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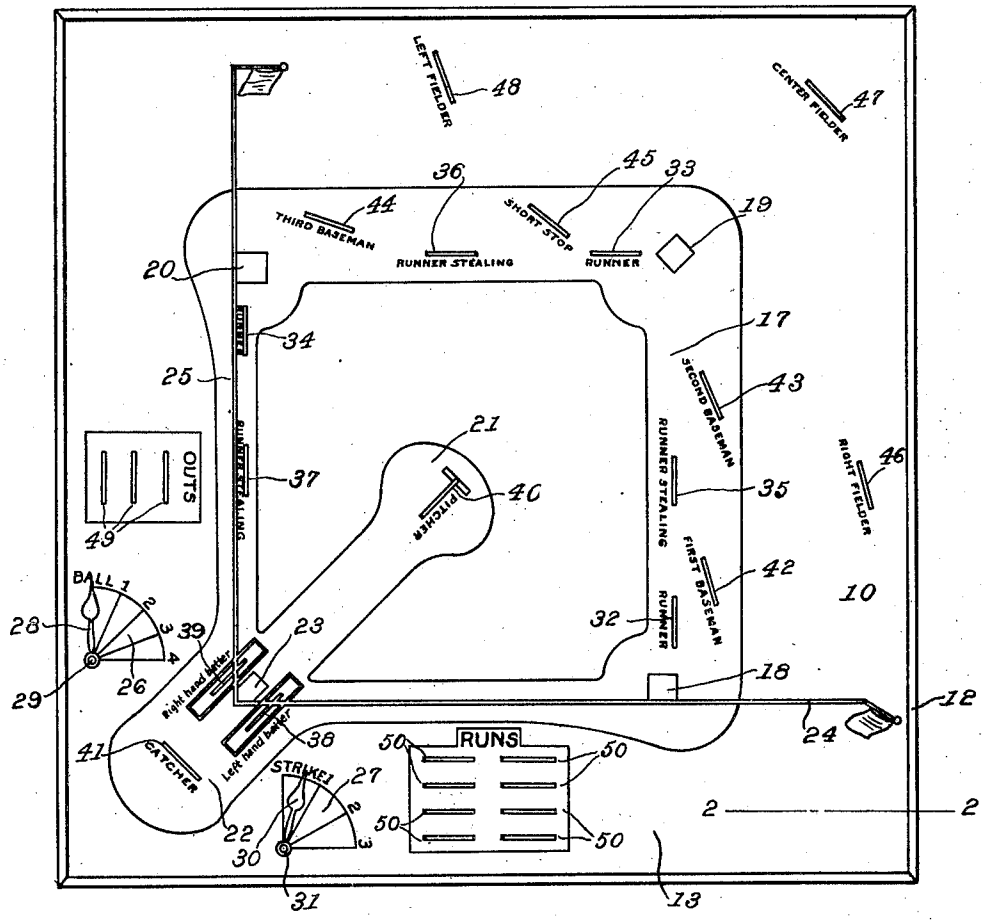


Fig. 1

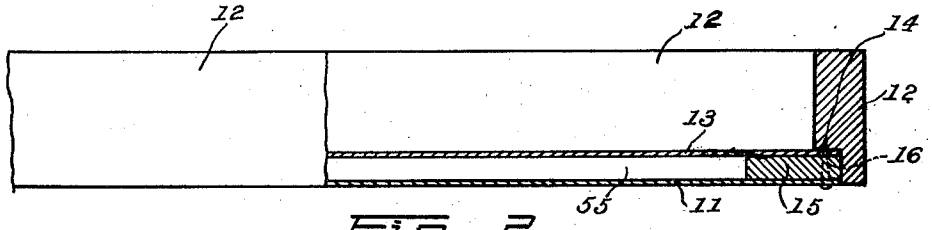


Fig. 2

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Playing Schedule for
THE TEAM IN THE FIELD

(1) THE PITCHER'S PLAY (Two dice used.)	(3) THE FIELDER'S PLAY (Two dice used)
2. Over the plate (The batter plays)	** 2. Safe
3. Over the plate (The batter plays)	** 3. Safe
	**4. Safe

ner's dice, the RUNNER IS OUT. Otherwise, the runner is safe. After throwing to a base the pitcher must deliver the next ball to the catcher

first base UNLESS one or more runners are being forced, when it means that the most advanced forced runner is out, instead of the batter.

