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TOUCHDOWN	BLOCKED KICK. LOSE BALL	PENALTY. LOSE 10 YARDS	GOAL FROM FIELD
FUMBLE. LOSE BALL	HOLDING. LOSE 10 YARDS	END RUN. GAIN 10 YARDS	TACKLED. LOSE BALL

FIG.1.

HOME RUN	STRUCK OUT	FLIED OUT	3 BASE HIT
DOUBLE PLAY	ERROR. TAKE BASE	STOLEN BASE	BATTER OUT AT FIRST

FIG.2.



FIG.3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STANWOOD E. FLITNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Englewood, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented a new Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a game in which the varying plays of the opposing teams in the well known games of base-ball and foot-ball are reproduced in miniature by dummies moved on a playing-board. The movements of the players are determined by following certain directions, marked in separate spaces, upon a game-board, upon which a discus is thrown from a distance by the persons engaged in the play of the game.

The means of playing my game consists of two essential features, which are shown in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1, represents the game board which is divided off into a number of spaces, in each of which there are printed certain legends directing the execution of the well known movements in the game of foot-ball. Fig. 2, represents the game board as divided off into spaces with directions for the game of base-ball. The two sets of directions may be printed on opposite sides of the same board as it is necessary to use only one at a time. Fig. 3, represents a small discus which may be of metal covered with cloth. This discus is of a convenient size and shape to be thrown from a distance upon the game-board.

Besides the game-boards and discus, I am accustomed to use in playing the game a playing board marked out either as a base-ball field with a diamond and the three bases and a home plate, or as a foot-ball field with the five yard lines and the goal posts. The two playing fields may be displayed on the opposite sides of the same board.

To represent the players, I use small dummies made to stand upright and intended to be moved over the playing-board duplicating so far as is possible the movements of the real players in the games of base-ball and foot-ball.

On the drawings I have shown but a few of the directions for the plays which may be indicated on the game-board. It is understood that the number and variety of the plays may be largely increased as de-

sired. The spaces or markings may be of various colors in order that it may be possible to distinguish from a distance the favorable from the unfavorable plays.

The method of playing is for the two or more persons engaged in the game, to divide into sides. A representative of each side throws the discus in turn upon the game-board. If the discus falls and comes to rest in one of the spaces bearing directions for a certain play in the game of ball, the dummies are then moved forward or backward upon the playing-board according as the directions upon the chosen space on the game-board are favorable or unfavorable to the player throwing the discus. By following out this method an entire game of ball may be played, the rules to be followed and the intricacies of the plays depending somewhat upon the knowledge of the actual games of base-ball and foot-ball possessed by the players.

I am aware that the playing of games imitating the games of base-ball and foot-ball by moving dummies on a playing-board according to certain directions, is not novel but I believe that my game whereby the directions for the movements of the players are obtained by throwing a discus from a distance, upon the game-board, combining as it does the elements of skill and luck, is new and original.

I claim as my invention—

A game board having spaces severally marked with legends indicating different plays in ball games and the resulting gains or penalties, the legends indicating the different plays being the directions to be followed by the players which will enable them to duplicate in miniature the play of an actual game of ball, in combination with a discus capable of being thrown from a distance upon said game board and coming to rest upon one of the marked spaces, by which means the plays of the game are designated.

Signed at New York in the county of New York and State of New York this 9th day of February, 1912.

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