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BASE BALL GAME.

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Fig. 1.

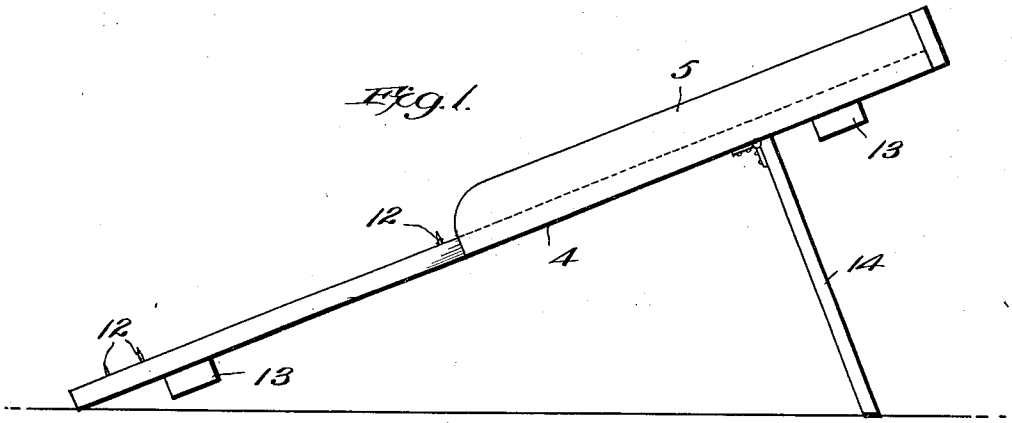


Fig. 2.

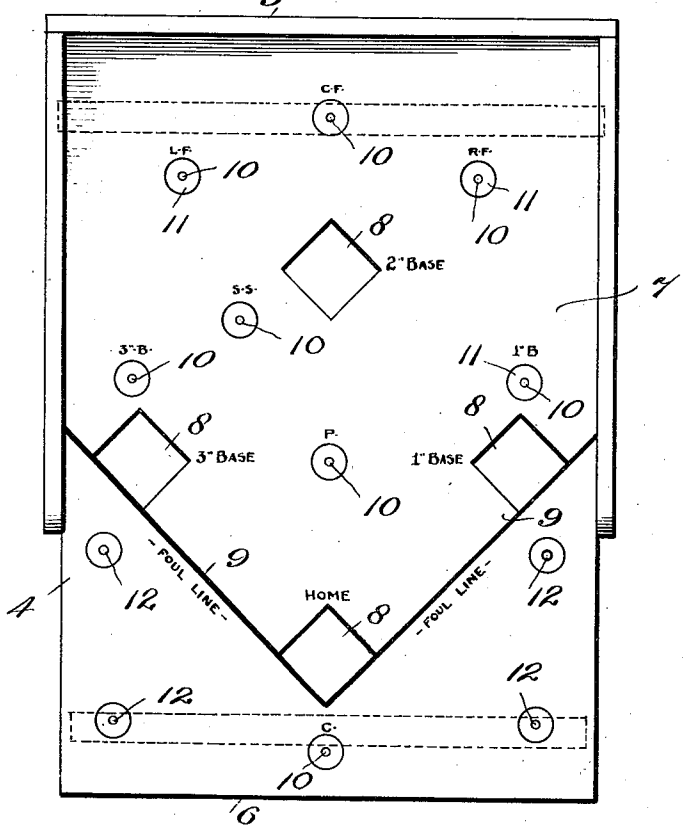


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY R. CULLMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodhaven, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Base-Ball Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games and more especially to that class of games representing a miniature base ball field upon which a game similar to base ball is played, and it consists of a field comprising an inclined board having pockets into which the ball may drop as the game is being played.

The details of construction and method of playing the game will be more fully described in the following specification, set forth in the claim and illustrated in the drawings, wherein,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device necessary to play the game. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the board. Fig. 3 is a view of one of the disks used as a ball.

The board may be of any desired size and have around its upper end and the outer ends of its sides a rail 5. The lower end 6 of the board is open so that the ball or object which represents the ball may slide off so as to be removed from the field. The field 7 may be covered with cloth or painted any desired color but preferably green, and openings 8 are provided at four points to represent the bases, while lines 9 are provided to represent the foul lines running from the home toward the first base and third base and beyond. The opposing players are represented by top-pointed pins 10 which are surrounded by a white circle 11, and pins 12 toward the lower end of the field also represent the range of the catcher, and first and third basemen in front of the foul lines. The under side of the board 4 is provided with cleats 13 and one or more supporting props or legs 14 hinged to the lower side so that they may be folded beneath the board. The balls consist of flat disks and preferably about nine in number. They may be constructed of sheet rubber or similar material and covered with felt of any color.

In playing this game suitable rules may be adopted but the following method is preferable: Two or more players may take part in the game and be divided into two sides. The players stand a certain distance preferably twelve feet, which point is known as the pitching line, in front of the board and throw the balls upon it. A fair throw is where the ball is thrown into the hole at one of the bases or which may slide into the hole when thrown. A foul throw is one which falls in front of the foul line. A strike is a ball which is thrown and settles on the board within the shaded lines corresponding with the foul line of a baseball field, and which is not stopped by one of the pins or does not overlap any circle surrounding any such pin when it terminates movement, or engage the rail around the edges of the board when its movement is terminated. A ball thrown by a player when either one or both feet are outside of the pitching line, may be declared a foul ball. A player is out if the pitched ball is caught on any of the pins or touches any part of the circles surrounding the pins or if he has made three strikes also when a ball has been illegally thrown. A player is entitled to bases when four balls have been declared, which is the same as a foul throw. Should all the bases be occupied, that side is entitled to one run. The player is also entitled to a base when he throws a ball into the first base and should any base be occupied, the occupant is thus advanced. The same follows when a player throws a ball into second base when any base is occupied, the occupant is advanced two bases, or when the player throws into the third base when any base is occupied, the occupant is advanced to the home base. When a player throws the ball into home base and any base is occupied, this play clears all of the bases and the player or side is entitled to as many runs as the number of bases occupied. A score is kept of the runs which are made in each inning and after nine innings have been played, the winner is determined by the result of the score. It is obvious that other rules and methods may be adopted for playing the game and it may be similar to the plan outlined above.

What I claim as new is:—

A game apparatus comprising a board

laid off to represent a miniature base ball field, means for supporting the board in an inclined position, said board being provided at the bases and home plate and within the foul line with openings and pins located at the positions of the players, and a disk adapted to pass through the said openings.

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

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