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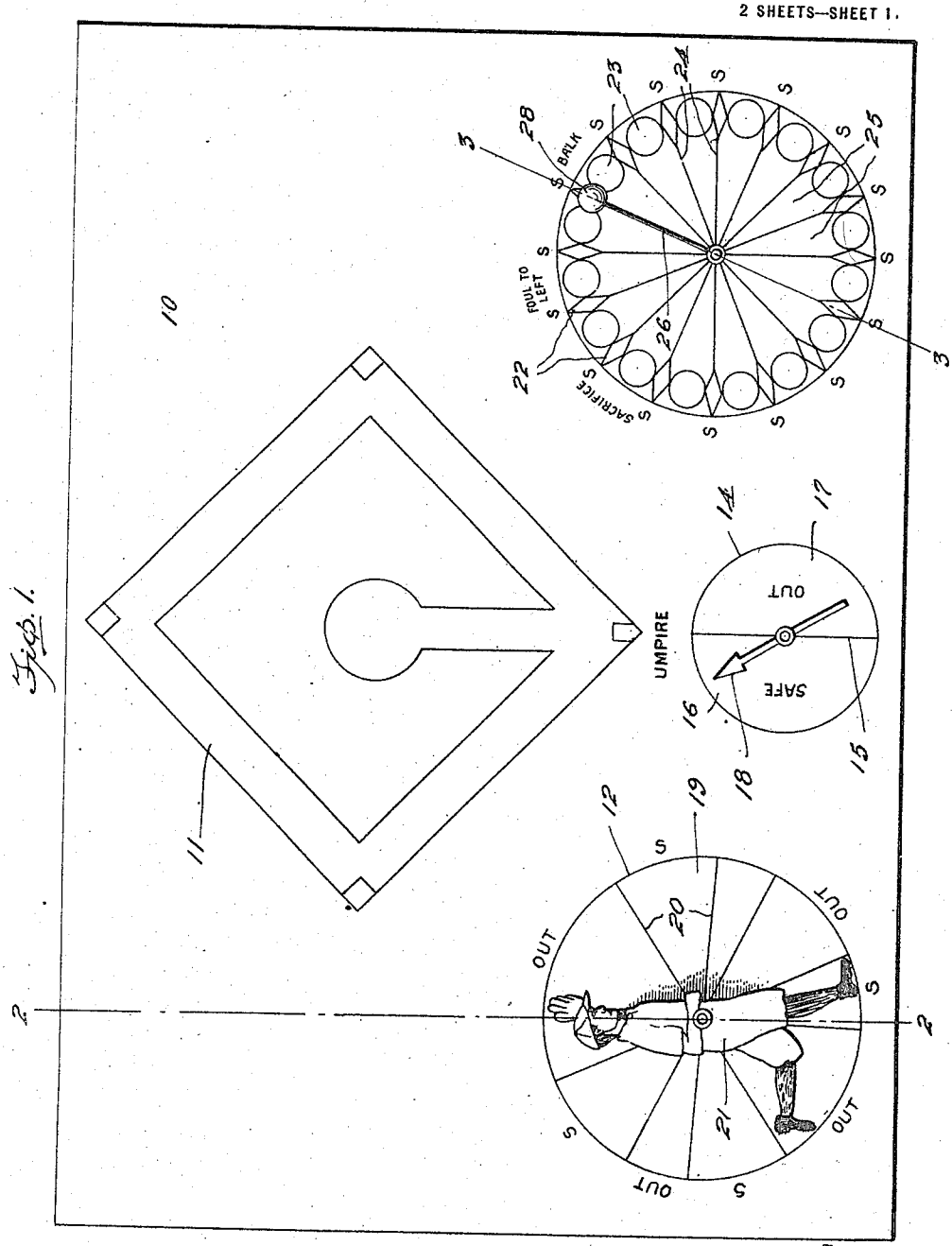


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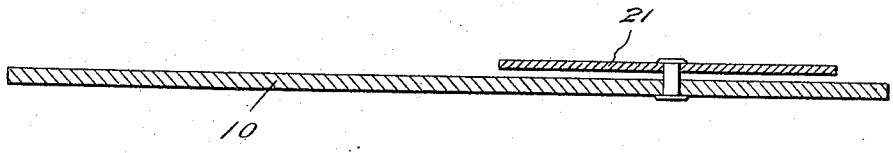
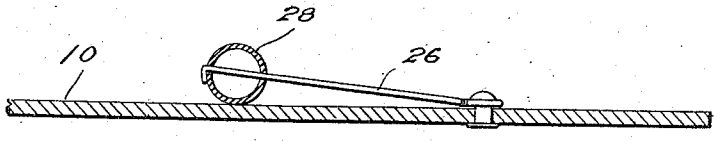


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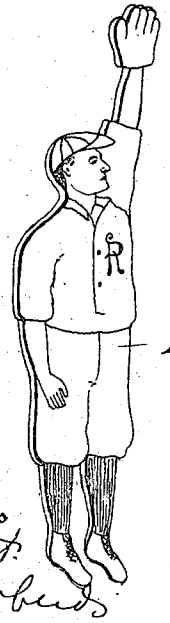