Fig. 4

59 57 57' 58 58'

Fig. 3

65 66 60

Playing Schedule for
THE TEAM AT BAT

(2) THE BATTER'S PLAY (Two dice used for hitting; one dice used for bunting.) With two dice:	(4) THE RUNNER'S PLAY (Two dice used)
2. Fly to shortstop (The fielder plays)	2. One base
3. Grounder to third (The fielder plays)	3. One base

play in the manner previously described to decide whether the man stealing is also out on a DOUBLE PLAY or safe. Whenever a man on third base thus safely steals home after a long fly has been caught, the batter who "flew out" is given credit for a SACRIFICE FLY

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Fig. 5

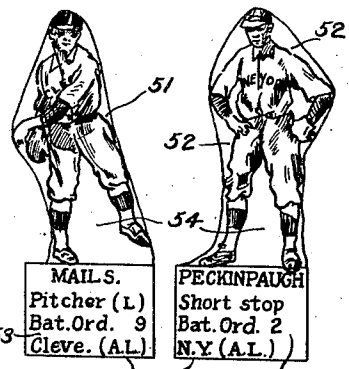


Fig. 7

Fig. 8

Name of Team _____ SCORE CARD Name of Team _____ 68

Players Names	Position	A.B.	R.	H	P.O.	A	E	Players Names	Position	A.B.	R	H	P.O.	A	E
1.								1.							
2.								2.							
3.								3.							
4.								4.							

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Standing of the Teams

Name of Team	Won	Lost	Per Cent	Name of Team	Won	Lost	Per Cent
1.				5.			
2.				6.			
3.				7.			
4.				8.			

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Fig. 6

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. FUCHS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to games and more particularly to an indoor baseball game played on a game board.

It is a purpose of the invention to provide a game of the above mentioned character that approximates as nearly as possible the play and the results obtained in a real baseball game, but which is substantially a game of chance. It is, moreover, a purpose of the invention to provide a game of this nature that is simple enough that a child as well as a grown person can learn to play the same without difficulty.

It is a further purpose of the invention to provide a game of the above mentioned character that is played upon a gameboard having an accurate representation of a baseball field thereon, and which is provided with means adjacent the playing positions and adjacent the bases for holding figures representing the players thereon.

It is another object of the invention to provide an indoor baseball game using a game board with figures representing the various players, said figures being provided with identifying means thereon and being made so as to assume postures characteristic of the positions of the players said figures represent when in action on the baseball field. The identifying means preferably gives the position the player plays and the batting order as well as the name of the team to which the player belongs. If desired the figures may represent actual players on actual teams and in case this is true the name of the player would also appear on the identifying means. Where the players represented are members of teams in the well known baseball leagues the league to which the team on which the players belong will also be indicated on the identifying means.

It is a particular purpose of the invention to provide an indoor baseball game in which the playing is done in a similar manner to the playing of a regular baseball game. In baseball the game is divided into four main phases of action: the delivery of the ball; the effort of the batter to hit the ball; the effort of the fielder to field the ball if it is hit; and the effort of the batter, who has now become a runner, to make as many bases as possible on his hit. In the present invention this manner of playing the game has been closely adhered to, and the various phases of action are provided for in the playing of the game.

It is still another important object of the invention to provide a game of this nature wherein provision is made for frequent alternate play by the two participants throughout each half inning instead of having each participant play an entire half inning before alternating with the other player as has been the practice in the prior art. This is accomplished by having each participant assume the rôle of the team in the field and the team at bat alternately each half inning and having both participants make all the plays throughout each half inning that the members of their respective teams would make under like circumstances in the four alternating phases of a real ball game as hereinbefore set forth. The different plays are determined by any device in which chance is the controlling factor and in the particular embodiment of this invention herein illustrated, ordinary dice are used, supplemented by playing schedules which serve as the means for translating the readings of the dice into the various plays of the game. The law of averages has been very carefully considered in preparing these schedules, the number of chances that each of the various numbers of points has of being turned up or thrown having been carefully considered as well as the proportionate number of times certain plays take place in a real baseball game.

