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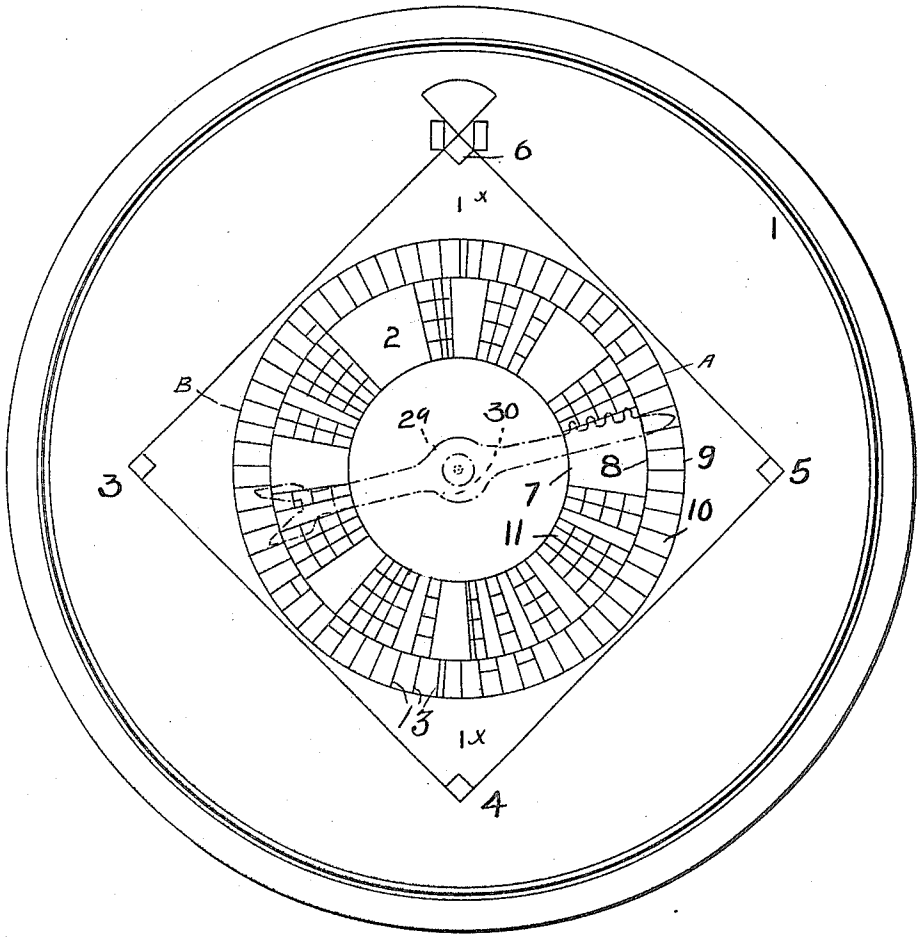


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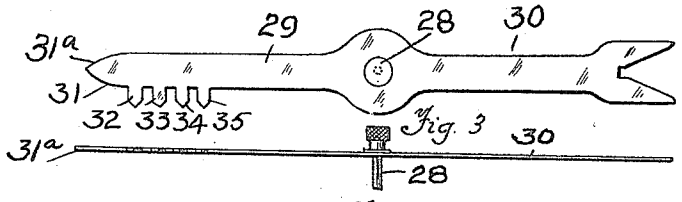


