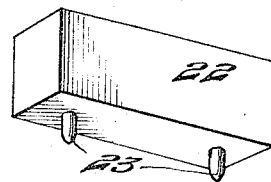
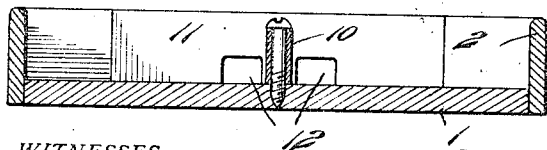
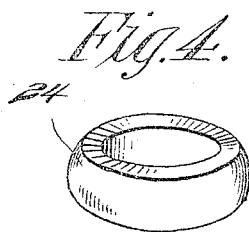
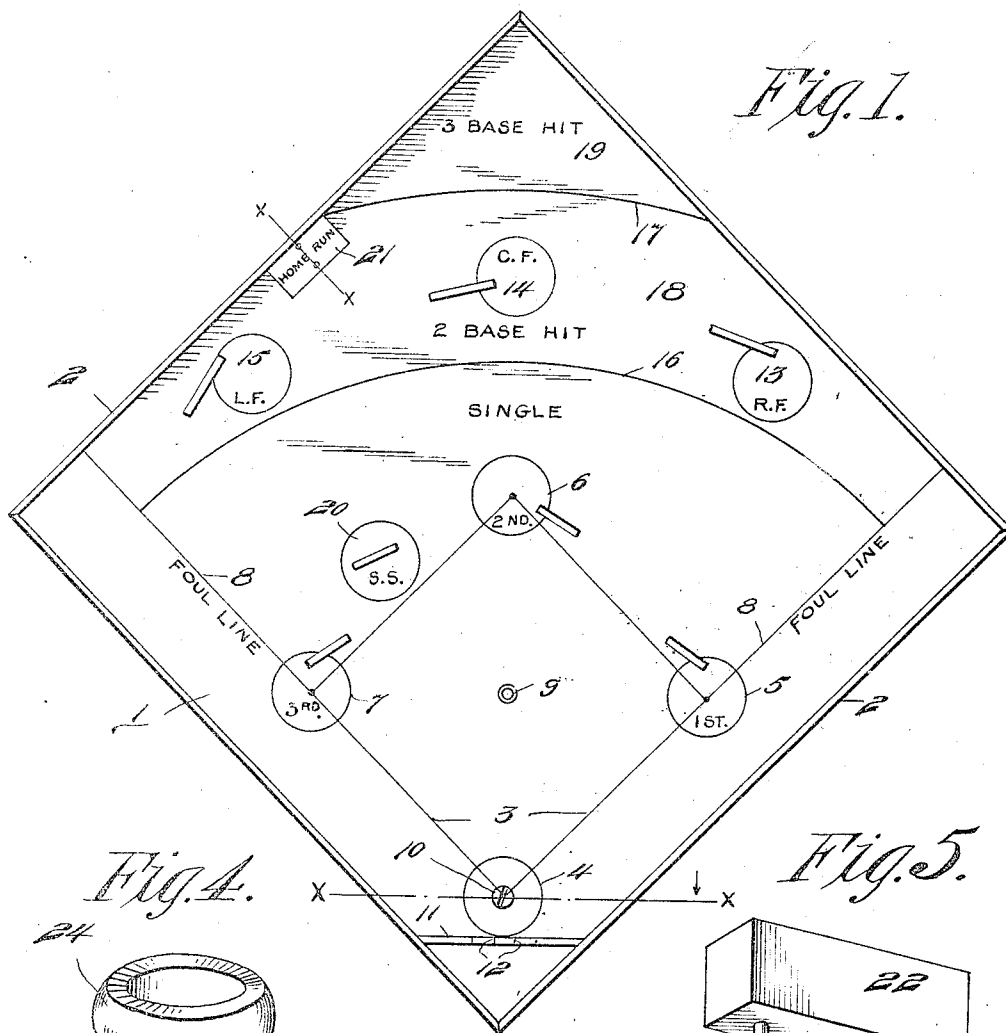


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY M. CHASE, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Holyoke, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Devices, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in game boards, and refers particularly to a game board constructed and designed for playing the game of base ball.

The leading object of my invention is the provision of a game board upon which the well known and popular game of base ball may be played and which will permit the playing and scoring of the game in such a resemblance to the game played upon the field as to render the game of great interest and amusement to the players.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a game board upon which the game of base ball may be played similarly to the manner the game is played upon the field and with practically the same amount of interest and amusement, and which board will be capable of production at such a small price as to place the article within reach of all.