It is also an object of the invention to provide certain plays in the game that are left to the discretion of the player instead of to chance. For example, the pitcher may decide whether or not he wishes to throw to base to catch a runner napping, or the batter may decide whether or not he wishes to sacrifice or whether he wishes to refuse to strike at a ball, or a runner may decide whether or not he desires to attempt to steal a base.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a game board with a representation of a base ball diamond thereon, and to provide said game board with slots for holding the figures representing the players in their

proper places and groups of slots marked Runs and Outs in which the figures representing the players that made runs or were put out or struck out are placed. Said game board is also preferably provided with a pair of dials having indicator members for indicating the number of balls and strikes charged up against a batter.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear as the description of the accompanying drawings proceeds. However, I desire to have it distinctly understood that I do not intend to limit myself to the exact details shown in the drawings or described in the specification, but that I intend to include as part of my invention all such obvious changes in structure and modifications of parts as would occur to a person skilled in this art and as would fall within the scope of the claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my improved game board for my improved game of indoor base ball;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of the game board, partly in elevation, the section being taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the dice used in the game;

Fig. 4 is a broken face view of a playing schedule used in connection with the game;

Fig. 5 is a similar view of another playing schedule used in connection with the game;

Fig. 6 is a similar view of a score card used in connection with the game;

Fig. 7 is a front elevation of one of the figures representing a player used in the game, and

Fig. 8 is a similar view of another of said figures.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the improved game apparatus comprises a game board 10, which comprises a bottom member 11, of cardboard or any other similar material, a wooden frame 12 to which said bottom is secured, and a false bottom 13 which serves as the playing surface for the game. The frame 12 is rectangular as shown in Fig. 1, and is provided with an offset therein as shown at 14, providing a support for the false bottom 13. A filler or spacing block or strip is provided between the members 11 and 13, said spacing member being designated by the numeral 15. Any suitable securing means is provided for securing the members 11, 12, 13 and 15 together, said means preferably comprising securing members 16 as shown in Fig. 2. The member 13 is provided with a representation of a base ball field thereon comprising the usual diamond 17, upon which is marked the usual first base 18, second base 19, third base 20, pitcher's box 21, catcher's box 22 and home plate 23. The usual boundary lines are also indicated, including the foul lines at 24 and 25 respectively. The member 13 is also provided with a pair of indicator dials at 26 and 27, said dial 26 being marked Ball and having the proper numerals thereon to indicate the number of balls a player may obtain and said dial 27 being marked Strike and having the proper numerals thereon to indicate the number of strikes a player may obtain, a suitable pointer 28 pivoted at 29 being provided for the dial 26 and a similar pointer 30 pivoted at 31 being provided for the dial 27.

A plurality of slots is also provided in the member 13, there being one of said slots adjacent each of the bases, the slot at first base being designated by the numeral 32, that adjacent second by the numeral 33 and that adjacent third base by 34. Slots are also provided substantially midway between first and second base, second and third base and third base and the home plate, said slots being designated respectively 35, 36 and 37. The first mentioned slots are preferably marked Runner and those of the second mentioned set are preferably each marked Runner stealing. Slots 38 and 39 are also provided on opposite sides of the home plate 23. Similar slots are provided at each of the customary playing positions of the players in the field, that at the pitcher's position being designated 40, at the position of the catcher 41, at that of the first baseman, 42, second baseman's position 43, third baseman's position 44, shortstop's position 45, right fielder's position, 46, center fielder's 47 and left fielder's 48. A set of three slots is also provided adjacent the border of the field headed Outs, said slots being designated by the numeral 49, and a plurality of slots 50 is also provided headed Runs.

With the game board described above a plurality of figures representing the players is provided. These figures are made up, preferably of sets representing teams, in the present instance teams of regular leagues being illustrated. The figures may be of any desired stiff sheet material such as cardboard or sheet metal. The figures are printed in the uniforms and colors of the teams to which they belong, each man being shown in an attitude characteristic of the position played, such as would be assumed on a real base ball field. Where real teams are represented, the figure representing each player may be an actual half-tone reproduction of the real player taken from an actual photograph, if this is desired. The figures are divided into groups of preferably fourteen, representing a team comprising the three outfielders, four infielders and two catchers and five pitchers, two of said pitchers being shown as left-handed and three as right-handed. It is intended that each game set

shall include players to complete the teams of one of the regularly constituted baseball leagues, those of the American League being illustrated in the drawings, but any other teams could be represented, either amateur or professional. Where the teams of a league are represented there would be eight sets of fourteen players each.

