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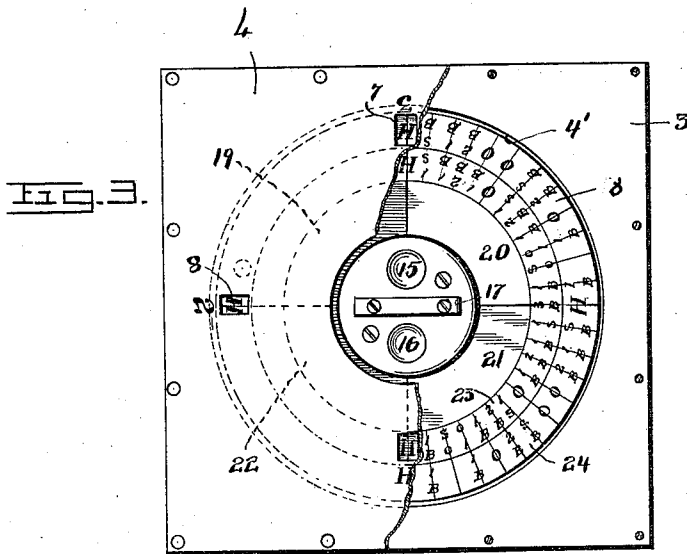
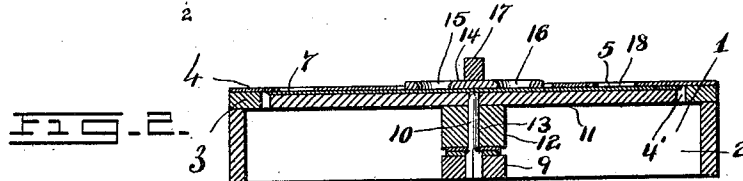
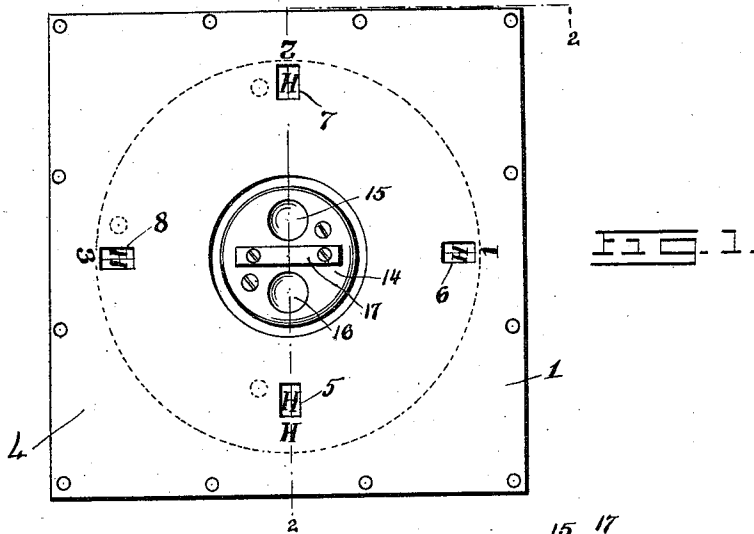
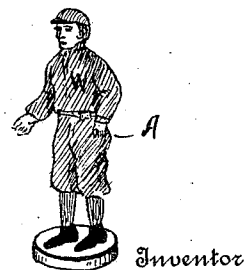


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. SIMONSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glen Head, in the county of Nassau and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in amusement devices, and particularly to an apparatus for use upon a table or other support and whereby a game in imitation of an actual baseball game may be played.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings and particularly pointed out in the appended claim, it being understood that the showing in the drawings is merely illustrative and that minor details of structure within the scope of the appended claim may be resorted to if desired.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan view of a game apparatus constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view upon the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top plan view with parts broken away. Fig. 4 is a view of one of the dummies or men.

The game apparatus may be generally designated by the numeral 1. The apparatus comprises a substantially rectangular frame 2, the top 3 of which is provided with an annular opening 4'. The top has secured thereon a plate or facing 4, the same being also provided with a centrally arranged annular opening which is of a greatly lesser area than the opening provided in the top 3. The plate or facing 4 is also provided with rectangular openings which may be designated by the numerals 5, 6, 7 and 8 respectively. These openings are arranged at right angles to each other, and the openings 6, 7 and 8 have their transverse walls struck from a common center so that each are spaced a similar distance away from the center of the plate 4. All of the openings are arranged concentric of the center of the device, but the opening 5 is disposed nearer the center for a purpose which will presently be described. Connected transversely and centrally of the rectangular frame 2 is a strip 9. This strip is provided with an upwardly extending shaft 10, the

latter adapted to be arranged centrally of the opening of the plate 4.