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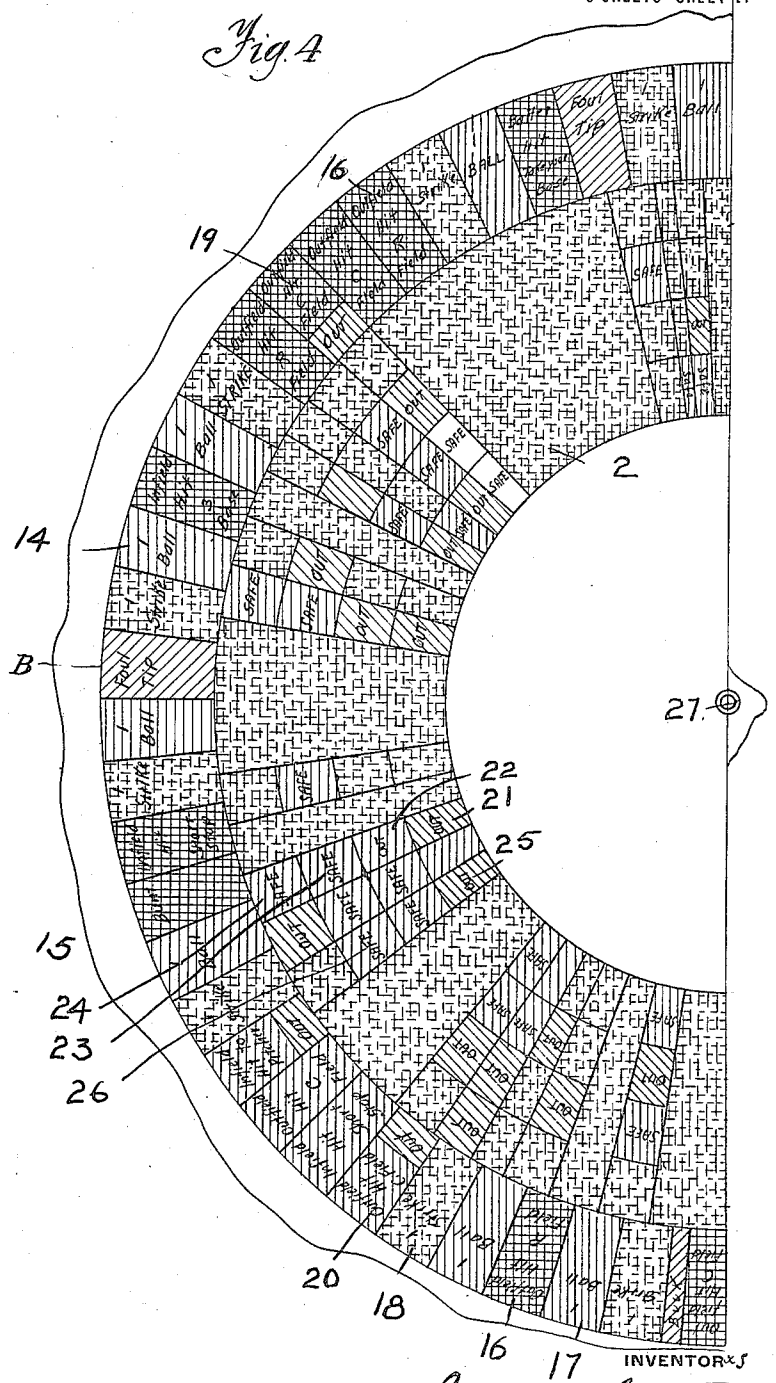
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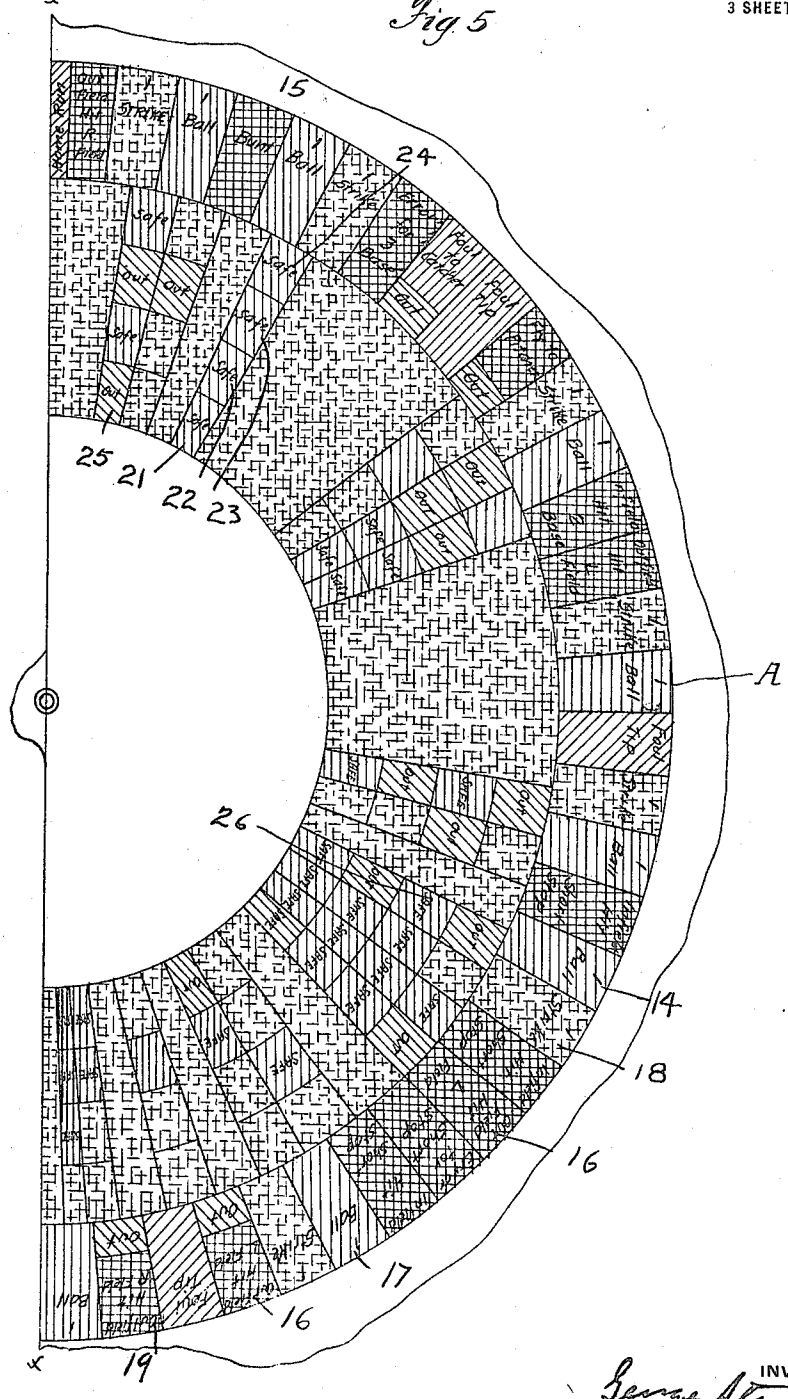
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE STANTON and JOHN D. WALTER, citizens of the United States, residing at Braddock, county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a game apparatus for playing games, and has for its object to provide a new and improved device of such class, more especially designed for playing the game of baseball and affording when used considerable interest and amusement.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a baseball game apparatus having means to designate simultaneously the variout play or plays, after the ball is put in play, with respect to the batsman, base runner or runners, fielder or fielders, pitcher or pitchers.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a baseball game apparatus which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, of few parts, convenient and amusing in its use, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a game apparatus in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 shows the pointer in plan on an enlarged scale.

