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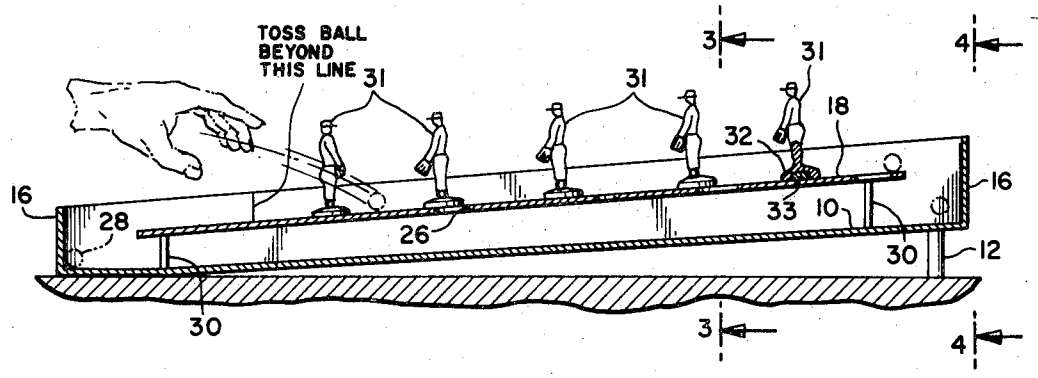
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A baseball game in which a spherical ball is rolled on an inclined playing board containing a plurality of apertures representing possible scores in the game, including a plurality of baseball players disposed on the board in front of the scoring holes to prevent the ball from entering therein. The board comprises a first lower inclined board, and a playing board disposed above, and spaced apart from, the lower board, so that when the ball falls through one of the scoring apertures, it rolls downwardly back towards the lower end of the board for replay.

3 Claims, 5 Drawing Figures



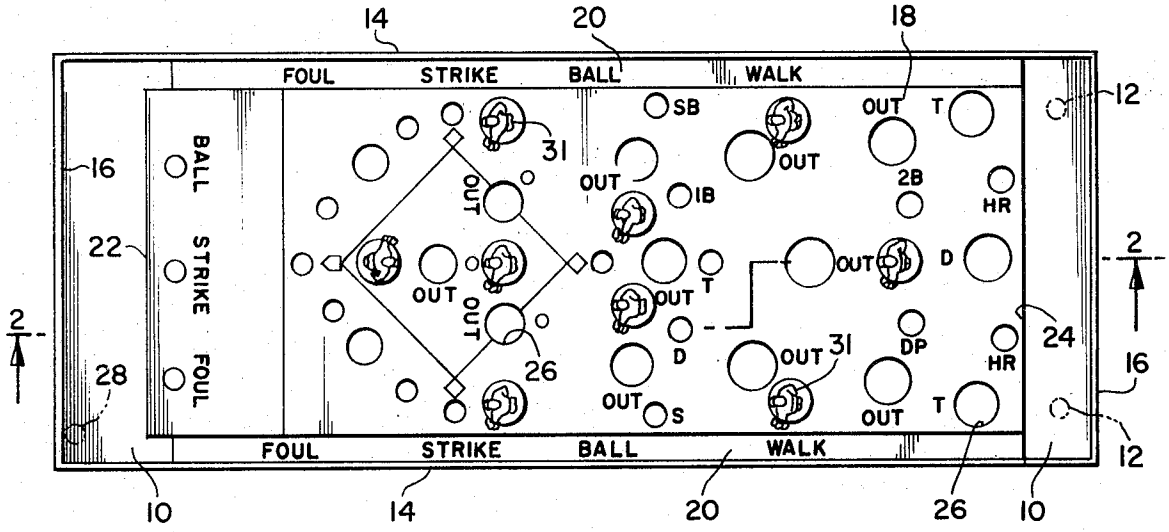


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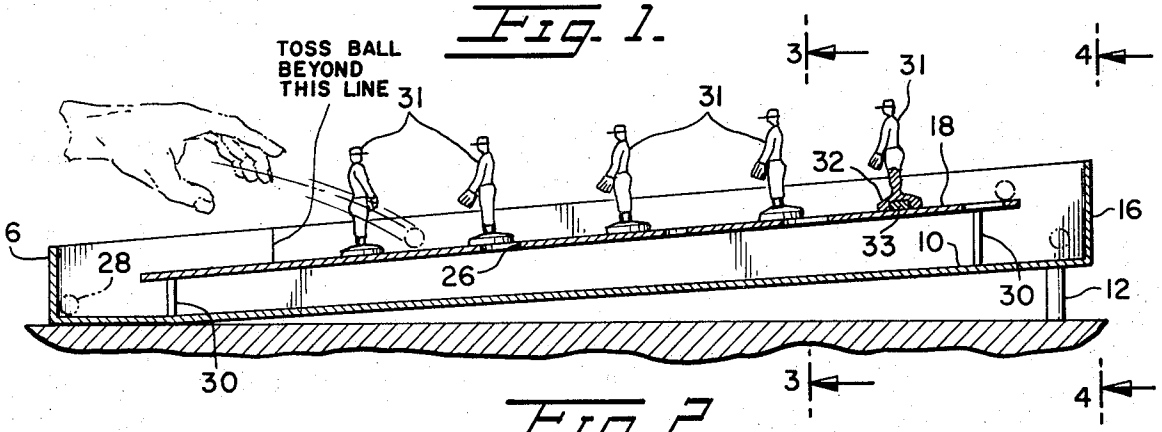


