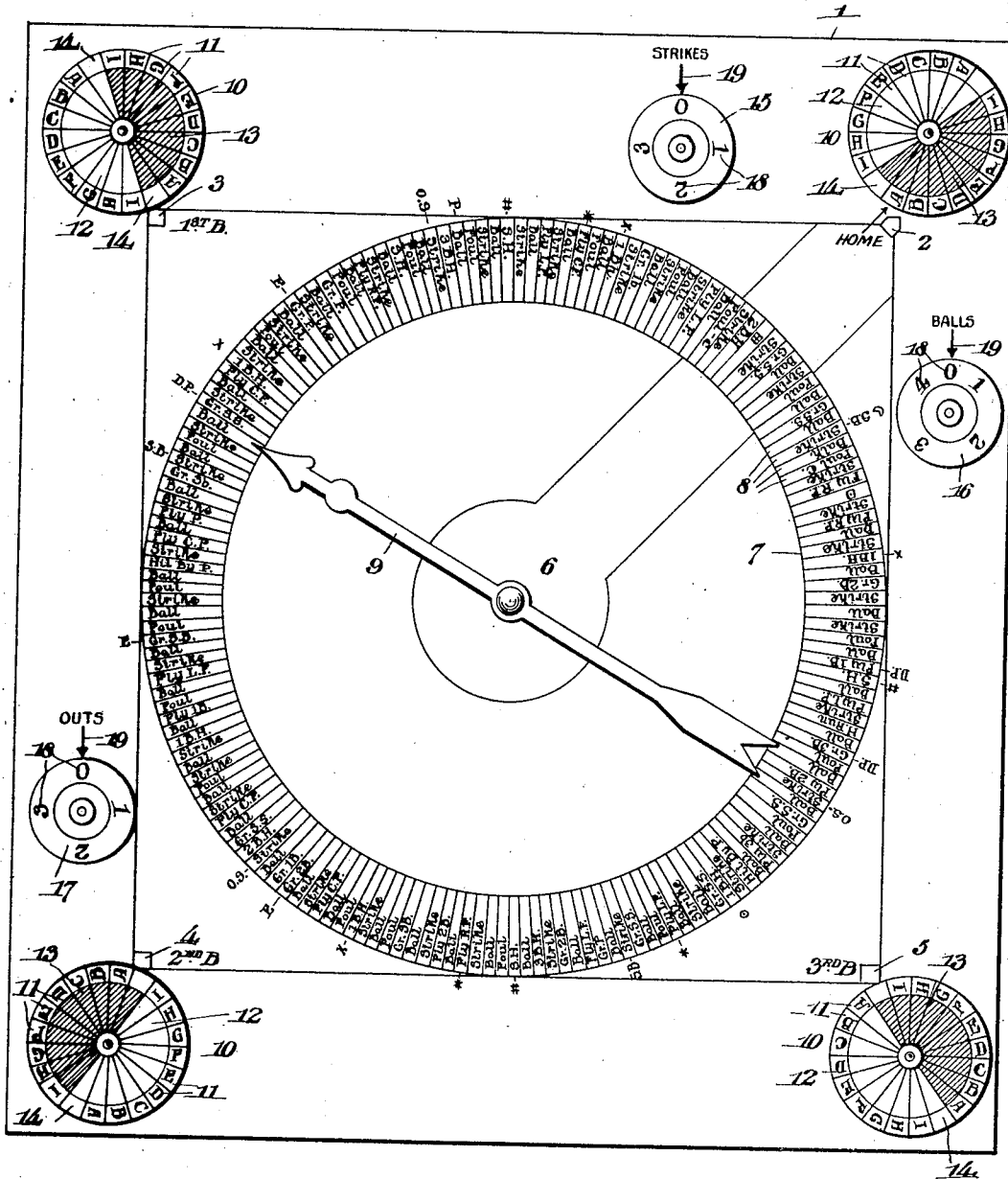


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BRANTLEY O. BRINSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, county of Muscogee, and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved game apparatus and particularly to a game board for playing the game of base ball.

The object of my invention is to provide a game apparatus for playing a miniature game of base ball in which all of the plays incident to a regular game may be had and in which the resultant score shall be similar to that of a professional game in regard to the proportions of runs, hits and errors.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device as mentioned in which the individual record of each player of the two teams may be kept.

A still further object is to provide an apparatus characterized as just mentioned in which the positions of the several players on the bases and at the bat may be represented during the play without the use of loose pieces.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists generally in a game board bearing upon its face a graphical representation of a base ball field, a dial formed thereon divided into a large number of spaces each bearing matter indicative of a play in a game of base ball, and an indicator revolubly mounted with relation to said dial.

My invention further consists in a board, dial and indicator as stated in which certain of said spaces have symbols arranged adjacent thereto which modify the indicated play according to the positions of the players on the bases.

My invention further consists in a game board having a base ball field delineated upon its face and provided with a disk revolubly mounted adjacent each of the bases and the home plate and bearing characters representing the individual players and so arranged that any of said characters on each disk may be positioned at or adjacent the adjacent base.

My invention further consists in a device characterized as above stated in which each disk is divided diametrically into two parts, each part represented preferably by a separate color and each colored half being divided into a number of peripheral parts, one of which is blank and the others provided with symbols or characters representing the individual players of a team, whereby both teams may be represented by the same disk.