Fig. 3 is an edge view of the pointer.

Figs. 4 and 5 when taken together illustrate in elevation, upon an enlarged scale, the play indications.

Fig. 6 illustrates a playing member.

A game apparatus in accordance with this invention consists of a base, a field arranged thereon, a series of player-members, and a pointer.

The base, which is illustrated at 1, may be of any shape, preferably circular, and formed of wood, metal or fiber, and upon the upper face of the base 1 is arranged a playing field referred to generally by the reference character 2.

The playing member 2 is in the form of a baseball diamond and is provided with means to indicate first base 3, second base 4, third base 5 and home-plate 6. Arranged within the field 2 is a series of concentric circles 7, 8, and 9 to provide annular spaces 10 and 11, the former being of greater width than the latter.

The space 10 is divided by radially extending lines 13 into a circular row of radially disposed spaces, which are termed blocks, and each of which is provided with an inscription to designate a play, as at 14. The blocks are differently colored and the arrangement is, the blocks 15 brown, 16 black, 17 red, 18 yellow, 19 black and green, 20 brown and green. The yellow blocks 18 are inscribed to indicate strikes, red blocks 17 to indicate balls, black blocks 16 to indicate what part of the field the ball is batted to and whether safe or not, brown blocks 15 to indicate bunts, fouls, home-run, black and green blocks 19 to indicate batted balls that are fielded out, and brown and green blocks 20 to indicate fouls that are fielded out.

