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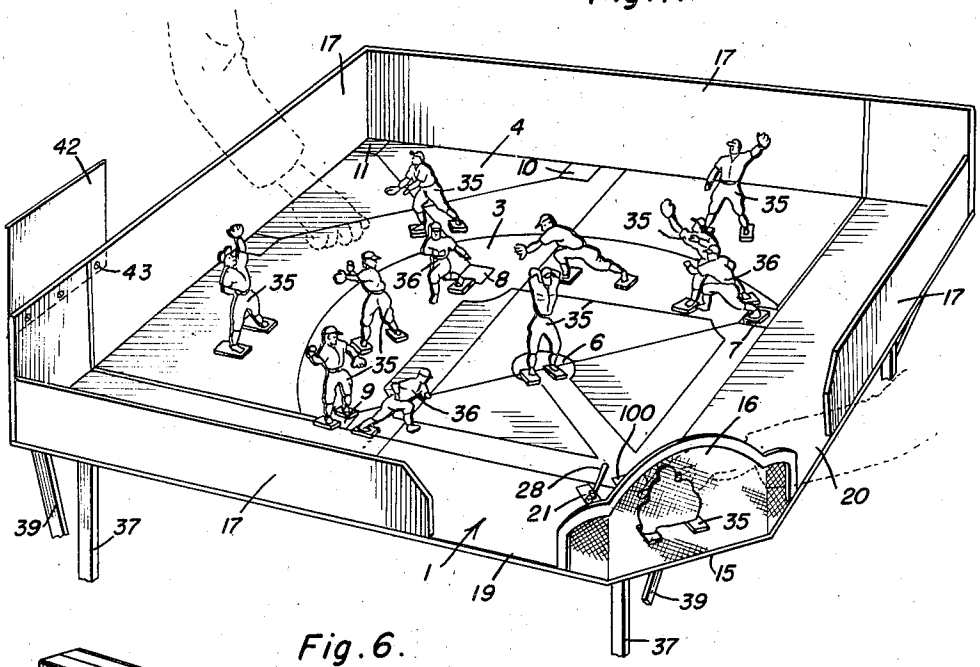


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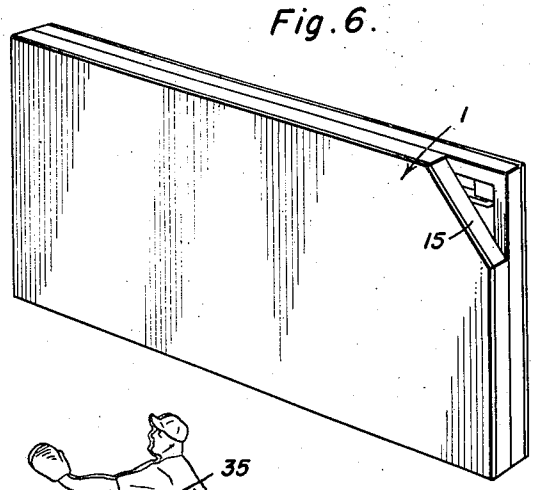


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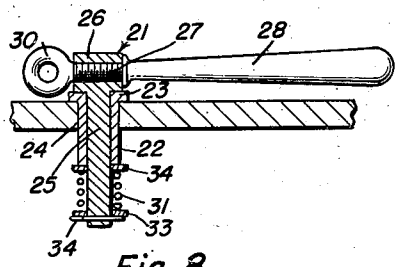
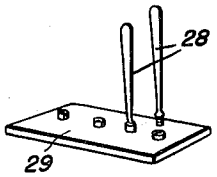


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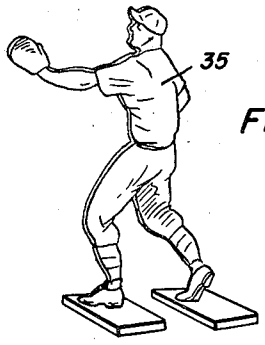
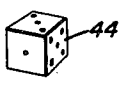


