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Fig. 1.

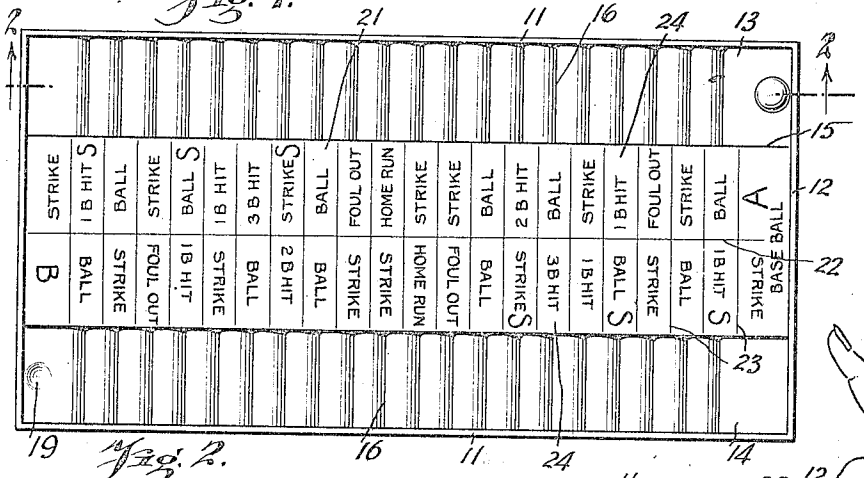


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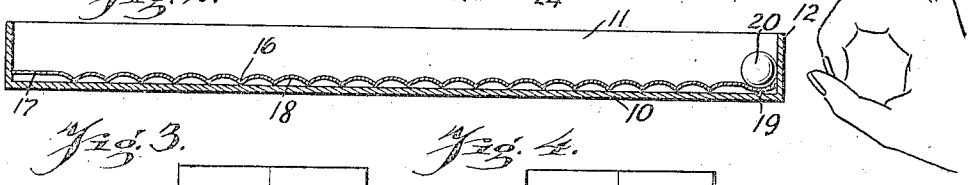


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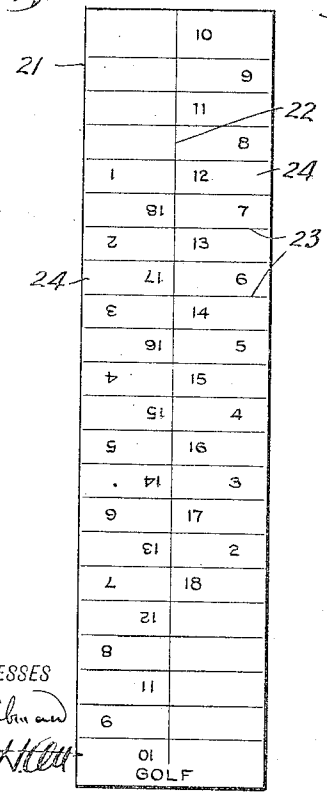
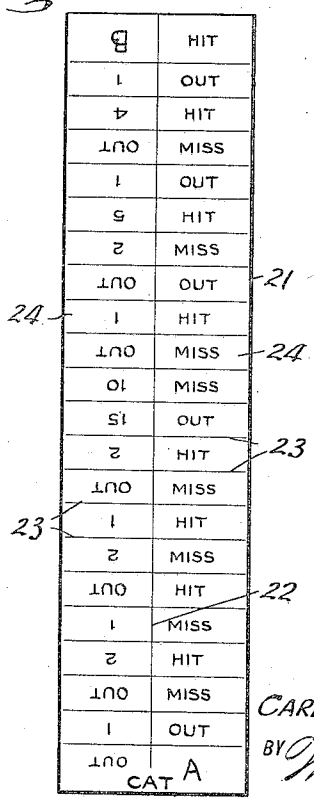


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL F. DOERR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Yonkers, in the county of Westchester 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 amusement devices and refers more particularly to a game apparatus by means of which various games may be played.

