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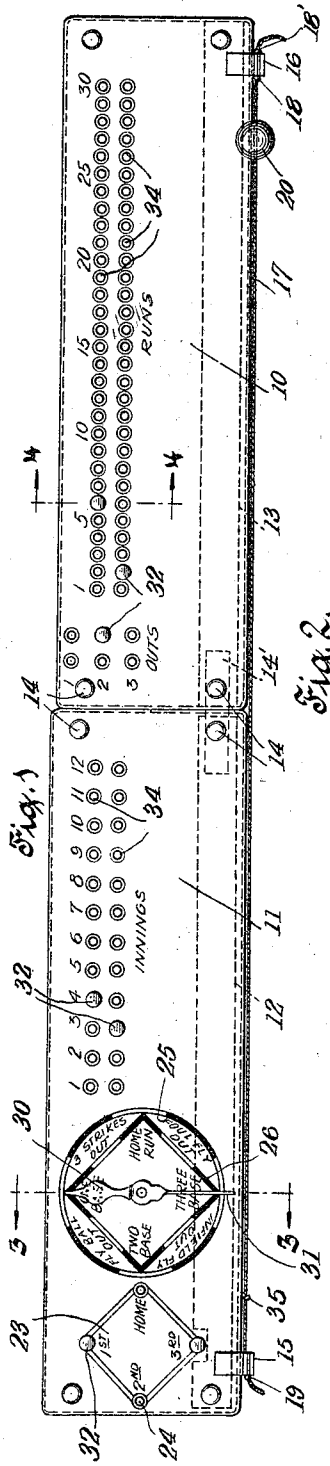


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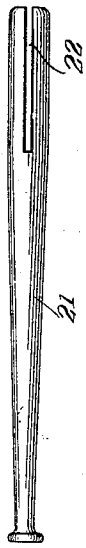


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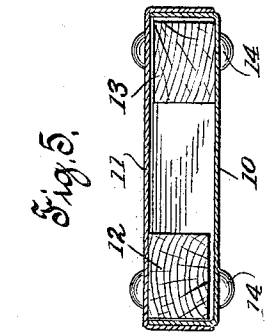


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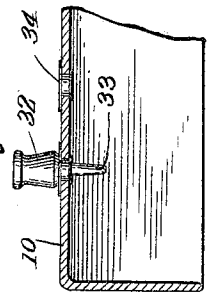


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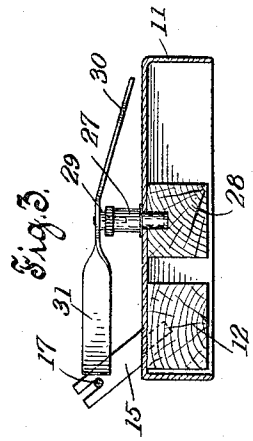


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, THEODOR DIETZE, RICHARD SCHOCH, and THEOBALD KAUF, citizens of the United States, residing in the city of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Amusement Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in amusement apparatus, particularly imitation base ball apparatus, which when played is similar to and produces situations that may be likened to an actual base ball game played on the field.

It is one object of the invention to produce situations that are actually present or occur during the actual play, thus affording an indoor amusement popular with the public, and particularly the younger generation.

Another purpose of the invention is to produce an imitation base-ball game which can be operated by a miniature bat to indicate on a suitable dial over which a hand travels and single phases of an actual base ball game.

A further aim of the invention is in the provision of a miniature indoor base ball game, the paraphernalia of which are enclosed within a casing provided with suitable tabulations or indexing means for marking the results of each play and which permits of a compact folding of the entire apparatus.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of vari-colored pegs to indicate the results of the play of the several players.

These and other objects and advantages of this apparatus are attained by the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and shown in the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this specification, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a box and its cover placed in endwise alignment to illustrate the dial and its hand, a diamond and other suitable tabulations or indexing means constituted by suitable openings for the reception of the vari-colored pegs.

Figure 2 is a detail elevation of a bat.

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view taken through a part of the box on line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a cross-sectional view taken through the box and its cover when in a closed position.

The box 10 containing the paraphernalia of the game has a cover 11 snugly fitting thereon and adapted to be removed and placed in endwise alignment with the box when a game is to be played. Within the box and cover, on one of the side edges thereof, are arranged two wooden beams or bars 12 in the cover 11 and 13 in the box 10 suitably attached to the bottoms by means of pegs 14 or the like.

The bars or beams 12 and 13 at their adjacent ends, Figure 1, are apertured to receive a wooden dowel pin 14′ designed to keep the box 10 and cover 11 in endwise alignment with each other when a game is to be played.

Near their outer ends these bars are equipped with guide lugs or the like 15 and 16, having their front edges suitably grooved and adapted to guide a cord 17 which is held taut by means of knots 18, 18′ and 19 between the lugs 15 and 16. Between these lugs the cord carries a ball 20 adapted to be displaced thereon when hit by a bat 21 provided in one of its ends with a comparatively deep incision or slot 22 for guiding the cord 17 therein when the ball is hit by the bat.

Near one of its ends the cover carries the representation of a diamond, indicated at 23, provided at its corners with openings 24 for the reception of suitable pegs, and showing in its corners the legends "1st" "2nd" "Home" and "3rd."

