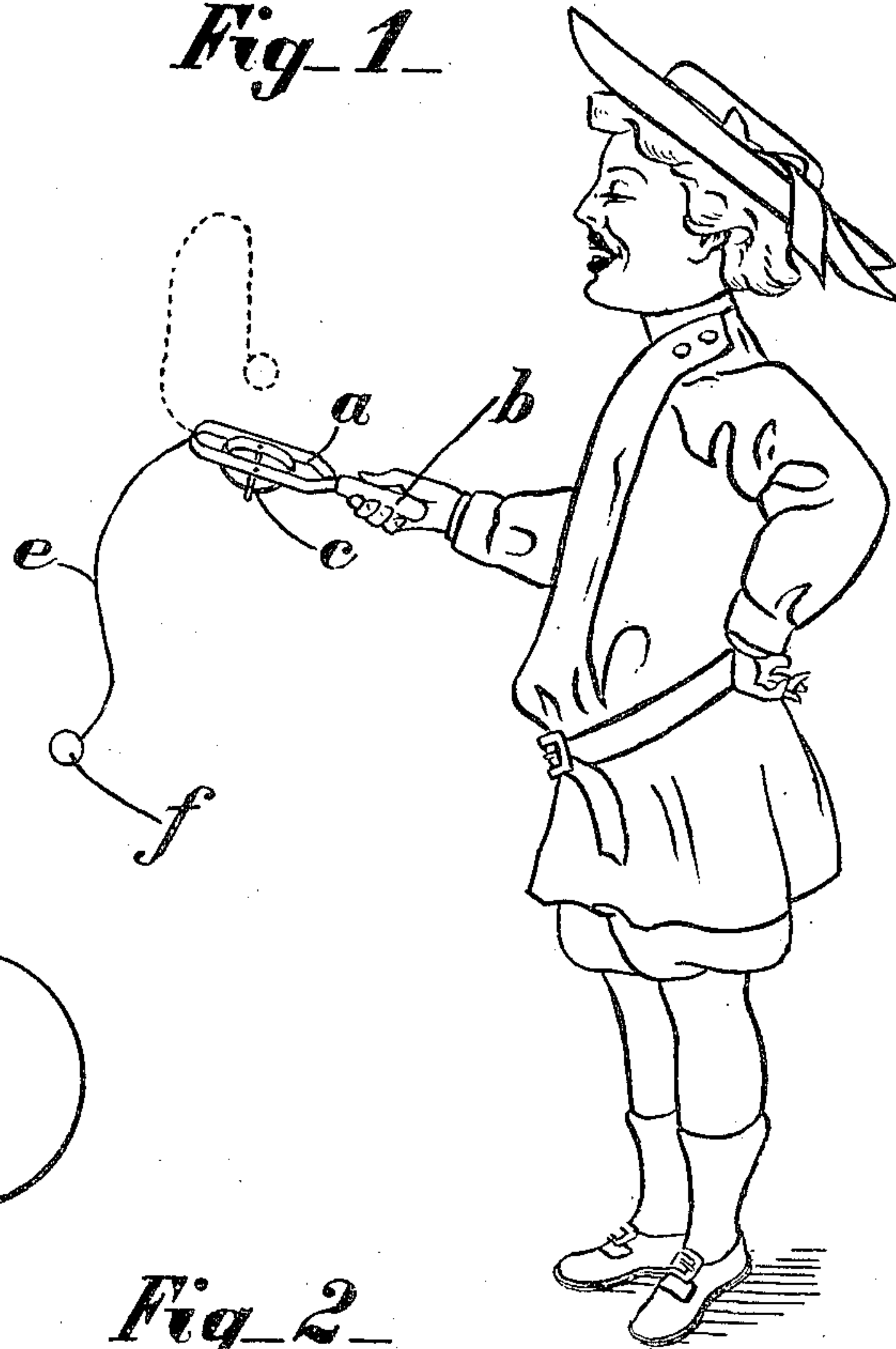


Fig. 2

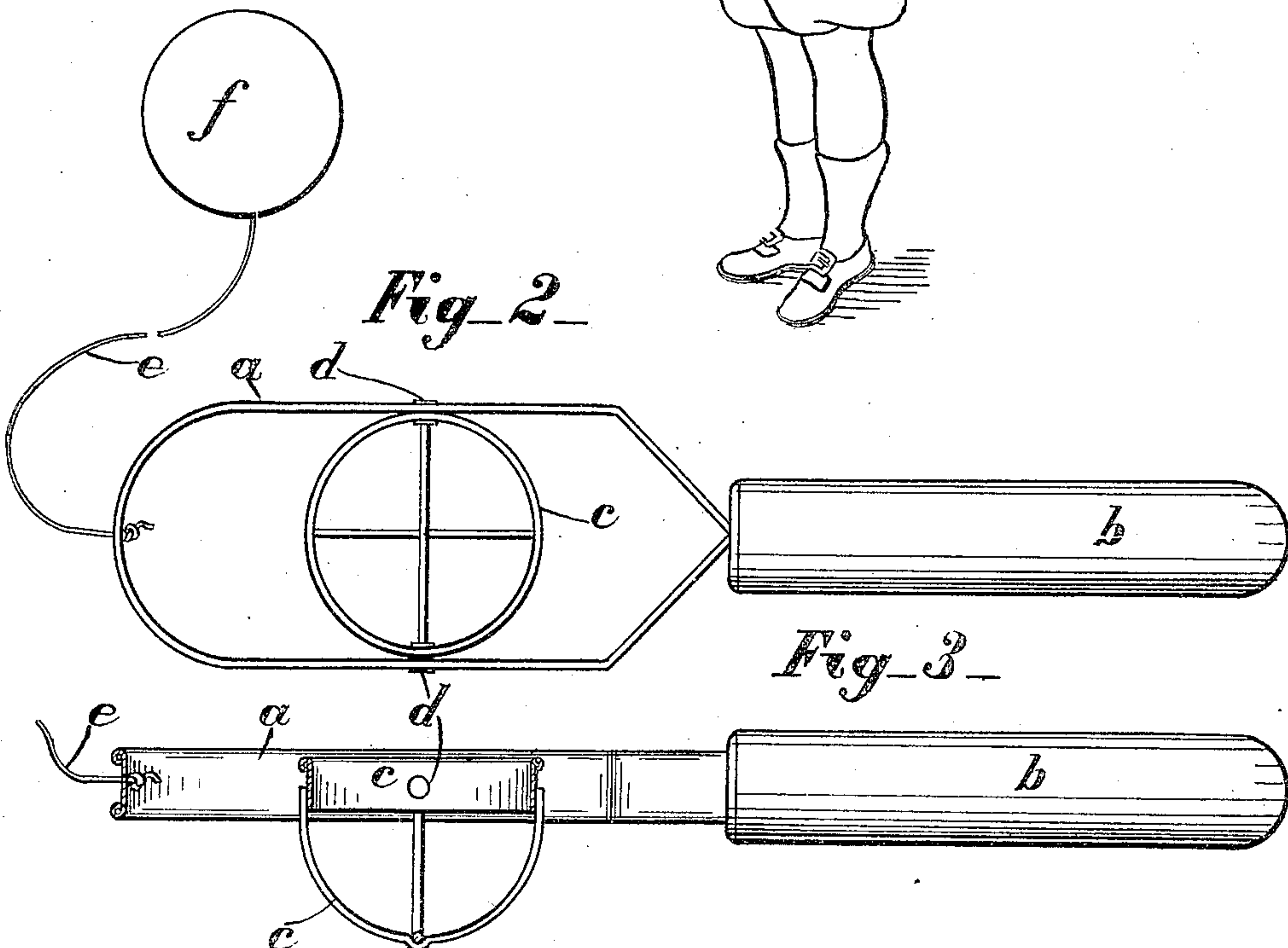


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELISHA S. STAPLES, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Basket-Ball Toys, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide, at a reasonably small cost, an interesting basket ball toy and, to that end, I have produced the device shown in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a toy embodying my present improvement and illustrating the manner in which it is used. Fig. 2 is a relatively enlarged plan view of said toy, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal, sectional, view of the same.

Briefly described, my improved toy consists of a trunnioned basket or cup, a supporting handle and a ball secured, by an elastic cord, to the frame that supports the basket.

In the annexed drawings the reference letter *a* indicates a wire frame formed of two parallel members having an extension *b* that serves as a handle by means of which the device may be held and operated. Between the parallel members of the frame is located a cup or basket *c* that is hung thereon by means of trunnions *d* in such manner that the basket is delicately poised and may be easily rocked from its normal, horizontal position.

Attached to the frame *a* by means of a

cord *e*, that is preferably elastic, is a ball *f* of such size that it may easily lie within the basket *c*.

In operating my described toy the handle *b* is grasped, as seen in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the ball being, at first, suspended by means of the cord *e*. The frame *a* is then raised with a quick movement, or jerk, so as to throw the ball upward (see Fig. 1) and as the said ball falls by gravity the operator seeks to catch it in the basket; it being possible to do so if the ball falls squarely into the basket but, if the ball falls upon the rim of the basket (as is usually the case) the basket rotates on its trunnions and spills the ball.

My described toy not only furnishes amusement and exercise but it tends to train the eye and hand of the operator.

Having thus described my invention and the manner in which it is to be used, I claim as new and wish to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. In combination, in a toy, a trunnioned basket, means for supporting said basket, a ball, and flexible means for connecting the ball with said supporting means.

2. In combination, in a toy, a frame including two parallel members, a basket trunnioned between said members, a ball, and flexible means for connecting the ball with said frame.

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