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Fig. 1.

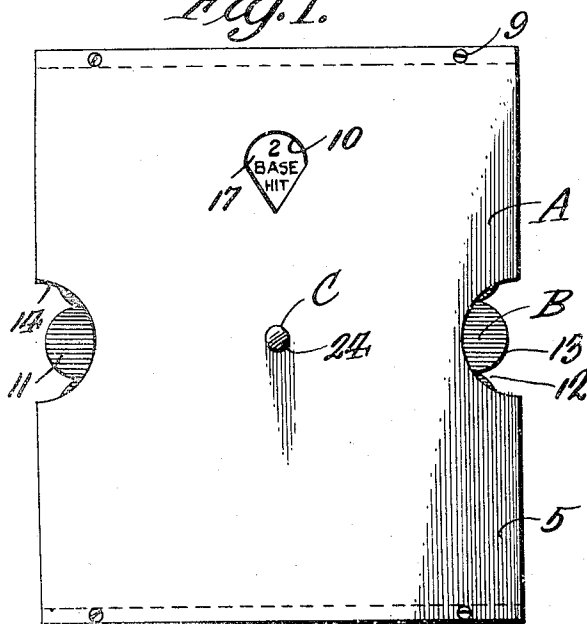


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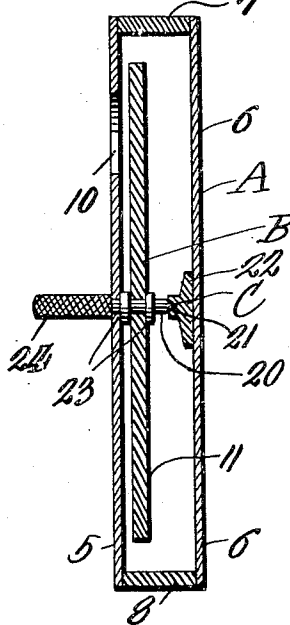


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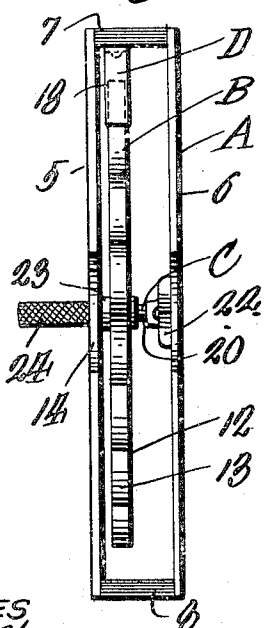
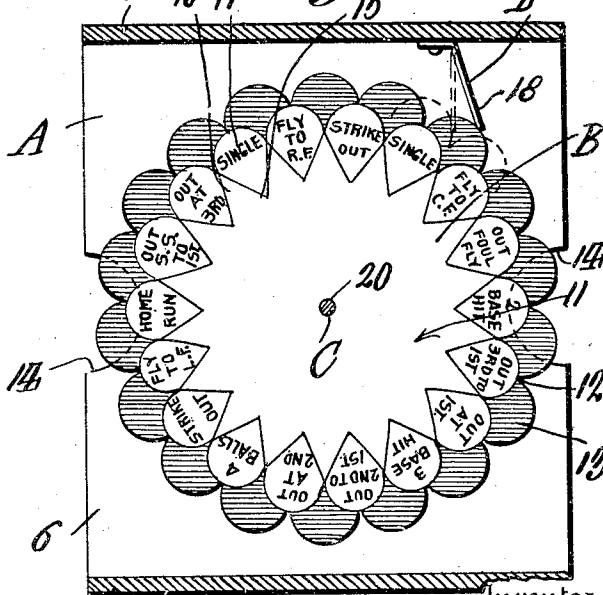


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HERMAN C. H. KOPF and ANDREW B. FOERTSCH, citizens of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Baseball Game, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games and toys and the primary object of the invention is to provide a novel base ball game, which is easy to operate and play and which will be attractive both to young and old and which will permit any number of persons to take part therein.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel base ball game embodying a casing for rotatably supporting a wheel, on which is suitably marked the various base ball terms relating to the batter in a base ball game such as "Strike-out," "Out at first," "Two base hit," and the like, the wheel being adapted to be rotated in a novel manner, and the casing having an opening therein through which one of the terms on the wheel is adapted to appear.

