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Fig. 1.

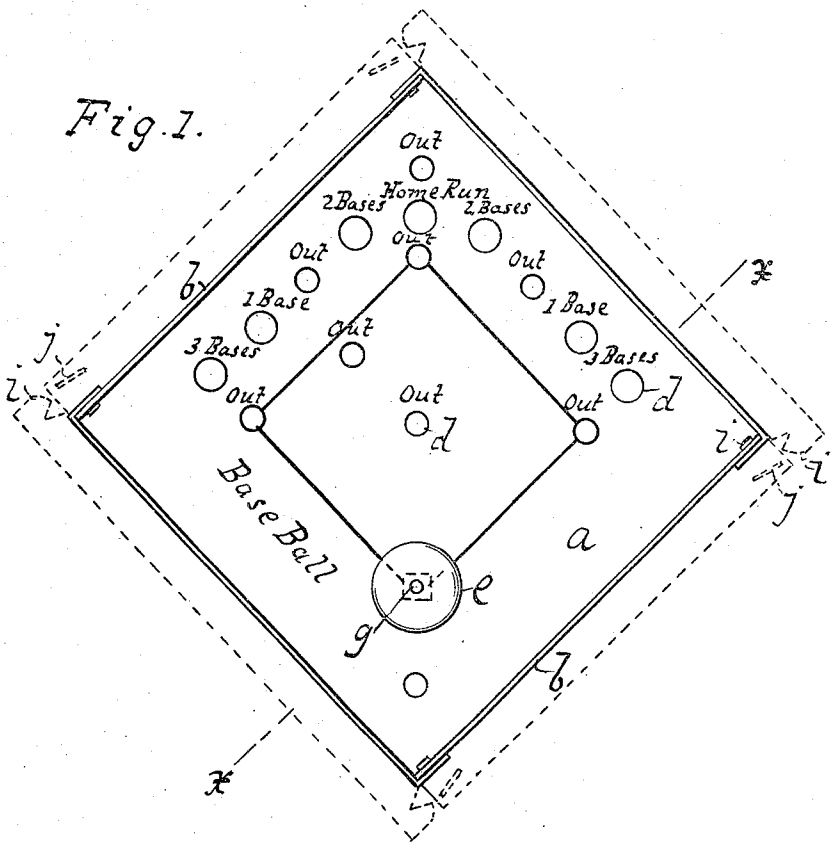
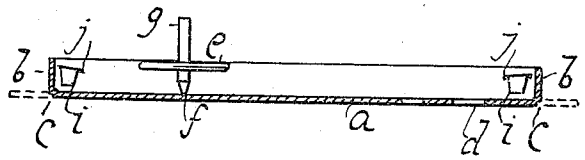


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN DANCEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a game in which a spinning top is adapted to travel on the surface of a board to control the points of the game.

The game board consists essentially of a sheet of cardboard provided with a series of holes or perforations for coaction with the stem of the top.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple game which can be played by children.

It is also the object of the invention to provide an inexpensive device which can be given away as a premium or advertisement when a customer buys an article.

In this construction the rim of the board can be turned over to form a plane surface with the body of the board, thus flattening the board so that any number can be placed on top of each other for convenient shipping of the device.

The invention is more fully described in the following specification and claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a device embodying this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken along the line x x of the same.

In this drawing the letter a designates a sheet of cardboard having end flaps b forming contiguous portions of the cardboard. These flaps when bent at right angles to the body of the cardboard as shown constitutes a rim to inclose the board. When it is desired to pack or mail the article the flaps can be turned downward as indicated by the dotted lines along the scored portions c. Located in the body of the board are a series of holes d to denote the points of the game.

A top consisting of a cardboard disk e having a blunted stem f and provided with a handle g is operated to govern the points of the game.

As shown in the drawing the board represents a baseball field and diamond printed on the cardboard. In this game the top is manipulated at the lower portion of the board and spins along the surface of the board until the blunted stem thereof drops into one of the holes thereby stopping the rotation of the top. Each hole denotes a different hazard and the holes can be of various diameters as shown to make the chances of scoring points more difficult. It will be observed that the small holes denote when the player is out, while the large holes give the average of the player. Hence when the top is spun by a player at the lower portion of the board it will whirl around the numerous holes, the small holes offering less chance of stopping the top than the larger holes. By arranging the holes in different formations and varying the printing on the board any popular game can be represented, for example; a bowling alley, lawn tennis, croquet and so forth.

In order to prevent collapse of the rim b the corners can be locked together by means of a tongue i of suitable shape to engage a slit j punched in the cardboard.

I claim:

A game device formed of a single sheet of cardboard provided with a collapsible rim normally inclosing the board, a series of holes of different diameters located in the body of the board, and a disk shaped spinning top actuated by an operator for coöperation with the holes, the smaller holes being adapted to denote when the operator is out, while the larger holes represent the average of the operator.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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