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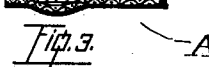
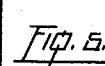


Fig. 4



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GAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD CLIFFORD SHIPMAN, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Cobalt, in the Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is the specification.

This invention relates to improvements in games and the objects are to provide an indoor game which will resemble a game of baseball and which will afford a maximum amount of amusement and excitement.

Further objects are to cause the indoor game to resemble as closely as possible the original outdoor game by reproducing the plays and hazards of the outdoor game.

Further objects are to provide a game which may be played by one person or a number of persons and when so played will afford an equal amount of amusement and pleasure, and it consists essentially of the improved construction and arrangement of parts and devices hereinafter described in detail in the accompanying specification and drawings.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the mat on which the game is played. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the counter used with the game. Fig. 3 is a sectional detail through a portion of the mat. Fig. 4 is a plan of a score card which may be used. Fig. 5 shows plans of two of the playing cards.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a mat or board on which the game is played. In order to more accurately represent the field on which the outdoor game is played it will be found convenient to have this mat of green color. This mat is formed with depressions or marked spaces 10, 11, 12 and 13 to represent the home plate, first base, second base and third base respectively and along the two edges of the mat which meet at the home plate a series of depressions or recesses 14 are formed adapted to receive the small disks 14' which represent the players.

Two sets of ten disks each will be provided each representing a particular player on the field being stamped to correspond with the player which they represent, thus, C for catcher, P for pitcher, SS for short stop, 1^B for first base, 2^B for second base, 3^B for third base, LF for left field, RF for right field, CF for center field and S for spare. These counters are during the play-

ing of the game left in position in the recesses as indicated in Fig. 1.

A pack of cards B are provided preferably about ninety in number, each card having marked thereon a certain play which it is possible to make in the outdoor game. The cards will have marked thereon a play for the home, first base, second base and third base. A counting device C may also be provided having an index pointer 15 co-operating with a quadrant 16 to indicate the number of balls, a pointer 17 coöperating with a quadrant 18 to indicate the number of men out, a pointer 19 coöperating with a quadrant 20 to indicate the number of innings, a pointer 21 coöperating with a quadrant 22 to indicate the number of strikes.

A convenient form of score card for the game is illustrated in Fig. 4.

The rules and method of playing the game are as follows: The game is to be played under the rules of the National League of the United States of America. The green mat representing the field is spread on the table. The home team and visiting team are placed in their respective order, behind the home plate, as follows: catcher, pitcher, short-stop, 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, left field, right field, center field and spare, and go to bat in this order or as may be desired. One team takes the field while the other goes to bat, the first man to bat placing his disks on the home plate. The person taking the field team then takes the cards and deals them in a pile, face upward, three at a time. Each card then coming on top is a pitched ball from the pitcher, and the batter and base runners are moved accordingly. The number of strikes, balls, men out and number of innings are kept by the special indicator. If the team at bat are not out when the cards are dealt through once go over them again, but be sure the cards are shuffled before going over after once being dealt, thus the plays will not re-occur the same.

The game consists of nine innings, or as many as may be desired. Third strike, unless the third is a foul, puts the batter out. Four balls, batter goes to 1st base and base runners are moved on one base on account of forced run. Three out, all out.

Each team can represent any special team, the disk marked C representing the catcher of the special team, P representing the

pitcher and so on. A score card can be kept with all their names, records and batting order.

5 It will be understood that each card represents a different play and the plays on the card are desirably made up of actual games played, for example in the National League. The game is capable of producing more interest than the original game and it is possible for all classes of persons to join in it.

10 As many changes could be made in the above construction and many apparently widely different embodiments of my invention, within the scope of the claim, constructed without departing from the spirit or scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the accompanying specifica-

tion and drawings, shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

What I claim as my invention is: 20

An improved game comprising a pack of cards each having a possible baseball play marked thereon said cards giving the play which takes place at the home plate, 1st base, 2nd base and 3rd base, an element to 25 represent a baseball field and a series of elements to represent players.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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