To attain the desired objects, my invention consists of a game board embodying novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts whereby the game may be played after the manner of the field game as will appear from the following description.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the complete game board constructed in accordance with and embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view on line X—X of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on line x—x of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the ring, disk, or projectile employed in the playing of my game, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the stops or blocks which are placed upon the field to represent the various positions of the players.

In the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the board, inclosed by a flange or rim 2, and providing what may be termed the field. Upon the field is indicated or marked the diamond 3, upon which at the proper points and preferably designated or marked with the proper names for their positions are the circles or like configurations representing the home plate 4, first base, 5, second base 6, and third base 7, and from the first base and

third base extend the foul lines 8. Within the diamond at the proper point is located the pitcher's box or position 9, which is in line with the resilient post 10, placed at the home plate or position, and in the rear of the home plate is the vertical stop 11, provided with openings 12, the purpose of which will presently appear. Upon the field are also located a series of configurations properly lettered to designate the position of the various players in the game. To aid in the understanding of the drawing reference characters have been placed thereon as follows, it being understood that said latter designations do not appear on the board itself. The designation 13 is placed on the board to indicate the right fielder, the designation 14 for the center fielder, and the designation 15 for the left fielder, and by the curved parallel lines 16 and 17 the spaces 18 and 19 are provided in which when the projectile stops a two base hit or a three base hit is allowed according to the space where the shooter lands. Between the second and the third base is the designation 20 for the position of short stop, and at one side of the field in the space 18 is secured the inclined plane 21, which permits the scoring of a home run.

In order to make the game interesting and a clear counterpart or resemblance to the national game, I place in proper position, that is, the position occupied by the players upon the field and upon the circles which designate the positions of the players, the stops or blocks 22 each formed with a pair of depending lugs 23, which fit in openings or sockets in the game board and thus secure the blocks (or players) in proper position.

In playing the game I employ, to serve the function of the ball used in the well known game, the projectile 24, which is an open ring or disk, and in playing the game the projectile is first placed in the position designated as the pitcher's box and is aimed at the post which forms the bat. Now should the projectile miss the post, a "strike" is counted unless it pass through either of the openings in the strip, in which case a "ball" is counted, should the projectile strike the post and bound within the foul line a foul is counted, should the contact with the post and with any of the blocks locating the players and remain within the circle or partially within the circle the player is considered as being caught or out on a fly. If

the projectile contact with the post at home plate and enter any of the series of spaces designated as single, two base hit or three base hit he is given credit according to the space the projectile lands upon, or should the projectile engage the incline home run block and pass over the side of the board, a home run is allowed. If the projectile contact with any of the blocks which designate the respective players and bounds from said block into either of the said spaces he is credited with the play he makes.

It will thus be seen that I provide a game board in which the plays are made and in which the score is counted exactly after the manner of the well known game as played upon the field, and that the peculiar arrangement of the blocks designating the players gives to the game the intense interest and amusement which is found in the national game, and the board can be produced at such a small price as to bring the game within the reach of all who wish to play the game of base ball at home.

I claim:—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination with a field laid out as a diamond, of a flange surrounding the same a deflecting post and deflecting blocks secured thereon, and an incline leading from the surface of the field to the upper edge of the flange of the device.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with a base board laid out as a diamond, a surrounding rim therefor, a back stop secured across one corner of the board and having a pair of recesses or openings formed in its under side, a resilient post

mounted on the board therebefore and in line with the pitcher's box and the partition between said recesses, and a series of deflecting blocks located on the field.

3. A game board, consisting of a base board, a flange or rib surrounding the same, said base board being laid out as a base ball diamond, the position of the various players in the field being denoted by suitably located configurations, a post, mounted in the batter's position, blocks mounted on the base board in or adjacent to said configurations, a back stop behind said post, having openings therein, the surface of the base board at one side having an incline continued to the top of the flange, and lines drawn on the base board to assist in scoring.

4. In a device of the character described, the combination with a base board laid out as a diamond, a surrounding rim therefor, a back stop secured across one corner of the board and having a pair of recesses or openings formed in its under side, a resilient post mounted on the board therebefore and in line with the pitcher's box and the partition between said recesses, a series of deflecting blocks located on the field, and a block secured to the base adjacent to one side of the surrounding rim and providing an incline plane leading from the base over the edge of the rim.

Signed by me at Springfield, Mass., in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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