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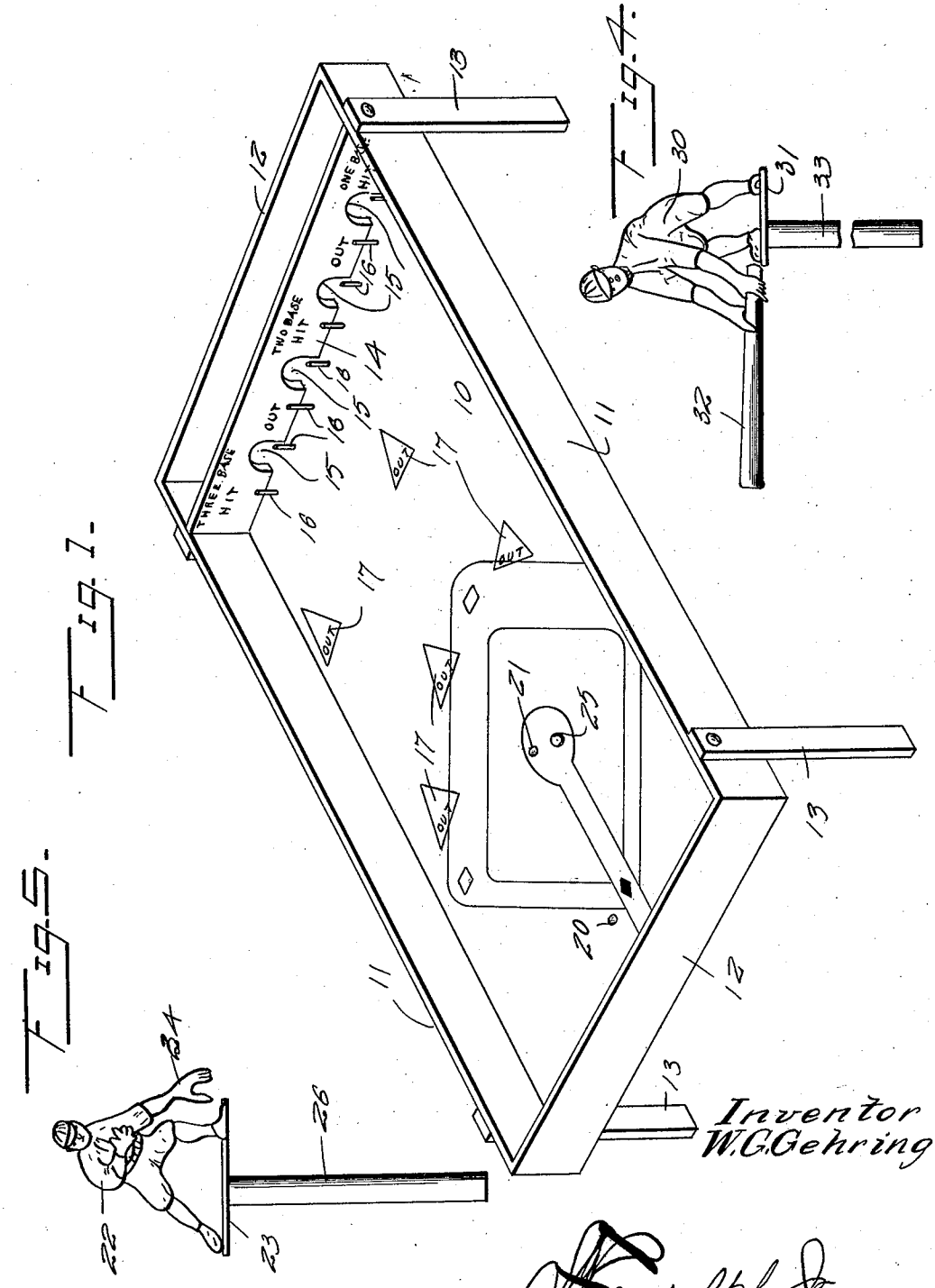
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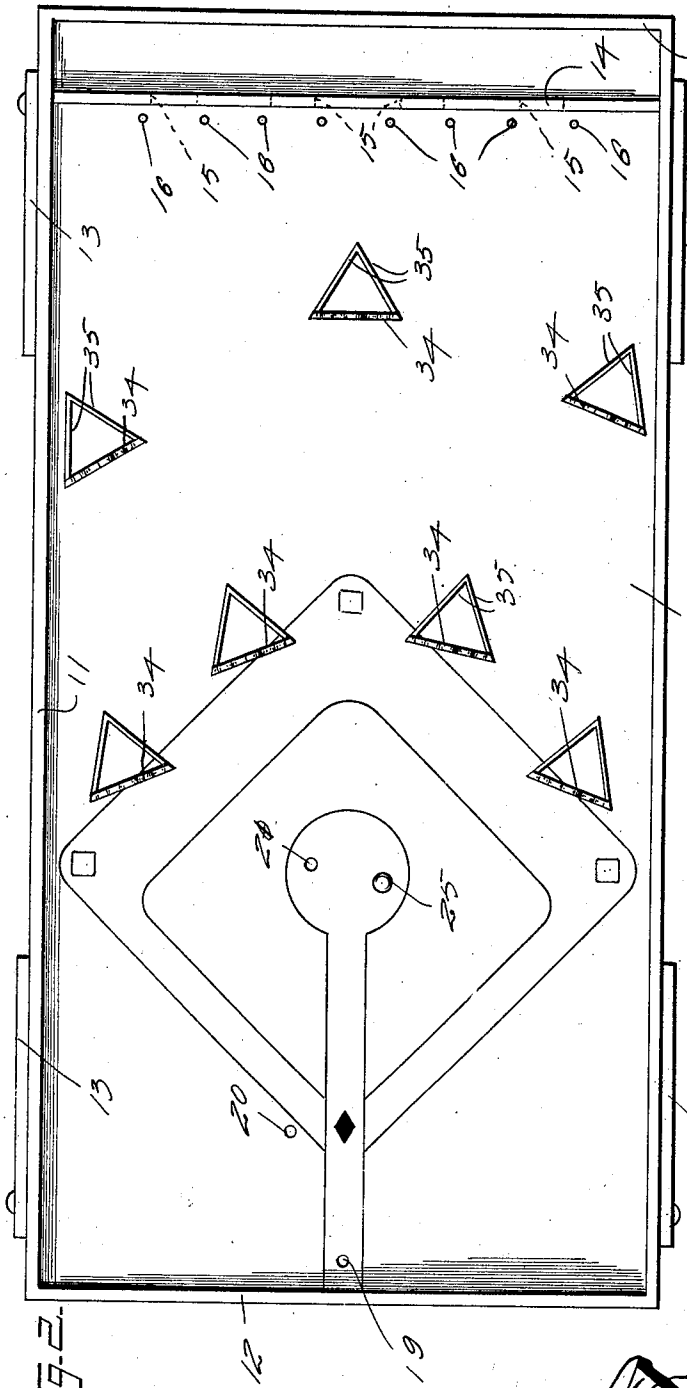