In Figs. 7 and 8 two different ones of these figures are represented, that in Fig. 7 being designated 51 and showing the player in an attitude characteristic of a left handed pitcher, and that in Fig. 8 being designated 52 and showing a player in an attitude characteristic of a shortstop. The figures 51 and 52 are each provided with a tab portion 53 extending downwardly from the main body portion 54. The tab portions 53 are of such size as to fit in the slots provided in the game board, so that said tab portions may be inserted in any one of the slots desired to hold the figures in upright position on the game board. This gives a very realistic appearance to the ball field and also insures that the player occupies the proper position on the game board, thus avoiding any controversy as to the position a player occupies, such as might be caused if a player were accidently moved out of position where no such holding means is provided for the same. It will be noted that a space 55 is provided between the members 11 and 13 into which the tabs 53 pass, said tabs being preferably of such a length that the lower edge portions 56 thereof will engage with the bottom 11, thus aiding in holding the figures in an upright position. The tabs 53 are also provided with identifying data, comprising the name of the player, the position he plays on his team, the batting order he has in the line up, the name of the club on which he plays and the league of which the club is a member, if any. Thus in the figure 51 the name Mails appears on the tab, then Pitcher (L), indicating that he is a left handed pitcher, then Bat. Ord. 9, indicating his batting order, and finally Cleve. (A. L.), indicating that he is a member of the Cleveland team of the American League. Similarly in the figure 52 the information on the tab indicates that the player represented is a short stop, that he is second in batting order and that he plays on the New York team of the American League. This information is used in the game for the proper playing thereof, and for the proper positioning of the players on the field, or game board. It will be noted that each of the slots for the players in the field is designated by the name of the player's position at which it is located, so that the proper figure can be readily inserted therein. The slots 33, 34 and 35 in advance of the bases are each marked Runner to indicate that the figures representing the players running the bases are to be fastened in these slots by inserting the tabs associated therewith therein. The two slots 38 and 39 are for holding the figure representing the player at bat, the slot 38 being used for a left handed batter and the slot 39 for a right handed batter. When a player makes an "out" the tab of the figure representing this player is inserted in one of the slots 49 thus keeping a record of the number of "outs" as well as aiding in determining what players made the "outs". When a player makes a run the figure he is represented by is fastened in one of the slots 50 thus aiding in keeping a record of the number of runs made and in keeping the player's record in the box score. It is of course to be understood that the records kept by placing the figures in position in the slots are only the records for each half inning of the game.

The game is played with the aid of two pairs of dice, with the usual spots thereon to indicate the different numbers to be turned up or thrown. These dice are designated 57 and 57′ and 58 and 58′ respectively. The one pair of dice 57 and 57′ is preferably but not necessarily of a contrasting color from the other pair of dice 58 and 58′. One pair of dice is used by each participant in the game and these dice are used in pairs or singly depending upon the play desired to be made by the person throwing the same, thus inserting an element of discretion into the game. Playing schedules 59 and 60 are provided for translating the numbers thrown by the dice into the plays of the game. These playing schedules are always in the hands of the opponents in the game, but are exchanged each time a new side comes to bat.

The schedule 59, it will be noted, is for the team in the field and the schedule 60 is for the team at bat.

The schedule 59 is preferably printed on a card as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, and comprises, two sub-schedules printed in parallel columns 61 and 62, the sub-schedule in column 61 giving opposite the numbers that may be thrown the play resulting on the part of the pitcher from a throw of the dice and the sub-schedule in column 62 giving in a similar manner the play resulting on the part of a fielder from another throw of the dice. In the lower part of each column, as indicated at 63 and 64 respectively, are also given additional directions for playing the pitcher's and fielders' positions with the aid of the dice.

The schedule 60 is similarly printed on a card as shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings, and comprises two sub-schedules printed in parallel columns 65 and 66, the sub-schedule in column 65 giving opposite the numbers that

may be thrown the play resulting on the part of the batter from a throw of the dice, said sub-schedule giving plays for the use of both two dice and one die, and giving directions, when a choice of the number of dice is permitted, and the sub-schedule in column 66 giving in a similar manner the play resulting on the part of a runner from another throw of the dice. The lower portion of this schedule is provided with additional directions regarding the playing of the runner's and the batter's parts in the game, giving the plays that may be made at the discretion of these players.

