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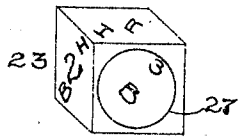
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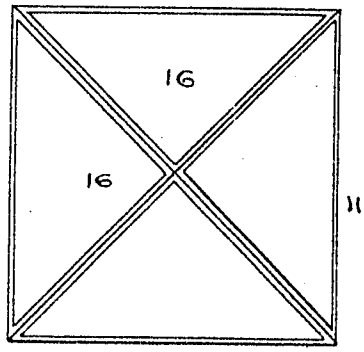


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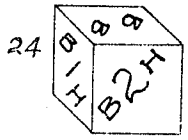


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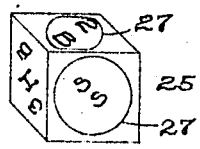


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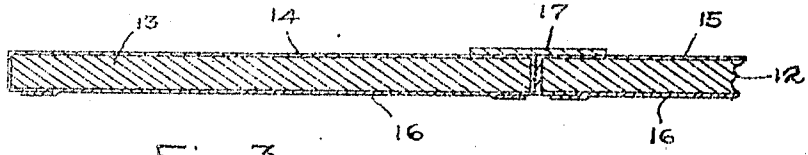


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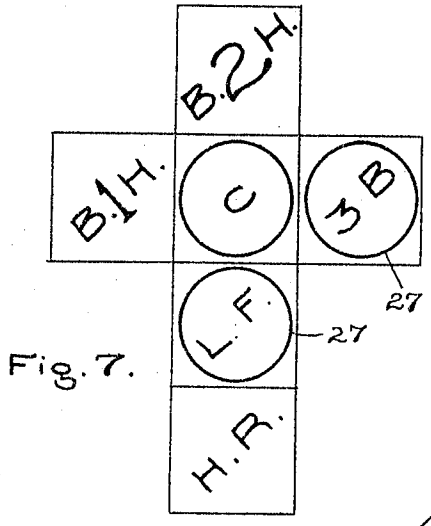


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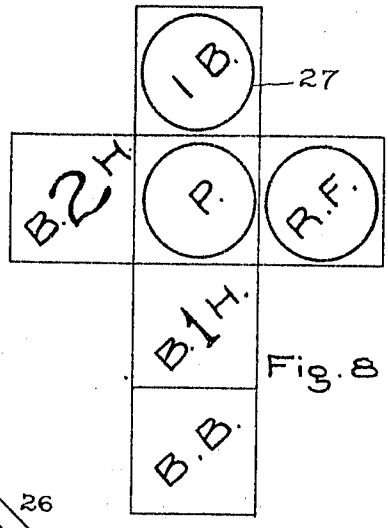


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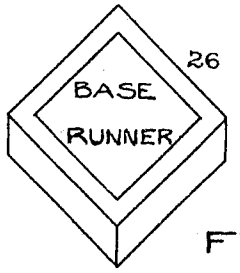


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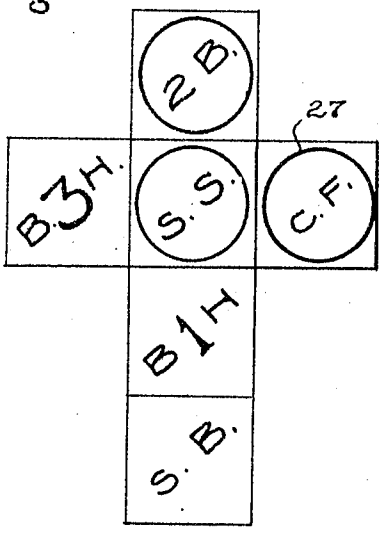


