

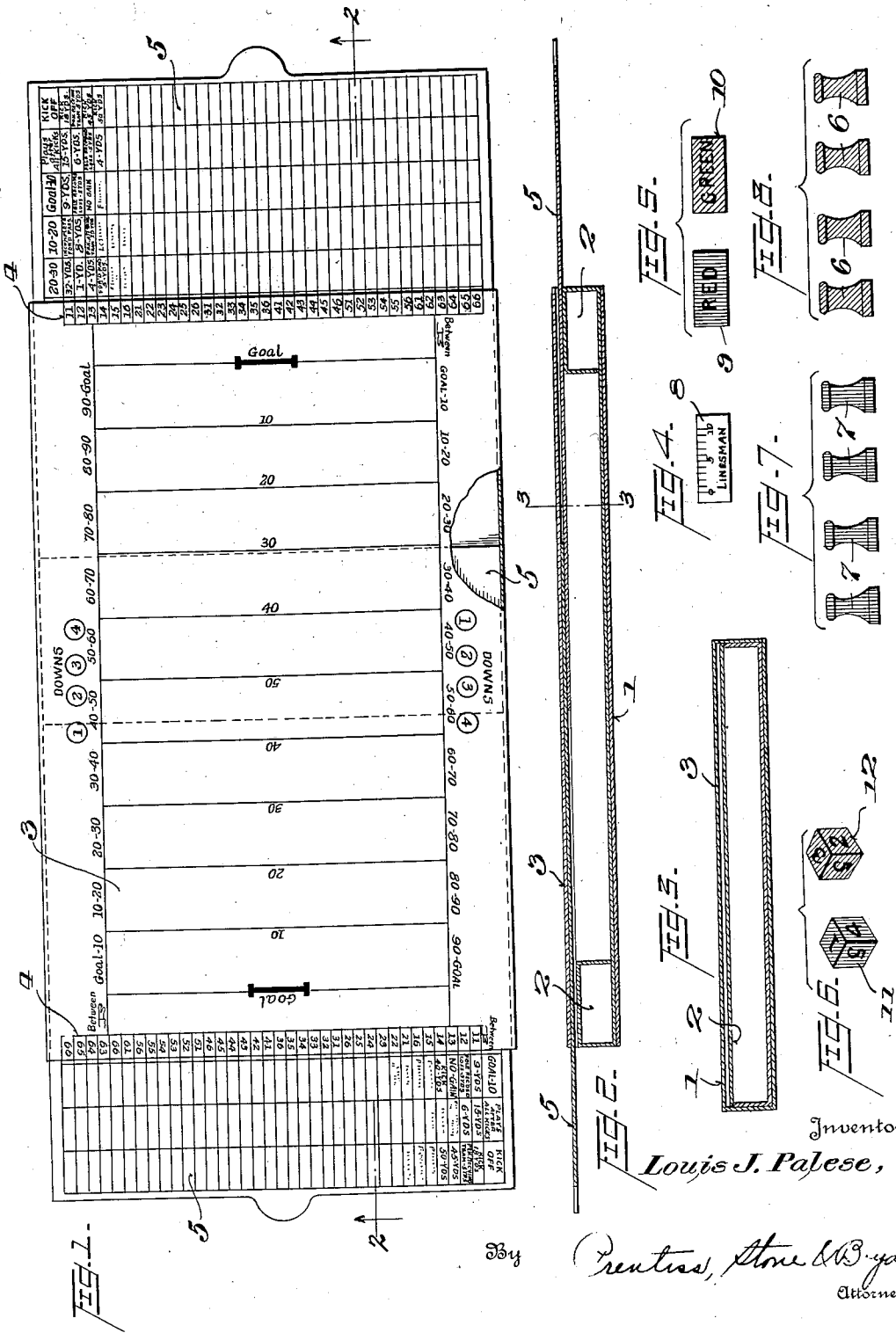
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS J. PALESE, citizen of the United States, residing at Wilmington, in the county of New Castle and State of Delaware, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Football Game Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to amusement devices and is directed more particularly to a game apparatus based upon the rules and regulations governing the game of football.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a novel and improved game apparatus wherein two teams are arranged on a board that is laid off as a football field, and which move thereon in accordance with certain plays that are determined by a pair of dice or other suitable indicator.

Another object is to provide a game of this general character which shall be highly interesting and also instructive as the plays are made substantially in accordance with the standard rules governing the game of football, as played out doors.

A further object is to provide a game of football which shall consist of few parts that are simple in construction and inexpensive to manufacture, and which shall be compact and hence occupy a relatively small space.

With these and other objects in view, the invention may be stated to consist in the various novel features of construction and arrangement or combination, all of which will be fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this application:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the game board showing the charts directing the plays in operative position;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2; and

Figures 4—8 are views showing the various markers and indicators used in connection with the game.

