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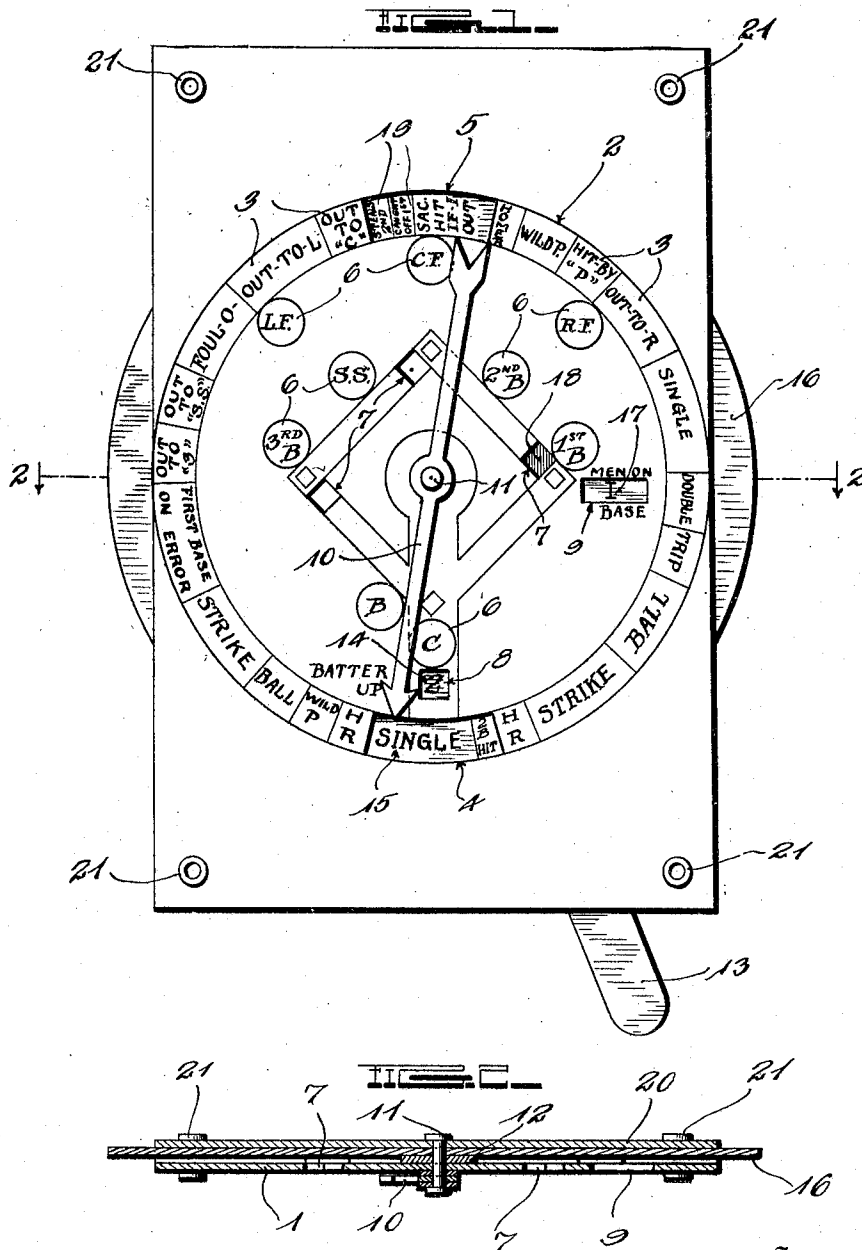
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM DRENNAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in games having a spinning pointer and a substantially annular series of legends or the like with which said pointer co-operates, the present disclosure being directed to a baseball game in which the series of legends represent possible occurrences in an actual game, the actions of the imaginary players being dictated by spinning the pointer and reading the legend at which it stops.

One object of the invention is to provide a game of the character set forth in which the chances of the supposed players and the number of plays which they may make are varied as the game progresses, by the introduction of other legends into the series above referred to, making it possible to produce certain plays as the game advances, which would obviously be impossible at earlier stages of the game.

Another object is to provide a baseball or similar game in which some of the additional legends are introduced into the annular series of legends on a main or front board, by movement of a supplemental board, in a manner to show the consecutive batters.

