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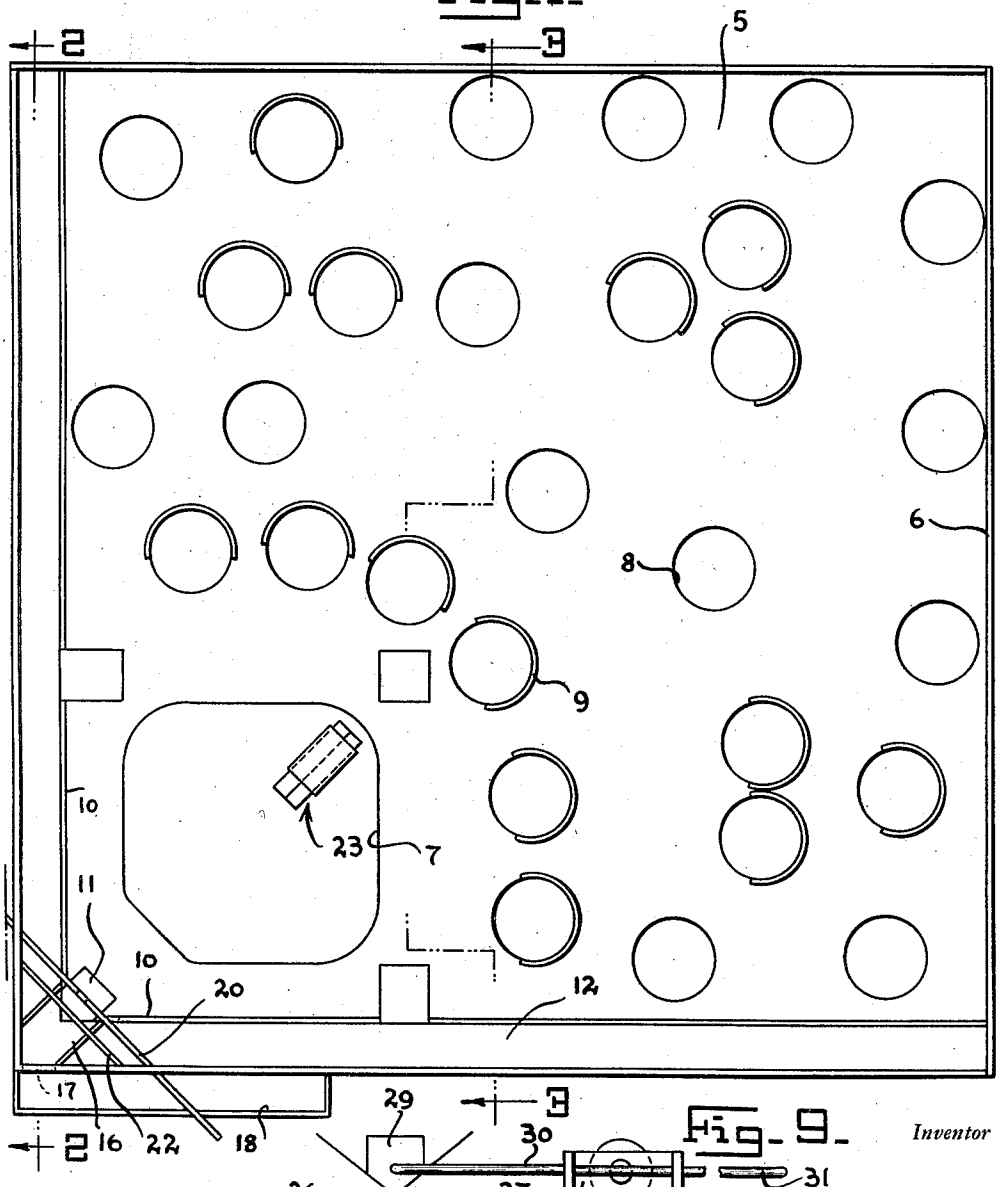


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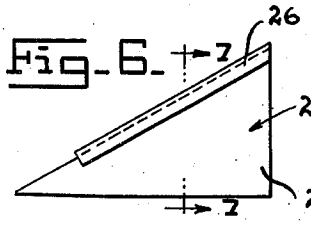


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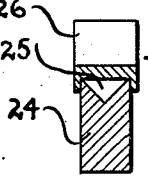


