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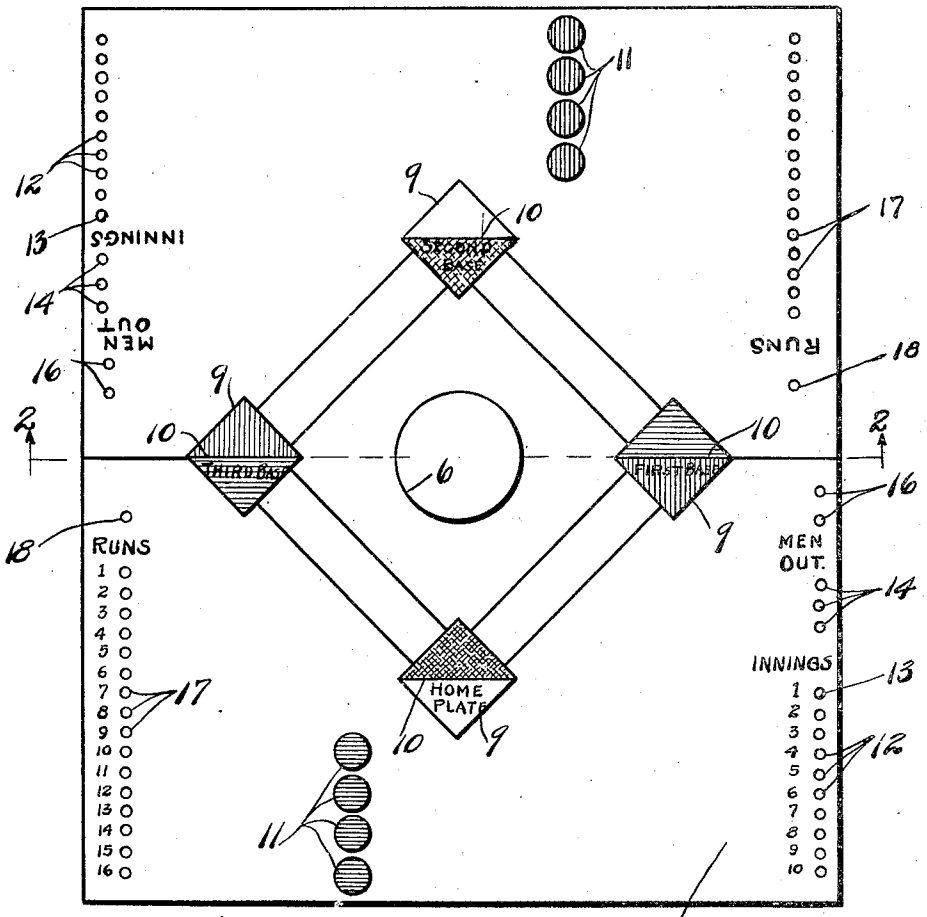


Fig 1

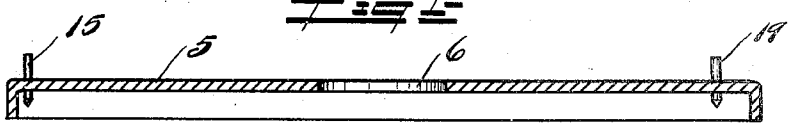


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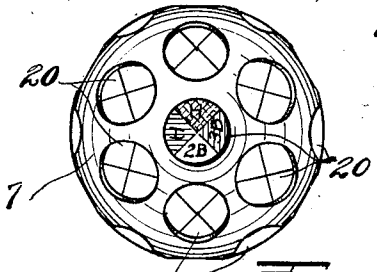


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This invention relates to a game and particularly to a base ball game.

The prime object of the invention is to provide a very fascinating and interesting game designed for indoor amusement, which can be played by two individuals, and in which all of the possibilities present in the out door game played on a regulation base ball diamond, and by regulation teams, are present.

A further object is to design a game which is economical to manufacture, and which can be very quickly and readily learned and played.

A further object is to provide a ball formed with a plurality of depressed circles or spaces, each space having certain indicia printed thereon, and which determines the nature of the play made as the ball is rolled.