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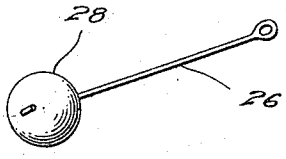


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN DICKENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a game board and more particularly to the class of base-ball game boards.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a game board of this character, wherein one face thereof is marked or otherwise indicating certain indicia, with which coöperate rotating elements, whereby an operator can successfully reproduce scientifically all of the thrilling plays of the national game of base ball, thereby enabling one to exercise knowledge of the game.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a game board, wherein different plays are recorded similar to the plays made in an original game of base ball, thus giving amusement and pleasure to an operator.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a game board of this character, wherein one or any number of players can participate, and through skill and by chance the different plays can be attained, thereby giving entertainment to such players.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a game board of this character, which is extremely simple in construction, neat and attractive in appearance, and inexpensive in manufacture.

Other objects will be in part obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combination of elements and arrangement of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter set forth, and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the claim hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1, is a top plan view of a game board constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2, is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3, is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4, is a perspective view of one of the movable objects used upon the game board.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the pointers or indicators.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, in detail, the game board comprises a flat base 10, preferably made from wood, although the same can be made from any suitable material having the required stiffness and rigidity, and is preferably of rectangular shape, having printed or otherwise marked on the playing face thereof a diamond 11, which is indicative of the usual diamond employed in the playing of the national game of base-ball, the corners of the said diamond 11, being designed to represent the bases for the respective runners of an offensive or defensive team of players, in the circuit of said diamond.

Arranged at one side of the diamond 11, by printing or otherwise marking upon the playing surface of the base 10, are the large circles 12, and 13, respectively, and the small circle 14, the latter being divided through the medium of a medial cross line 15, into two segments 16, and 17, respectively, in one of which appears the word "Safe," while in the other appears the word "Out," and at the center of this circle 14, is pivoted a pointer or arrow 18, which when spun will point to either words, to decisively determine any doubtful plays of the game, and thus serving as an umpire thereof.

The circle 12, is divided into a number of sections 19, through the medium of a plurality of intersecting lines 20, extending radially from the center of the circle, while printed or otherwise marked without the circle 12, at the respective sections 19, therein, are the letters "S" and the word "Out," respectively, which are alternately arranged and are indicative of safe hits and put-outs well known in the game of base ball. Pivoted centrally of the circle 12, is a rotary indicator or pointer 21, which when actuated is adapted to traverse the sections 19, and stop at any one of the same, thereby indicating whether or not the play or hit was safe or not.

The circle 13, has printed or otherwise marked at its marginal edge or periphery alternately arranged small diamonds and circles 22, and 23, respectively, while extending from the center of the circle 13, to

the inner points of the diamonds are radial lines 24, dividing the said circle into sections 25, and without the circle 13, adjacent to the diamonds 22, are the letters "S," and adjacent the circles 23, are the words indicative of the various or different plays known in base ball, such as "Sacrifice bunt," "Sacrifice fly," "Double-play," "Stolen base," "Two base hit," "Three base hit," "Home run," "Foul," "Base on balls," etc., the letters "S" being indicative of "strikes," so that any number of plays in the game of base ball can be determined, in a manner presently described.

Pivoted at the center of the circle 13, is an indicator or pointer 26, which after being actuated stops at any one of the diamonds 22, or the circles 23, enables the player to determine the character or nature of the play and in this manner governing the progress of the game.

Movable over the diamond 11, is one or more movable objects, such as an image 27, indicative of a base ball player, the movements of this image or images being controlled by the character or nature of the play which is indicated in either of the circles 12, and 13, by the pointer or indicator of each, according to the position thereof.

By chance should any doubtful play be indicated the operator resorts to the indicator or pointer 18, which decides the fairness of the said play, thus being in the same capacity as an umpire in a regular game of base-ball.

Each player selects an image 27, and on operating the indicators or pointers in the respective circles 12, and 13, the plays are designated and determined and the progress and scoring of the respective players is carried forth in such manner in correspondence to the rules and regulations governing the regular national game of base-ball.

The indicator or pointer 21, simulates in contour a ball player, while the indicator or pointer 26, is in the form of a bar, having at one end a spherical terminal 28 resembling a base-ball, and when these indicators or pointers are set in motion they give an animated character to the game, and thus render the same more exciting and entertaining to the participants or users of the game board.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction and manner of operation of the game board will be clearly understood, and therefore a more extended explanation has been omitted.

What is claimed is:—

In combination, a base-board, a rivet tapped in said base-board, said base-board being inscribed with a continuous series of indications, a wire arm round in cross-section consisting of an eye revolubly mounted upon said rivet and of an elongated shank disposed at an angle outwardly of said base-board, a terminal offset formed upon said shank, and a hollow light ball having opposite openings through which the outer portion of said shank projects, said ball rolling upon said base-board, said wire arm constituting a spinning element and said ball being held by the centrifugal action of said arm against said offset so as to be held against longitudinal displacement in one direction and being held by frictional engagement with said base-board and by virtue of the inclination of said arm, against longitudinal movement in an opposite direction.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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