

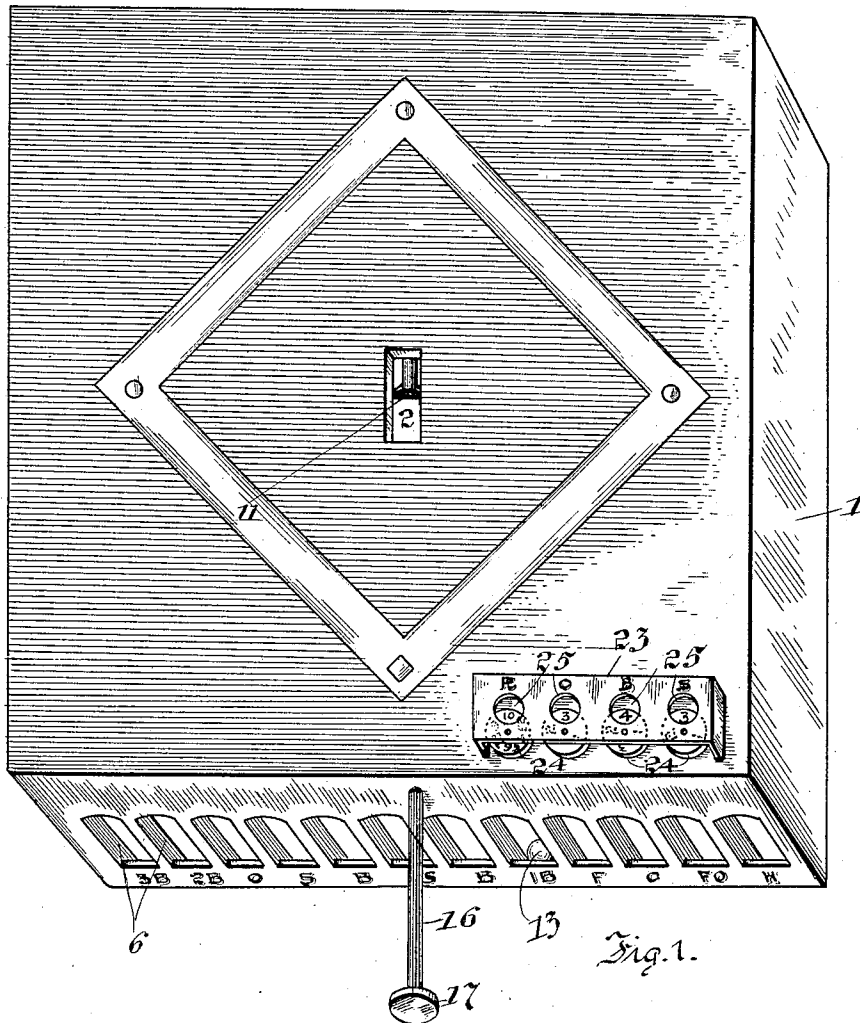
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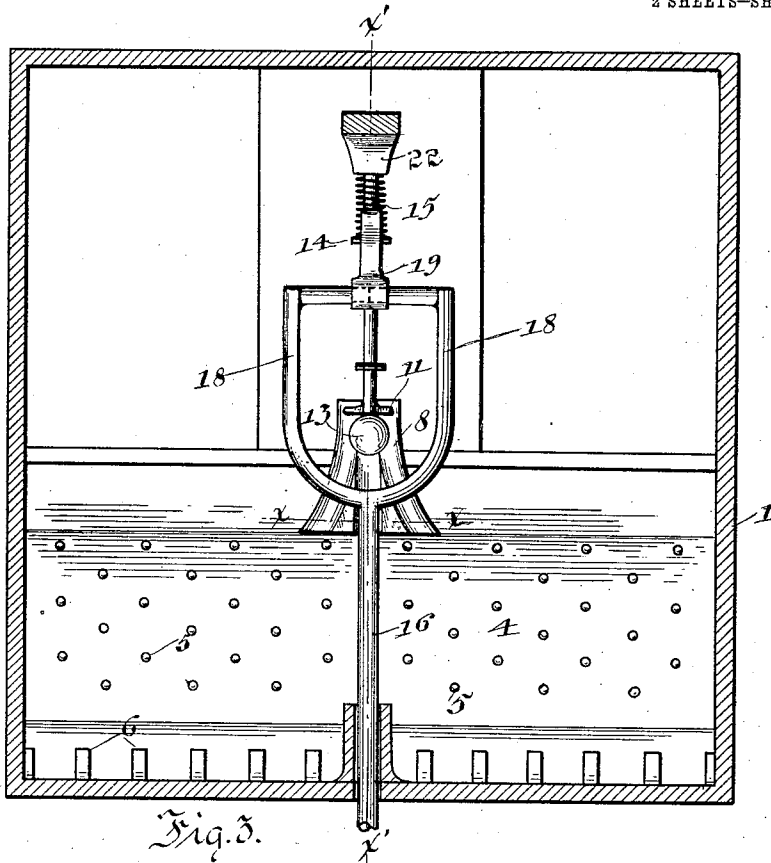