In constructing a game in accordance with my invention, I provide a box like structure 1, which is preferably open at each end to receive a drawer 2, the latter serving as a receptacle for the pieces used when playing the game and also serving as a reinforcement

for the structure 1. The top surface 3 of the box is laid off to represent a football field, as clearly shown in Figure 1. In addition to the markings for the field, I also mark each end portion 4 with a series of numbered blocks or lines which run consecutively from 11 to 66. These marked end portions are adapted to cooperate each with a chart 5, that is slidable into and out of the end of the box. Each of these charts is identical in subject matter and one serves for a player sitting at one side of the box while the other serves for the player sitting opposite. It will be noted that each chart contains a series of horizontal lines which are adapted to align with the lines on the end portions of the box and in addition, each chart contains a plurality of vertical columns headed "Kick off", "Plays after all kicks", etc., as clearly shown in Figure 1.

A plurality of markers 6 of one color, such as green, represent one team and a plurality of similar markers 7 of another color, such as red, represent the opposing team. I also provide a marker 8, denoted "linesman", which is graduated into ten divisions, each representing one yard and for use in connection therewith, I provide a marker 9 entitled "Red" and a similar marker 10 entitled "Green". A pair of dice 11 and 12, colored red and green, respectively, or other suitable colors, are also provided.

In use, the drawer 2 is slid from the box 1 and the various markers and indicators are removed, whereupon the drawer is returned to the box to serve as a reinforcement therefor. The charts 5 are inserted one in each end of the box between the top thereof and the drawer 2, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, thus enabling the players sitting opposite each other to read the chart on his right. One player selects the red dice leaving the green one for his opponent. One player elects to "kick off", either by a throw of the dice or otherwise, and places his team on his 40 yard line. Both players throw their dice at the same time upon the ball field. The player kicking off does the calling, and he always calls his dice first. For example, red has elected to kick off and red throws 1 and green 4, then red, holding the ball, calls 14. If on the other hand green had been holding the ball, then green would have called 41. The slides are pushed in until the columns headed "Kick-off" are next to the numbered end portions 4. If

14 is thrown, the players follow down to number 14, then read horizontally on charts 5 and make the plays indicated. The slides are moved in and out during the progress of the game to enable the heading on the vertical columns to conform with the conditions of the plays. For example, if red throws number 14 under the column headed "Kick off", it shows that the ball was kicked 50 yards, then you count from the 40 yard line which shows that green caught the ball on his 10 yard line. Now green will throw for a number under the column of his chart headed "Plays after all kicks". For instance, if 12 is thrown, it shows that green ran with the ball 6 yards. There he will start with his first down. He then places the marker 8 entitled "Linesman" on the spot of first down and the green marker 10 opposite linesman. The players now find the team on the 16 yard line or between the lines marked 10 and 20. The charts are now pulled out to the columns headed 10—20. The next throw of the dice will indicate a number which is read horizontally on chart 5 as before except under 10—20 column. If the team advances the ball between the lines 20 and 30, then pull out the chart to column headed 20—30, and so on. If in four consecutive downs a team shall not have advanced the ball 10 yards, it shall go to the opponents, or the player can use the plays on column headed "Plays on fourth down". After the team makes a touch down, he shall place his team on his 5 yard line, then he shall use column headed "Goal from touch down" for the one point.

The downs are kept in the four circles on each side of the field. The time of the periods may be 10 or 15 minutes each.

What I claim is:—

1. A game apparatus comprising a box having a surface thereon representing a field for playing a game between two teams, an end portion of said box being provided with graduations, a chart slidably mounted in one end of said box and having graduations thereon adapted to align with the first mentioned graduations, said chart containing data therein relative to various plays of both teams, and means for selecting a graduation on said box thereby to indicate a particular play for a team on said chart.

2. A game apparatus comprising a box having a drawer slidably mounted therein and adapted to be withdrawn from an end of said box, said drawer serving as a receptacle for the markers used with said game,

a game field formed on a surface of said box, said surface having an end portion provided with graduations, a chart slidably mounted in one end of said box and having graduations thereon adapted to align with the first mentioned graduations, the graduations in said chart containing data relative to the various plays of each team, and means for selecting a graduation on said box thereby to indicate a particular play for a team on said chart.

3. A game apparatus comprising a box having a surface thereon representing a foot-ball field, an end portion of said box being provided with numerical graduations, a chart slidably mounted in said box and having graduations adapted to align with the first mentioned graduations, said chart containing data thereon relative to various movements of two football teams, and means for selecting a numerical graduation on said box thereby to indicate a particular movement of said team on each chart.

4. A game apparatus comprising a box having a surface thereon representing a foot ball field, each end portion of said box being provided with numerical graduations, a chart slidably mounted in each end of said box and having graduations adapted to align with said numerical graduations, said charts each containing identical data thereon relative to various movements of a foot ball team, one of said charts serving for one team and the other chart serving for an opposing team, and means for selecting a numerical graduation in said box thereby to indicate a particular play on one of said charts.

5. A game apparatus comprising a box having a drawer slidably mounted therein and adapted to be withdrawn from either end of said box, said drawer serving as a receptacle for the markers used with said game, a surface of said box having a foot ball field formed thereon and the end portions of said surface provided with numerical graduations, a chart slidably mounted in each end of said box and having graduations adapted to align with said numerical graduations, said charts each containing identical data thereon relative to various movements of a foot ball team, one of said charts serving for one team and the other chart serving for an opposing team, and a pair of dice for selecting a graduation on said box thereby to indicate a particular play on said chart.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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