As the playing schedules, 59 and 60, are shown as partly broken away in Figs. 4 and 5, they do not show the entire list of plays into which they translate the throws of the dice. In the actual playing schedules as used in this game, the column 61 on the schedule 59, indicating the first phase of play known as the pitcher's play, contains the numbers two to twelve, inclusive, which are obtained by throwing two dice, each bearing indicia from one to six, inclusive, the numbers thrown being translated as follows: two to eight, inclusive, "over the plate" and nine to twelve, inclusive, "ball"; "over the plate" being used to designate a ball fairly delivered by the pitcher and "ball" being used to designate a ball unfairly delivered by the pitcher. In the actual playing schedule 60, the column 65, indicating the second phase of play known as the batter's play, contains two series of numbers. The first series comprises the numbers two to twelve, inclusive, which are obtained by throwing two dice similar to those previously described, the numbers thrown being translated as follows: two, "fly to shortstop"; three, four and five, "grounder to third base", "second base", and "shortstop" respectively; six and seven, "strikes"; eight and nine, "fouls"; ten, eleven and twelve, "fly to centerfield", "leftfield" and "rightfield", respectively. The second series comprises the numbers one to six, inclusive, which are obtained by throwing but one die of the kind previously described, the numbers thrown being translated as follows: one, two and three, "bunt to first base", "the pitcher", and "third base", respectively; four, "pop-fly to third base"; five, "foul", and six, "strike". In the actual playing schedule 59, the column 62, indicating the third phase of play known as the fielder's play, contains the numbers two to twelve, inclusive, which are obtained by throwing two dice, the numbers being translated as follows: two, three, four, ten and eleven, "safe"; twelve, "safe on account of fielding error"; and five to nine, inclusive, "out". In the actual playing schedule 60, the column 66, indicating the fourth phase of play, known as the runner's play, contains the numbers two to twelve, inclusive, which are obtained by throwing two dice, the numbers being translated as follows: two to six, inclusive, "one base"; seven and eight, "two bases"; nine and ten, "three bases" and eleven and twelve, "home run". It will be noted that the column 61 on schedule 59, determines in the final score of the game, the number of bases on balls allowed; that the column 62 on said schedule determines the number of safe hits obtained by the batters and the number of outs as well as errors made by the fielders; that column 65 on schedule 60 determines the proportion of infield and outfield hits that may be made by the batters, and the number of strike-outs that may be accomplished by each pitcher, and is the principal factor in determining the proportional distribution of the put-outs and assists among the various fielding positions; and that column 66 on said schedule determines the number of extra bases and home-runs that may be obtained by runners on outfield hits. Each of the numbers used on these schedules has been arrived at by computing from a large number of actual major-league base ball games the average number of plays of each kind made in a major league game and by applying these averages to the principle that in throwing two dice with indicia from one to six, inclusive, each combination of numbers from two to twelve, inclusive, has a certain number of chances out of thirty-six of being thrown. This results in games that very closely reproduce with average frequency almost all the plays made in regular major-league base ball games with a sufficient variation in the details of the games to make their outcome as reflected in the final scores fluctuate within the limitations of the maximum and minimum scores of real base ball games.

In addition to the above apparatus, a scorecard 68 is provided, as shown as broken away in Fig. 5 of the drawing. The upper portion of the scorecard comprises two series of parallel columns, 69 and 70, ruled and printed for keeping box-scores of the competing teams, and the lower portion 71 provides a ruled and printed form for recording the standings of the teams. These scorecards may be printed on paper and made up into tablets, if desired.

In playing my improved game of indoor baseball, the participant whose team is first in the field, places his players in the field by placing each figure in its proper slot, the pitcher being placed in slot 40, the catcher in slot 41, the first baseman in slot 42, the second baseman in slot 43, the third baseman in slot 44, the shortstop in slot 45, the right fielder in slot 46, the center fielder in slot 47 and the left fielder in slot 48, the figures being placed in these positions in accordance with the identifying data on the depending

portions or tabs 56 and the teams and the batteries on the teams being chosen in accordance with the desires of the participants in the game, extra figures being furnished for the purpose of providing a plurality of pitchers and catchers.