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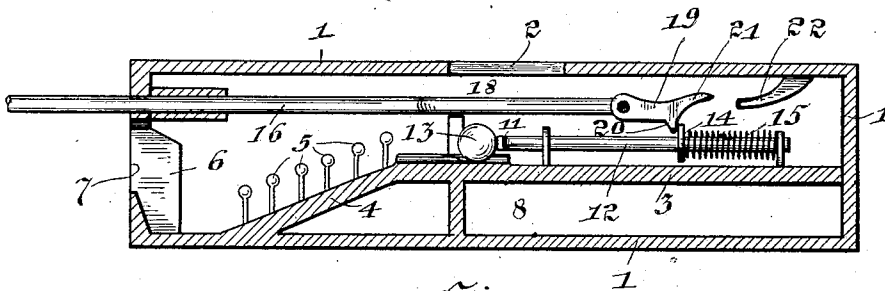


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS A. MAY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Genoa, county of Dekalb, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in games and has for its object the provision of an improved indoor base ball game.

My invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

My invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a game apparatus embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged section taken substantially on line $x-x$ of Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the apparatus, and Fig. 4 is a section taken on line $x'-x'$ of Fig. 3.

The preferred form of construction as illustrated in the drawings comprises a rectangular casing 1 having a slot or opening 2 in its top. Arranged in the rear portion of casing 1 is a horizontal partition 3. In the front portion of said casing is a downwardly inclined board 4 leading from the partition 3 toward the front of the casing. The board 4 is provided with a series of pins or studs 5 projecting vertically from the surface thereof and the forward end of casing 1 is provided with a series of partitions 6 forming pockets for the reception of a ball rolling from board 4. The front wall of Fig. 1 is provided with a series of slots or openings 7 to give access to the different pockets for removal of a ball therefrom. Arranged on partition 3 under opening 2 is a member 8 having a central forwardly extending ball guiding groove 9 and forwardly divergent ball guiding grooves 10 as shown. A hammer 11 is mounted on a slidable rod 12 in position to contact with the rear side of a ball 13 resting in one of the grooves 9 or 10. The rod 12 is provided with a collar 14 and a spring 15 for causing the forward or operative stroke of hammer 11. A plunger rod 16 is slidably mounted in casing 1 and projects from the front thereof where it is provided with a knob or disk 17 to facilitate operation of said plunger. At its inner end plunger rod 16 is bifurcated and formed into a stirrup 18, which spans

opening 2 to permit the insertion of a ball onto member 8. At its rear end stirrup 18 carries a pivoted trigger 19 having a depending projection 20 adapted to engage collar 14 on rod 12. Trigger 19 is also provided with an upwardly and rearwardly extending projection 21 adapted to engage a trip 22 secured to the top of casing 1 and arranged to engage projection 21 upon rearward movement of plunger rod 16 and release trigger projection 20 from collar 14.

