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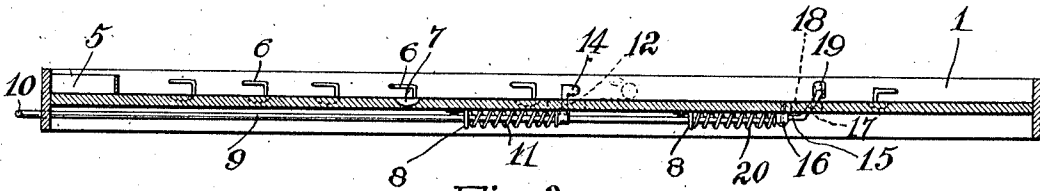


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS F. GALLAGHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charlestown, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games and particularly to parlor base ball games.

The object of the present invention is the provision of a parlor base ball game in which the several moves or plays found in the national game may be carried out upon a board on which there is mounted the respective players.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of novel means for pitching the ball to the batsman and at the same time automatically moving the bat to meet the ball so that it is driven into the field and further means for interrupting the progress of the ball at the different players' stations so that it may be determined the number of bases a batter will get for a given hit.

Further objects of the invention will appear as the specific description which follows is read in connection with the accompanying drawings which form a part of this specification, and in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view; Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring more especially to the drawing, 1 represents a board of substantially rectangular outline upon which is mounted the mechanism for making the play and for depicting the players' positions. A suitable diamond 2 is marked out on the board having first, second, third bases and a home plate, marked respectively, *a*, *b*, *c* and *d*. The board also has the outline of a grand stand as at 3 and bleachers as at 4. At the opposite end of the board suitable spaces are formed as shown at 5 in which the score may be properly kept.

Mounted upon the face of the board are projecting wires 6 arranged at each player's position which surround suitable sockets 7 in which the ball which is used in the play is adapted to fall. The wires 6 partially surround the sockets 7 and form interrupting means which the ball engages in its

travel over the board. These devices are arranged at first, second and third bases and at right, left and center field positions. One is also arranged at the short-stop's position.

Slidably mounted in brackets 8 mounted on the underneath side of the board is an operating rod 9 whose outer end 10 is formed into a hook whereby the rod may be retracted. Suitable springs surround the rod between the brackets 8 and are numbered 11 on the drawing. Intermediate the ends of the rod is secured an arm 12 which projects vertically through a slot 13 in the board and has mounted on its upper end, a cup-shaped member 14 which is adapted to receive the ball and project the same in the direction of the home plate *c*. The outer end of the rod 9 has secured to it a lever 15 which is pivoted upon the under side of the board as at 16 and has connected to its opposite end an L-shaped rod 17 which projects up through a slot 18 on the board adjacent the home plate *c*. One end of this L-shaped member comprises the bat 19 which is adapted to strike the ball when pitched by the arm 14.

In the operation of the device, the rod 9 is retracted against the tensions of the spring 20 and a marble or other suitable substitute 21 is placed in engagement with the cup 14. The arm is then released and flying forward under the impetus of the springs will pitch the ball over the board toward the home plate *c*. At the same time the rod connected end of the lever 15 will be moved forward thus drawing back on the L-shaped member 17 and bringing the bat into engagement with the ball. The ball is thus knocked out into the field, and when stopped by either one of the wires 6 at any one of the players' positions will drop into the aperture 7 and a certain score is given therefor according to the hit made. If the ball passes all of the wires, it is considered a home run.

What is claimed, is:—

In a device of the class described, the combination with a board, of a rod slidably mounted in brackets on the under side of said board, a pair of springs surrounding said rod and adapted to normally project the same in one direction, a projecting arm carried by the rod, and extending up through the board adapted to project a ball, a lever

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5 pivoted to the board on its under side, and having connection at one end with the rod, said lever having its opposite end projecting through the board, and a bat carried by the said lever and adapted to operate over the board in the opposite direction to the projecting arm.

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

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