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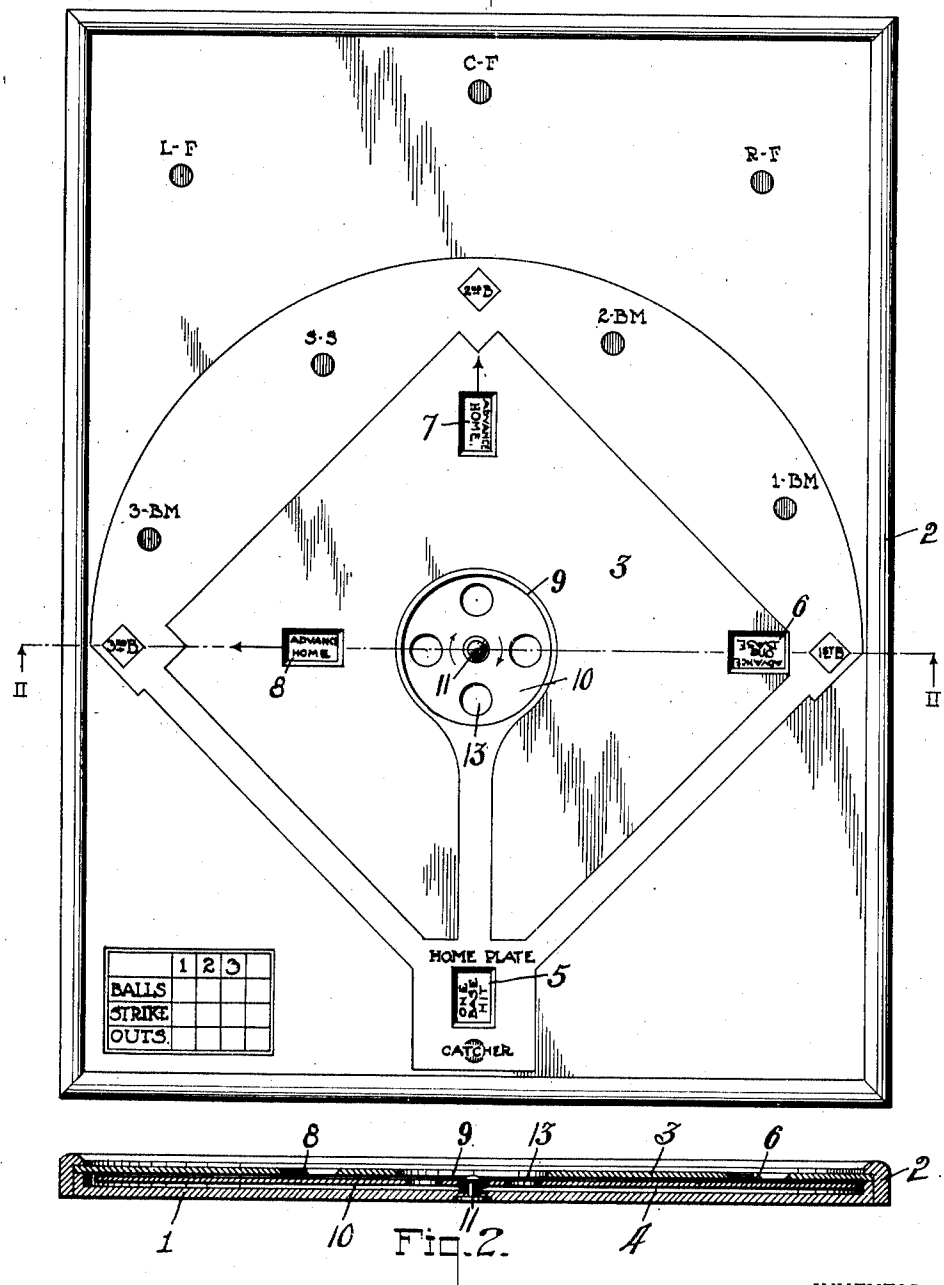


