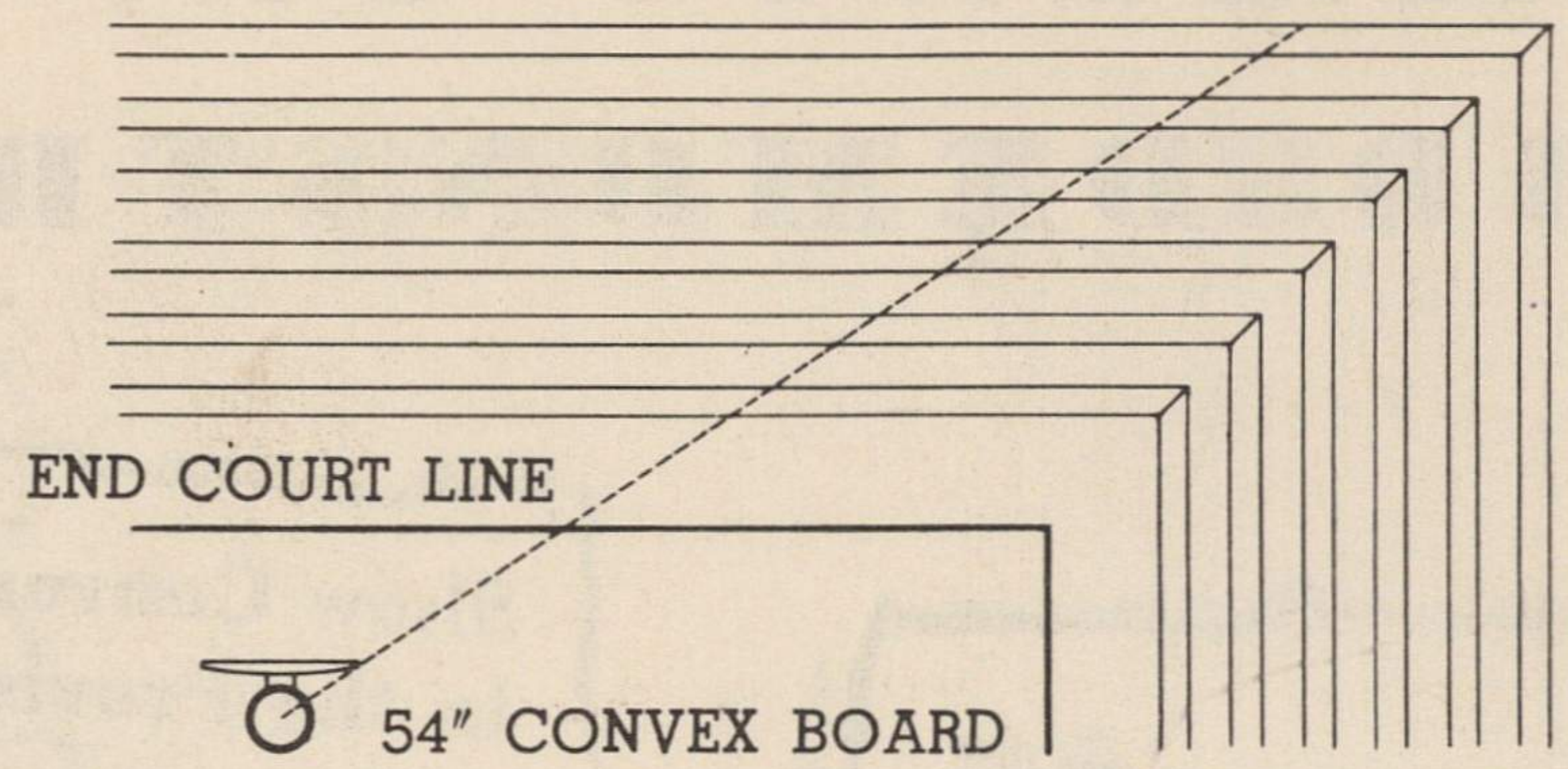