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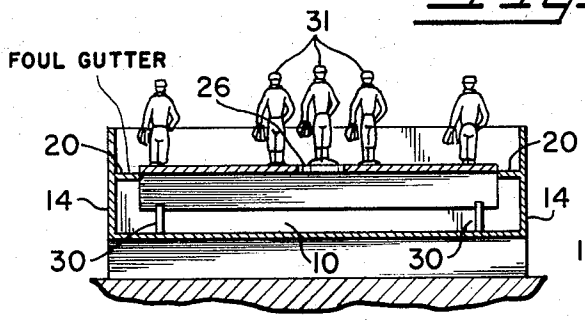


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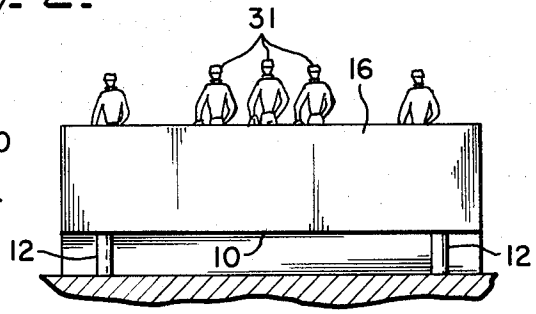


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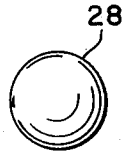


Fig. 5.

BASEBALL GAME

This application is a continuation-in-part of my copending application, Ser. No. 91,844, filed Nov. 23, 1970 now abandoned, entitled "Baseball Game."

The present invention relates to games, and in particular to a baseball game in which players roll a ball onto an inclined board having a plurality of apertures representing various baseball scores. The game board comprises a lower inclined board having a plurality of vertically-disposed peripheral walls, and an upper inclined board, affixed to the lower inclined board, and spaced apart parallel thereto within the vertically-disposed peripheral walls. Spaces are provided between the ends of the upper board and the peripheral walls to form a pair of longitudinal, slot-shaped openings. A plurality of apertures are provided in the upper inclined board, and represent the various scores, such as a single, double and triple, relating to baseball. A plurality of baseball players are disposed on the upper inclined board in front of the apertures in defensive positions. The players of the game take turns rolling a ball from the lower end of the upper inclined board towards one of the apertures provided in the board to make a score. If the ball falls into any of the apertures, or rolls over the board into the space provided at the upper end of the board, an appropriate score is registered for the player, and the ball rolls down the lower inclined board towards the space at the lower end of the board where it is accessible for reuse.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a baseball game which is played easily by one or more players.

It is also an object of the present invention to provide a baseball game in which both offensive and defensive play is included.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a baseball game which is simple in design, easy to manufacture and enjoyable to play.

Other objects and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawins which disclose one embodiment of the invention. It is to be uderstood, however, that the drawings are designed for the purpose of illustration only, and are not intended as a definition of the limits and scope of the invention.

In the drawings, wherein similar reference numerals denote similar elements throughout the several views:

FIG. 1 is a top, planar view of a baseball game constructed in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional side view of the baseball game, taken along section 2—2 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional end view of the baseball game, taken along section 3—3 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is an end view of the game, looking in the direction of arrows 4—4 of FIG. 2; and

FIG. 5 illustrates the spherical-shaped ball used to play the game.

