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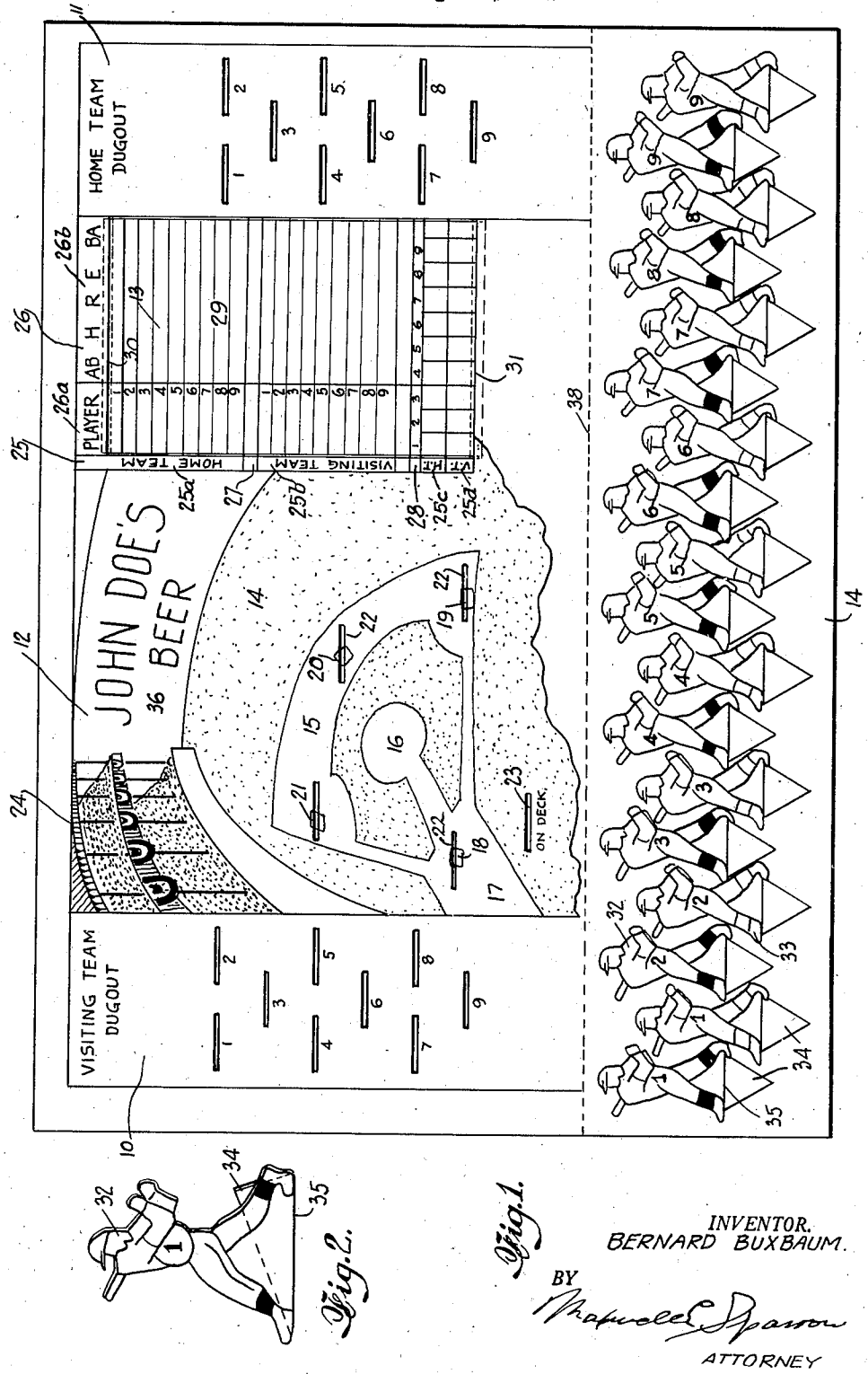


Fig. 1.

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This invention relates generally to games and more particularly to the type embodying a play field, simulation of players and score board.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a game in which the simulation of players may be moved from one position to another or other positions on the board and the score indicated on a board carried by the game device.

