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(54) **A capture game with hinged arms or bracket devices and the method for supporting a price object thereon.**

(57) A support apparatus (116) for an object capture game (100), the apparatus (116) comprising support means (208,210,212,214) arranged to locate an inter-

face device (222) in a predictable location for facilitating coupling of the interface device (222) to a compatible coupling means (104).

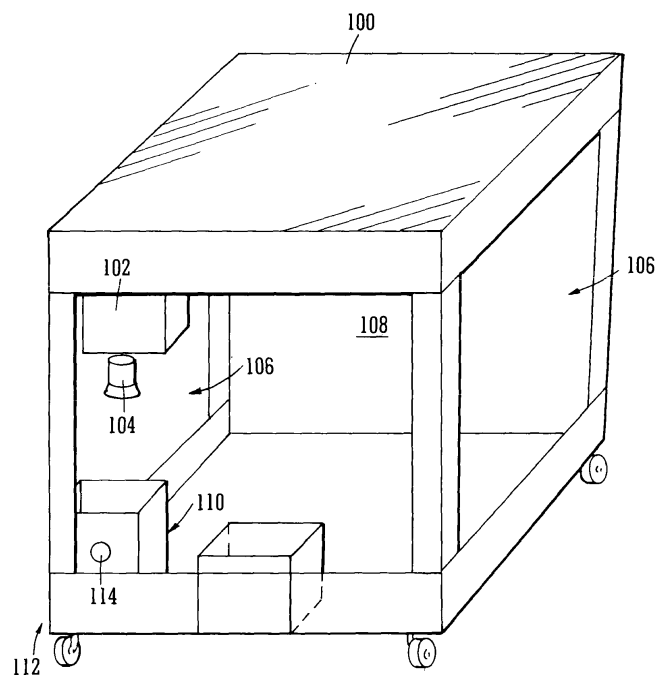
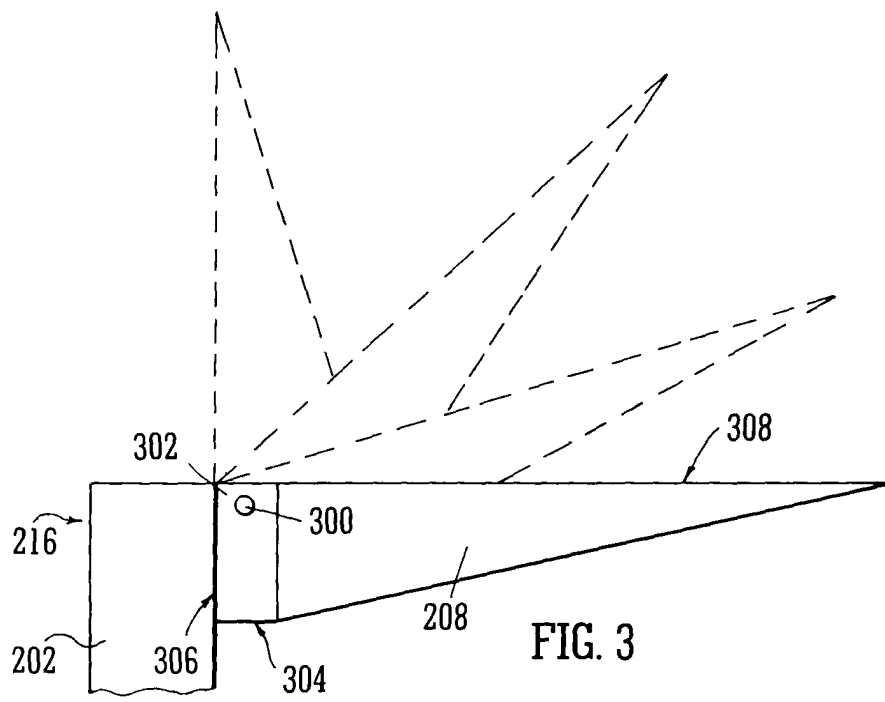


FIG. 1





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1. claims: 1-14,17-19

A support apparatus and a method for supporting an object.

2. claims: 15-16

An engagement apparatus.

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