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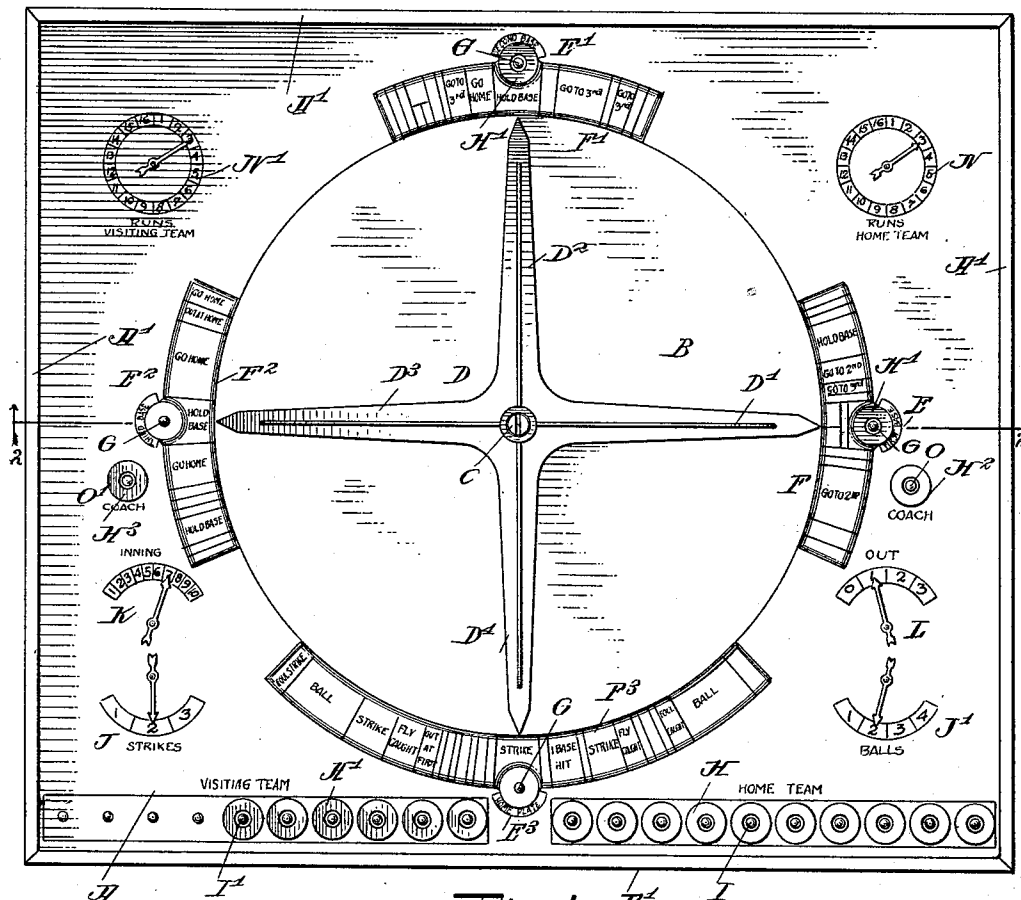


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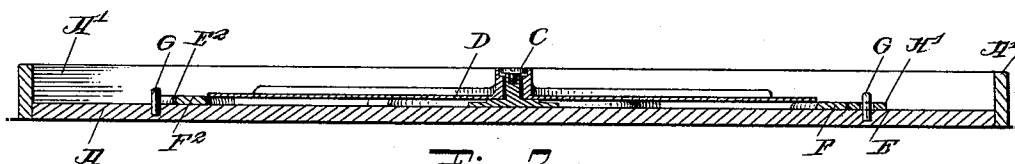


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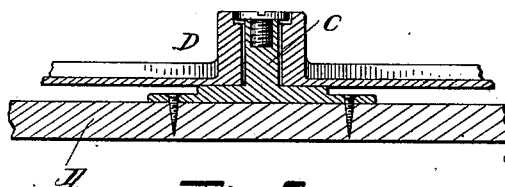


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN V. B. RAPP, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to parlor games, and its object is to provide a new and improved game apparatus, more especially designed for playing baseball and arranged to afford considerable interest to the players and skill in successfully playing the game.

For the purpose mentioned use is made of a field having the home plate and bases marked thereon, indications of plays adjacent the home plate and bases, and a revolvable spinner or pointer pivoted in the center of the field and having four points adapted to indicate on the said indications of plays on the home plate and bases.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game apparatus; Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 3; Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional side elevation of the pivot for the pointer; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged plan view of the home plate and bases and the indications of plays adjacent thereto.

On a suitably constructed bed or board A is arranged a circular field B, in the center of which is fixed a pivot C on which is mounted to turn or spin a pointer or a spinner D provided with four radial arms D', D², D³ and D⁴ of equal length and arranged at a right angle one to the other, as plainly indicated in Fig. 1. Outside of the field B are arranged the first, second and third bases E, E' and E² and the home plate E³ located equidistantly from the center of the pivot C so that the arms D', D², D³, D⁴ of the pointer or spinner D point to the said bases and the home plate whenever the pointer or spinner D is in the starting position shown in Fig. 1.