A further object of the invention is to provide novel means for insuring the correct stopping of the wheel so that one of the terms will appear directly in rear of the opening in the casing.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved base ball game of the above character, which will be durable and efficient in use, one which will be simple and easy to manufacture, and one which can be placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved game,

Figure 2 is an edge elevation of the same,

Figure 3 is a central cross section through the game, and

Figure 4 is a horizontal section through the game showing the wheel in plan.

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views the letter A generally indi-

cates the casing or frame of the game; B the wheel, C the means for supporting the wheel in the casing and D the means for stopping the wheel at such a point that one of the terms marked on the wheel will appear directly in rear of an opening in the casing or frame, which will be hereinafter more fully described.

The casing or frame A can be made of any desired material, such as thin pieces of wood, or heavy pieces of hard board and as shown, the same includes the top and bottom plates 5 and 6 which are disposed in superimposed relation. These plates 5 and 6 are held in spaced relation by means of side walls or spacing strips 7 and 8. Any suitable means can be provided, such as screws 9 for connecting the walls 5 and 6 with the side walls or spacing strips 7 and 8.

The wall 5 at a point spaced from the diametric center is provided with an opening 10, through which is adapted to appear one at a time, the terms written on the wheel B, which will be now described.

The wheel B can also be formed of any suitable material and includes a disk-shaped body 11 having its periphery provided with a plurality of indentations 12 forming the spaced radially extending actuating lugs 13. As shown the opposite side edges of the plates 5 and 6 are provided with cutout portions or notches 14 and the lugs 13 are adapted to extend into the cutout or notched portions 14 so that the fingers of the players can readily engage the notches to turn or spin the wheel. Formed upon one center of the disk-shaped body 11 is the representation of a star 15 having a plurality of radially extending star points 16. Intermediate the star points 16 suitable indicia 17 is stamped, printed or otherwise affixed on the disk body 11 and this indicia 17 represents the various plays which can be made by a batter in a base ball game such as a "home run" a "fly to right field", a "two base hit" and the like. It is to be particularly noted that the indicia 17 is arranged inward of the lugs 13 and notches 12 and thus the indicia will not become injured or mutilated incident to the spinning of the wheel. The opening 10 formed in the plate 5 is so arranged that the indicia will be disposed in alignment therewith and when the wheel comes to rest after being rotated, one of the markings is adapted to appear through said opening.

The means D has been provided for insuring the stopping of the wheel at such a point that one of the markings will come at rest directly under said opening thereby preventing a portion of two of the markings being seen simultaneously through the opening. This means D comprises a flexible dog or resilient pawl 18 which is secured in any preferred manner to the side wall 7. This resilient pawl 18 is adapted to engage the rounded lugs 13 and during the rotation of the wheel is adapted to flex and permit the riding of the lugs 13 past the same.

The means C for supporting the wheel within the casing or frame A consists of an axially disposed pivot pin 20 which extends through the axial center of the wheel B. The inner end of this pin is pointed as at 21 and rests upon a suitable thrust bearing or the like 22 which is secured in any preferred manner to the wall 6. Collars 23 are disposed on each side of the disk or wheel B and are secured in any preferred manner to the pin 20 so as to prevent movement of the wheel or disk B in relation to the pin. As shown, the pin 20 extends through the wall 5 and is provided with a knurled head 24 for permitting the convenient rotation of the wheel.

It is evident from the foregoing that the wheel or disk B can be rotated by means of the knurled head 24 or by striking against the lugs 13 appearing in the notches 14 in the walls 5 and 6.

If so desired, and in order to enhance the attractive qualities of the game, the wall 5 can be provided with the representation of a base ball diamond.

In the playing of the game the wheel is rotated in the manner described, and the indicia appearing through the opening 10 indicates the play.

From the foregoing description it can be seen that a novel base ball game has been provided of exceptionally simple and durable character, which will afford a maximum of amusement to the participating players.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or the scope of this invention.

What we claim as new is:—

In a game, a casing including a pair of spaced walls, side walls connecting the first mentioned walls together, one of the first mentioned walls having a sight opening therein, a wheel rotatably mounted in the casing between the first mentioned walls and having a plurality of rounded radiating lugs formed on the periphery thereof and a multiple pointed star on one face thereof, indicia on said wheel inward of the lugs disposed between the star points adapted to appear in rear of the sight opening, the points of the star being disposed at the axial center of the lugs, means for bringing about the spinning of the wheel, and a resilient pawl arranged to engage the rounded lugs.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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