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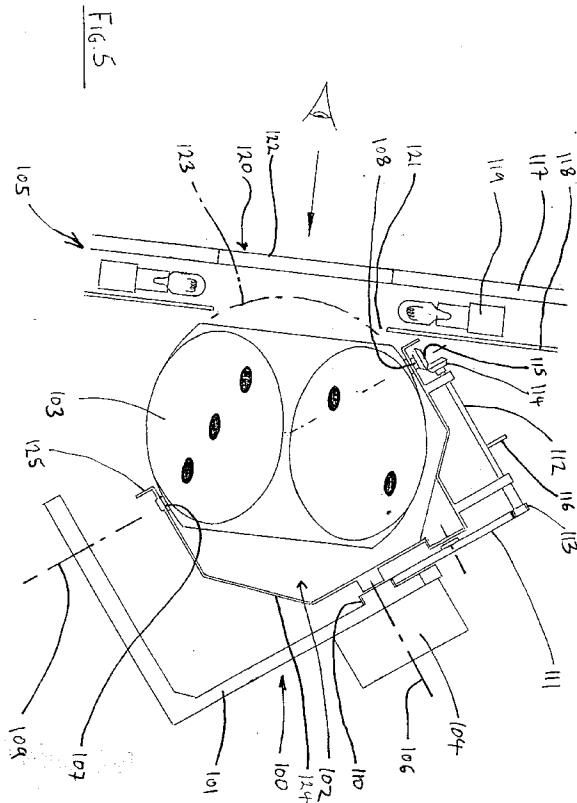
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**Machines for amusement and playing games.**

A fruit machine (M) or other games machine has a die (1; 54; 103; 132) which is mounted for rotation about one axis(2; 42; 109) which is itself rotatable about a second axis (24; 43; 106). The die may be held in a cup-shaped mask (102) which hides the drive mechanism of the die. There may be a front mask assembly (105) which also assist in hiding the operating mechanism from the viewer. Thus the viewer sees the die tumbling unsupported.



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