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 BASE BALL PUZZLE.
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Fig. 1.

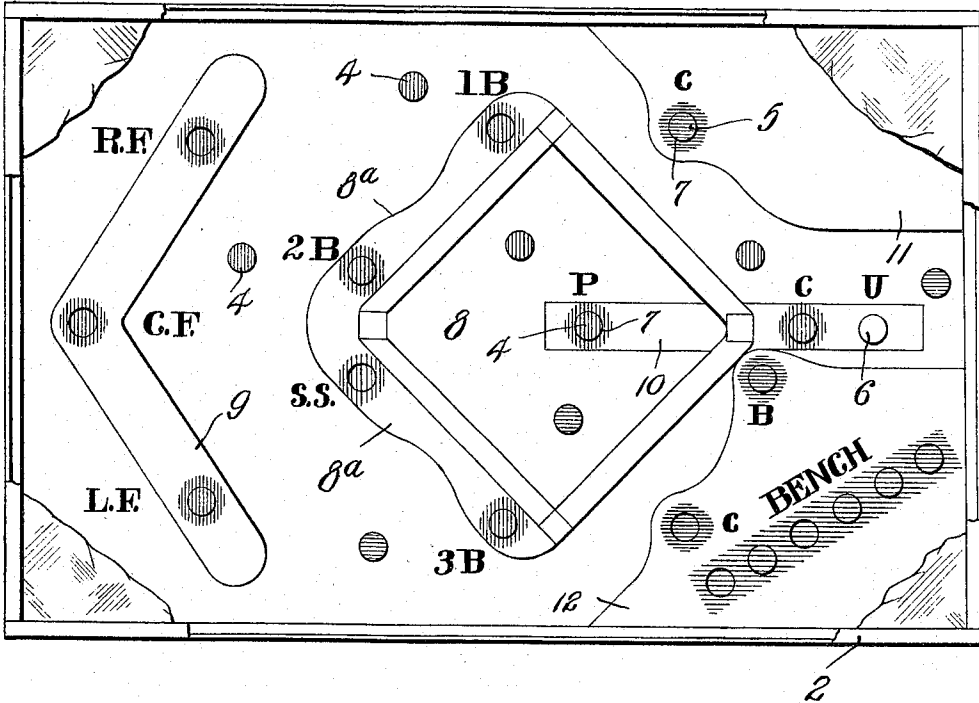


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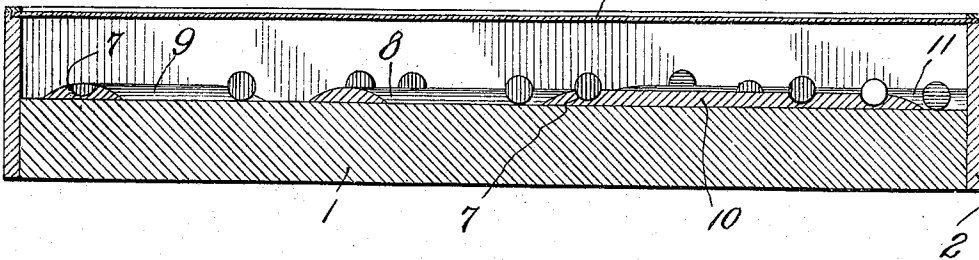
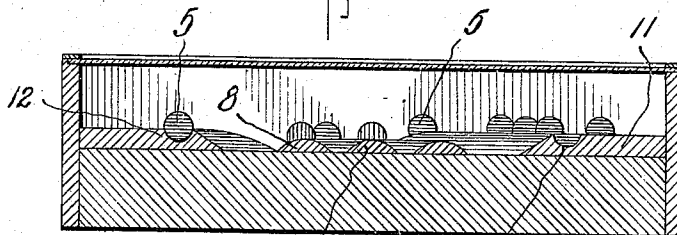


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TIMOTHY MOONEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Base-Ball Puzzles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention appertains to that class of amusement devices commonly known as base ball puzzles, and wherein the object of the invention is to cause a number of balls freely movable upon a suitable base, and representative of base ball players, to be positioned in various pockets or recesses provided in the base and constituting what may be called stations, the whole device being in imitation of a base ball field and players.

For a full comprehension of the invention including its merits and the preferred manner of using the same, reference is to be had to the following detail description, and to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a puzzle embodying the invention the glass top of the casing being shown broken away; Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the same.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the description and drawings.

Specifically describing the invention, in the drawings the numeral 1 denotes a base of any suitable form which is practically inclosed by sides 2 and a top of glass or similar transparent substance denoted 3. The top 3 of the puzzle is spaced from the base 1, and in the space aforesaid are arranged a plurality of balls designated 4, 5 and 6. The balls 4, 5, and 6 are intended to represent players on a base ball field, the base 1 representing the field and having in its upper surface a plurality of pockets 7 forming stations and adapted to partially receive the balls aforesaid in operating the puzzle. There are nine of the balls 4 representing the players of one team, and nine of the balls 5 representing the players of an opposing team, the first nine balls being colored differently from the latter nine balls. There is only one of the balls 6, the same being of a color different from the colors of the other eighteen balls and representing the umpire.

Substantially all of the features of this puzzle as above described are old, the present invention residing particularly in the

peculiar arrangement of the pockets 7 of the base 1, which pockets are of colors corresponding to the colors of the players or balls which are to be received thereby. The diamond 8 on the base 1 has suitable pockets representing the stations of the infield players and said diamond is composed of an elevated plane or ridge in which the pockets thereof are formed. Another ridge 9 in the outfield portion of the base 1 has the pockets for the outfield players or balls said ridge being at an elevation corresponding to that of the diamond. The outer portions or edges of the ridge forming the rear part of the diamond 8 are indented or recessed as shown at 8^a to facilitate positioning the player balls preparatory to manipulation of the base 1 which is necessary in order to cause the balls 4, 5, and 6 to move into the pockets of corresponding colors. A central longitudinal ridge 10 on the base 1 has the pockets 7 also to receive certain balls representing the pitcher, catcher, and umpire. Other planes 11 and 12 at the end of the base 1 adjacent to the umpire ball 6 are elevated to a slightly greater extent even than the ridges 8, 9, and 10. On the plane 11 is adapted to be seated a ball in a suitable pocket 7 and representing a "coach." The plane 12 has therein a plurality of pockets and represents the "bench", also having pockets to receive the balls to represent the "batter" and the "coach" at third base.

Certain balls 5 representing the nine of players on the "inside" are designed to be positioned at their respective pockets while the other nine balls representing the players on the side which is "out" are to be arranged in the pockets therefor. The manner of manipulating the puzzle is evident and it will be considered that considerable amusement will be derived in attempting to get the balls in the proper pockets therefor, the amusement qualities of the device being enhanced by the provision of the elevated planes 8, 9, 11 and 12 and the peculiar formation of the latter with curved recessed portions at the edges to facilitate preliminary disposition of the players or balls, and final jumping of said balls into their respective pockets.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

A base ball puzzle of the class described consisting of a base having on its upper surface elevated planes representative of a base

ball diamond and outfield, said planes having therein pockets at intervals, the plane representing the diamond having incurved edge portions, other planes adjacent to the
5 inner end of the diamond and elevated somewhat above the first mentioned planes and also having pockets therein as well as incurved edges for the purpose described, the pockets being of different colors, and balls

movable freely on the base and adapted to be seated in the various pockets and colored in a manner corresponding thereto.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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