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Fig. 1

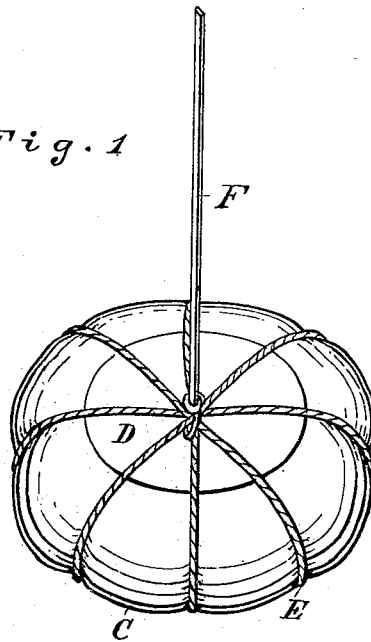
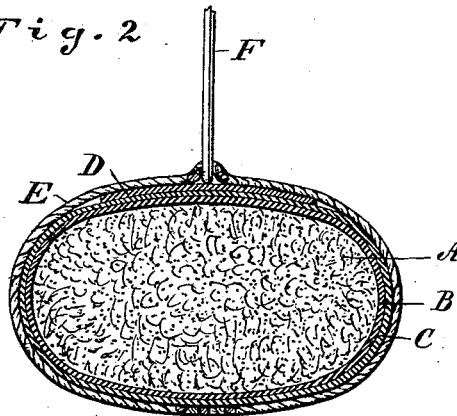


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES CURETON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement in Return-Balls, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement in return-balls; and the object of my improvement is to provide a return-ball which will be of very cheap construction, soft, and not liable to injure the hand and other objects; and to this end my invention consists of constructing the return-ball of sawdust, Manila, tissue, and glazed paper, and twine, and the particular shape and manner of construction of the several parts, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention ready for use, and Fig. 2 a sectional view of the same.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

To construct my return-ball I take some coarse sawdust, (represented by A in Fig. 2,) around which I wrap a square piece of Manila paper, B, making a ball of a somewhat oblong shape, as shown in Fig. 2. Around this I wrap a square piece of tissue-paper, C. On the top I then place a small circular piece of glazed paper, D. I then take a single piece of twine or cord, E, and wrap it eight times (more or less) around the outside of the ball, composed of the parts

previously set forth, and fasten the ends of the twine together on the lower side. I then secure one end of the rubber or elastic string F to that portion of the cord E directly over the glazed paper D. The ball is operated by the rubber or elastic string F. The shape of my ball makes it fit snugly in the hand.

I am aware that return-balls have been heretofore invented; but they have been made of rubber, wood, or other hard substance very injurious to the hand or other objects with which they come in contact. I do not claim a return-ball, broadly; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A return-ball composed of sawdust, Manila, tissue, and glazed paper, twine, and elastic or rubber string, all constructed and arranged substantially as shown and described.

2. A return-ball composed of sawdust A, Manila paper B, tissue-paper C, glazed paper D, twine E, and elastic or rubber F, all arranged and combined as shown.

3. A return-ball composed of sawdust, Manila, tissue, and glazed paper, twine, and elastic or rubber string, having an oblong shape, substantially as described and set forth.

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

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