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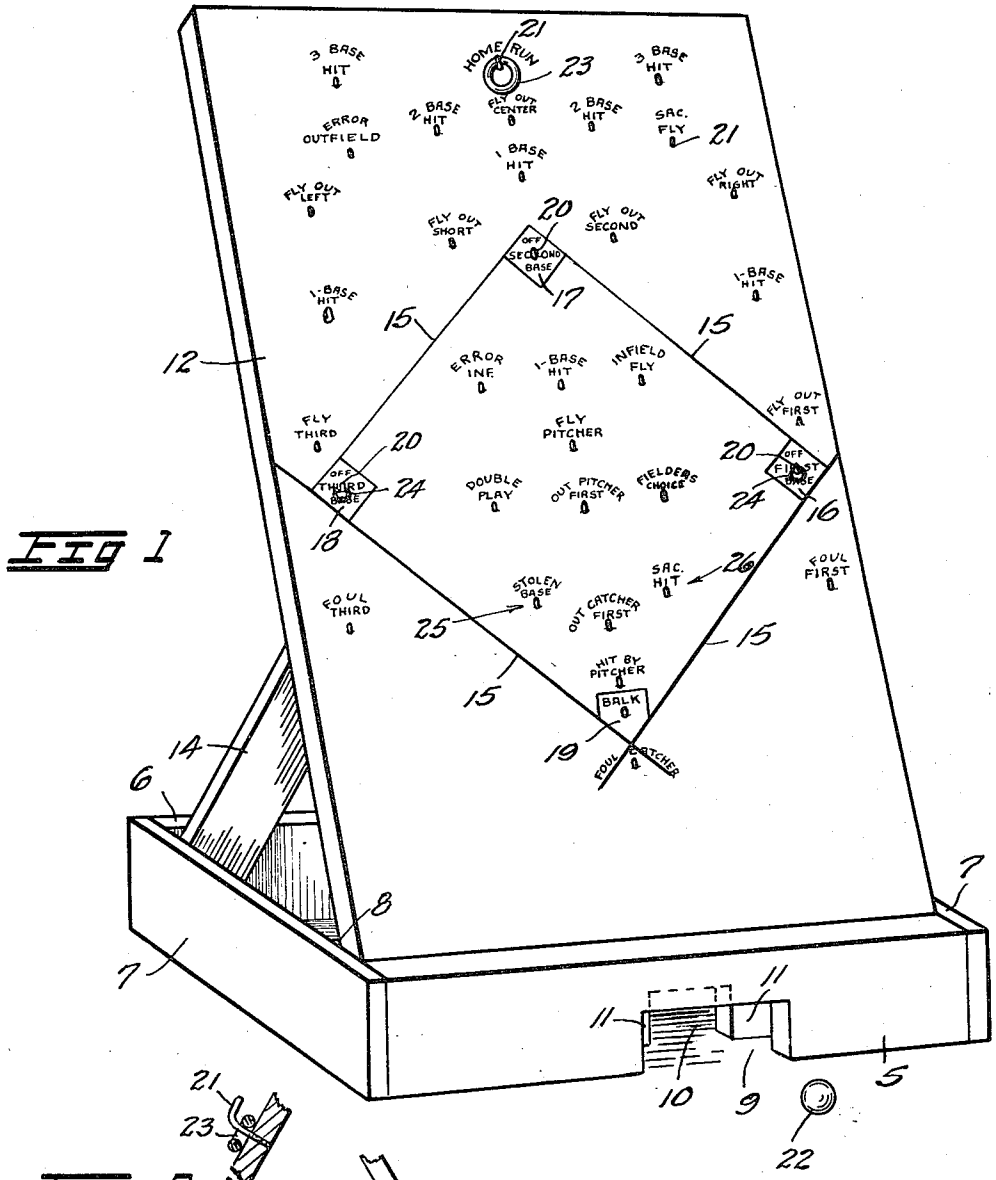


Fig 1

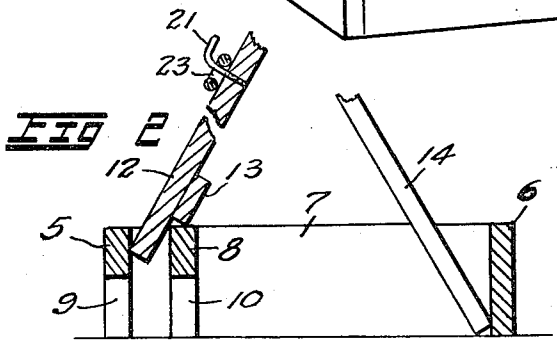


Fig 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CECIL C. MARTIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baseball Game Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to amusement devices. The object of my invention is the provision of a game simulating the game of base ball, which will afford exercise to the eyes and dexterity of the players and provide the players and spectators excitement and enthusiasm similar to what is produced by an actual game of base ball.

