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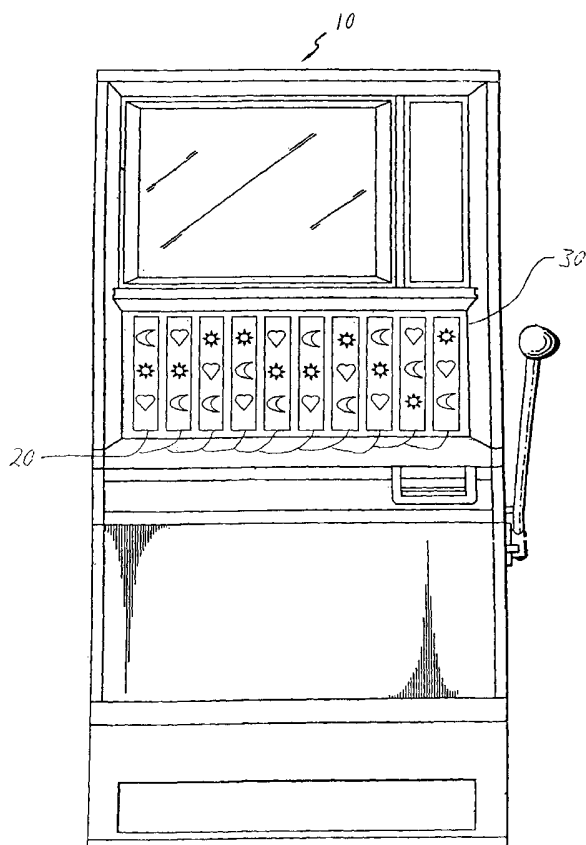
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(54) Title: BONUS GAME USING A SUBSET OF REELS



(57) Abstract: A gaming method includes spinning the plurality of reels (20) within a display window (30) of the gaming machine (10). A subset of the spinning reels (20) is then selected for use in determining the game outcome. The non-selected reels are removed from a player's view within the display window (30). The selected reels are then appealingly repositioned into a closer grouping within the display window. The gaming machine then determines if the selected and repositioned reels produce a winning game outcome. A prize is awarded if a winning game outcome is achieved.

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