A still further object is to provide a baseball or similar game in which the main board is formed with openings representing the bases of a diamond or other playing field, a supplemental board being associated with the main board and provided with distinctive areas adapted to be displayed through said openings to represent base runners, provision being made whereby movement of this supplemental board will introduce additional legends into the series above referred to.

With the foregoing in view, the invention resides in the novel subject matter hereinafter described and claimed, the description being supplemented by the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a game constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a horizontal sectional view as indicated by line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Figures 3 and 4 are face views of the two supplemental boards which are movably associated with the main or front board.

In the drawings above briefly described, the numeral 1 designates a front board which may be of any desired size and shape, the front side of this board being printed with a substantially annular chart 2 consisting of a plurality of circumferentially spaced legends 3 showing possible occurrences, particularly those occurrences which may happen at the start of any inning of a baseball game. The chart 2 also includes a pair of blank spaces which are here constituted by slots 4 and 5 formed through the board 1, these slots being provided in order that additional legends or supplemental boards behind the main board 1, may be introduced into the series of legends with which said main board is provided.

Within the annular chart, the board 1 is provided with a pictorial representation of a baseball diamond and the portions of the board representing the positions of the several players are preferably identified by suitable abbreviations 6. Adjacent the representations of first, second and third base, the board 1 is formed with openings 7 through which distinctive areas of one of the supplemental boards are visible, according to the supposed number of men on base. The board 1 is also formed with a pair of indicating openings 8 and 9 establishing predetermined points at which certain characters on the supplemental boards are positioned at different stages of the game.

An arrow or other spinning pointer 10 is pivotally mounted at the front side of the board 1 to co-operate with the annular series of legends so that the actions of the supposed players may be dictated by spinning the pointer and reading the legend at which it stops.

Immediately behind the board 1 and movably connected with the latter by the pivots 11 of the pointer 10, is a supplemental board 12 shown most clearly in Fig. 4, this board having a suitable operating handle or other portion 13 extending beyond the edge of the board 1, whereby it may be manipulated in the desired manner. The supplemental board 12 is formed with a series of numbers or other symbols 14 adapted to be succes-

sively presented at the opening 8 to represent the consecutive batters. Furthermore, the board 12 bears a plurality of spaced legends 15, one or more of which are visible through the slot 4 according to the number of the supposed player at the bat. The number of legends 15 exposed through the slot increases or the counting value of these legends increases as the consecutive batters come to the bat and either advance around the diamond or are put out by one play or another. It will thus be seen that as the game progresses, additional chances are added, at which the pointer 10 may stop.

15 A second supplemental board 16 which is preferably of the disk form shown in Fig. 3, is disposed behind the supplemental board 12 and the main board 1 with its edges projecting beyond the latter to permit turning upon the pivot 11 which passes through the center of the disk. At circumferentially spaced points, the board 16 bears symbols 17 for presentation at the slot or opening 9, according to the number of players supposed to be on base. Then, distinctive areas 18 of the board 16 or one of these areas, will be visible adjacent the pictorial representations of the bases, for which purpose, the openings 7 are provided. For instance, if the disk 16 is turned to show that one man is on base, by looking through the opening 9, one of the areas 18 will appear in the opening 7 at first base. Similarly, if men have supposedly been advanced to first, second and third base or to first and second base, the openings 7 at the proper points, will display the distinctive areas 18 to represent the actual base runners.

Whenever the board 16 is turned to show the number of men on base and the bases at which they are positioned, legends 19 with which this board is provided, are displayed through the slot 5 and consequently the chances or places at which the pointer 10 may be read, are further varied.

A back board 20 contacts with the rear side of the supplemental board 16 and is preferably of the same size and shape as the front board 1, the two being connected with each other by rivets or the like 21. A neat and compact article is thus provided.

