

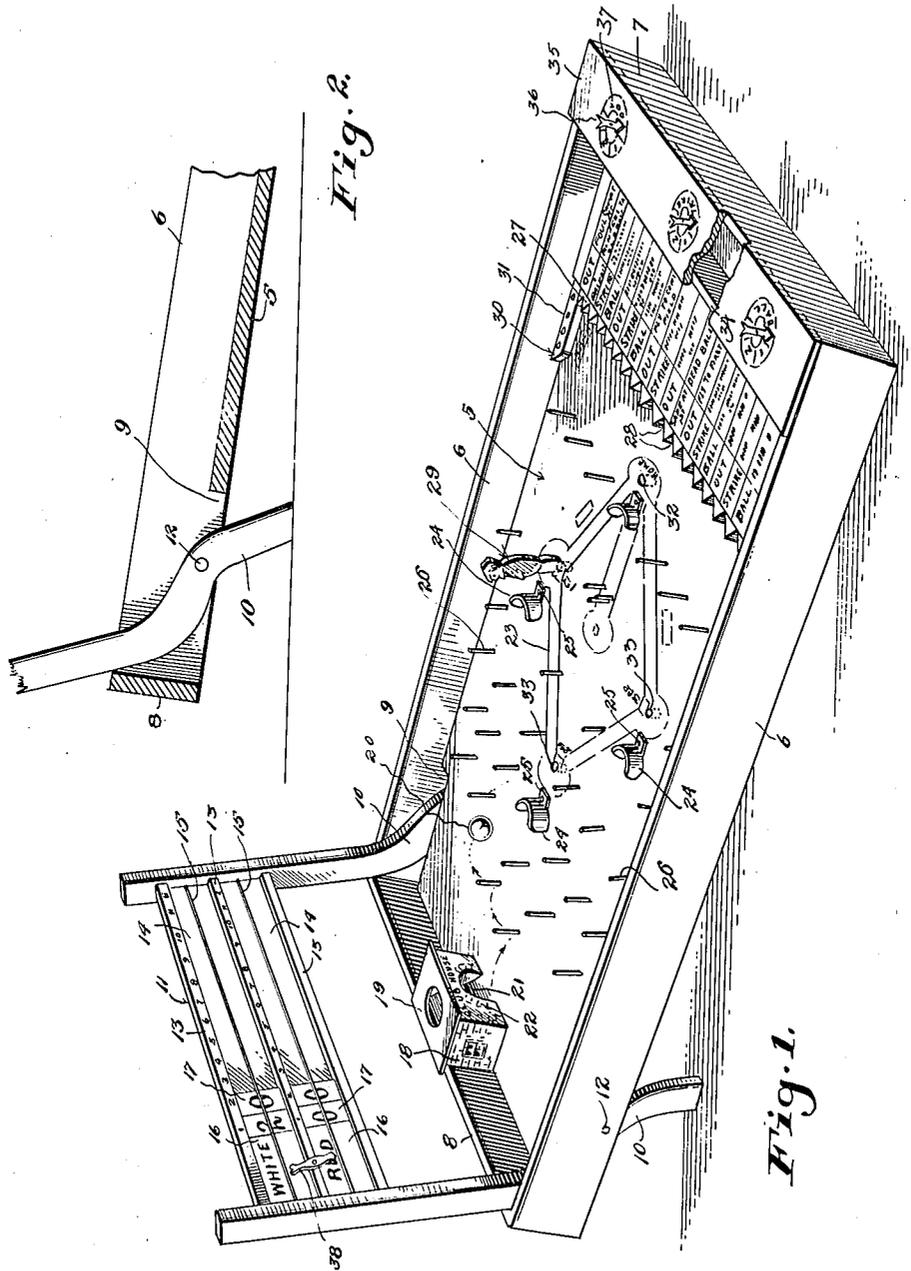
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RAY A. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda, State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in 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 is an improvement in game boards and has particular reference to a device for playing the game of base ball.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved board of simple and inexpensive construction which is so arranged that a rolling ball will indicate various plays of which a record may be made.

Another object is to provide a board with the base of which is associated a score board adjustable to operative and inoperative positions and so constructed as to support the base in an inclined position when the score board is in its operative position.

The inventive idea involved is capable of receiving a variety of mechanical expressions one of which, for the purpose of illustrating the invention, is shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the game board constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view showing the manner of supporting the base board in inclined position.