A further object still is to provide simple and efficient means for keeping the score, the innings, and men out.

With the above and other objects in view, the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter more fully described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the form, size, and proportion and minor details of construction, without departing from the spirit, or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view showing my improved game.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view of the ball.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary sectional view thereof.

Fig. 5 is an edge view of one of the discs used to indicate the players.

The game is preferably enclosed in a card board box, (not shown), the instructions together with the key symbols being printed thereon, so that all necessary information is before the players at all times.

Referring now particularly to the drawing, the numeral 5 indicates a card board base on which the above mentioned indicia are printed, this is provided with a centrally disposed opening 6, and in which the ball 7 is placed when the game is not in use.

The two players play on opposite sides, each representing a team distinguished one from the other by the different colors of the men, board, and bases. The ball diamond is indicated at 8 and the bases by the squares 9, each square being divided by a diagonal line 10, and each half of the square being of a different color, so that it may be readily distinguished from the base of the opposition, for instance, white indicates the home plate for each player, the opposite half of these squares being yellow and indicates second base, while the colors red and green of the two remaining squares, indicate first and third base respectively, the shading indicating these colors on the drawing, and it will be readily seen that by this arrangement, each player has a regulation diamond before him, and inasmuch as both sides are identically alike, I shall describe but one side only.

The players are indicated by the discs 11, and are of course of a color to correspond to the color of the side of the board on which they are played, and are advanced or removed from the bases as play progresses. Spaced apart openings 12 are provided in the edge of the board, these openings being consecutively numbered, and are adapted to receive a peg 13 to indicate the inning. Similar openings 14 are provided directly above the openings 12 and a peg 15 is provided to show the number of players out, the openings 16 being provided in which the pegs are inserted when not in use.

Similar openings 17 are provided on the opposite edge of the board, and are also consecutively numbered to indicate the number of runs made, an opening 18 being provided directly above to accommodate the peg 19 when not used to indicate the runs scored.

The ball 7 can be made of any desired material, it is of course round in shape and similar to a base ball, and is further formed with a plurality of flat surfaces or spaces 20 and each space is divided into four equal parts, which are printed white, red, yellow and green respectively, a certain indicium being printed on each color and indicating a play which can be made in a base ball game, and each end of the game board has printed thereon (in four separate spaces not illustrated) corresponding colors explaining the markings on the ball, for instance, first base is red, and should the red appear in certain position when the ball is rolled, and the letter "O" be indicated thereon, it will indicate that the man is out at first base.

In actual practice the game is played as follows: Two players, play on opposite sides as indicated by colors of men and game board. One player (pitches) rolls ball into a box cover or on a mat (not shown), and opponent plays men according to readings on the top depressed circle of the ball, after the ball comes to rest, and the players are advanced or removed in accordance with the plays. Players will become familiar with these baseball terms after playing one or two games, and seldom have to refer to the board. Bases on game board are of corresponding colors: White for man at bat; red for 1st base; yellow for 2nd base, and green for 3rd base. The white spaces indicate plays for man at bat, the red spaces indicate plays for man on 1st base, the yellow spaces indicate plays for man on 2nd base, and the green spaces indicate plays for man on 3rd base, it will therefore be clear that there are four possible plays each time the ball is "pitched" as each space is divided into the four equal parts as above described, but the indicia in each of the spaces denotes a different set of plays.

From the foregoing description it will be obvious that I have perfected a base ball game having all the characteristics of the out door game which is fascinating to play and which is economically manufactured.

What I claim is:

1. In a device of the character described, including a game board having a base ball diamond thereon, each base and the home plate being divided, and the parts thereof being painted different colors and the parts and colors being symmetrically arranged, so that said diamond presents the same aspect when viewed from either end of said board.

2. In a device of the character described, including a game board having a base ball diamond thereon, each of the bases and the home plate being divided, and the parts thereof painted different colors, so that a reversible diamond is provided, and a ball formed with flat depressed surfaces each surface having suitable indicia and color corresponding to said bases and home plate thereon, to indicate a play to be made.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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