

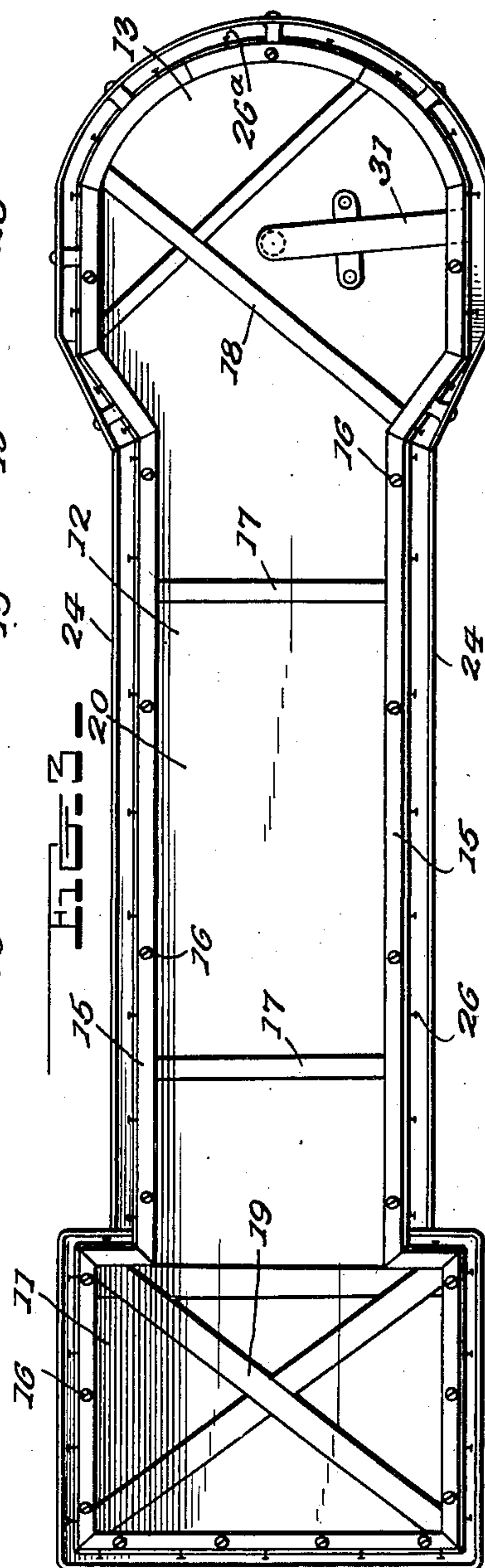
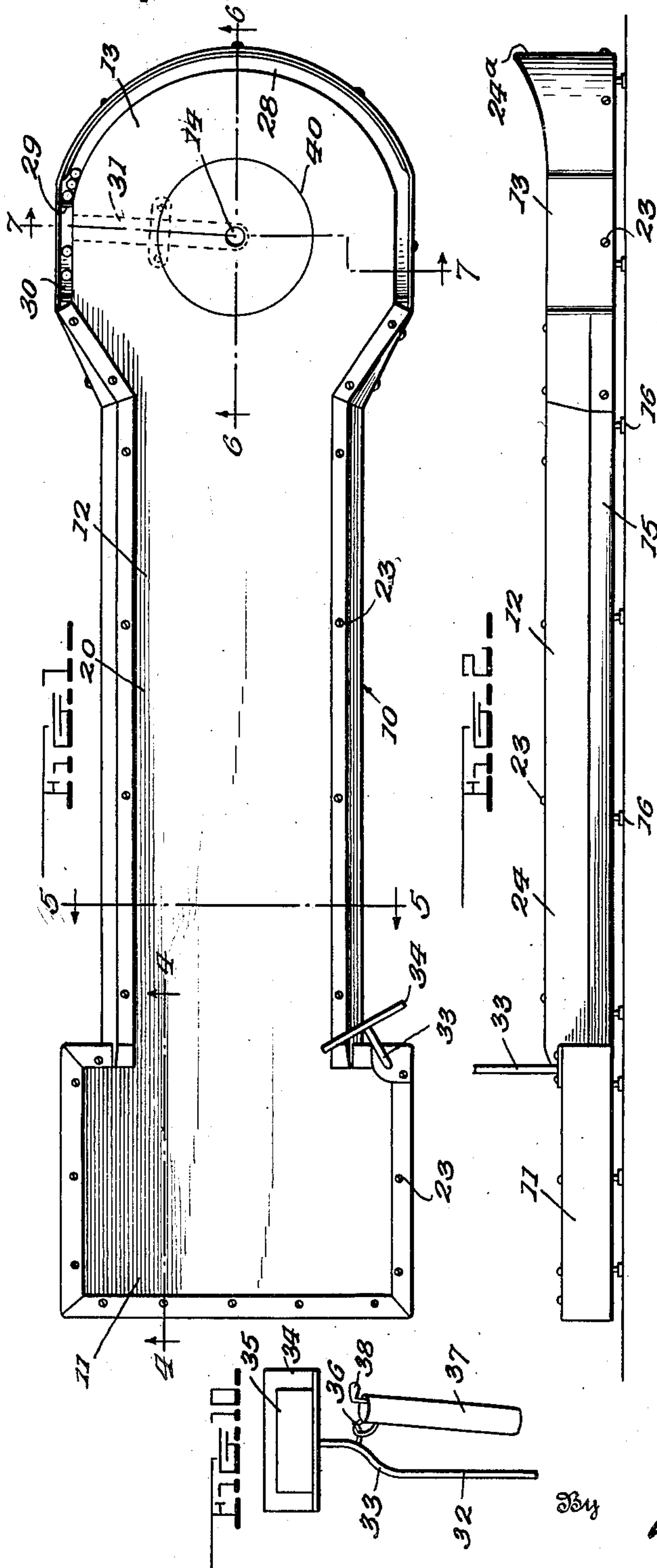
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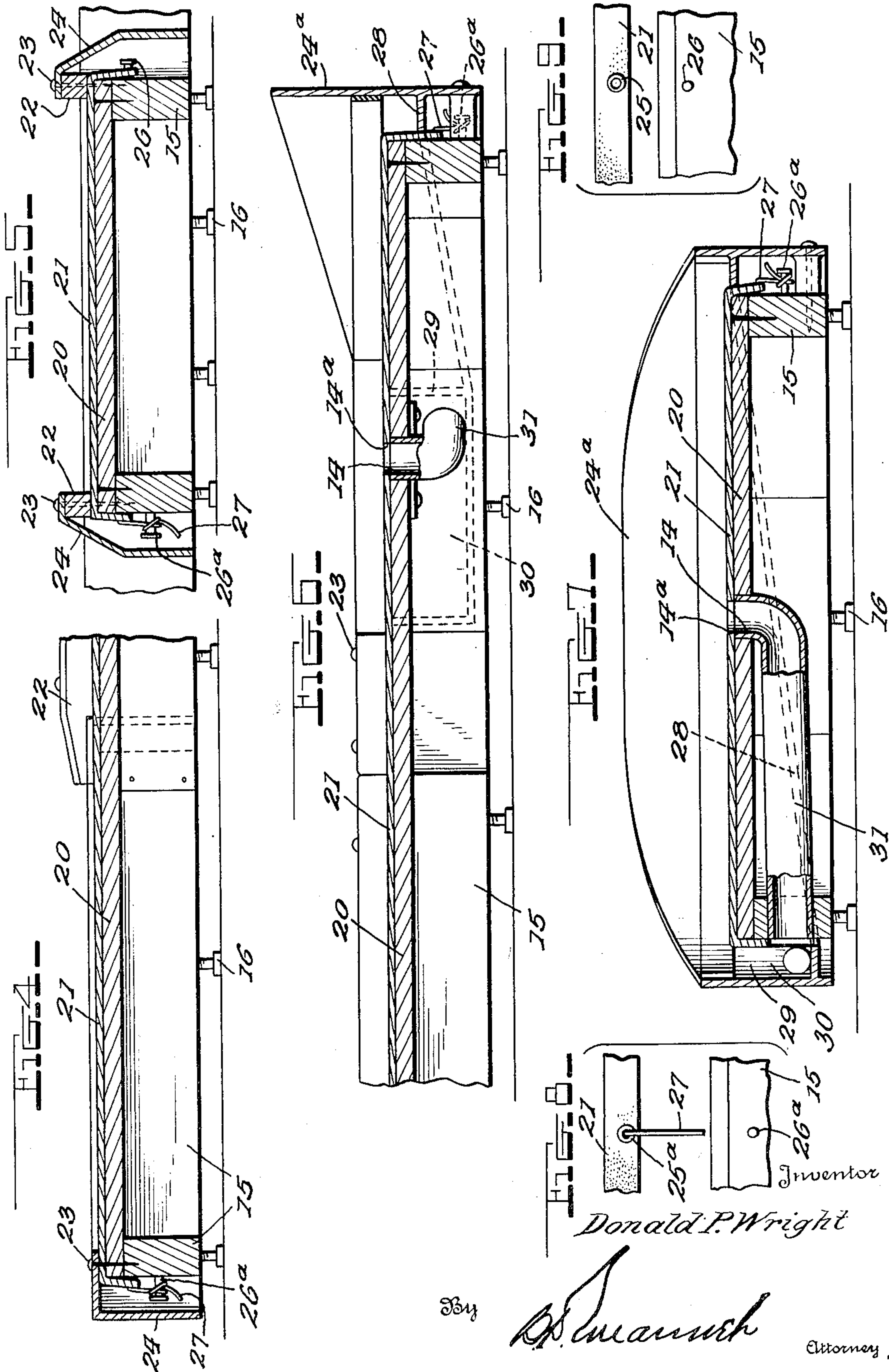
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This invention relates to an indoor golf game and more particularly to a portable simulated putting green adapted to be removably positioned in a suitable location for golf practice and amusement.