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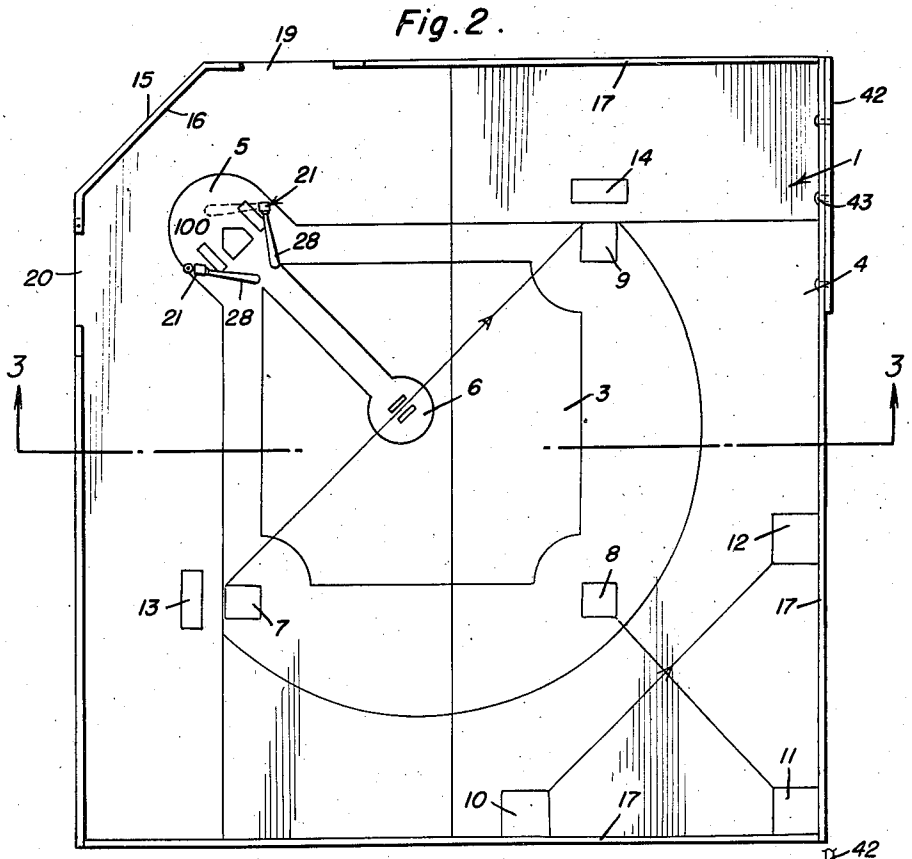
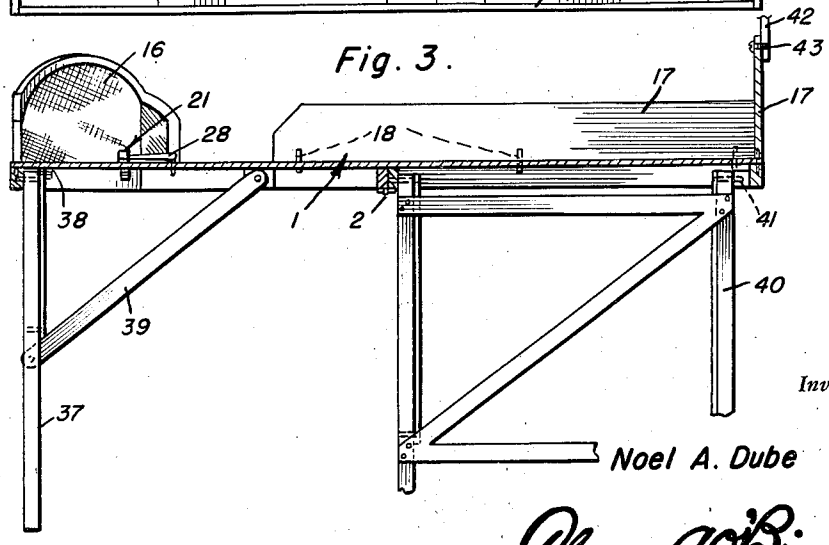