Arranged within the space 11 are quadrant shaped and radially disposed blocks positioned one in advance of the other. The innermost block is to indicate home-base, the next third base, the next second base and the outer block first base and are designated respectively 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Certain of the blocks 22 and 23 and one of the blocks 21 are arranged separately on the field, are radially disposed and independent of the other blocks 21, 22, 23 and 24. Other of the blocks 21 and 22 are arranged together on the field in a radial row and associate to provide a set. Other of the blocks 21, 22, and 23 are arranged together on the field in radial rows and associate to provide sets, and the remaining blocks 21, 22, 23 and 24 are arranged together on the field in radial rows and associate to provide sets. Some of the blocks are green, as at 25, and have an inscription "Out" and the remaining blocks are colored red, as at 26, and have an inscription "Safe."

The blocks 21, 22, 23 and 24, associate with certain of the blocks in the space 10 to fully designate the plays as applied to a batsman,

fielder or fielders, base-runner or runners and such association will be hereinafter more fully referred to.

The center of the base 1 is formed with a hollow bearing 27 into which extends the shaft 28, of a revoluble pointer supported upon the top of the bearing 27. The pointer consists of a body portion 29 seating on the bearing 27, an arm 30 projecting laterally from one side of the body portion 29, a finger 31 projecting laterally from the outer side of the body portion 29 and having a pointed end 31ª for indicating and further having projecting from one edge four protuberances 32, 33, 34 and 35 which associate respectively with the blocks 21, 22, 23 and 24.

A series of player members form a part of the apparatus, preferably four in number and of disk like formation, and which are indicated by the reference character 36. The disks are to indicate the batsman and base-runners and during the playing of the game are adapted to be positioned upon home-plate, first base, second base, and third base.

When playing the game with the apparatus described, a disk 37 is first positioned upon the home-plate 6. The pointer is revolved and it will be assumed that it stops with the pointed end 31ª over a yellow block 18 and which would indicate a strike on the batsman, the pointer is then revolved and it will be assumed that the pointed end 31ª extends over a red block 17 which would indicate a ball. The pointer is then revolved and it will be assumed that the pointed end 31ª is positioned over a black block 16 which has the out field hit and with the protuberance 34 over the red block 23 indicates the batsman is safe at second. The player member 37 is then positioned upon second base. The pointer is then again revolved and after a player member has been positioned at home-plate to indicate another batsman out and it will be assumed that when the pointer stops the end 31ª will be over a black block 16 with the inscription "In-field-hit" and the protuberance 33 will be over the green block 23 and the protuberance 35 will be over the green block 24 which will indicate the runner is out at first and the batsman running from first or third base is out at the latter base.

It is thought unnecessary to specifically set forth the various plays, but owing to the construction of the pointer having a pointed end 31ª and the protuberances 32, 33, 34, and 35, two or more plays are indicated simultaneously.

The black blocks 16 are not only provided with inscriptions to indicate what part of the field the ball is batted to and whether safe or not, but certain of them indicate the value of the hit, whether it be a single, double or triple base.

What we claim is:—

1. A game apparatus for playing base-ball comprising a field having thereon an outer circular row of radially disposed differently colored spaces each inscribed to set forth the outcome of a play with respect to a batsman, said field further having thereon, surrounded by said row of spaces, concentric rows of radially disposed single and sets of blocks of two colors each inscribed to set forth the outcome of a play with respect to a base-runner, and a pointer revolving over said field and having one edge provided with lateral protuberances each associating with a row of said concentric blocks to indicate a play with respect to a base runner, and said pointer further having an indicating end associated with said spaces of the outer row to indicate a play with respect to a batsman simultaneously with the indicating of a play with respect to a base-runner by a protuberance.

2. A game apparatus for playing base-ball comprising a circular row of blocks each inscribed to set forth the outcome of a play with respect to a batsman, radially disposed sets of blocks and radially disposed single blocks surrounded by said row of blocks, each of the radially disposed single blocks and the blocks of each set inscribed to set forth the outcome of a play with respect to a base runner, and an indicator associated with the rows of blocks to indicate a play.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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