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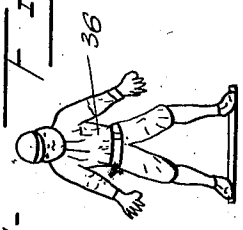


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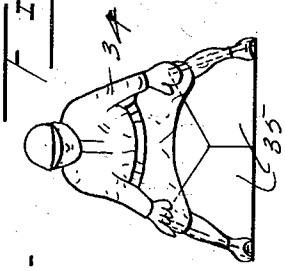


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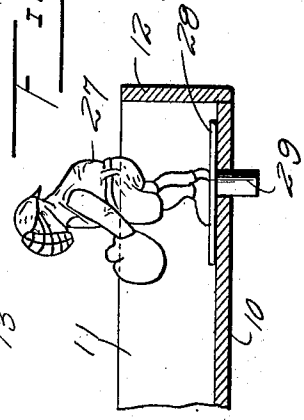


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. GEHRING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodhaven, Long Island, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baseball Games; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to an improved base ball game and one object of the invention is to provide a game for indoor use and commonly known as a parlor game, the game including a board representing a base ball field and players which will be positioned upon the field, additional players representing base runners, and a player representing the batter.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved construction for the batter and for the pitcher, the batter and pitcher being movably mounted so that the pitcher may deliver the ball and the batter strike the ball thus driving the ball out toward the out field.

Another object of the invention is to so construct the in field and out field players that they may stop the ball thus indicating that the ball has been caught and the batter put out.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved back stop extending across the out field and so constructed that it may indicate the length of hit made or whether the batter is put out by the ball being returned from the out field.

Another object of the invention is to so construct this game that the board may be set up as a table and may be folded into a compact mass when not in use.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the board and player,

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the board and player,

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view of the board with one of the movable players shown in place,

Fig. 4 is an elevation of the batter,

Fig. 5 is a view showing the pitcher in elevation,

Fig. 6 is a view showing one of the out fielders in elevation,

Fig. 7 is a view showing one of the base runners in elevation.