With these and other ends in view the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of game apparatus embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail longitudinal vertical section of the lower portion of the same.

In carrying out my invention I provide a rectangular base frame comprising a front wall 5, a rear wall 6, side walls 7 and a transverse partition 8 which is located at a short distance to the rear of the front wall 5. Provided centrally in said front wall is an opening 9 and a similarly disposed opening 10 is provided in the partition 8. The opening 10 is, however, relatively narrow to afford at opposite sides thereof abutments 11 which protrude into the way provided by the wall opening 9.

Provided within said frame, and extending upwardly in a rearwardly inclined direction from its front wall, is a game board 12. Said board is desirably supported upon the frame by means of a transverse cleat 13 rigid with said board and seating upon the frame partition 8.

In proximity to its midlength said board is furthermore supported by a pair of props such as 14.

The central portion of the game board 12 is provided with marks 15 arranged substantially in the form of a diamond, the corners of which are designated as first, second and third bases and a home plate respectively denoted by 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Provided at the respective bases are pegs or hooks 20 and other pegs or hooks 21 are provided at other selected places upon the board. The last named hooks according to their locations or otherwise are designated by their play indicating functions as for example,—"one base hit", "fly-out left", "error out field", "home-run", etc.

In use there are employed a number of balls or marbles, such as 22, which are manipulated by a person hereinafter designated as the "pitcher"; a plurality of quoits or rings such as 23, desirably of rubber, to be pitched by a person taking the part of a batter in the game; and relatively small thin rings 24, hereinafter designated as "runners", to be applied to the various base hooks 20 by a person taking the part of catcher subject to the play of the quoits.

With my improved apparatus the rules and principles of the standard game of base ball are followed as closely as possible, the plays are recorded and the runs scored according to what is known as "regulation rules." A number of persons may take part in the game and are divided into two teams—the "ins" and the "outs".

In playing, the pitcher for the outs, from a tossing line at say twelve feet in front of the apparatus successively shoots the marbles in an endeavor to cause the same to pass through both of the frame openings 9 and 10. When this shot is effected it counts one "strike" against the batter who is up. Should the pitcher shoot a marble through the larger opening 9 only, one "hit" is allowed, and the batter from the tossing line above mentioned may then throw as many as six quoits 23 at the board 12.

If a marble, though, strikes a side of either of the openings 9 or 10 and then passes through the opening 10 it counts as a "foul strike".

Striking the frame with a marble outside of the opening 9 counts one "ball" or "unfair delivery," and should the frame be entirely missed by a marble it means a "wild pitch" and counts "one ball" and the runners 24 are each advanced one base by the catcher of the out team.

Each of the batters of the in team, in turn, tosses from one to six quoits 23, as he may be entitled to by the marble plays of the out team pitcher as above explained, and subject to the success of the batter's marksmanship in engaging the quoits upon certain of said hooks. As examples of the action of the game and assuming that a batter engages a quoit over the hook 21 desig-

nated as "2 base hit" he thereupon ceases to play and a runner 24 is placed by the catcher of the outs upon the hook 20 at the second base to thereby indicate that one of the in team players is entitled to occupy such station. Should the next player of the in team to bat after being allowed a hit by the pitcher's marble play, cast a quoit, for instance, over hook at 25 designated as "stolen base," the runner on second is advanced by the catcher to third base.

As another example, should the batter cast a quoit over the hook at 26 designated as "sac. hit" the runner on third base scores and the batter is counted out.

A still further example, should a batter engage a quoit on a hook at any base occupied by a runner the latter is put out but the batter continues to cast the remaining of his six quoits or until he is put out or given a base by lodging a quoit upon appropriate hooks.

The construction and operation of the invention will it is thought be understood from the foregoing description.

It is obvious, however, that various changes in details of construction and proportions of parts of the illustrated embodiment of the invention may be made without departing from the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

What I claim, is,—

A game apparatus of the character described, comprising a rectangular base frame provided with a transverse partition having an aperture therein, said frame being provided with an aperture located in front of the partition aperture, a substantially vertical game board detachably connected to said frame, said game board having marked thereon a substantially diamond shaped figure, pegs provided in the corners of said figure, hooks provided on said game-board at other locations than said corners, insignia marked on the game-board for the respective hooks, balls adapted to be rolled through said apertures, quoits for said hooks, and markers adapted to be attached to said pegs.

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 9th day of April, 1921.

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