It is a further object of the present invention to povide a game board, simulating, for example, baseball, in which players are provided for both the visting team and the home team; the players being positionable in sections of the game board denoting the dugout and field, and which players may be moved thereon according to the movements of the actual teams announced by a person viewing the actual base ball game, such anouncements being made, for example by broadcast over the radio.

It is a still further object of the present invention to provide a game board of the aforementioned chaacter with an easily detachable section having imprinted or otherwise carried thereon, miniature figures representing the players of both the visiting and home teams, which figures may be individually cut out or severed, the said figures having integral bases or stands upon which they may be supported.

It is yet another object of the present invention to provide the game device with a score board section where the runs and other acts of the players may be recorded.

A still further object of the present invention is to associate a removable score board tablet or sheet with fixed indicia on the game board.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a game board of the above character wherein an advertisement may be tied up with the game in such manner as to effectively compel attention of the manipulator of the playing figures to the advertisement.

This invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combination of parts or portions and in the unique relations of the members and in the relative proportioning and disposition thereof, all as more completely outlined herein; and further objects and advantages of the invention will appear from the following disclosure thereof together with the attached drawing which illustrates a preferred form of embodiment thereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a game board made in accordance with the invention; and

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of one of the play figures shown in Figure 1.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing which shows the application of the invention to the game of baseball, the device may be constructed of any suitable material, such as, paper, paper board, Celluloid, or other cellulosic material upon which is printed, impressed or otherwise affixed the various items hereinafter stated.

The game board is provided with two sections 10 and 11, preferably located at the ends of the board, two sections 12 and 13 intermediate sections 10 and 11, and a detachable section 14 below said sections and preferably running the length of the board.

Section 10 denotes the visting team dugout and is provided with a plurality of spacers, each spacer being identified by a number from 1 to 9, respectively.

Section 11 denotes the home team dugout and likewise is provided with a plurality of spacers, each spacer being identified by a number from 1 to 9, respectively. As is well known, in a baseball game there are 9 men on each team, and these spacers are employed to locate, for convenience, the hereinafter described play figures representing the men on both teams.

In section 12, the numeral 14 indicates a representation of the baseball playing field having the so-called diamond 15 including the pitcher's box 16, the catcher's bov 17, home plate 18, first base 19, second base 20 and third base 21, each of said bases preferably having a spacer-line 22 to locate the play figure later on described. The field 14 may also have a spacer-line 23 to locate the play figure on deck. Section 12 may also have a representation of a stand for the "fans" and which is indicated by the numeral 24, and further may be provided with a box or space 36 carrying an advertisement.

The aforementioned spacers, namely, those numbered 1 to 9 in each section 10 and 11, and the ones indicated by the numerals 22 and 23 in section 12 are preferably slits in the game board for the insertion of the play figures in a manner hereinafter explained.

Section 13 comprises the marginal members 25 and 26 and is preferably provided with the slits or slots 30, 31. Marginal member 25 includes box 25*a* bearing the words "Home team"; box 25*b* bearing the words "Visiting team"; box 25*c* bearing the initials "H. T." (home team); box 25*d* bearing the initials "V. T." (visiting team); boxes 27 and 28 each of which bear the word "Total,"

the latter word being omitted from the drawing in these boxes on account of lack of space.

Marginal member 26 includes box 26*a*, bearing the word "Player" and box 26*b*, bearing the letters "AB" (at bat) "H" (hits) "R" (runs) "E" (errors) "BA" (batting average).

Insertable within the slots 30, 31 are the ends of a separate score sheet 29, which is divided into boxes or sections, upon which may be written the names of the players of both teams, their performances, such as, hits, runs, errors, etc., this sheet cooperating with the indicia heretofore referred to in section 13. A pad of these sheets may be furnished with each game board. It is understood, however, that this sheet may be made an integral part of section 13, in which case it may be coated with a material which will receive impressions or writing and permit the same to be easily erased.

Section 14 is preferably separated from the remainder of the game board by a line of perforations 33 or other demarcation for easy detachment thereof. Section 14 comprises a plurality of play figures or pieces 32, each denoting a player of the home and visiting teams. There are two sets of players, preferably nine in each set bearing the numerals 1–9, respectively. These play figures 32 may be cut out from section 14 or each may have a perforated outline so that they may be easily severed from the section. Each play figure 32 has a preferably tapered base or stand 34 separated from the body of the figure by a score line 35, so that the said base 34 may be bent or folded over at a right angle as indicated in Figure 2.