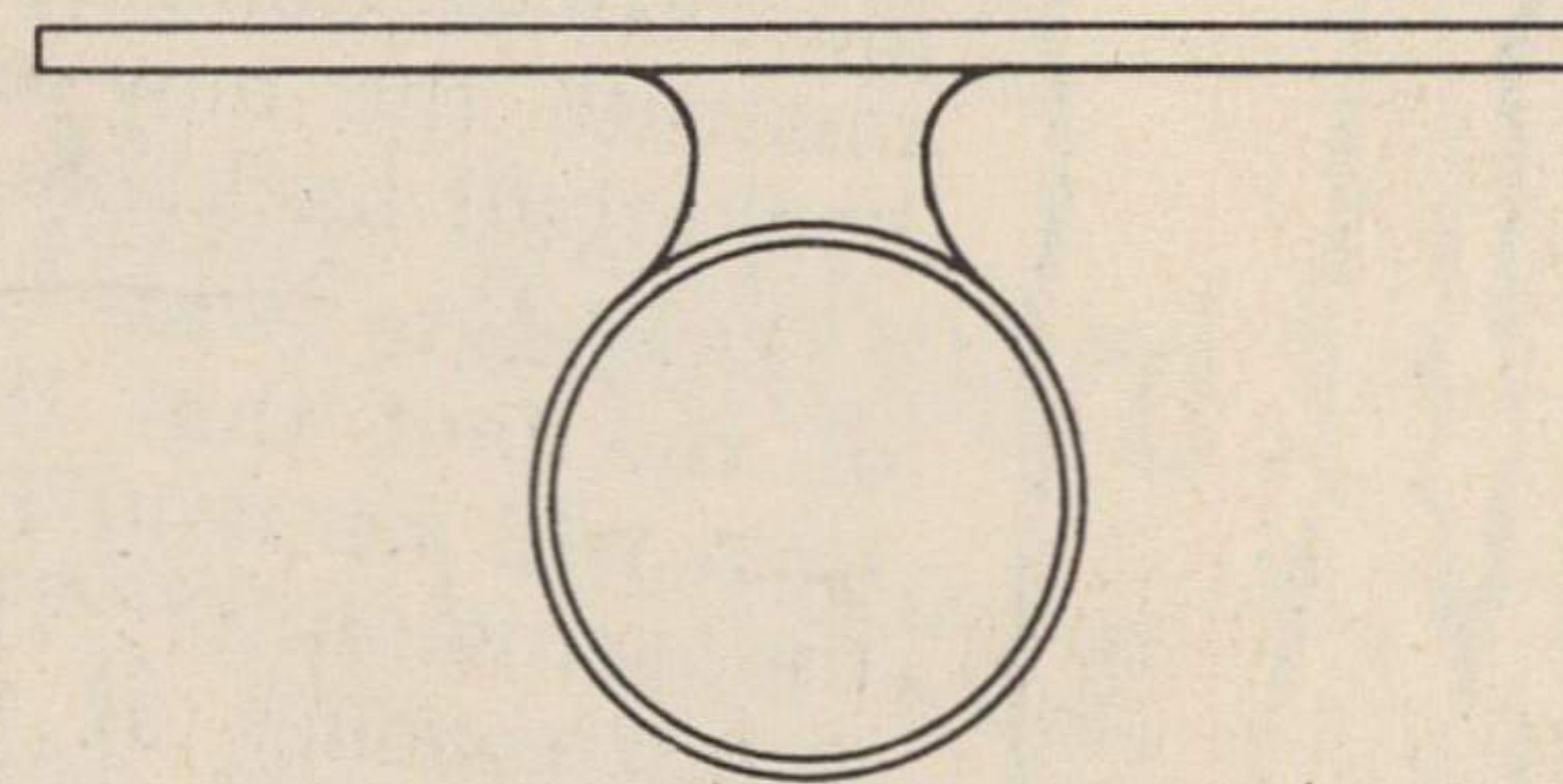