A primary object of this invention resides in the provision of an improved indoor golf game comprising a simulated putting green, fairway, and tee of a suitable size and construction for indoor use.

A further object is the provision of such a device which may be expeditiously moved from place to place as desired.

Still another object is the provision of such a device which is sturdy and durable in construction, light in weight, and similar in characteristics to a standard outdoor golf green.

Other objects will in part be obvious and in part be pointed out as the description of the invention proceeds, and shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of one form of device embodying the instant inventive concept,

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the device,

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view,

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 4—4 of Figure 1 as viewed in the direction of the arrows,

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 5—5 of Figure 1 as viewed in the direction of the arrows,

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 6—6 of Figure 1 as viewed in the direction of the arrows,

Figure 7 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 7—7 of Figure 1 as viewed in the direction of the arrows,

Figures 8 and 9 are fragmentary exploded elevational views of certain structural details, and

Figure 10 is an elevational view of a further constructional detail.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, there is generally indicated at 10 a simulated golf game including a rectangular tee portion 11, an elongated fairway portion 12, and a circular green portion 13, in the center of the latter of which is a standard size cup 14.

The device is comprised of a frame including side members 15 of wood or metal provided with a plurality of spaced threaded feet 16 by suitable adjustment of which the structure may be accurately leveled. The side members 15 may be lightly reinforced by transverse braces 17 and 18 in the fairway and green portions respectively, while relatively heavy reinforcing members 19 are

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provided beneath the tee portion 11 as shown in Figure 3. The light reinforcing members suffice for green and fairway for the reason that a ball may be reached with a putter on any portion of the fairway or green and hence it is only necessary to stand on the tee portion 11, as will be pointed out when the rules of the game are later described. The top of the device is covered by a flat sheet 20 of plywood or the like to provide a smooth under surface for a simulated putting surface of carpeting 21 having a relatively rough nap to simulate a grass surface.

Side rails 22 are provided along the sides of fairway portion 12 and around green 13 and have removably secured thereto as by screws 23 depending panels 24 which may be decorated in colors. The panel 24^a at the rear of the green inclines upwardly to form a backstop as best shown in Figures 2, 6, and 7.

Carpeting 21 is provided with a plurality of metal eyelets 25 along one edge adapted to be positioned over studs 26 in side members 15 as shown in Figure 9, and along its other side with corresponding eyelets 25^a in which are secured ropes or cords 27 adapted to be fastened around studs 26^a for the purpose of stretching and tightening carpeting 21 illustrated in Figure 8. This last described arrangement is utilized completely around green portion 13 in order that aperture 14^a in carpeting 21 may be accurately aligned with cup 14.

An inclined channel 28 surrounds the rear portion of green 13 forming a trap for over-putted balls and terminates at its lowest portion at a partition 29 beyond which is a space 30 from which a tubular connection 31 extends to cup 14 for the recovery of cupped balls.

Tee portion 11 is provided with an aperture in which is positioned the end of the shank 32 of a metal scoring stand curved as at 33 for the convenience of left-handed players and having an inclined flat supporting surface 34 for a score pad 35. Shank 32 is provided with a projecting hook 36 adapted to support a golf bag 37 containing putters 38 as best illustrated in Figure 10.

The size of the device may be varied as desired, and while in the illustrative embodiment shown the frame is of unitary construction, it will be understood that larger sizes may be made in sections, secured together by hooks or other conventional means to facilitate shipping.

A circle 40, shown in Figure 1, may be inscribed in the carpeting concentric with cup 14 for scoring purposes.

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In playing the game, each player putts one ball for each hole. A cupped ball counts one stroke, one within circle 40, two strokes, one on the green outside circle 40, three strokes, while a ball which fails to reach green 13 or falls in "trap" 28 counts four strokes. Thus it will be seen that it is unnecessary to stand on any portion of the device except tee portion 11. Obviously, nine, eighteen or more hole matches may be played as desired.

From the foregoing, it will now be seen that there is herein provided an indoor golf game which accomplishes all the objects of the invention and others including many advantages of practical utility and high entertainment value, and while there is herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. In a device of the character described, a supporting frame shaped to simulate a golf tee portion, fairway and green, a smooth top surface on said frame, carpeting covering said top surface, a cup in the center of said green, and means for stretching said carpeting to provide a taut surface, said last mentioned means including

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eyelets in an edge of said carpeting, ropes secured in said eyelets and studs in said frame about which said ropes may be secured.

2. In a device of the character described, a supporting frame shaped to simulate a golf tee portion, fairway and green, a smooth top surface on said frame, carpeting covering said top surface, a cup in the center of said green, an inclined channel simulating a trap surrounding a portion of said green, a space for cupped ball reception adjacent the deep end of said channel, a partition between said channel and said space and a tubular connection between said cup and said space.

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