The drawing illustrates what is now believed to be a preferred form of the invention which comprises a base board 5 having the sides 6 and ends 7 and 8. The base board 5 is provided along each longitudinal edge and adjacent the end 8 with a slot 9 in which is pivoted one of the supporting legs 10 of a score board 11. These legs 10 are bent intermediate their ends and pivoted to the adjacent sides 6 and base 5 by means of pins 12 so that should it be desired to adjust the score board to its inoperative position the same may be swung about the pins 12 as pivots until the legs 10 and board are recessed between the sides 6 of the base, at which time the lower ends of the legs will extend longitudinally of the slots 9. By reason of this construction, a cover (not shown) may be provided for the board so

that when the same is not in use it may be stored away without danger of losing any of the parts. When the score board 11 is in its operative position, the legs are adjusted as shown in Fig. 1 with their rear edges in engagement with the end 8 and their bottom ends extending below the base board 5 so that the same will be inclined. The score board 11 is preferably provided with spaced longitudinal strips 13 for forming channels or grooves 14 and said strips contain suitable indicia thereon indicating the number of innings, runs, hits and errors. Flexible elements 15 have their ends secured to the board adjacent the legs 10 and extend longitudinally of the channels 14 so as to retain in position the cards 16 indicating the names of the teams playing and the cards 17 designating the number of runs scored in each inning.

Preferably arranged adjacent the end 8 and intermediate the ends thereof is a receptacle 18 having an inlet opening 19 in its top for receiving a rolling ball 20 which, when deposited therein, falls upon an inclined platform 21 and then passes through the exit opening 22 and rolls down the board toward the lower end thereof.

The base board 5 has a diamond 23 laid out thereon and adjacent each base of the diamond is disposed a pocket 24 formed of a semicircular piece of metal having a flange 25 extending therefrom for attachment to the board 5. The rolling of the ball into one of these pockets is designed to score a base hit and the length of said hit depends upon the pocket into which the ball rolls as, for instance, the ball engaging in the pocket adjacent the third base will indicate that a three base hit has been made. Also preferably arranged promiscuously about the board are a plurality of deflecting pins 26 which the ball is adapted to strike as the same rolls from the receptacle 18 toward the lower end of the board.

Adjacent the lower end of the base board 5 the same is provided with a transverse plate or strip 27 and one edge of said strip is provided with a plurality of notches 28 forming compartments in any one of which the ball 20 is adapted to lodge should the same pass the pockets 24. Opposite each compartment is suitable indicia indicating certain plays both for the batter and runners should any be on the bases and by fol-

lowing the instructions given opposite the compartment in which the ball might lodge the game may be played in the ordinary manner. To represent base runners, a plurality of pegs 29, simulating players, may be employed and there are four of these pegs preferably provided for each side, one for each base. Strips 30 may be disposed along the sides 6 adjacent the plate 27 and provided with openings 31 to receive said pegs 29 while the same are not being used. To indicate that a batter is at the plate, one of the pegs of the side "at the bat" is mounted in the opening 32 at the home plate, the ball 20 is then dropped into the receptacle 18 and allowed to roll down the board until the same lodges in either one of the pockets 24 or compartments formed by the notches 28 and following the rules of the game as indicated the supposed batter is either retired or advanced to one of the bases in which instance the peg is mounted in either one of the openings 33 after which another peg is mounted in the opening 32 and the game thus proceeds according to the ordinary rules.

A partition 34 is mounted in the lower end of the board 5 and spaced from the end 7 to provide a compartment into which the various loose parts of the game may be deposited when not in use and said compartment is provided with a lid 35 upon which are mounted the indicating hands 36 movable over the dial 37 which are employed to indicate the number of balls and strikes for each batter and the number of outs in an inning. An indicating hand 38 is also pivoted to the intermediate strips 13 of the score board 11 and is used to designate which team is having its innings or is "at the bat."

What is claimed is:—

1. A game comprising a base board having a diamond, a plurality of compartments arranged at one end of the board for receiving a rolling element, a series of pockets disposed about the diamond adjacent the corners thereof for also receiving said rolling element, pins arranged about the base board for deflecting said element, and a score board pivoted to said base board and adjustable to support the same in an inclined position. 45 50

2. A game comprising a base board, and a score board having legs pivoted to said base board and adjustable to support the same in an inclined position. 55

3. A game comprising a base board having sides and ends and also having longitudinal slots contiguous to said sides, and a score board having legs pivotally mounted intermediate their ends in said slots and adjustable to a position to support said base board in an inclined position. 60

4. A game comprising a base board having sides and ends and also having longitudinal slots contiguous to said sides, a score board having legs pivotally mounted intermediate their ends in said slots and adjustable to a position to support said base board in an inclined position, said score board and legs being movable about the pivots of said legs to permit of said score board and legs being recessed between said sides and in said slots, respectively. 65 70 75

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

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