Referring to the drawings, there is shown a baseball game including a lower inclined board **20** having legs **12** affixed to one end thereof for elevating the board, and vertical end walls **16** and side walls **14** extending upwardly from the lower inclined board. The lower end of the board rests directly on the supporting surface on which the board is disposed. An upper inclined board **18**, having dimensions which are smaller than the lower board, is affixed to lower board **10** on supports **30**, and is held in place between side walls **14** by elongated "foul gutter" members **20**. A regulation baseball diamond is imprinted on the upper board to simulate a baseball field. Members **20** are affixed to the inside surfaces of walls **14**, and are inclined parallel to upper board **18**, and recessed with respect to its surface. A plurality of circular apertures **26** are provided in board **18** for receiving a spherically-shaped ball **28**. Each of the apertures is labeled by a possible score, such as "out," "1B" (a single), "2B" (a double), etc.. Upper board **18** is spaced apart from lower board **10** by a distance which is greater than the diameter of the ball used to play the game, so that when the ball falls through one of apertures **26** it will roll down inclined board **10** towards a space provided between the upper board and the end walls **16** at the lower end of the baseball game. If the ball rolls over upper board **18** without falling into one of the apertures provided therein, the ball falls into a space provided past upper edge **24** of board **18** and rolls downwardly towards the lower end of the board, as illustrated in FIG. **2**. Adjacent lower edge **22** of the board **18** are provided three apertures labeled "foul," "strike," and "ball," which divide the lower end of the board into three areas, as well as receive the ball. In the space provided between edge **22** and wall **16**, the user may pick the balls which have returned from the playing board. Disposed in front of each of the apertures provided in the playing board, as on a regulation baseball field, are a plurality of baseball players **31** which are affixed to or integrally formed with a mounting base **32**. The players may be constructed of plastic, and the mounting bases may be either entirely plastic, plastic containing a metallic weight for maintaining the players in an upright position, or plastic containing magnets for attracting the players to playing board **18**, which would be constructed of metallic material. There are nine players in the game, and each is disposed by the players on the baseball field in front of the scoring holes to prevent ball **28** from being tossed into the scoring holes, and for deflecting the ball to one of the holes labeled "out," or the "foul gutters." The game board may be constructed of any suitable material, such as metal, wood, plastic or masonite. If baseball players having magnets disposed in bases **32** are used, however, board **18** must be metal so that the members are attracted to the board during play.

To play the game, the players take turns rolling ball **28** from the lower end of upper board **18** towards the apertures **26**. The defensive player has the option of moving players **31** anywhere on the playing field to protect the scoring holes. The placement of the players, however, preferably correspond to the positions of players in a regulation baseball game. If the ball falls through any of the labeled openings, it is scored accordingly for that player according to the standard rules of baseball. Each player must stand several feet behind the foul line when rolling the ball. If ball **28** does not fall through one of apertures **26**, it is either caught in and returned by one of the "foul gutters" and scored as a foul, strike, or ball, or rolls back towards the lower end of the board past edge **22** and is scored as a strike, foul or ball depending upon the area through which it passes.

While only several embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it will be obvi-

ous to those persons skilled in the art that many changes and modifications may be made thereunto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A baseball game in which a ball is tossed onto a playing board to score points for a player comprising:

a lower inclined board having vertical walls disposed about its periphery and a plurality of support members affixed to one end thereof for supporting said board at an angle with respect to a supporting surface;

an upper inclined board having dimensions smaller than said lower board and affixed to the top surface of, and spaced-apart parallel to said lower board, and having a plurality of apertures provided therein for receiving a spherically-shaped ball, said apertures being labelled with a plurality of possible baseball scores for indicating the score to be given a player when the ball is received by one of said apertures;

a plurality of movable baseball figures disposed on said upper incline board in front of selected ones of said plurality of apertures for engaging the ball when it is tossed upon said upper incline board and deflecting the ball away from said apertures;

a pair of elongated rectangular-shaped gutter members disposed between said walls and said upper board and recessed with respect to the surface of said upper board for securing said upper board between said walls on said lower board, said upper board having spaces disposed between the upper and lower ends thereof and said walls at each end

of said upper board, said lower inclined board including an end section disposed below said space at the lower end of said upper board and bent at an angle to the remaining length of said lower board so as to provide a support surface parallel to the surface on which said lower board is disposed, and wherein said upper board includes a baseball diamond imprinted thereon, and wherein said baseball figures are disposed on said board during play in positions corresponding to the positions of players in a regulation baseball game; and

wherein said gutter members are divided into areas labelled "foul," "strike," "ball," and "walk" to indicate the score to be given a ball and said upper inclined board is constructed of metallic material, and said baseball figures comprise a base, and a magnet disposed in said base for magnetically securing said baseball figures on said upper inclined board.

2. The baseball game as recited in claim 1, wherein three apertures are provided in said upper board adjacent the space adjacent its lower end for dividing said space into three areas and for receiving the ball which rolls downwardly on said upper board towards said space.

3. The baseball game as recited in claim 2, wherein the diameter of the ball tossed is smaller than, the diameter of said apertures, the space provided at each end of said upper board, and the distance between said lower inclined board and said upper inclined board, and wherein the ball tossed by the players onto said upper board to play the game is a hollow plastic sphere.

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