The invention contemplates an extremely simple and inexpensive apparatus by means of which the playing of various games including the elements of skill and luck may be accomplished for the purpose of amusement and instruction.

More specifically the invention aims to produce a single gameboard and set of playing pieces with which a plurality of strips may be associated, in which said strips bear indicating indicia for simulating various well known games such as baseball, golf, tennis, or the like.

As a further object the invention aims to produce a game apparatus of the character described which affords means for readily shifting or changing the apparatus to accommodate the same for the playing of the various games.

With the above recited and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel construction set forth in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that the right is reserved to embodiments other than those actually illustrated herein to the full extent indicated by the general meaning of the terms in which the claims are expressed.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the apparatus.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view there-through taken approximately on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Figs. 3 and 4 are plan views of several of the interchangeable indicia bearing strips constituting a part of the apparatus and which are adapted to be used in connection therewith for rendering the device capable of use in the playing of various games.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, the apparatus includes a gameboard in the form of a box comprising a bottom 10 and side and end walls 11 and 12. The bottom is provided with laterally spaced playing fields 13 and 14 extending longitudinally thereof and arranged adjacent the opposite side walls 11 to define therebetween a raised supporting portion 15, the purpose of which will be hereinafter set forth. The playing fields 13 and 14 are preferably formed with longitudinally spaced transverse grooves 16 which may be produced in any desired manner, preferably by forming in the surface of the playing fields a series of arcuate or convexities 18 forming the grooves 16 at their juncture. The playing fields 13 and 14 at their opposite extremities are provided with a depression 19 for the reception of a ball or playing piece 20 to arrange and retain the same in contact with the end wall 12. A plurality of strips 21 are furnished with the game as a part of the apparatus and the same are divided by a central longitudinal line 22 and a plurality of transverse lines 23 which define two rows of longitudinal indicia bearing spaces 24, adapted when the strips are arranged on the supporting portion to coincide or register with the grooves 16 of the playing fields 13 and 14.

In practice the strips 21 are arranged in the receiving space 15 and one of the balls or playing pieces 20 is arranged in one of the depressions 19. The player then flips the end wall 12 with the finger as illustrated in Fig. 2 to project the ball longitudinally over the playing field 13 and in doing so attempts to cause the same to enter the most advantageous groove 16 to attain the winning of the game. The indicia bearing space registering with the groove in which the ball or playing piece 20 comes to rest indicates the value of the play and is so scored. The plays are made successively by the opposing players on the playing fields 13 and 14 from the opposite ends of the apparatus as will be clearly understood from the drawings. The strips 21 are selectively arranged uppermost at the option of the players to permit of the playing of various types of games, and it will of course be obvious that rules may be promulgated to control the playing of the games. Where well known and established games such as baseball, golf, tennis, or the like are played, the rules ordinarily governing such games are preferably employed in the playing of the game.

I claim:

1. A game apparatus comprising a box having a bottom and side and end walls, said bottom being divided into laterally spaced longitudinally extending playing fields formed with longitudinally spaced laterally disposed grooves over which a playing piece is projectable, a plurality of superposed strips snugly received in the space between the playing fields to constitute means for closing the inner ends of the grooves, said strips having two rows of longitudinally spaced indicating spaces with indicia therein adapted to register with the grooves, and said strips being interchangeable for the purpose of associating various indicia with the grooves to change the nature of the game.

2. A game apparatus comprising a box having a bottom and side and end walls, said bottom being divided into laterally spaced longitudinally extending playing fields provided with longitudinally spaced laterally disposed grooves over which a playing piece is projectable a raised supporting portion defined between said playing fields, a plurality of strips for interchangeable arrangement in said receiving space, said strips having two rows of longitudinally spaced indicating spaces adapted to register with the grooves, a depression adjacent the opposite end of the playing fields, and a playing piece initially received thereby for contact with the end wall whereby the operator upon flipping the end wall may project the playing piece over the playing fields, as and for the purpose specified.

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