In the neighborhood of the diamond 23, the cover carries a circles within which a diamond 26 is arranged, and within the sectors formed by the sides of the diamond, and the parts of the circle adjoining, the circle bears the inscriptions "Fly ball out" "3 strikes out" "Foul fly out" and "Infield fly out."

Within its corners the diamond 26 bears the following legends: "One base" "Two base" "Home run" and "Three base."

A post 27 is removably secured with its

lower end in a wooden block 28 within the cover and provided with a central axial bore for the reception of the pin 29 of a spinner 30 adapted to rotate over the dial when its widened tail end 31 is hit by the ball 20 to indicate with its other end, constituting a hand, the specific phase of the game, as will be hereafter more fully explained.

Pegs 32 of any suitable configuration and vari-colored for marking the plays of the several players are adapted to enter with their lower tail ends 33 the various openings in the cover and box representing and marked "Innings" "Runs" and "Outs" with their various ordinals as will be hereafter more fully explained. The openings receiving the various pegs are equipped with eyelets best illustrated in Figure 4.

Near one of its ends, near the dial the cord 17 is provided with a knot 35 to stop the ball from rebounding.

The apparatus is operated in the following manner.

The game may be played by two or more players, if more than two players however are participating in the game they must choose sides.

To start the game, the player making the longest hit takes first inning and the peg representing his color is placed in the hole representing the starting point or home plate on the diamond.

Each player or team is allowed three outs before being retired and then the opposing player or team is at the "bat." Each player or team is allowed nine or twelve chances to score according to agreement these being called innings.

At the end of the twelfth inning the total runs or scores are counted, and the player or team having the most runs is the winner.

In operation, a player strikes the ball with the bat; the ball will hit the tail end 31 of the spinner so that its hand 30 will indicate the result on the dial. So for instance if he makes two base hits, the peg of his color is placed or moved from the home plate position into the hole 24 indicating 2nd base. The player keeps on batting until he makes three outs which ends an inning, and peg of his color is placed in the respective hole in the cover. Then the other man or side bats the ball.

The game is played by innings, three outs as explained above ends an inning. Nine innings end game, however, if desirable, this number may be increased to twelve. If a tie results in the ninth or twelfth inning one more or extra innings should be played until one side wins by making the most runs. Each player should use one peg to keep control of innings, one for the control of the outs which are placed in the corresponding holes in the box cover 10, one for the control of the runs scored, which is placed in the correspondingly marked hole also on the box 10, and the balance of the pegs for controlling the runs when at bat, around the bases when he has his innings. It will be clear that each player or team should use pegs of the same color to differentiate his marking from those of the opposing player or team. As stated before, the player making the most runs wins the game.

As is well understood, three strikes puts the player out, four balls gives the player a free base, and all other plays are made exactly as the game of baseball is played in the field.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention of which obviously an embodiment may be constructed including many modifications without departing from the general scope herein indicated and denoted in the appended claims.

Having thus described our invention what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A game comprising a box and cover therefor adapted to represent the phases of a base ball game, means on said box and cover for indicating said phases, a ball adapted to be batted for operating said indicating means, means for allowing a successive marking of said phases to keep score, and means for keeping the ball from rebounding.

2. A game comprising a box and cover therefor adapted to be placed in endwise alignment, a spinning means on said cover for indicating each phase of the game, a ball associated with said box and cover adapted to be hit by a bat for striking said spinning means to indicate the hits and misses, means for visibly keeping score of the phases of the game, and means for keeping the ball from rebounding.

3. A game comprising a box and removable cover adapted to be placed in endwise alignment, a representation of a diamond on said cover, a dial indicating the single phases of the game on said cover, a spinner oscillating above said dial, a ball, means for holding said ball in association with said cover and box, said ball being adapted to be hit by a bat for striking said spinner to indicate a phase of the game, means on said box and cover for permitting marking of these phases to keep the score, and means for keeping the ball from rebounding.

4. A game comprising a box and removable cover therefor, said cover bearing a diamond and means for indicating the single phases of a base-ball game, a spinner travelling above said means, a ball held in association with said box and cover adapted

to be hit by a bat to strike said spinner to indicate the game phases, score keeping means in association with said box and cover, and means on said ball holding means from keeping it from rebounding.

5. A game comprising a receptacle adapted to contain the paraphernalia for an imitation base-ball game, a cord, a means for keeping said cord associated with the said receptacle, a ball on said cord adapted to be displaced thereon by a bat, a knot in said cord for preventing said ball from rebounding, and means for keeping and visibly indicating the score.

6. A game comprising a casing and cover therefor adapted to allow the storage of the paraphernalia of the game therein when said box is closed, and to present a diamond, a dial, a hand spinning over said dial and scores for the runs, outs and innings represented by openings in said box and cover receptive of vari-colored pegs for the players and teams to visibly indicate and mark the score, a ball adapted to be batted by a bat to engage said hand to indicate on said dial the results of the several battings to govern the placing of said pegs, a cord for guiding and holding said ball and means on said cord for preventing a rebounding of said ball.

7. An imitation base-ball game comprising a box and cover, a pair of bars or beams in said cover adapted to be placed in endwise alignment, grooved guiding lugs on said beams, a cord held within the grooves of said lugs and in association with said beams, a ball on said cord between said lugs adapted to be hit by a bat having a guiding slot for said cord, means to indicate the game phases operated by said ball, and means for keeping score.

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