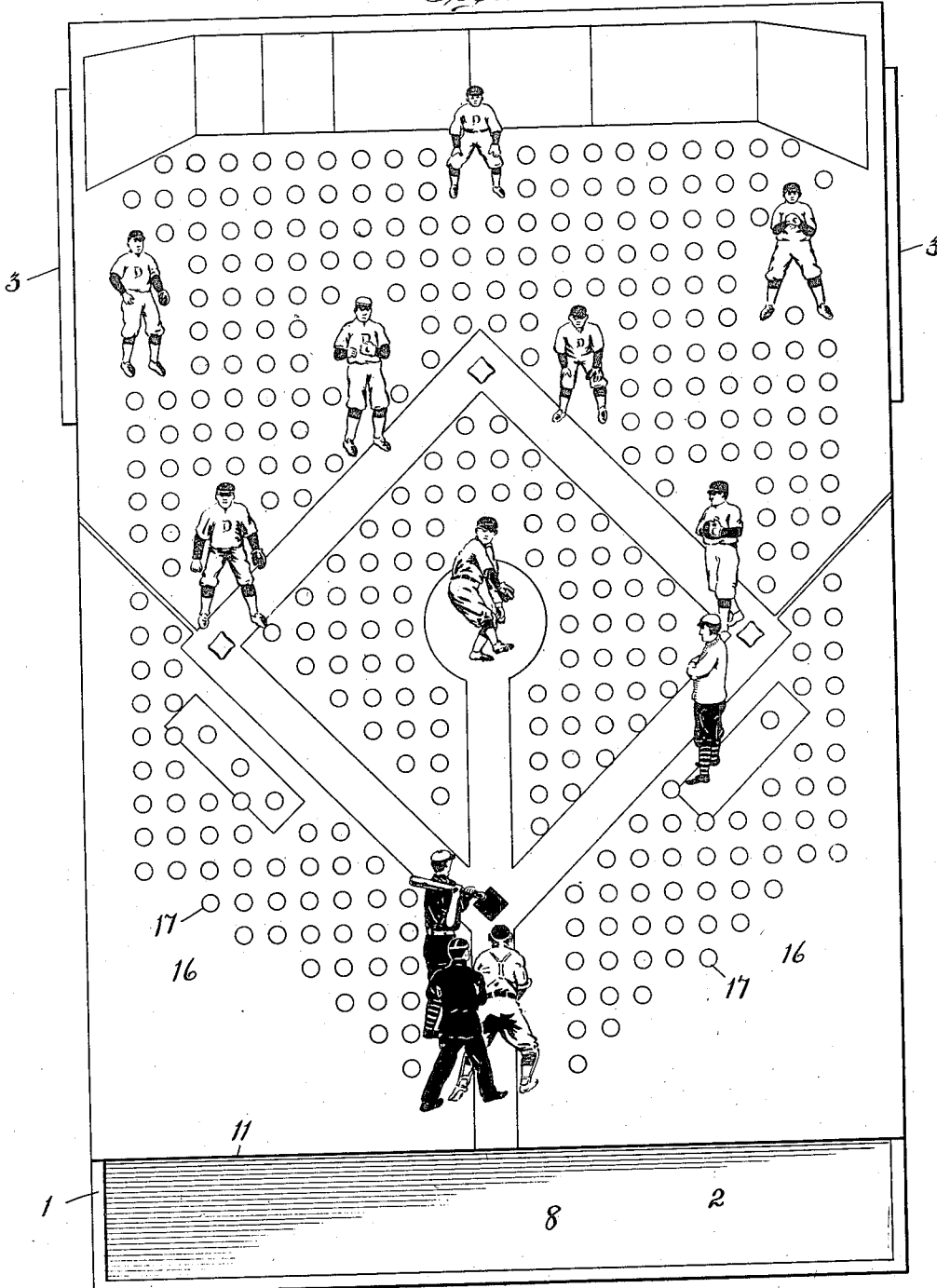


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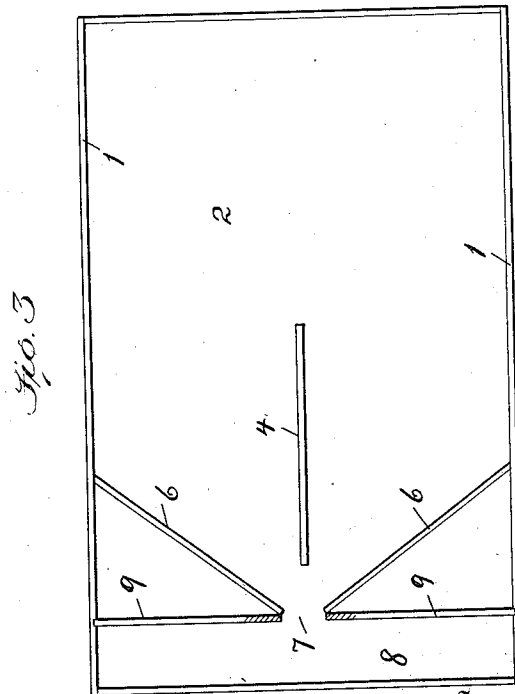
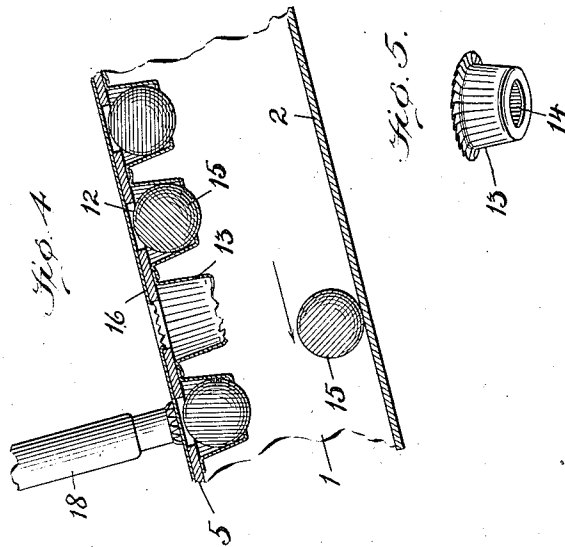
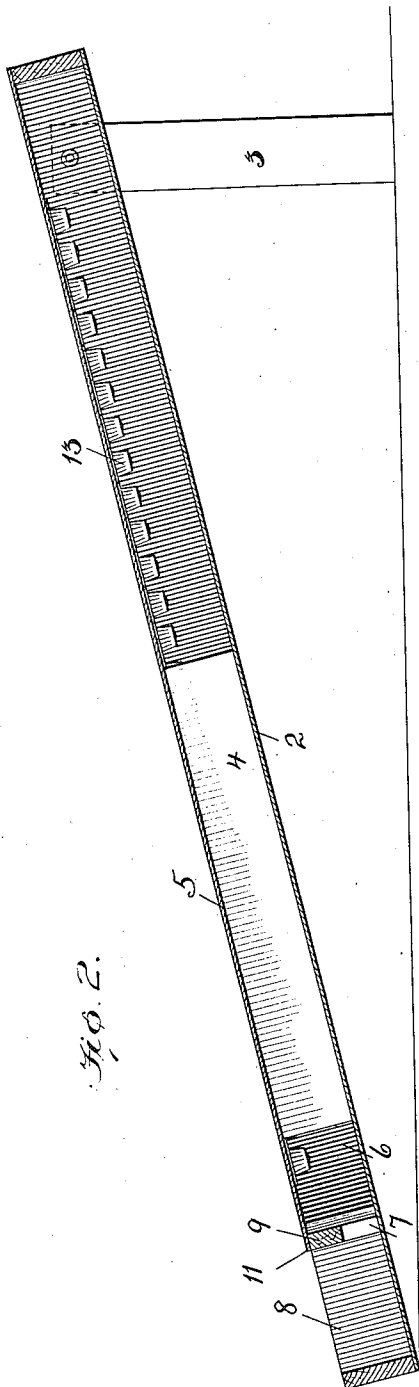
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES CAHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved game apparatus which may be used exclusively as a means of amusement or may, if desired, be utilized in the vending of merchandise.