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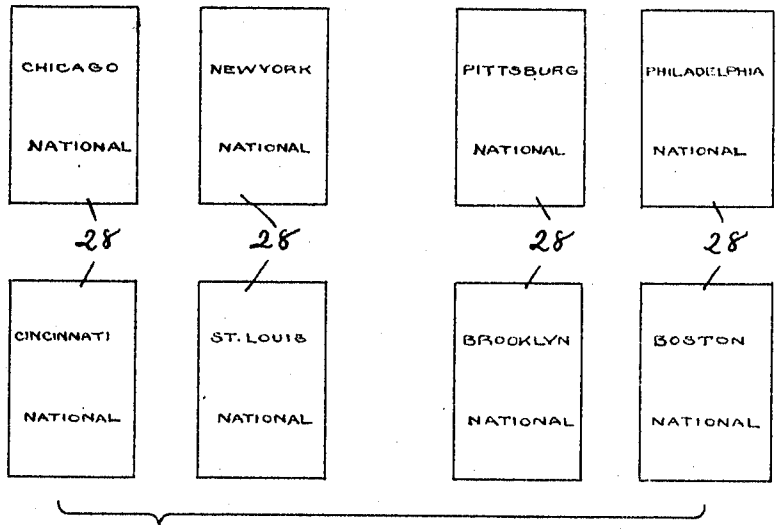


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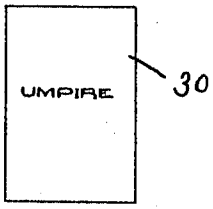
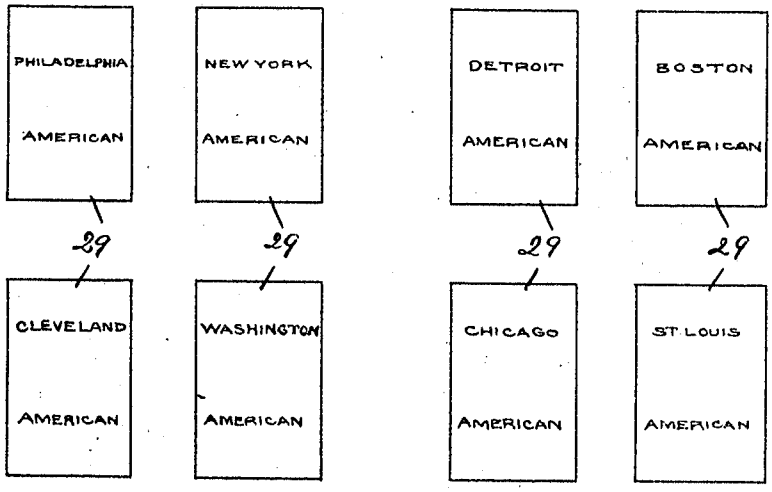


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES WATTS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of games which are of the nature of base-ball, but adapted to be played indoors upon a table or board.

The objects of the invention are to secure a game which shall closely simulate base-ball in subject matter and interest; to enable it to be played by any number of persons from two up; to provide a simple inexpensive and easily operated apparatus for playing the game, and to obtain other advantages and results as may be brought out in the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the several figures, Figure 1 is a plan view of the game board folded or closed; Fig. 2 is a plan of said game board opened for playing; Fig. 3 is a section through a portion of the game board, taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Figs. 4, 5, and 6 are perspective views of the dice employed in playing the game; Figs. 7, 8 and 9 show the surfaces of said dice developed; Fig. 10 is a perspective view of the base runner or piece to be moved around the bases in playing the game; Fig. 11 illustrates a pennant to be held by the person who won the last game; Fig. 12 shows the cards for assigning the different teams of the National League to persons about to play as that league; Fig. 13 shows the card for the umpire of the game, and Fig. 14 shows the cards for assigning the different teams of the American League among persons about to play as that league.

