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GAME.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in games and more particularly to a game which is played along the lines of the national game of base-ball. The main object of my invention is the provision of a game especially adapted for two or more players each player or groups of players representing an opposing team. An object of the game will be to see which player will obtain the most runs and the player doing so wins the game.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a base-ball game played by two or more persons, one representing the batter and the other positioned for propelling the ball toward the batter and testing their skill in guiding the ball into a plurality of depressions formed on the game board as the ball is propelled over the game board by the batter.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention will be better understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a game constructed in accordance with my invention illustrating the playing field.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the bat member, parts thereof being broken away and illustrated in section.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a detail section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a detail section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the fielding cue.

Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of one of the counting pins.

In carrying out my invention the playing field is formed of a substantially rectangular board 1 having an upstanding flange 2 upon the edge thereof. Extending from one corner of the playing field 1 is depicted what is known as an infield 3 having a rectangular portion 4 and at each corner thereof are several bases as follows: home plate 5, first base 6, second base 7, and third base 8. The players are depicted in the arcuate portion 9 as indicated at 10 while on the playing field 1 the out-fielders are indicated at 11. Extending from the pitchers box 12 toward the home plate 5 is a pathway 13 and ar-

ranged within the pitchers box is the ball 14 used in playing the game.

The bat which is used in the game comprises a cylinder 15 having a flange 16 extending therefrom to form a finger piece adapted to be grasped by the operator for holding the bat in position for use. Mounted for reciprocating movement in the cylinder 15 is the plunger 17 having a head 18 formed with a slot 19. The plunger 17 is actuated by means of a yieldable band 20 engaged within the notch 21 in the forward end of the flange 16 and within the slot 19 on the plunger. From this it will be apparent that by grasping the head 18 of the plunger and the flange 16 in the other hand for holding the cylinder rigid, the plunger 17 will be reciprocated against the tension of the band 20 and when the head is released, the tension of the band 20 will force the plunger 17 forwardly through the cylinder.

One of the players uses the fielding cue indicated in Fig. 6 and which includes the transverse head portion 22 provided with a handle 23, and by positioning the ball 14 as shown in Fig. 1, the party using the fielding cue will push the ball toward the home plate 5 and the party using the bat will have the same stationed at the home plate and through manipulation of the bat will be able to propel the ball to various parts of the playing field and it is the object of the player holding the fielding cue to endeavor to guide the ball into any of the recesses thereon which are indicated by the bases, the infield and outfield players.

If the player holding the fielding cue is unable to guide the ball into one of the recesses, it will be counted as a hit for the player using the bat. Each opposing player has for his own use at different sides of the infield 3 a series of recesses 24 in which the pins 25 are mounted for keeping track of the score. A series of recesses 26 are provided for indicating the number of outs for each opposing player and an additional series of recesses indicated at 27 are used for indicating the various innings of the game which is played in nine innings, the same as the national game of base-ball.

It will be apparent from the above that the general playing of the game follows along the lines of the national game of base-ball. If the batter hits the ball and it does

not go directly into any one of the pockets, but is stopped by the fielder with the cue in the vicinity of the indicator for the short stop, as shown in 10' it will be necessary in order to retire the batter that the fielder with the cue pool the ball into the first base pocket which is indicated at 6. If the fielder fails to pool the ball into the pocket the batter then places the counter on the first base which may be depicted by any suitable indicator, and if the next batter hits the ball and the same is stopped by the outfielder men which are indicated at 11, along the position played by the outfield, it will be counted as a two-base hit and the counter on the first base will be advanced and the second counter will be placed at 7 which indicates the second base. If the batter next hits the ball and it is stopped in the infield the counter on 8 can be moved to home plate unless the fielder can pool the ball into the home plate pocket indicated at 5.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that I have provided a game which is played along the lines of the national game of baseball and which while extremely simple in playing of the same will prove amusing not only to children but to grown-ups as well.

While I have shown and described the preferred form of my invention it is, of course, to be understood that the invention

may be constructed in various other manners and the parts associated in different relations, therefore, I do not desire to be limited in any manner except as set forth in the claims hereunto appended.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A base-ball game including a playing field, a rectangular portion indicated thereon, a recess at each corner of the rectangular portion indicating bases, a plurality of recesses adjacent the rectangular portion and in the playing field for indicating the positions of the players, a central recess in the rectangular portion, means whereby to propel the ball from the central recess to one of the corner recesses and additional means whereby to propel the ball onto the playing field and said first means being used in an attempt to guide the ball into one of the recesses.

2. A base-ball game including a playing field having a plurality of recesses arranged thereon in a predetermined position, a ball for movement over the field and a manually actuated plunger whereby to propel said ball over the playing field and a fielding cue adapted to be manually moved over the playing field as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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