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**Artificial Floors for Football, Bowling, Lawn Tennis, &c.**

*(This Invention received Provisional Protection only.)*

PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by Ralph Leather Rylance at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents on the 1st January 1881.

RALPH LEATHER RYLANCE, of Blackburn, in the County of Lancaster, Solicitor's Clerk. "IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FORMATION OF FLOORS OR SURFACES TO BE  
5 USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF GAMES OF FOOTBALL, BOWLING, LAWN-TENNIS, RACQUET, CROQUET, OR SIMILAR GAMES, AND FOR CREASES USED IN THE GAME OF CRICKET."

This Invention relates to the forming artificial floors or grounds for the purpose of practising the various games enumerated above, whereby these games may be  
10 pursued at all seasons and with less liability to accident, there being a perfectly secure foothold for the players. It is proposed to form the surface, which is laid out under cover or otherwise, for the games before mentioned by levelling the same and placing thereon a suitable formation or foundation of asphalte, concrete, boarding, planking, or other suitable material, and upon the surface so prepared to  
15 lay a covering of india rubber or caoutchouc in the forms known as solid, spongy, fluted, crossfluted, pyramidical, or perforated or other suitable mode of manufacture, and so placed as to present a uniform surface for the purposes of the games aforementioned.

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