The numeral 11 designates a disk which is of an annular formation and may be constructed of wood or similar cheap material. The disk 11 has its under face centrally formed with a downwardly extending boss 12, the said boss having an opening 13 which is adapted to receive the upwardly projecting shaft 10. The disk 11 has its upper face centrally formed with a fingerhold designated by the numeral 14 which is arranged within the central opening of the plate 4. The fingerhold is formed with a pair of oppositely disposed circular depressions 15 and 16, the same being divided from each other through the medium of a longitudinally extending partition 17. By this arrangement it will be noted that the operator by positioning his forefinger and thumb within the openings 15 and 16 and by pressing tightly against the partition 17, the disk may be revolved upon the shaft 10 of the member 9 at a desired rate of speed.

The upper face of the disk is preferably provided with a suitable cardboard or the like 18, the same being divided into four equal divisions designated respectively by the numerals 19, 20, 21 and 22. Each of the divisions is subdivided through the medium of radial lines and the said subdivisions are again divided through the medium of a circular line so as to form what may be termed upper and lower subdivisions designated respectively by the numerals 23 and 24. The lower subdivisions have their radial lines marked first H, which stands for "home run," second 1 B, which indicates "one base hit," then a blank after which follows another 1 B. The next line is provided with O which signifies "out," then follows 2 B, two base hit; S B, stolen base; O, out; O, out; 2 B, two base hit; 1 B, one base hit; S B, stolen base; and H, home run; so that each of the lower subdivisions start and end with the letter H which as above stated indicates a home run. The upper subdivisions of the divisions 19 and 21 have their indicating marks positioned directly above the lower subdivisions, and the said indicating marks are arranged as follows: first H, home run; 1 B, first base; S O, strike out; O 1, put out on first base; 1 B, one base hit; 2 B, two base hit; 1 S, one strike; O, out; 1 B, one base hit; 2 B, two base hit; 1

B, one base hit; 1 S, one strike, and 3 B, three base hit. The indicating marks of the upper subdivisions provided by the divisions 20 and 22 are positioned directly above the indicating marks of the lower subdivisions and are as follows: 3 B, three base hit, 1 B, one base hit; S O, strike out; O 1, put out at first base; 1 B, one base hit; 2 B, two base hit; 1 S, one strike; O, out; 1 B, one base hit; 2 B, two base hit; 1 B, one base hit; 1 S, one strike. The indicating characters upon the upper subdivision are adapted to register with the opening 5 in the top of the device, while the indicating characters upon the lower subdivisions are adapted to register with the cut-away portions or sight openings 6, 7 and 8.

In playing the game, of course, it will be merely necessary to rotate the disk and a plurality of dummies or "men" designated by the letter A are employed to serve as the baseball players. Any number of persons may play the game, and the first person having spun the disk, we will suppose that the letters 1 B appear through the sight opening 5 which is adapted to serve as the home plate. Should for instance, the character 1 B appear through the sight opening at the base plate, the player is entitled to a base hit and the dummy is positioned adjacent the sight opening 6 which indicates the first base of a baseball diamond. After three of the first player's men have been declared out the next player places a new batter at home and spins the disk. We will suppose the characters O 1 appear through the sight opening 5, the "man" at home plate is declared out and removed from the board. When the characters O 1 appear through the sight opening at the home plate, the characters 1 B appear through the sight opening at the first base and that "man" is, therefore, advanced to second base, the said base comprising a sight opening 7. Each of the players is entitled to spin the disk at least three times, or until three of his men have been retired. The next player spins the disk. We will suppose that the characters 1 S are disclosed through the sight opening at the home plate. This indicates that the batter has struck at and missed the ball. The characters S B appear through the sight openings and the

runner or "man" upon second base is advanced to third base, this base comprising a sight opening 8. The player is entitled to again spin the disk and we will suppose that the characters 2 B appear through the sight opening at the home plate. This entitles the runner to a two base hit, thus landing the "man" from the bat to the second base and bringing the "man" from the third base home, thus scoring one run, and this method of playing the game is continued until the player has three of his "men" put out, or until one of the players scores the greatest number of runs in what may be termed nine innings.

From the above description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be noted that the device is extremely simple, cheap to manufacture and which will provide means for amusement to all acquainted with the game of baseball. The structure may be constructed of some suitable light material, so that the same may be handled by the young and may be constructed in various sizes to accommodate itself upon various sizes of supports.

Having thus fully described the invention, what I claim as new, is:—

In a device for the purpose set forth the combination with a substantially rectangular frame having the top portion thereof provided with an opening, a plate secured upon the top and being provided with sight openings and a central opening, a strip connecting the sides of the frame, and a shaft secured upon the said strip and projecting toward the central opening, of a disk mounted for rotation upon the shaft, said disk being provided with a plurality of characters arranged to be displayed through the sight openings, a circular member forming a finger hold secured to the disk, the said finger hold being formed with a central partition and cup shaped depressions upon the circular member, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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