This game is provided with a board 10 having side rails 11 and end rails 12 which serve to prevent the ball from rolling off of the board. Supporting legs 13 are pivotally connected with the side rails at points near the ends of the board and may be swung either to a raised position when the board is not in use or to a lowered position for supporting the board in an elevated position when in use. A partition 14 extends transversely across the board adjacent one end and is provided with openings 15 through which the ball may pass thus indicating a home run. Abutment pins 16 are placed upon opposite sides of the openings 15 so that if the ball should strike one of these pins it will be deflected thus making it more difficult for the ball to pass into the openings. This board will have a diamond painted upon its upper face and will have positions marked thereon for placing the in fielders 17 and out fielders 18. Openings 19, 20 and 21 are formed in the board to provide sockets, the sockets 19 being positioned to the rear of the home plate where the catcher will stand, the socket 20 being positioned near the home plate where the batter will stand and the socket 21 being positioned in the pitcher's box.

The pitcher 22 is provided with a base board 23 which is extended beneath the extended pan 24 so that the ball 25 will be positioned beneath the hand of the pitcher. A stem 26 extends from the base board 23 through the opening 21 thus pivotally mounting the base board and extends down below the bottom of the table 10 so that it may be easily grasped from beneath the table and turned thus swinging the pitcher and causing the ball to be directed toward the home plate. The catcher 27 is provided with a base 28 from which extends a pin 29 fitting into the socket 19. The catcher will thus be positioned to the rear of the home plate. In Fig. 4 there is shown the batter 30 mounted upon a base 31 and holding an extended bat 32 which will extend across the home plate when the batter is swung or turned through the medium of the stem 33 which extends through the opening or socket 20. Therefore when the ball is directed to-

ward the home plate by the pitcher, the stem 33 may be grasped beneath the table and the batter turned to swing the bat. If the ball is struck by the bat it will be directed out toward the out field across the diamond. The in fielders and out fielders 34 are each constructed as shown in Fig. 6 and have their legs spread apart so that the ball may pass between the spread legs of the players. Strips 35 extend rearwardly from the legs to support the players 34 and converge rearwardly thus providing stops which will engage the ball in case the ball should pass between the players' legs. It will thus be seen that if the ball passes between the legs of one of the players 34, it will be stopped or caught thus indicating that the ball has been caught and the batter is out. If the ball passes through the in field and out field without being caught by the players of the opposing team, it will strike the partition 14 and in case it passes through one of the openings 15 this will indicate a home run. This partition or the table in front of the partition will be marked to indicate a one base hit, a two base hit, and a three base hit, and between the sections marked for the base hits the partition or table in front of the partition will be marked to represent an out. If the ball after passing the players strikes the partition at the points indicating the hits, the base runner 36 shown in Fig. 7 will be placed to indicate the proper position according to the number of bases made. If the ball should strike a portion of the partition which is marked for an out, this will indicate that the ball was retrieved by one of the out fielders and the batter put out at first base. It will thus be seen that with this game, the ball may be delivered to the batter and if struck will travel through the in field and out field where it will either be caught by one of the players or will travel to the partition and indicate a hit or an out according to the point it strikes the partition. It will be further noted that in case the pitcher does not properly deliver the ball or if the ball passes the home plate without being struck by the batter this will indicate either a ball or a strike. The game therefore requires skill in delivering the ball and operating the batter and further includes an element of chance, as there is no telling where the ball will travel after being struck by the batter.

What is claimed is:—

1. A game of the character described comprising a table having a diamond marked thereon and including an out field, a partition extending across the out field and having openings formed therein for the passage of a ball, the partition being divided into sections having scoring barriers when struck by the ball, figures indicating players positioned in the in field and out field and having spread legs, supporting boards for the figures extending rearwardly from the legs and converging and constituting ball engaging and retaining members, a figure representing a pitcher, operating means for the last mentioned figure extending through the table to pivotally mount the pitcher, and a figure representing a batter having an operating stem extending through the table to pivotally mount the batter.

2. In a game apparatus, a game board, a plurality of figures arranged on the board at predetermined points, a partition disposed across the board rearwardly of the figures and provided with a plurality of spaced openings, a projectile to be projected over the game board for passage through any one of the openings, and a row of barriers mounted on the game board forwardly of the partition and in close proximity thereto and arranged at opposite sides of the openings to render the passage of the projectile through the openings more difficult.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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