Counting means F, F', F² and F³ are arranged adjacent to the bases E, E', E², and the home plate E³, and each of the said indications of plays is preferably in the form of a segment, the inner circle of which coin-

cides with the margins of the field B, and each of the indications of plays F, F', F², F³ is provided with radial division lines to form divisional parts to indicate the proper value according to baseball rules, the said indications of plays being preferably raised on the face of the bed A, so that the pointed terminals of the arms D', D², D³, D⁴ of the pointer or spinner D readily indicate on the divisional parts.

Each of the bases E, E', E² and the home plate E³ is provided with a centrally arranged peg or pin G for receiving an apertured circular counter H or H', of which counters H and H' a plurality are furnished, preferably marked in different colors to represent the home team and the visiting team, the said counters being normally stored on storing pegs I and I' arranged on the bed A adjacent one of the raised sides A' of the bed A, as indicated in Fig. 1.

On the bed A outside of the field B are arranged indicators J, J' for indicating "strikes" and "balls," and indicators K and L are also provided on the bed A for indicating "innings" and "outs." Indicators N, N' are also mounted on the bed A for indicating "runs" of the home team and "runs" of the visiting team. Pegs O and O' are erected on the bed A, preferably adjacent to the first, second and third bases, and on the said pegs are placed counters H², H³ representing coaches.

In playing the game, use is made of the rules of baseball as played to-day. The counters H or H', representing the first man, is taken from the corresponding peg I or I' and placed on the peg G of the home plate E³, and then the pointer or spinner D is spun to turn from the right or from the left, fast or slow, as may be desired, and when the pointer or spinner D comes to a rest one of the arms D', D², D³ or D⁴ will stop at one of the divisional parts of the indications of plays F³, which has a length corresponding to one-fourth of the margin of the field B. The divisional part of the indications of plays F³ at which the corresponding arm of the counter or spinner D stops E³ for every (supposed) ball that leaves the pitcher's hands governs through position of the pointer or spinner D when its arms are at rest at the indications of plays F, F', F² at the first, second and third bases. The counting means are so divided that "strikes" and "balls" occur about the average num-

ber of times, and likewise a man goes out on "strikes" or a man goes to first base on "balls", or a man makes first, second or third base hits about the average number of times. Other plays at home plate occur about the average number of times. Should the batter make one base hit he is moved to the peg at the first base, and the next batter in order is put on the peg at the home plate E^3 , then another turn is given to the pointer or spinner D, and when it comes to rest the divisional part of the indications of plays F^3 at which one of the arms of the counter or spinner D stops shows what the batter does, and the second arm automatically indicates at the indications of plays F' whether the man at first base advances, is out, should be advanced, holds his position, or other play, as indicated on the corresponding divisional part. The turning of the pointer or spinner D is repeated, and the results indicated by the arms of the spinner or pointer D on the different counting means indicates the action of the second, third and fourth points advancing man making such errors, outs, etc., until one team is retired by three "outs"; and then the next team comes to bat or play in the same manner as above described. The several indicators should be moved after each ball pitched to record the "balls", "strikes", "outs", etc., as the game progresses. Care should be taken to correctly note at what divisional parts of the indications of plays F , F' , F^2 , F^3 the four arms of the pointer or spinner D come to rest as there may be more action, and usually different, at any base which is occupied and always a natural result of what the first arm of the spinner indicates at the indications of plays F^3 of the home plate E^3 .

By reference to Figs. 1 and 4 it will be noticed that all divisional parts of the indications of plays F , F' , F^2 and F^3 at the bases and the home plate are graduated so as to make the game as natural as possible, it being understood that the arm of the pointer or spinner D stopping at one of the divisional parts of the indications of plays F^3 makes different consequent automatic plays at the bases.

The general rules above given may, of course, be varied to suit the convenience of the players, but as a player can spin the pointer or spinner D with more or less force it is evident that different results are obtained and consequently it will require considerable skill on the part of the player to successfully play the game.

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

1. A game apparatus for playing baseball,

comprising a bed, a home plate and bases marked thereon, indications of plays adjacent the said bases, and a pointer pivoted centrally on the said bed and having four points adapted to indicate on the said indications of plays.

2. A game apparatus for playing baseball, comprising a bed, a home plate and bases marked thereon, indications of plays arranged on opposite sides of the said home plate and bases, and a pointer in the center of the bed and having four points adapted to indicate on the said indications of plays.

3. A game apparatus for playing baseball, comprising a bed, a pointer mounted to turn on the said bed and having four points equidistant from the center and spaced equidistantly apart, a home plate and bases marked on the said bed outside the terminals of the said points, and indications of plays adjacent the said home plate and bases, and each having divisions in range of the said points.

4. A game apparatus for playing baseball, comprising a bed, a home plate and bases marked on the said bed, indications of plays adjacent to the said home plate and bases and extending on both sides thereof, and a revoluble pointer pivoted centrally on the said bed and having four points adapted to indicate simultaneously on the said home plate and bases and their indications of plays.

5. A game apparatus for playing baseball, comprising a bed, a pointer mounted to turn on the said bed and having four points equidistant from the center and spaced equidistantly apart, a home plate and bases marked on the said bed outside the terminals of the said points, and indications of plays adjacent the said home plate and bases and in the form of segments having radial division lines dividing each segment into marked parts.

6. A game apparatus for playing baseball, comprising a bed, a pointer mounted to turn on the said bed and having four points equidistant from the center and spaced equidistantly apart, a home plate and bases marked on the said bed outside the terminals of the said points, and indications of plays adjacent the said home plate and bases and in the form of segments having radial division lines dividing each segment into marked parts of varying width.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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