My invention further consists in a board characterized as stated and further provided with means for keeping tally on the number of strikes, balls and outs made by each side during each inning.

My invention further consists in various details of construction and arrangements of parts all as will be fully described hereinafter and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which the figure represents a plan view of a game apparatus embodying my invention in its preferred form.

Referring now to the drawings 1 indicates the board which may be of any desired size and of any preferred construction such as are generally used for game boards. Upon the face of the board is delineated a base ball field, or at least that portion thereof known as the diamond, of which 2 indicates the home plate, 3 first base, 4 second base, 5 third base and 6 the pitcher's box.

Arranged within the diamond is a dial divided into a large number of peripheral spaces 8 and each space bears an inscription or matter indicative of a play in a game of base ball. These are proportioned with regard to balls, strikes, hits and outs as near as can be to the proportion of these plays in a professional game, and all of them are self explanatory with the exception of the symbols $\boxplus$ and $\boxminus$, the former indicating that the runner is caught "napping" by the pitcher and the man nearest "home" is called out (no one being on base the player is entitled to another throw), and the latter indicating that the pitcher made a wild

pitch to the base in attempting to catch the runner napping, all of the runners on bases advancing one base. Adjacent certain of said spaces are arranged auxiliary symbols which modify the indicated play according to the positions of the players on the bases. These auxiliary symbols modify the plays as follows: S. B. adjacent a "strike" indicates that a base is stolen in the event that a runner is upon either first or second base. D S. B. adjacent a "strike" indicates a double steal in the event that there are men on both first and second bases. O. S. before a "strike" indicates that the runner is out in attempting to steal from either first, second or third base. P. adjacent "ball" indicates a passed ball in which event the runners are advanced one base, and if there are men on bases the catcher is charged with an error. * before a fly to outfield indicates that if a runner is on third base he scored, it being a sacrifice fly, provided there is not more than one out. O before a 1 B. H. indicates that the runner at second base is thrown out at the plate in attempting to score from second. # before S. H. indicates that the batter beat it out on a sacrifice hit and both men are saved, S. H. alone indicating a sacrifice hit in which case the runner is advanced one base and the batter is out. E. adjacent any play indicates an error, meaning that the ball was fumbled or was dropped and all on bases are saved. D. P. before a play indicates a double play, that is, if first base is occupied and the play is "Gr. S. S." the man on first is caught at second and the batter caught at first; or if there is a man on first and second they are caught at third and second bases; and in all cases where there is a man on first base and the play is "Gr. S. S." or "Gr. 3b" the runner is put out at second and the batter is safe on first except in case of double play as above described. * before 1 B. H. indicates that the runner on second scored on the single, and the man who made the hit goes to second base on the throw to home plate.

Rotatably mounted, preferably in the pitcher's box, is an indicator 9 which is spun by the parties playing the game and the play indicated by the same when it stops after each spin is counted for or against the player as the case may be.

Revolubly mounted adjacent each of the bases and the home plate is a disk 10 having its periphery divided into a number of spaces 11 provided with letters or other characters to indicate the several players in each team. These are arranged so that the periphery lies adjacent the base and the disk is turned as each player reaches the respective base as will be explained hereinafter. The disk is preferably divided diametrically into two sections 12 and 13 which are distinc-

tively colored to indicate the two teams and a blank space 14 is provided which is arranged adjacent each base when the base is unoccupied. Small disks 15, 16 and 17 are revolubly mounted on the board and provided with numerals 18 which may be moved to adjacent an indicator point 19 to indicate the strikes, balls and outs respectively, which are made by each side during each inning.

In playing the game, the side at the bat turns the disk at home plate until the first man on the team, A, is adjacent the plate, and then spins the indicator 9. If the indicator stops at a "strike" the disk 15 is turned to record one strike. Balls and outs are indicated in a like manner by the disk 16 and 17. Should the indicator denote a one base hit, the player A advances to first base; the disk 10 adjacent said first base being turned until A is adjacent the same and the disk adjacent the home plate is turned until B is adjacent the same indicating that the second player or B is at the bat. A two base hit being next indicated, the disk at third base would be turned until A is adjacent said base and the disk at second base is turned until B is adjacent thereto, the disk at home plate being turned to bring C to the bat. With this short description of the use of the several small disks and the foregoing explanation of the plays indicated by the large central disk and indicator the operation of the device throughout the game will be clear.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A game apparatus comprising a board having delineated upon its face a base ball diamond, a disk revolubly mounted adjacent each of the bases and the home plate delineated on the board, each of said disks being provided with symbols representing the individual players of a team and said disks being so positioned with relation to said bases and plate that any of said symbols may be positioned adjacent thereto, substantially as described.

2. A game apparatus comprising a board, a base ball diamond delineated upon the face thereof, a disk revolubly mounted adjacent each of the bases and the home plate, each disk being divided diametrically into halves and each half being provided with symbols indicative of the individual players of two teams, substantially as described.

3. A game apparatus comprising a board, a base ball diamond delineated upon the face thereof, a disk revolubly mounted adjacent each base and the home plate, with its periphery substantially touching the same, each of said disks being divided diametrically into two differently colored halves representing the two teams, and the

periphery being divided into a plurality of spaces, there being a blank space in each colored half and the remaining spaces of each half being provided with characters
5 indicating the individual members of the respective teams, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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