The invention consists in the improved construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, wherein,

Figure 1, shows a top plan view of the improved apparatus as the same appears when in readiness for use,—the pictorial illustration on the upper surface of the apparatus representing a base-ball field. Fig. 2, is a vertical longitudinal section through the apparatus showing the pockets beneath the top surface of the field for retaining balls in a concealed manner. Fig. 3, shows a plan view of the frame of the apparatus on a small scale,—the upper cover or field portion being removed. Fig. 4, shows an enlarged sectional detail through the apparatus to illustrate the construction for retaining the balls in a concealed position directly beneath the top covering, and Fig. 5, is a perspective detail of one of the ball-retaining pockets.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 1, designates a rectangular frame having a bottom, 2, secured thereto and with pivotally connected feet, 3, near one end thereof whereby to raise said end and hold the frame and bottom in an inclined position. A central longitudinal partition wall, 4, extends upwardly from the bottom, 2, and serves as a central support for the top or cover plate, 5, as will presently more clearly appear. Near the lower end the bottom also sustains diagonally-extending partitions, 6, the outer ends of which terminate adjacent to the parallel side members of the frame and the inner ends of which extend toward the bottom member of the frame but are spaced from each other so as to form a passage, 7, to a lower horizontal open-top space or compartment, 8, at the lower end of the frame.

For purposes of rigidity and support two horizontal partition walls, 9, are provided which extend along the bottom, 2, from the inner ends of partitions, 6, to the side members of the frame.

A cover plate, 5, is secured on top of the frame and extends from one side member to the other in width and from the top member to the lower horizontal partition walls, 9, in length. By means of this construction it will be seen that the cover plate is of less length than the frame and terminates short of the bottom member of said frame thus leaving space or compartment, 8, uncovered between its lower edge, 11, and the bottom member of the frame. The under surface of this cover is glued or otherwise secured to the top edges of the frame and partitions and is thereby supported in an elevated or spaced position above the bottom.

By reference to Fig. 4, it will be noted that the cover plate, 5, is provided with a number of circular perforations, 12, and that beneath each perforation there is provided a separate and independent ball-retaining pocket, 13. These pockets are preferably formed with a perforation, 14, in their lower pendant ends and the material of which they are formed is such that they may be ruptured as will presently be explained. Each pocket when secured to the bottom side of the cover plate contains a ball, 15, which latter may be colored, numbered or otherwise provided with distinguishing marks which may mean one thing or another, according to their distinguishing marks in carrying out the game. It will thus be seen that the balls are confined in the pockets beneath the perforations, 12, in the cover plate and do not project through the said perforations to the upper side of the said cover plate.

In order to entirely conceal the balls from the upper side of the cover plate I provide a thin sheet covering, 16, on the upper surface of cover plate which covers the balls and the perforations, 12. In order to readily locate the perforations, in the cover plate, however, I provide the sheet, 16, with a series of circular lines, 17, which when the sheet is glued or otherwise secured to the cover plate, will register with the perforations, 12. It will thus be seen that when the thin sheet, 16, is in place the character or color on the balls cannot be seen.

In carrying out the game each ball may

have a given value according to its color or other designating character but its value will not be known until it has been freed from the pocket and has rolled down the bottom and out through the passage, 7, into compartment, 8. To free the ball a suitable punch, 18, may be used, by means of which the sheet covering, 16, may be ruptured so. When the punch contacts with the ball the as to permit access to the ball beneath it. latter may readily be punched through the bottom of the pocket and deposited on the inclined bottom down which it will roll until it passes into the compartment, 8, where upon its value will be determined and the player credited accordingly.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

20 A game apparatus comprising a frame having a bottom; a cover plate supported in an elevated position above the bottom and

having a plurality of perforations extending therethrough; rupturable pockets depending from the under side of the cover and about the said perforations the lower portion of said pockets being elevated with respect to the bottom; balls pendantly sustained by said pockets between the under side of the cover plate and the upper side of the bottom and said balls being larger in diameter than the perforations in the cover plate and having their upper circumferential surfaces registering with the perforations in the cover plate, and a sheet of rupturable material on the upper surface of the cover plate and above the upper portions of the balls.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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