The participant whose team is at bat then sends his first man to bat by placing the player whose batting order is given as 1 on the tab in one of the slots 38 or 39 depending upon whether he is a left or right handed batter. The pitcher then pitches the ball, figuratively, by the participant whose team is in the field throwing his pair of dice, for example the dice 57 and 57'. This determines whether the ball pitched is a ball or over the plate, the playing schedule giving the plays resulting for each possible number to be thrown by the dice. The same rules as to "balls" and "strikes" apply as in regular baseball. If a "ball" is thrown the same is scored on the dial marked Ball by moving the pointer up to 1. If "over the plate" is thrown, the participant who is playing the team at bat throws his pair of dice, to determine what the batter does with the ball. If the batter's dice show either six or seven spots it is a strike, if eight or nine, a foul strike or foul, and if any of these numbers are thrown the pitcher throws another ball by the first participant again throwing the dice. If the batter's dice show two spots he has hit an infield fly or liner to the short stop, if they show three, four or five he has hit a grounder to an infielder in accordance with the playing schedule and if they show 10, 11, or 12 he has hit a fly to an outfielder. If the batter wishes to sacrifice he may try to bunt by playing with only one die instead of two dice. The playing schedule indicates what the various possible numbers thrown determine the play to be, either a foul or strike, a bunt to the various infielders indicated on the schedule or a pop fly to the third baseman.

Whenever the batter plays a grounder, bunt or fly the fielder must play by the participant whose team is in the field throwing his pair of dice, to determine whether the batter is out or safe, this being determined by the playing schedule as previously explained with the other plays. When "out" is played on a bunt a sacrifice results, the batter being out at first base and any runners on second or first base advancing a base. When the fielder throws twelve he makes an "error" and the batter is safe on first base and all the other men on bases advance one base each. When "safe" is played by fielder on an infield fly, grounder or bunt a one base hit results, while if "safe" is played by the fielder on an outfield fly the runner must play to determine the number of bases he will make on the hit. The participant whose team is at bat then takes the pair of dice he is using and throws these, and the playing schedule determines how many bases he is entitled to from the number thrown.

When a runner reaches a base he is placed in the slot adjacent the base marked Runner and when he makes a run he is placed in one of the slots marked Runs. If a runner is to attempt to steal a base the figure representing the runner is placed in one of the slots marked Runner stealing between the bases this being possible under all conditions when allowed in regular base ball, but being modified slightly under certain conditions so as to prevent stealing bases where this would be impossible in real baseball. The playing is again done with the dice and the fielder first throws after which the runner throws to determine whether or not he is safe on an advanced base or his original base the resulting play being determined by the differences in the numbers thrown, in accordance with the playing schedule. Double and triple plays may also be made in this connection. A runner may also be caught napping off a base, by the pitcher announcing that he is throwing to a designated base, after which he and his opponent consecutively throw their pairs of dice to determine whether the runner is safe or out, in accordance with the playing schedule. The pitcher may not throw to the bases twice in succession. The batter may refuse to strike at any pitched ball by calling out "I pass," before the pitcher throws his dice; then if the pitched ball is "over the plate" it counts as a strike.

The other rules of the game follow those of real base ball as closely as possible for a game played on a game board. The game is intended to be played by two opponents, but it will be seen that a single player can play a game of solitaire by throwing the dice for both teams. It is of course understood that the two teams alternate in the field and at bat as is customary in base ball and that the game is played in innings just like baseball.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to claim and secure by U. S. Letters Patent is:

1. In a game of the character described, a game board having the representation of a base ball field thereon and a plurality of game pieces cooperating with said board, each having means thereon identifying the same as individual base ball players, each of said game pieces serving both as the player in the field and the same player at bat.

2. Educational base ball apparatus, comprising a plurality of game pieces each

having the name of a base ball player thereon, and means associated with each of said game pieces to identify the team to which said player belongs and the position said player plays on said team.

3. Educational base ball apparatus, comprising a plurality of game pieces each having the name of a base ball player thereon, and means associated with each of said game pieces to identify the team to which said player belongs, the position said player plays on said team and the batting order of said player on said team.

4. In a game of the character described, a game board having the representation of a base ball field thereon, a plurality of game pieces cooperating with said board each having means thereon identifying the same as individual base ball players, each of said game pieces serving both as the player in the field and the same player at bat, and means on said game board indicating the positions at which said pieces are to be placed on said game board when playing in the field.

5. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures representing individual base ball players, each of said figures being represented in a distinctive attitude and being provided with identifying characters thereon, said characters indicating the identity of the player represented thereby, the position played by said figure and the batting order of said player.

6. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures representing base ball players, said figures being arranged in a plurality of sets corresponding to the teams of a base ball league, each set being provided with distinguishing characteristics to identify the members of each team and each of the figures of each set being provided with means for distinguishing each of said figures from all the others of all said sets.

7. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures of sheet material representing base ball players, said figures having depending portions and a game board having slots into which the depending portions of said figures are adapted to extend, to hold said figures in position on said board.

8. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures of sheet material representing base ball players, said figures having depending portions and a game board having slots into which the depending portions of said figures are adapted to extend to hold said figures in position on said board, said depending portions having identifying characters thereon.

9. In a game of the character described, a plurality of game pieces representing base ball players, said game pieces being arranged in a plurality of sets, each set representing the players of a base ball team and each piece of each set being provided with means to identify the same as belonging to the team represented by said set and with means for distinguishing each of said game pieces from all the other game pieces in said game.

10. In a game of the character described, a game board representing a base ball field, game pieces each having means thereon to identify the same as an individual base ball player throughout the game and chance controlled means for determining both the plays at bat and in the field of each of the players represented by said game pieces.

11. In a game of the character described, a game board representing a ball field, a plurality of figures having means identifying the same as the individual players of opposing ball teams throughout the game, and means for determining the plays made by said players, comprising dice, and means for translating each of the throws of said dice into a play of an individual player.

12. In a game of the character described, a game board having the representation of a base ball field thereon and a plurality of figures having indicating means thereon to designate individual base ball players throughout the game, said game board having means for holding said figures in position thereon, certain of said means being arranged in groups, whereby said figures are used to keep the score of said game and of the individual players.

13. The combination with a game board having a base ball field represented thereon, of a plurality of figures representing individual base ball players and means for determining the plays of each of said players on said field, comprising dice and schedules for translating the numbers thrown by said dice into the individual plays of each of the individuals represented thereby on said field in the order in which the same occur in an actual base ball game.

14. The combination with a game board having a base ball field represented thereon, of a plurality of figures having means thereon to identify the same as individual base ball players of opposing teams and means for determining the individual plays of each of said players on said field, comprising dice, a schedule for translating the numbers thrown by said dice into the individual plays of the team in the field and a schedule for translating the numbers thrown by said dice on alternating throws into the individual plays of the team at bat.

15. In a base ball game of the character described, two pairs of dice, one pair of dice being used to determine the plays of each ball team, a member having a playing schedule thereon for translating the numbers thrown by one pair of dice into all the sepa-

rate plays of the team in the field and a playing schedule for translating the numbers thrown by the other pair of dice into all the separate plays of the team at bat.

16. In a base ball game of the character described, dice, said dice being used to determine the plays of each of two opposing ball teams, two playing schedule cards, one of said cards having a playing schedule thereon for translating the numbers thrown by said dice into all of the various plays of the team in the field, the other of said cards having a playing schedule for translating the numbers thrown by said dice into all the various plays of the team at bat.

17. In a base ball game, a game board and means for determining the plays on said game board, comprising dice and a pair of separate playing schedules, one of said playing schedules completely governing the two phases of action in said game of the team in the field and the other schedule completely governing the two phases of action of the team at bat.

18. The combination with a game board having a base ball field represented thereon, of a plurality of figures having means thereon to identify the same at all times as individual baseball players of opposing teams, means for determining the plays of said players on said field, comprising dice, a schedule for translating the numbers thrown by said dice into the complete individual plays of the team in the field and a schedule for translating the numbers thrown by said dice into the complete individual alternating plays of the team at bat, and score cards having means for keeping the score of each game and for keeping a record of the standing of the teams thereon.

19. The combination with a game board having a base ball field represented thereon, of a plurality of figures having means thereon to identify the same as individual base ball players of opposing teams for all phases of the game, means for determining the complete individual plays of each of said players on said field, comprising dice, a schedule for translating the numbers thrown by said dice into each of the complete plays of each phase of action of the team in the field and a schedule for translating the numbers thrown by said dice into each of the complete plays of each phase of action of the team at bat, said plays being divided into four phases of action similar to those in an actual base ball game and each play being determined by a separate throw of the dice.

20. In a game of the character described, a game board representing a ball field, a plurality of figures representing the individual base ball players of opposing ball teams, and means for determining the plays made by said players as individual, comprising dice, and means for translating each of the throws of said dice into the complete and distinct play of an individual player, said plays comprising a distinct pitcher's play, a distinct batter's play and a distinct fielder's play.

