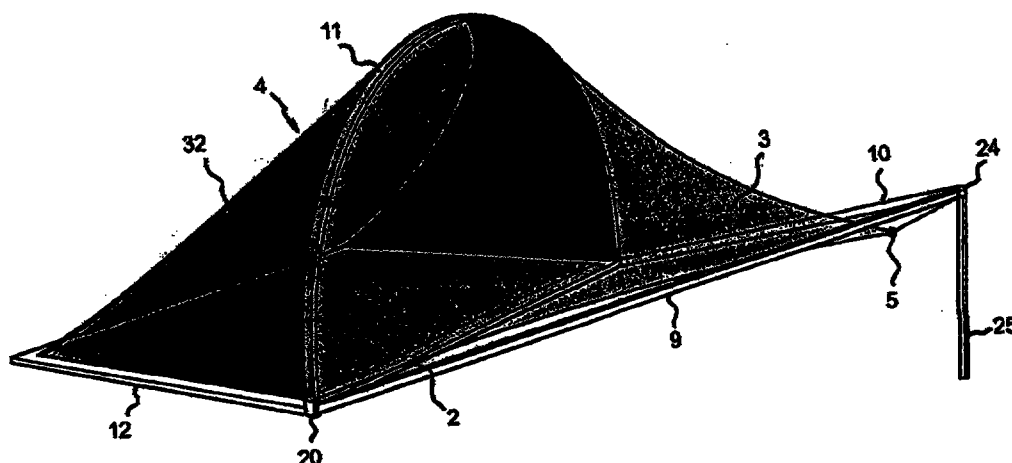




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(57) Abstract

A device for practising ball sports comprising an enclosure (3) defined by a membrane supported from a self-supporting structure (7), the structure (7) comprising a base (8) having a playing surface (19) and having a forward edge (2) and a support means (9, 10) spaced forwardly and upwardly of the base (8) and supported at least in part from the base (8), the structure (7) further comprising an upstanding frame (11) supported from the sides (12, 13) of the base (8) and extending over the base (8), the enclosure (3) being supported from the structure (7) to define a space (6) having an open end (4) and a closed end (5), the space (6) being of a general conical configuration, the open end (4) being supported from the base (8) to maintain the open end (8) in an open condition adjacent the forward edge (2) and the closed end (5) being supported from the support means in spaced relation to the open end (4), wherein the lower portion of the enclosure (3) is inclined downwardly from the closed end (5) to the base (8) to enable a ball thereon to return to the playing surface (19).