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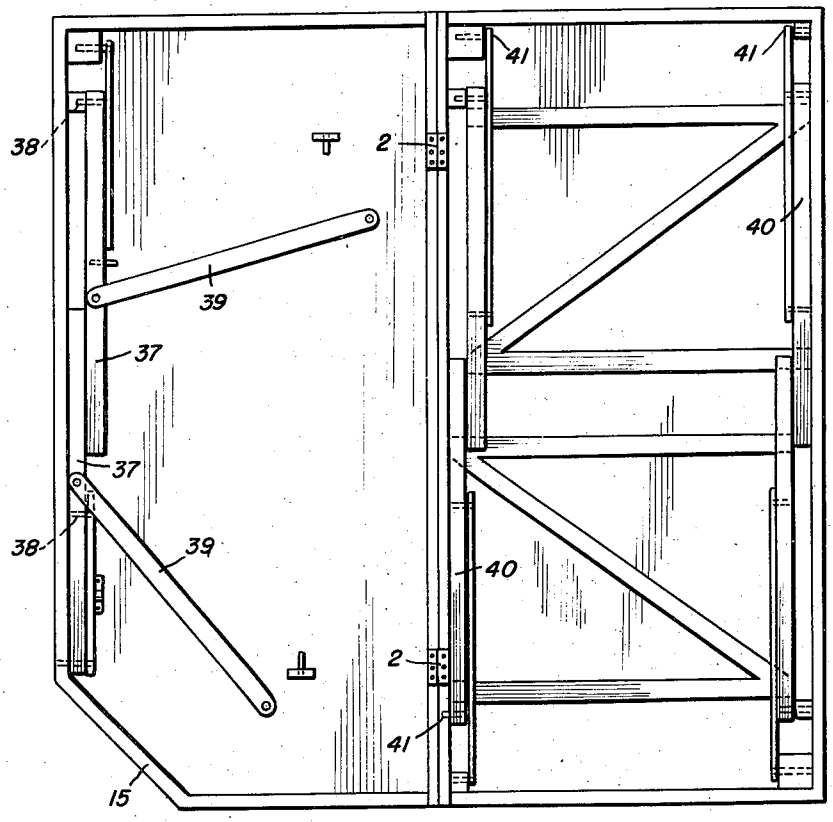
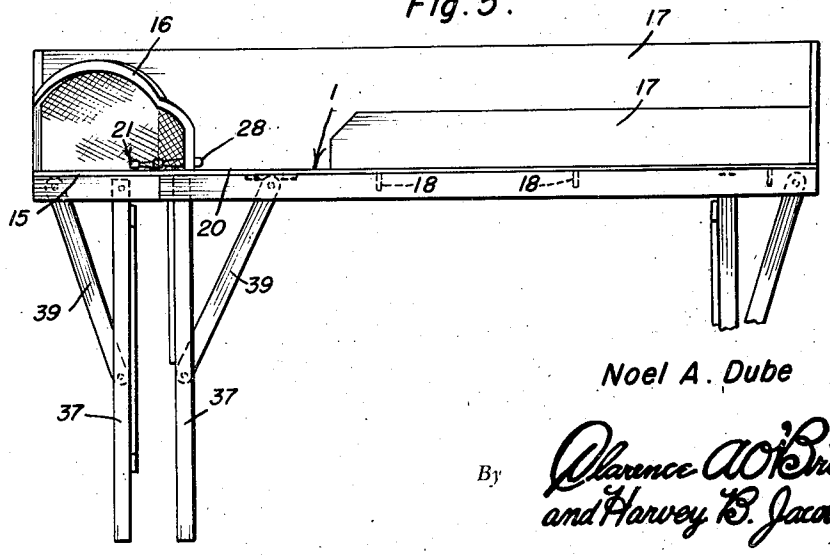


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This invention relates to improvements in table baseball games.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved table baseball game having a folding simulated playing field, and foldable legs supported thereby.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved table baseball game having a foldable simulated playing field with foldable supporting legs, and said field being surrounded by a removable fence.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved table baseball game having a hinged and foldable simulated playing field with foldable supporting legs, with a removable fence surrounding the field, and a score board removably supported upon the left field fence.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved collapsible and folding table baseball game which will include a playing field with a removable fence surrounding the same, a pivotally supported bat, movable players, and six die which will be rolled along the table top one at a time toward the bat by one contestant while another contestant manipulates the bat mechanism, and rules and regulations of baseball being followed and the players will be moved in accordance with the plays indicated by the die.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved table baseball game which will be highly amusing and educational, and which may be manufactured at a relatively low cost.