In use a ball is inserted through opening 2 into one of the grooves of member 8. Then plunger rod 16 is forced inwardly or rearwardly to cause a corresponding movement of hammer 11. During this movement trigger projection 21 engages trip 22 and elevates trigger projection 20 to release rod 12. Rod 12 is then forced forwardly by the action of spring 15 which causes hammer 11 to strike ball 13 and propel the same forwardly over board 4 and toward the pockets between partitions 6. The ball 13 will strike one or more of pins 5 and be diverted more or less from its original direction thus rendering it uncertain as to which pocket it will reach. On the outside of casing 1 and adjacent openings 7 the scoring value of a ball in each of the corresponding pockets is indicated. Thus the pocket at the extreme right of Fig. 1 is labeled "H" to indicate a home run, and at the extreme left is labeled "3-B" to indicate a three base hit. The other pockets are variously labeled to indicate the various plays or features of the game of base ball, and any one familiar with the game of base ball will readily understand the playing and scoring of the game, when it is borne in mind that the deposit and propulsion of each ball from member 8 represents a ball pitched to a batter.

For convenience in the scoring a board or table 23 is arranged on the top of casing 1 at one side and a series of disks or wheels 24 are pivoted under said board and between the same and the top of casing 1. Each of said disks is suitably numbered for keeping tally of the runs, outs, balls and strikes, and openings 25 are provided in table 23 in position to permit the view of the numbers on each of said disks.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred construction for carrying my invention into effect this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of my invention. I, there-

fore, do not wish to be limited to the exact details of construction as set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A game comprising a casing having an opening in its top; a series of pockets at one end of said casing; an inclined board leading to said pockets; pins on said board; a member positioned under said opening and provided with divergent ball guiding grooves arranged to direct a ball over said board toward said pockets; and propelling means arranged to project a ball from said member over said board toward said pockets, substantially as described.

2. A game comprising a casing, having an opening in its top; a series of pockets at one end of said casing; there being openings provided in the adjacent end of said casing to give access to said pockets; an inclined board leading to said pockets; pins on said board; a member positioned under said opening and provided with divergent ball guiding grooves arranged to direct a ball over said board toward said pockets; and propelling means arranged to project a ball from said member over said board toward said pockets, substantially as described.

3. A game comprising a casing, having an opening in its top; a series of pockets at one end of said casing; an inclined board leading to said pockets; pins on said board; a member positioned under said opening and provided with divergent ball guiding grooves arranged to direct a ball over said board toward said pockets; a spring actuated hammer arranged to propel a ball on said member over said board toward said pockets; and means for actuating said hammer, substantially as described.

4. A game comprising a casing, having an opening in its top; a series of pockets at one end of said casing; there being openings provided in the adjacent end of said casing to give access to said pockets; an inclined board leading to said pockets; pins on said

board; a member positioned under said opening and provided with divergent ball guiding grooves arranged to direct a ball over said board toward said pockets; a spring actuated hammer arranged to propel a ball on said member over said board toward said pockets; and means for actuating said hammer, substantially as described.

5. A game comprising a casing, having an opening in its top; a series of pockets at one end of said casing; an inclined board leading to said pockets; pins on said board; a member positioned under said opening and provided with divergent ball guiding grooves arranged to direct a ball over said board toward said pockets; a spring actuated hammer arranged to propel a ball on said member over said board toward said pockets; a slidable plunger projecting from the pocket end of said casing; a trigger on said plunger arranged to engage said hammer to move it through its inoperative stroke; and a trip in said casing arranged to engage and release said trigger, substantially as described.

6. A game comprising a casing, having an opening in its top; a series of pockets at one end of said casing; there being openings provided in the adjacent end of said casing to give access to said pockets; an inclined board leading to said pockets; pins on said board; a member positioned under said opening and provided with divergent ball guiding grooves arranged to direct a ball over said board toward said pockets; a spring actuated hammer arranged to propel a ball on said member over said board toward said pockets; a slidable plunger projecting from the pocket end of said casing; a trigger on said plunger arranged to engage said hammer to move it through its inoperative stroke; and a trip in said casing arranged to engage and release said trigger, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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