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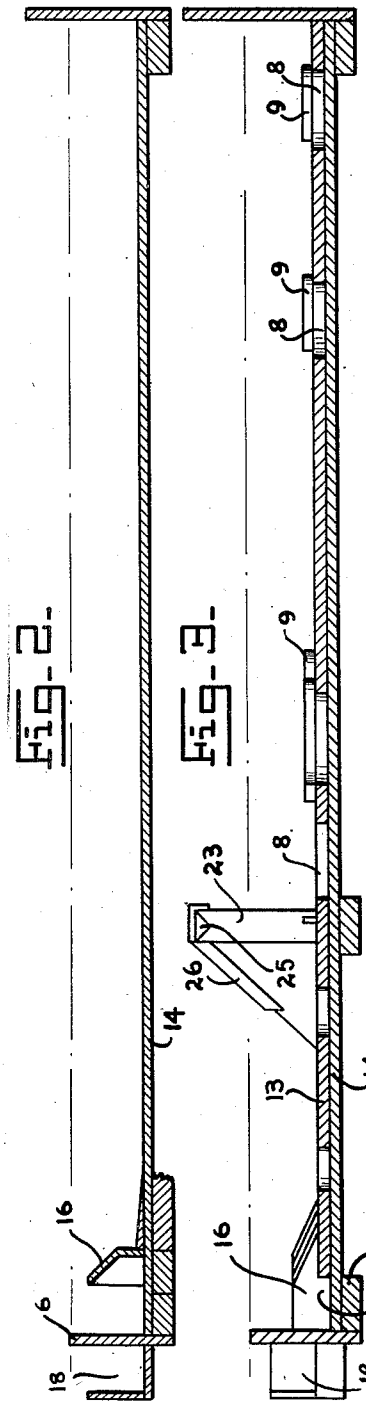


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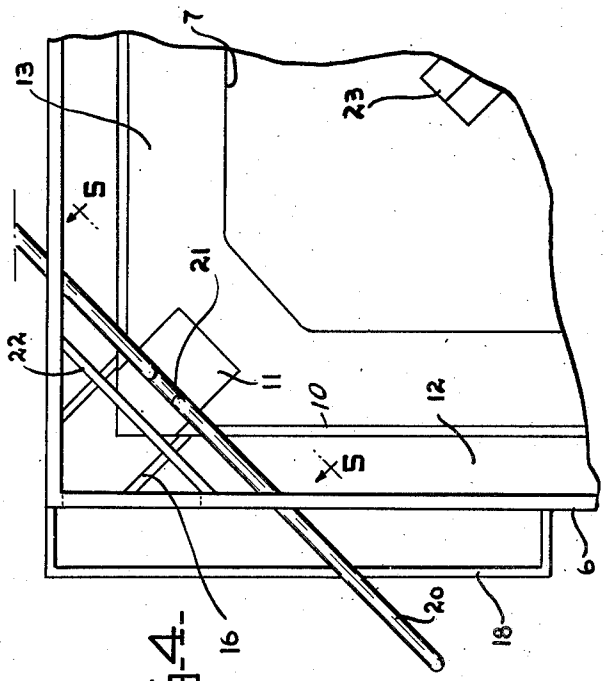


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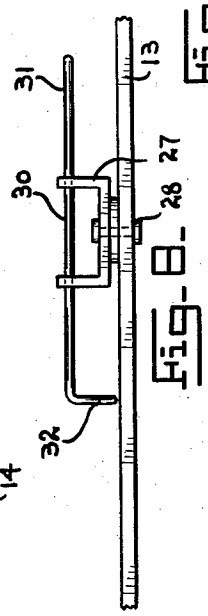


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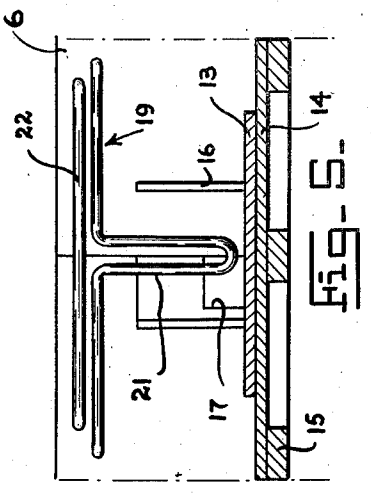


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The present invention relates to a new and useful improvement in games, and more particularly to a game for playing baseball.

An important object of the present invention is to provide a game device including a playing surface laid out to represent a baseball field and including recesses or pockets in the surface thereof, and in which a ball may be trapped when struck by a batter, the position at which the ball comes to rest indicating various types of play, such as a put-out, hit or the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide a novel batting device by means of which the ball may be projected over the surface of the playing field.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which is neat and attractive in appearance, in which the playing of the game may be carried out in a manner to closely simulate the actual playing of the game of baseball, and in which the device is relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view.

Figures 2 and 3 are sectional views taken respectively on the lines 2—2 and 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary top plan view illustrating the batting device.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken substantially on a line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a side elevational view of the pitching device.

Figure 7 is a sectional view taken substantially on a line 7—7 of Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a side elevational view of a modified batting device, and

Figure 9 is a top plan view thereof.

Referring now to the drawings in detail and first with respect to the form of invention illustrated in Figures 1 to 7 inclusive, the numeral 5 designates a game board laid out to represent a baseball diamond and having an upstanding wall 6 surrounding its edge portion to keep the ball on the playing field.