While the operation of the game will probably be understood without a specific description, an example may be given. To start an inning, the supplemental board 12 is adjusted by means of the handle 13 so that the first of the series of symbols 14 appears at the opening 8, indicating that the first man is at the bat. Either before or after this is done, the board 16 is set to disclose a zero in the opening 9, indicating that no men are on base. The pointer 10 is now spun and we will assume that it stops at one of the legends 3 indicating a one base hit. The board 16 is now turned so

that the symbol 17 in the opening 9 will indicate one man on base. This movement of the board 16 displays one of the distinctive areas 18 in the opening 7 at first base and thus shows that this base is occupied. Turning of the disk 16 also moves the legends 19 to display a greater or lesser number thereof in the slot 5, so that the chances for the next batter are changed. The board 12 is now set to indicate the second man at the bat, when looking through the opening 8, and this adjustment will shift the legends 15 within the slot 4 to further change the chances of the second man at the bat. The arrow 10 is now again spun and assuming that it stops at a legend 3 indicating that the batter has been hit by a pitched ball, the disk 16 will be turned to advance the man on first base to second and to position a supposedly hit player upon first base, this being shown by appearance of two of the areas 18 through the openings 7 at first and second base, when the disk 16 is turned to indicate men on first and second.

Suitable rules may be provided for playing the game, but disputes are not liable to occur, as the arrangement of legends 3, 15 and 19 is such that the pointer can at no time stop at an impossible play. The legends 3 indicate only occurrences which may happen when the first man is at the bat and the occurrences shown by the legends 15 and 19 which cannot happen until a predetermined stage of the game is reached, are not exposed to view until such stage is reached, it being thus impossible for a supposed batter to obtain a sacrifice hit with no men on bases, for a man to steal home or some other base, when he has not yet reached first base, etc. Such occurrences as these often happen in connection with similar games heretofore devised, but are impossible in connection with the present invention.

The device is simple and inexpensive, yet will be very amusing and entertaining, and as excellent results have been obtained from the details disclosed, they are preferably followed. However, it is to be understood that the present disclosure illustrates one form only of the invention and that within the scope of the latter as claimed, numerous changes may be made. Furthermore, while I have disclosed a toy baseball game, it is to be understood that my invention could be used in playing other games.

I claim:

1. A game comprising a board having a substantially annular chart, said chart having circumferentially spaced legends showing possible occurrences in a baseball game and being formed with a blank space; a supplemental board movably associated with said first named board and having symbols indicating the consecutive batters, said second board being movable to position the

proper symbol at a predetermined point according to the player supposed to be at the bat, said supplemental board having legends displayed in the above mentioned blank space by the movement of said supplemental board and representing possible occurrences in a game; and a spinning pointer mounted to coact with said chart.

2. A structure as specified in claim 1; said supplemental board being mounted behind the first named board; said blank space and said predetermined point being constituted by openings in the front board through which the supplemental board is visible.

3. A game comprising a board having a substantially annular chart, said chart having circumferentially spaced legends showing possible occurrences in a baseball game and being formed with a blank space; a supplemental board movably associated with said first named board and having symbols indicating the number of men on base, said supplemental board being adapted to be moved to dispose the proper symbol at a predetermined point according to the number of men supposedly on base, said supplemental board having legends displayed in the above mentioned blank space by the movement of said supplemental board and representing possible occurrences in a game, and a spinning pointer mounted to co-act with said chart.

4. A structure as specified in claim 3; said supplemental board being mounted behind the first named board; said blank space and said predetermined point being constituted by openings in the front board through which the supplemental board is visible.

5. A structure as specified in claim 3; said supplemental board being mounted behind said first mentioned board and having distinctive areas representing base runners; the front board having openings representing

the bases of a diamond through which said areas are visible.

6. A structure as specified in claim 3; said supplemental board being mounted behind said first mentioned board and having distinctive areas representing base runners; the front board having openings representing the bases of a diamond through which said areas are visible; said front board also having openings constituting the aforementioned blank space and said predetermined point.

7. A baseball game comprising a front board provided with a substantially annular chart having circumferentially spaced legends showing possible occurrences in a baseball game, said chart having two blank spaces formed by slots in said front board, the latter also having openings representing the bases of a diamond and two indicating openings; a pair of supplemental boards movably connected with the rear side of said front board concentric with said annular chart; one of said supplemental boards having symbols representing the consecutive batters and being adapted to be turned to successively display said numbers through one of said indicating openings; the other supplemental board having symbols representing the number of men on base adapted to be presented at the other of said indicating openings, and also having distinctive areas representing base runners; both of said supplemental boards having legends exposed through said slots by movement of the supplemental boards and showing possible occurrences in a game; and a spinning pointer mounted for co-action with said annular chart.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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