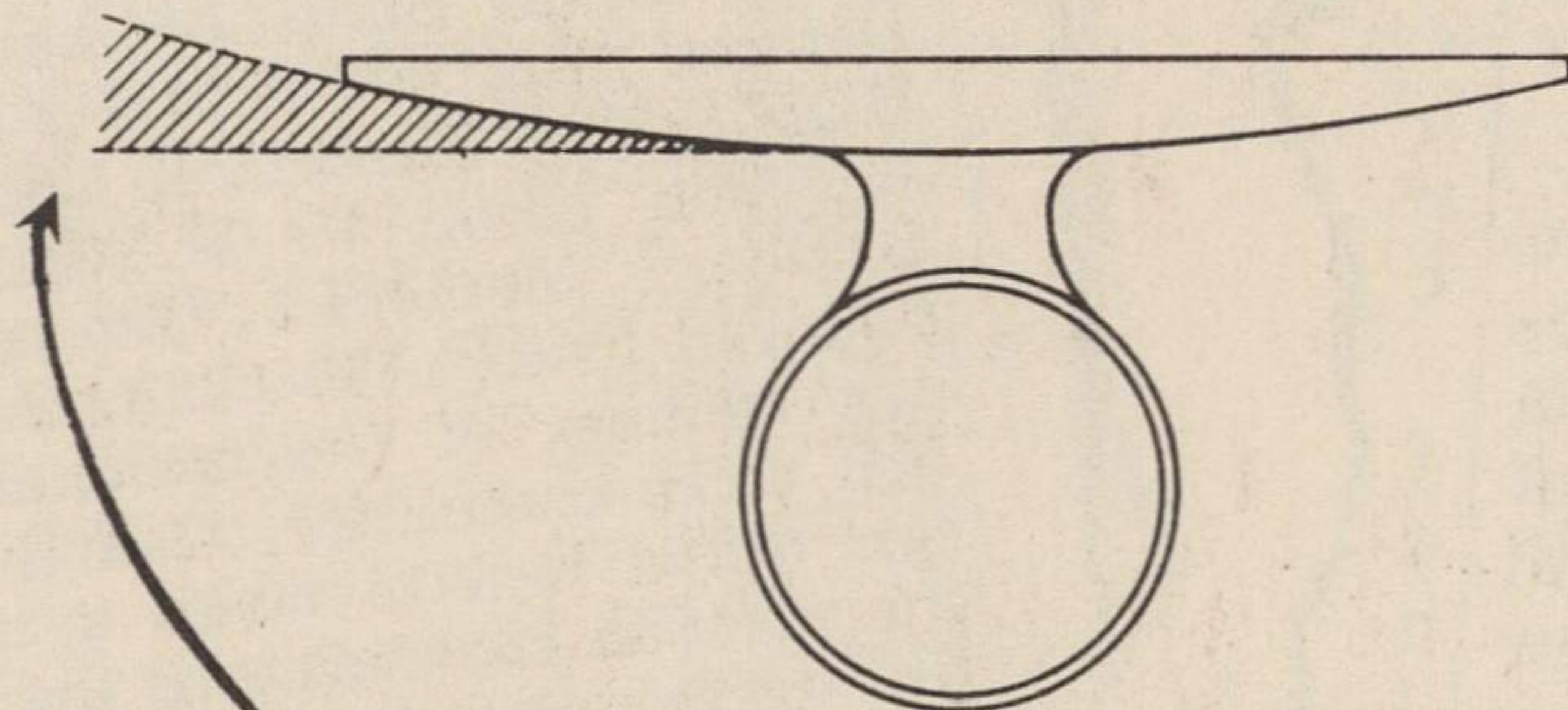


