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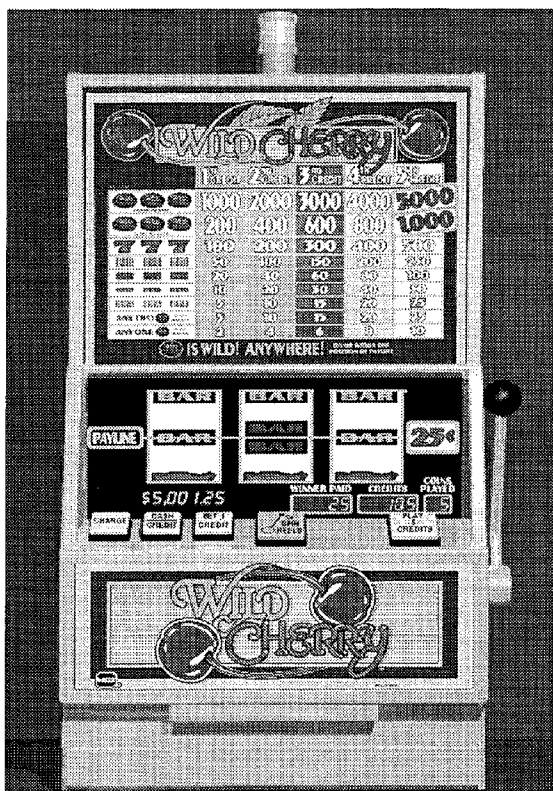
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Slot Game with Straight Multiplier Pay Schedule

(57) Abstract: The disclosed device and method
comprise configuring a gaming device to offer one
or more "As Is" prizes when a bet at a threshold
limit less than a maximum bet is placed without
apparently or actually reducing the expected return
to player ("ERTP") on bets larger than the threshold
limit. In one version, one or more standard awards
are sweetened for bets less than the maximum
amount. In an alternative version, multiple "As Is"
prizes are provided. Players are eligible for each
"As Is" prize based on an amount of their wager.
Consequently, to be eligible for a first "As Is" prize
the player may need to place a first wager amount
and to be eligible for a second "As Is" prize the
player may need to place a second wager amount
greater than the first amount.

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