Adjacent one corner of the game board, the surface is marked to represent an infield as indicated at 7, and the outfield is provided with a plurality of shallow recesses 8 within which the ball may be trapped, certain of the recesses being provided with an upstanding wall 9 extending around the recesses to facilitate the trapping of the ball therein.

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The sides of the playing field and the corner adjacent the infield 7 are marked to represent the foul lines 10, at the junction of which a home plate 11 is marked and the surface of the playing field immediately outwardly of the foul line 10 is formed with a shallow trough 12 adapted to catch foul balls and prevent return thereof onto the playing field. If desired, the portion of the game board forming the playing field may be constructed of relatively thin material as indicated at 13 in Figure 3 of the drawings resting on a base 14 with the edges of the playing field at the foul or base lines 10 terminating in spaced relation from the upstanding wall 6 to form the trough 12 and the openings or recesses 8 for trapping the ball may be formed only in the upper layer of material 13 thus to provide a more economical construction of the game board. The base of the game board may be reinforced by braces 15.

Extending directly behind the home plate 11 is a box-like passage 16 adapted for receiving balls passing over the home plate and the wall 6 immediately behind the passage 16 is provided with an opening 17 through which the balls pass into a trough 18 secured to the outer side of the wall 6 and in which the balls are collected.

A batting device is designated generally at 19 and comprises the rod 20 having its ends journaled in the walls 6 at the corner of the game board adjacent the home plate 11, the center of the rod being formed with a U-shaped crank arm or offset 21 extending downwardly from the rod and terminating immediately above the home plate 11.

The rod 20 is slidable as well as rotatably mounted in the wall 6 and the ends of the rod project outwardly from the wall to be gripped by the thumb and forefinger of a person to partially rotate the rod 20 whereby to swing the downwardly extending arm or offset 21 forwardly and rearwardly in a manner to strike a ball passing over the home plate, and thus to propel the ball over the playing field.

A stop bar 22 is supported in the wall 6 in parallel relation behind the bar 20 to limit upwardly swinging movement of the arm 21 and to prevent complete rotation of the rod 20 so that

a player may attempt to strike only once at a ball passing over the home plate.

A pitching device designated at **23** comprises a chute supported on the infield **7** of the playing field, the chute being in the form of a substantially triangular shaped block **24** having an inclined upper edge provided with a trough **25** down which a ball is adapted to travel in a direction toward the home plate **11**. A cover **26** is positioned over the central portion of the chute to conceal the ball thereon.

Accordingly, in the playing of the game a ball is deposited in the trough **25** of the pitching device **23** to provide necessary momentum for the ball to cause it to travel in a direction toward the home plate **11** and the batting device **19** is then manipulated by the player to cause the arm **21** to strike the ball and propel the ball over the playing surface where it is trapped in one of the recesses **8**. A position at which the ball comes to rest indicates the completion of the play and the results attained by the batter.

Should the ball be struck at and missed by the batter the ball will then travel through the box-like passage **16** and opening **17** into the collection trough **18** until further brought into play.

It will be apparent that desired rules for playing the game and indicating the scoring of the players may be formulated.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figures 8 and 9, I have illustrated a modified batting device which comprises an upstanding yoke **27** pivoted to the game board by means of a pin **28** adjacent the home plate **29**, the upper ends of the yoke having a rod **30** rotatably and slidably mounted therein, one end of the rod being formed with a finger gripping eye **31**, while the other end of the rod is bent angularly to form a downwardly extending batting arm **32** adapted for positioning over the home plate as indicated in Figure 9 of the drawings and swingable in a manner to strike the ball passing over the home plate. By rotating the yoke **27** on the pin **28** through the medium of the rod **30**, said rod may be rotated about a vertical axis and then rotated about its horizontal axis to facilitate striking a ball.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings it is believed that a clear understanding of the construction, operation and advantages of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in the art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. Apparatus for playing baseball comprising a game board having a home plate corner, and upstanding side walls diverging from said corner, a home plate at said corner, and an oscillating batting device comprising a rod extending across said plate diagonally of said corner and walls and with ends journalled in said walls for oscillation of the device in batting, said rod having a ball batting crank thereon oscillated thereby and being slidable in said walls endwise to variably position said crank relative to said plate in batting the ball, and means in the rear of said rod for limiting oscillation of said crank to prevent mis-operation of said batting device.

2. Apparatus for playing baseball comprising a game board having a home plate corner, and upstanding side walls diverging from said corner, a home plate at said corner, an oscillating batting device comprising a rod extending across said plate diagonally of said corner and walls and with ends journalled in said walls for oscillation of the device in batting, said rod having a ball batting crank thereon oscillated thereby and being slidable in said walls endwise to variably position said crank relative to said plate in batting the ball, and a second rod extending between said walls for engagement by said crank to limit oscillation thereof and prevent mis-operation of said device.

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