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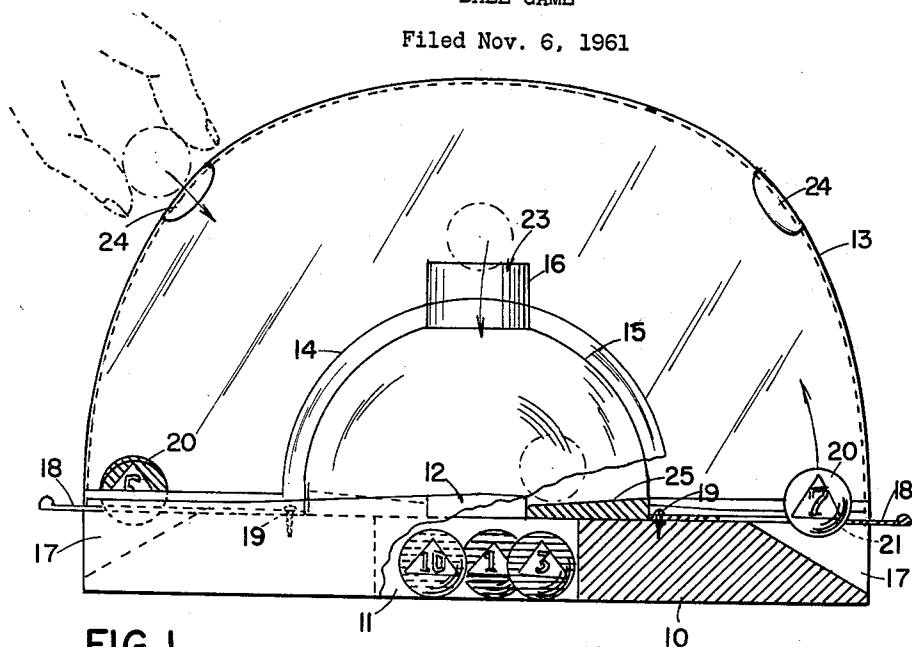


FIG. 1

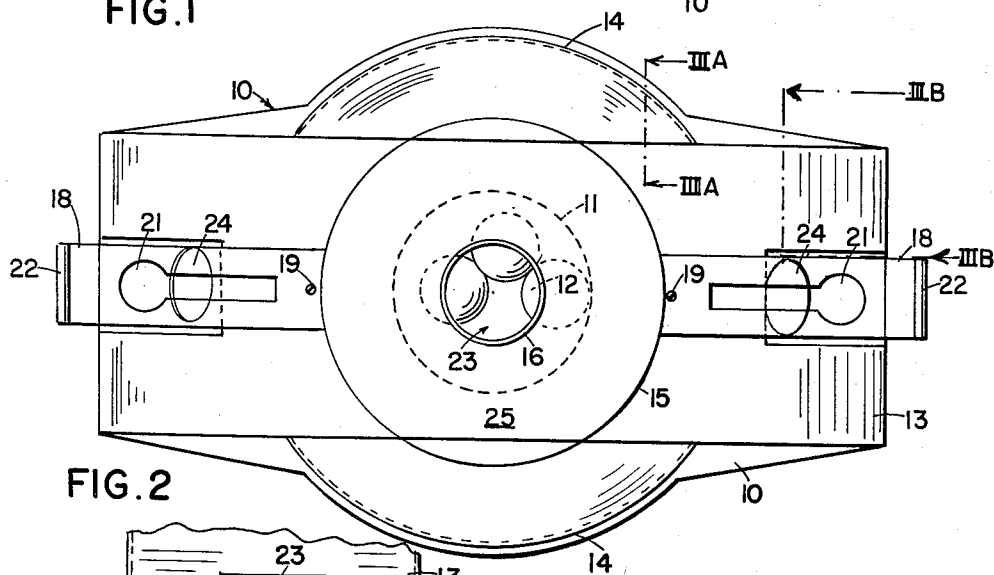


FIG. 2

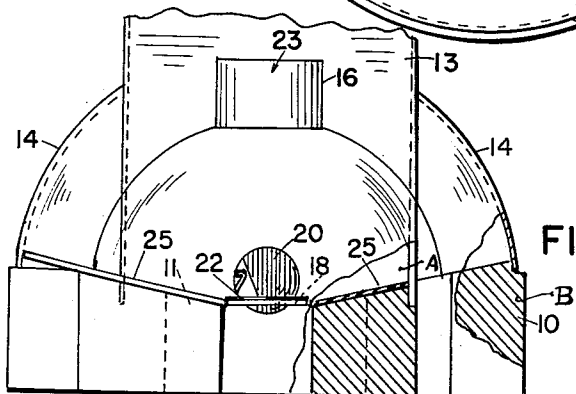


FIG. 3

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This invention relates to new improvements in a ball game, and it has for its object to provide a game that presents an interesting play for children as well as grown-ups, as it may be noted that dexterity in playing this game removes the latter from any "chance-game."

The game is compact in shape, requiring only a small space, and is very inexpensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, and in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all views, and in which,

FIGURE 1 is a transverse sectional view of the invention.

FIGURE 2 is a bottom view of same.

FIGURE 3 is an end view of FIGURE 1; and the sections A and B of the latter are taken at IIIA and IIIB in FIGURE 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the numeral 10 indicates the bottom or base of the invention, which is formed with an enlarged opening 11 underneath the base to accommodate balls which during a play drop through a narrow opening 12 in said base.

The housing of the game 13, secured to the bottom, or base, in any convenient manner, is of a semi-circular shape. The said housing is formed with convex side portions 14 to allow space for a dome-shaped center member 15, which terminates in a tunnel 16 at the top thereof.

The invention is assembled by placing the housing over the dome-shaped center member; and the tunnel is formed with an opening at its top to permit exit of the balls during a game.

At each end the base 10 is made with reduced por-

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tions 17 in order to permit movement of a springy plate or key 18 which at its inner end is secured to the base by a screw 19.

The free end of the plate 18 extends beyond the base, so that said plate, when a ball 20 is placed over a recess or small opening 21 in the latter, will by pressing a finger upon said free end catapult said ball toward the opening 23 in the tunnel 16.

The said plate is provided at its outer end with an enlargement or means 22 to facilitate the operation of same.

The housing is formed with two openings 24, one upon each side thereof for inserting and removing the balls.

The base within the dome-shaped center member 15 is slanting slightly downwardly toward the opening 12, as shown at 25.

In playing the game different rules may be applied, according to the desires of the players, as the balls also may be given different colors.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

A housing of a substantially semi-circular shape and formed with two convex side portions, the sides of the housing near its top having in each side thereof an opening for the outlet and inlet of balls, a dome-shaped member centrally arranged in the housing and accommodated as to space by said convex side portions, a tunnel integral with said dome-shaped member and formed with an opening at its top for discharge of said balls during a game; a base for said housing formed with an opening at its top to accommodate a number of balls, the base being at each end formed with cut-out portions, keys mounted in the latter for catapulting a ball, said keys each having one end secured to the base, and an opening in each side of the housing for inserting said balls to be catapulted into said tunnel.

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