In said drawings, 11 indicates the board upon which my improved game is played, said board preferably comprising a central square portion 12 and corner pieces 13 hinged to the sides of said square central portion 12 and adapted to fold over onto the same, as shown in Fig. 1, for compactness and convenience. Preferably the upper surface of the corner pieces 13 has a covering 14 to represent grass, and the central portion 12 has a covering 15 to represent the brown or dirt-colored diamond of a base ball field. These coverings are lapped over the edges of the different pieces of the game board, and the under or reverse side of said pieces is covered with leatherette or the like, as at 16. The usual whitewashed lines between the bases of a diamond I have shown represented by strips 17 of material which serve to hinge the corner pieces 13 of the board to its central portion 12, and the bases 18, 19, 20 and 21 may be designated in any suitable and realistic manner.

Adjacent to each outside straight edge of the corner pieces 13 are designated places for the persons playing, and I have shown this done by printing upon a double series of bats 22 the names of the teams in the National and the American Leagues respectively. This enables the persons who are going to play to imagine themselves the teams of either league as they prefer, each person representing one of the teams. Obviously, however, this manner of designation is not essential, since any number of persons from two up can play the game, and they can gather around the board in any way so long as they keep their right order of playing. Preferably there are eight persons corresponding to the various teams in a league and they take their places as designated by the bats 22. In order to decide what team of the eight different ones in a league each person going into the game is to take any suitable and ordinary method may be employed such as having the names of the teams of each league printed on cards 28 or 29 which are shuffled and drawn by the said persons in turn, after they have decided which league they wish to represent. Furthermore there may be a ninth card 30 to designate the umpire of the game who can also keep the score, all of which cards are shown in Figs. 12 to 14 of the drawings.

Each person represents a base ball team, and when it comes his turn to play he employs three dice 23, 24, 25, a portion of the faces of which are marked to show that his men, who are supposed to be at the bat, are out, and the remainder of the faces of which are marked to indicate the number of bases along which a base runner 26 may be moved. For instance, I have shown three faces of each die bearing circles 27 which indicate "outs," the other faces being marked "1 BH," "2BH," "3BH," "HR," "SB" and "BB" to indicate one base hit, two base hit, three base hit, home run, stolen base and base on balls, respectively. When a person playing

a game throws the dice therefor he moves the base runner according to the showing of faces not marked with circles, and the circles indicate the number of "outs." The dice showing "outs" are not thrown again that inning, but only the remaining dice, and with these said person continues to throw. As soon as said person has three "outs" his play is ended and the next person in turn takes the dice, the score of the play just ended being the number of runs which has been made. Each play of a given person therefore represents an inning, and the persons play around nine times, when the one who has the highest score or number of runs wins. To add to the interest the winner is given a pennant which may be in the form of a button, as shown in Fig. 11, to wear until the next game.

The three dice which I have just described are a feature of my improved game which is thought to be of considerable importance. Said three dice provide eighteen faces, which is just the number of men on both sides of a base ball game and furthermore, three is the number of "outs" required to send the team at the bat into the field. A single throw therefore may produce three "outs," but if it produces a less number then the number of dice for subsequent throws is reduced, all of which tends to make the game realistic and interesting.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. The hereindescribed game apparatus, comprising a board having a baseball diamond with bases represented thereon, a single base runner adapted to be moved from base to base continuously around said diamond, and means for simultaneously indicating by chance three of nine "outs" representing the team in the field and nine "plays" of said base runner around said diamond representing the team at bat.

2. The herein described game apparatus, comprising a board having a baseball diamond with bases represented thereon, a single base runner adapted to be moved from base to base continuously around said diamond, and dice providing eighteen faces nine of which faces are marked with the field positions of a baseball team and indicate "outs" the other nine faces being marked to indicate movements of said base runner around the diamond from one base to a complete circuit.

3. The hereindescribed game apparatus, comprising a board having a baseball diamond with bases represented thereon, a single base runner adapted to be moved from base to base continuously around said diamond, and three cubical dice the faces of which represent the players of two opposing teams, nine of said faces being marked with the positions of a baseball team in the field and the other nine being marked with possible moves of the base runner around the diamond.

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