Other objects will appear as the description proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings which form a part of this application,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved table baseball game showing the same in assembled position;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the improved table baseball game;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a bottom plan view of the improved table baseball game showing the legs in folded position;

Figure 5 is a side elevation of the improved table baseball game shown in assembled position;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the improved table baseball game shown in collapsed and folded position;

Figure 7 is a partial sectional view showing the pivotally mounted bat mechanism;

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Figure 8 is a perspective view of a bat supporting rack with reserve bats supported therein;

Figure 9 is a perspective view of one of the movable playing men; and

Figure 10 is a perspective view of one of the playing dies.

Like characters of reference are used throughout the following specification and the accompanying drawings to designate corresponding parts.

In carrying out the invention, there is provided an improved table baseball game including a substantially square table top 1 which is formed in two separate and approximately equal halves being hinged together along a joining line by means of the hinges 2.

A playing field or baseball diamond will be simulated upon the upper surface of the table top 1 and includes the infield 3, the outfield 4, catcher's box 5, pitcher's box 6, first base 7, second base 8, short stop position (unnumbered) third base 9, right field position (unnumbered), first base coaching box 13 and third base coaching box 14. Also home run squares or boxes 10, 11 and 12 are placed in right field, center field and left field respectively.

The corner of the table top 1 directly behind the catcher's box 5 will be cut off at an angle as at 15, and a back stop 16 will be supported in position upon said cut-off portion 15.

A fence 17 surrounds the edge of the table top 1, being held in position by means of the dowel pins 18.

Gaps 19 and 20 will be formed between the back stop 16 and the adjacent edges of the fence 17 so that contestants playing the game may extend their arms through the gaps while manually controlling and operating the bat mechanisms generally designated by the reference numeral 21, the same being located at each side of the home plate 100.

A sleeve 22 having a flange 23 on its upper end will be disposed through an opening 24 in the table top 1, and rotatably supports the depending shank 25 of the bat supporting head 26. The head 26 is transversely bored and is internally threaded for removably receiving the threaded inner ends 27 of the various types and weights of bats 28 supported when not in use in the bat rack 29. An eye 30 will be formed upon the head 26 for grasping by the fingers of the person acting in the capacity of the batter, and a coil spring 31 will be disposed about the lower end of the shank 25 between the washers 32 and 33.

A cotter pin **34** will be inserted through a transverse bore (not shown) in the lower end of the shank **25** for supporting the several parts of the bat mechanism in the desired operative position.

Various simulated players **35** and **36** will be disposed in the various positions upon the diamond or playing field, representing the players in the field and the players at bat or runners respectively.

Single corner supporting legs **37** will be hinged at **38** to the under surface of the table top **1** at one side thereof, and will be provided with suitable braces **39** connected between said legs and said table top. A pair of double legs **40** will be hinged at **41** to the opposite under surface of the table top **1**, and all of said legs will be adapted to fold up tightly and flush within the edges of the table top **1** when said table is knocked down and folded for storing or for readily transporting the same from one place to another.

A score board **42** will be removably supported upon the top of the left field fence **17** by means of the fasteners **43**, whereby contestants playing the game may readily display the scores as they are made, exactly simulating the playing of a game of baseball.

In play, six dice **44** will be used, one contestant standing in position at either side of the table adjacent the home plate **100** with an arm extended through either gap **19** or **20** and with the fingers of the hand engaging the eye **30** upon the inner end of the best supporting head **26**, while the other contestant stands behind the left field score board and rolls the dice **44**, one at a time, trying to cross the home plate without the dice being hit by the bat **28**. The rules of the game will closely simulate regulation baseball, and the players will be moved to the appropriate positions about the baseball diamond as the various plays are made.

From the foregoing description, it will be apparent that there has been devised and provided a highly efficient form of table top baseball which will be exciting and instructive, and which will be relatively inexpensive to manufacture and produce.

While the preferred embodiment of the instant invention has been illustrated and described, it will be understood that it is not intended to limit the scope of the invention thereto, as many minor changes in detail of construction may be resorted to without departure from the spirit of the invention.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

Game apparatus comprising in combination, a simulated baseball field including an outfield and a home plate, a plurality of simulated players manually movable upon said field, a plurality of dice with markings on the sides, a bat pivotally mounted adjacent said home plate and manually operable to strike a die manually cast from the outfield to pass over said home plate, said simulated players in playing positions on said field functioning as directing means for the dice cast from the outfield as well as the dice struck by said bat.

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