21. In a game of the character described, a game board representing a ball field, a plurality of figures representing the individual base ball players of opposing ball teams, and means for determining the plays made by said players as individuals, comprising dice, and means for translating each of the throws of said dice into the complete and distinct play of an individual player, said plays comprising a distinct pitcher's play, a distinct batter's play, a distinct fielder's play and a distinct base-runner's play.

22. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures representing individual base ball players, each of said figures having a tab thereon provided with identifying characters thereon, said characters determining the batting order of said player and the position played by said player in the field.

23. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures representing individual base ball players, each of said figures having a tab thereon provided with identifying characters thereon, said characters indicating the team upon which said player plays and determining the batting order of said player and the position played by said player in the field.

24. In a baseball game, a slotted game board, and a plurality of figures representing individual base ball players having tabs thereon entering said slots to hold said players in position, said tabs being provided with characters thereon identifying the position played by the player in the field, to determine with which of said slots said players are to be associated.

25. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures representing individual ball players and a game board representing a ball field, having means thereon for holding said figures in batting position, base running positions and in fielding positions, each of said figures having means thereon indicating the batting order of the player represented thereby and means thereon indicating the position on said game board at which said figure is to be held when the player represented is in the field.

26. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures representing individual ball players and a game board representing a ball field, having means thereon for holding said figures in batting position, base running positions, and in fielding positions, each of said figures having means thereon indicating the team to which the player represented thereby belongs, the batting order of the player represented thereby and means

thereon indicating the position on said game board at which said figure is to be held when the player represented thereby is in the field.

27. In a game of the character described, a plurality of figures representing individual ball players and a game board representing a ball field, having means thereon for holding said figures in batting position, base running positions, and in fielding positions, each of said figures having means thereon indicating the team to which the player represented thereby belongs, the name of the player the figure represents, the batting order of the player represented thereby and means thereon indicating the position on said game board at which said figure is to be held when the player represented thereby is in the field.

28. An indoor baseball game adapted for keeping a complete box score of ball teams and individuals comprising said teams, comprising a plurality of figures arranged in sets corresponding to said teams, said figures having means thereon identifying the same as the distinct individual players of the respective teams, a game board representing a ball field, having means thereon for holding said figures in batting position, base running positions and in fielding positions, dice for determining the plays of said players and means for translating the throws of said dice into the distinct and complete plays of the individual players of said teams, comprising means for separately determining the pitcher's play, the batter's play, the fielder's play and the base runner's play.

29. An indoor base ball game adapted for keeping a complete standing of the teams of a league and fielding and batting averages of the individual players of said teams, comprising a plurality of figures arranged in sets corresponding to said teams, said figures having means thereon identifying the same as distinct individual players of the respective teams, means thereon identifying the league to which said players belong, a game board representing a ball field, having means thereon for holding said figures in batting position, base running positions and in fielding positions, dice for determining the plays of said players and means for translating the throws of said dice into the distinct and complete plays of the individual players of said teams, comprising means for separately determining the pitcher's play, the batter's play, the fielder's play and the base runner's play.

30. A game device including a game board having a base ball diamond represented thereon and a plurality of game pieces, said game pieces comprising two sets representing the individual players of two complete base ball teams, the same individual game pieces of each set each serving at one time during the game as a player in the field and at another time as the same player at the bat.

31. A game device including a game board having a base ball diamond represented thereon and a plurality of game pieces said game pieces comprising two sets representing the individual players of two complete base ball games, the same individual game pieces of each set each serving at one time during the play of the game as a player in the field and at another time as the same player at the bat, the game pieces of one set serving as players at the bat successively when the game pieces of the other set serve as players in the field.

32. A game device including a game board having a base ball diamond represented thereon and a plurality of game pieces associated with said board for playing a game of base ball thereon involving the following phases of play:—the pitcher's play, the batter's play, the fielder's play and the runner's play, said plurality of game pieces including two sets, each set representing a complete base ball team, each of said sets serving as the team at bat, when the other set serves as the team in the field, and chance controlled means for determining the result of the pitcher's play, the batter's play, the fielder's play and the runner's play, in the order named.

33. In a game of the character described, a plurality of game pieces representing individual base ball players, said game pieces being arranged in sets, each set representing a base ball team, each of said sets alternately serving as the team at bat and the team in the field and each of the game pieces of each set taking an active part in said game both when the team to which the same belongs is at bat and in the field.

In testimony whereof I subscribe my name hereunto this 23d day of November, 1921.

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