This game is particularly adapted for use in connection with broadcasts over the radio, where the announcer or broadcaster watches the actual game at the field and broadcasts the details over the radio. The listener and operator of the game board receives these details over his radio and manipulates the play figures according to the movements of the actual ball players as followsd by the broadcaster.

The broadcaster will announce the players of each team by name and number. These names will be written in by the listener on the score board in section 13 under the heading "Player," next to the given number.

One set of nine of the play pieces or figures 32 are stood up in the visiting team dugout (section 10) and the other set of nine of the play figures 32 are stood up in the Home team dugout (section 11). This is done by bending or folding over the tab or base 34 along the fold line 35 of each figure and inserting the tabs 34 within the slots adjacent the numbers corresponding to the numbers marked on the play figures 32. As the playing of the baseball game progresses in the actual field, the announcer or broadcaster following the game broadcasts the same play by play identifying the players by their respective numbers.

For example, let it be assumed that the visiting team is up for batting. The broadcaster will announce over the radio, that, say, number 7 is at bat and that number 5 is on deck. The operator of the game board will withdraw the play figures bearing those numbers from section 10 and insert play figure number 5 in slot 23 and play figure number 7 in slot 22 over home plate 18. If the player at bat hits the ball and is safe at first base 19, and this fact is announced by the broadcaster, then the operator of the game board moves play figure number 7 to slot 22 at first base 19, and number 5 to slot 22 at home plate 18. The play figure having a number corresponding to the next man on deck would be inserted in slot 23. If either one of these players is struck or put out, then the corresponding play figure is removed from the field and replaced in its respective slot in the dugout. If player number 5 gets a hit and is safe at a base and number 7 safely runs to second or third base or home and these facts are announced by the broadcaster the operator of the game board moves the play figures accordingly.

Thus, corresponding movements of players of the batting team are followed by the operator of the game board. The history of each player is recorded in section 13 of the board. After each half inning the play figures of the batting team are replaced in the respective dugout.

From the foregoing it can be readily seen that there has been provided a game in which various acts or movements of the actual players may be imitated and followed by a person remote from the actual play field, play figures being provided for such purpose.

It is understood that instead of practicing the invention through the instrumentality of the radio, any mechanical means may be employed to indicate moves to be made by the play figures, such as, for example, the use of a dial and movable indicator, where various positions of players may be printed on the dial and the indicator spun or rotated.

In the accompanying drawing there is illustrated the invention embodied in one of its practical forms but as this illustration is primarily for purposes of disclosure it will be understood that the invention is not limited to this particular form of structure and that it may be modified in many respects without departure from the true spirit and scope of the invention as herein defined and claimed. It is to be further understood that the terms which are employed herein are used in a descriptive rather than in a limiting sense, except, however, for such limitations that may be imposed by the state of the prior art.

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

1. As an article of manufacture a game board for simulating movements and acts of baseball players, comprising a plate having four permanent sections, first, second, third and fourth, respectively, said first and second sections having a plurality of slots, said third section simulating substantially a baseball field having a slot at each of the bases and at the home plate, said fourth section having indicia to facilitate recordation of the performances of the baseball players, and a removable section comprising a plurality of severable play figures simulating the players of opposing baseball teams, each of said figures having a base foldable at an angle with respect to the remainder of the figure, the bases of said figures when said figures are severed from said removable section being selectively insertable within said slots of said first, second and third sections.

2. As an article of manufacture a game board for simulating movements and acts of baseball players, comprising a plate having four permanent sections, first, second, third and fourth, respectively, said first and second sections each having a plurality of slots numbered one to nine,

successively, said third section simulating substantially a baseball field having a slot at each of the bases and at the home plate, said fourth section having indicia to facilitate recordation of the performances of the baseball players, and a detachable section comprising two sets of severable play figures simulating the players of opposing baseball teams, the figures of each of said sets being numbered one to nine, each of said figures having a base foldable at an angle with respect to the remainder of the figure, the bases of said figures when said figures are severed from said removable section being selectively insertable within said slots of said first, second and third sections.

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