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3. "(1) Increase space under basket from which goal may be made . . . (2) permit a rebounder to escape from congested area."

CLAIM No. 1 is enhanced by reason of curvature of convex board as illustrated below.



NOTE: Because both left and right ends of convex backboard are turned away (back), the shooting area directly beneath the backboard is increased considerably. Likewise, the convex backboard eliminates the mental hazard represented by the edge of a straight or flat backboard, which hazard to the player is always present when a goal is attempted from the sides of the court directly opposite the board.

CLAIM No. 2. Balls rebounding off of convex backboard will be found to cover a wider floor area than when rebounding from plain or flat surface. This fact

can be best proved by 15 minutes of demonstration or comparison test, and is considered an important factor in breaking up play in a congested area.

4. "Simplify bridgework, etc."

A plane surface or convex surface backboard would enjoy this same advantage although it should be noted that the construction of a convex board automatically

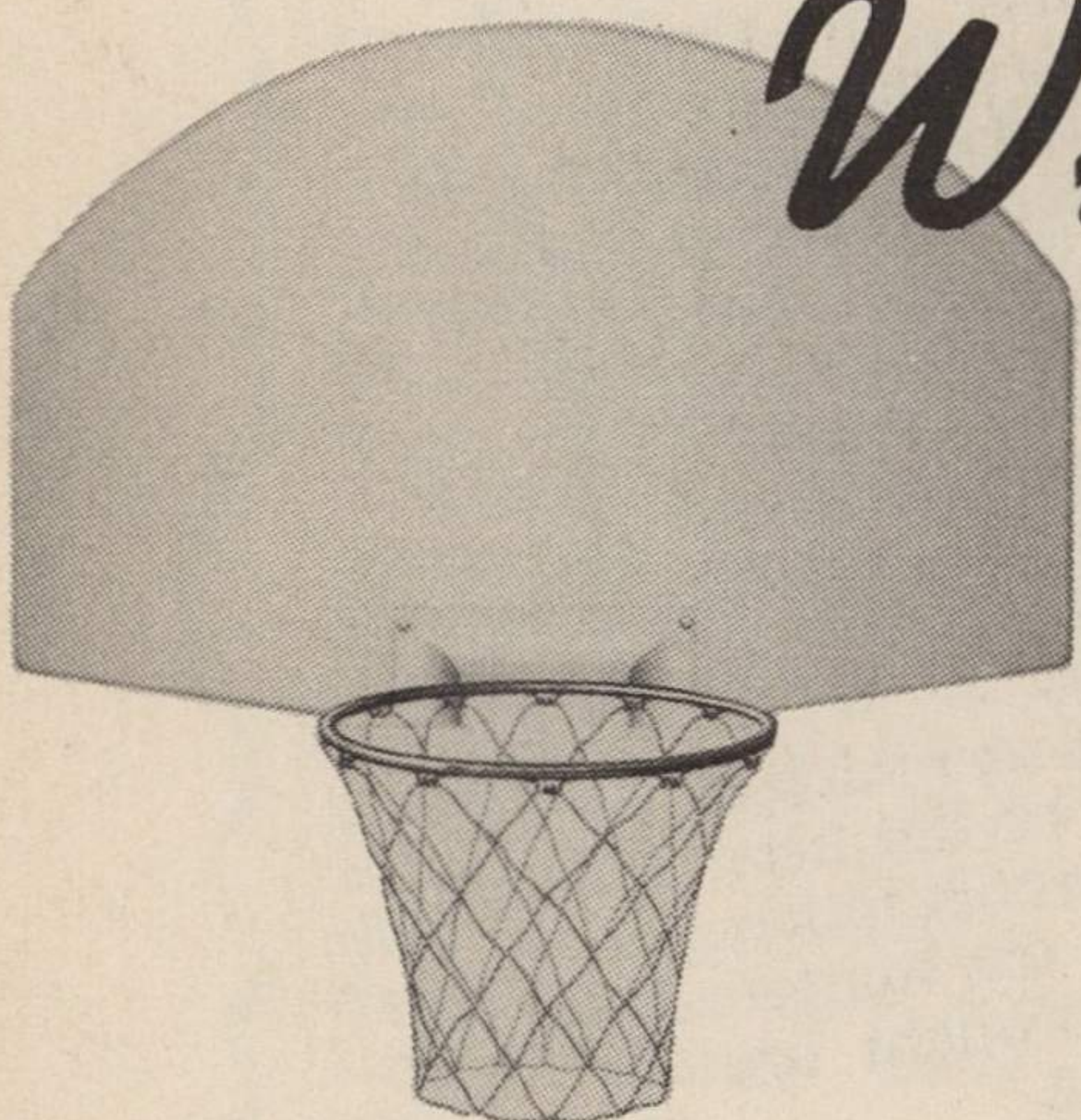
provides a more rigid and generally stronger piece of equipment.

5. "More pleasing streamlined appearance . . . a better target, thus promoting greater accuracy."

The above drawings conclusively illustrate the advantages of the modified 54" straight or flat backboard (and goal) as a better target than the present 4' x 6' board in use today. It follows that if maximum visibility from every possible shooting position on the playing

floor makes for a better target, then the convex backboard qualifies as a marked improvement over the same modified size board with a flat surface and that greater accuracy can be expected of the convex board.

What is Your Opinion?



Coaches, the National Basketball Rules Committee, and Equipment Manufacturers have joined forces in a cooperative effort to find the right solution to the question of what design, size, etc., backboard will best serve today's type of game. What is your opinion? It is generally recognized that the present 4' x 6' flat backboard designed for playing conditions of several decades ago is now obsolete and inadequate for today's game. Cooperation between several parties has made it possible for you to gain a first-hand acquaintance with the modified

board on display and you are invited to express your opinion of this special demonstration board. Suggestions for improvements or changes are in order.

Similar demonstration backboards are being tested in Coaching Schools this Summer and all comments, recommendations, etc., from Coaches will be tabulated and the results transmitted to the Research Committee of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada. Your opinion will be appreciated.

Do You Favor the Modified Backboard on Exhibit?

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