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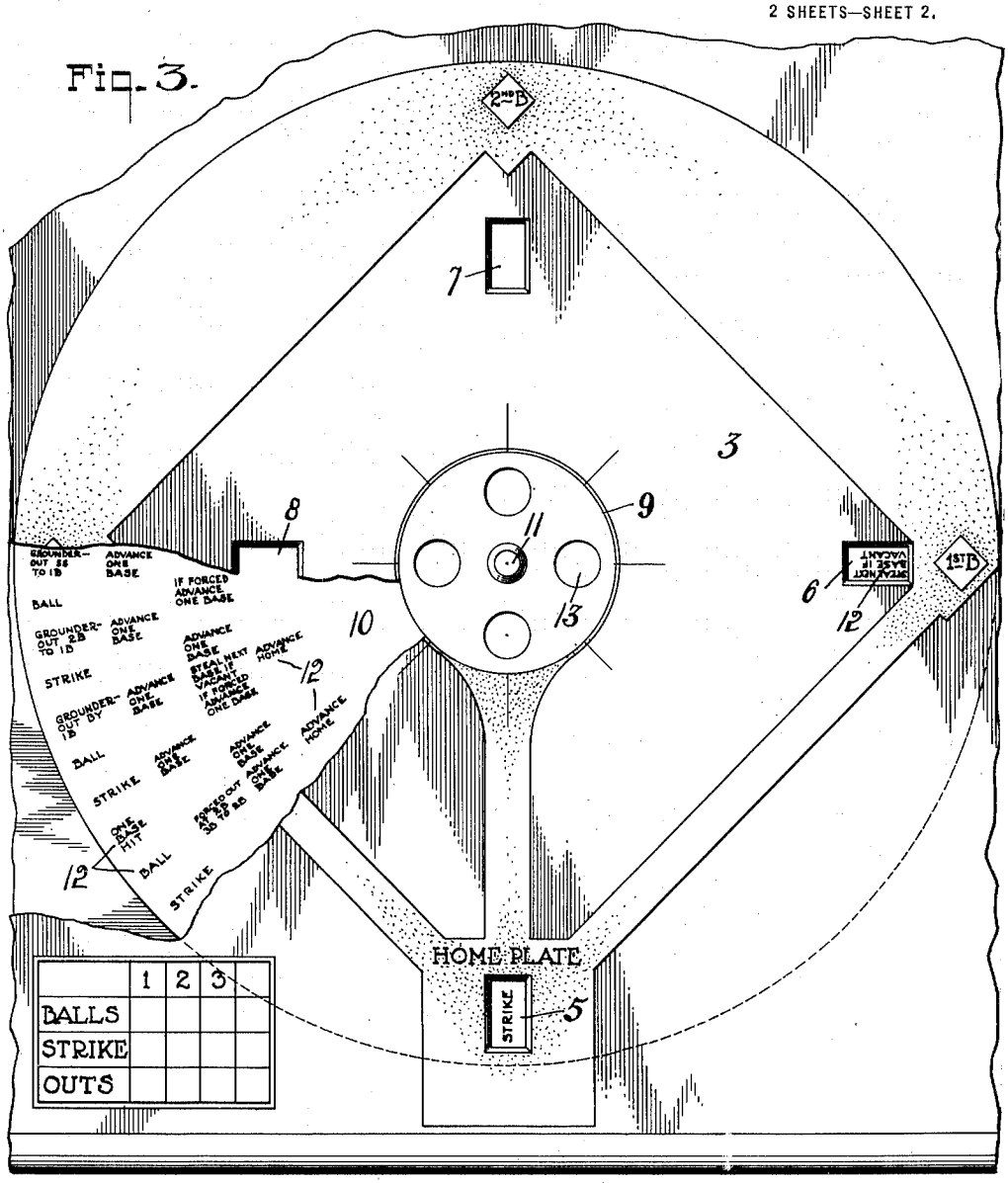
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN WATERSTROUT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Quincy, in the county of Branch and State of Michigan, have made an Invention Appertaining to Games; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to amusement devices and particularly to a game.

The object of the invention is the provision of a game representing a ball game adapted to afford amusement to young and old and containing improved features over games of this class heretofore used.

The invention is fully described in the following specification and while, in its broader aspect, it is capable of embodiment in numerous forms, a preferred embodiment thereof is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a game embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a section on the line II—II thereof, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged top view of the game with portions broken away.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a base member, in the present instance, of rectangular form and having sides 2 rising from its edges. A top plate or board 3 of any suitable stiff material is mounted above the base in spaced relation thereto to form the space or chamber 4 and is supported at its edges by the sides 2.

The top plate 3 has a design thereon representing a base ball field with the bases and customary positions of the players designated thereon. At home plate and first, second and third bases, respectively, the top plate is provided therethrough with play designation openings 5, 6, 7 and 8 which openings are arranged at different radial distances from the center of the diamond or other centrally located point. The plate 3 is also provided with a circular opening 9 in the center of the diamond.

A disk 10 is mounted in the chamber 4 for turning movements on a center pivot 11, rising from the base 1 and centrally disposed with respect to the opening 9. The disk is provided on its top face with a number of circular series of different play designations 12 corresponding to the number of play designation openings 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the top plate 3 and arranged in concentric relation to the disk center and to each other, with each series in register with a different one of the play designation openings than the others.

The play designations for each series are suitable to be carried out by a player at the respective base. For instance the series in register with the home base opening 5 designates strikes, balls, outs, hits, etc., while the series in register with the different field base openings may indicate that the player thereon is to advance one or more bases, steal a base, or that the player is out for various reasons applicable to a ball game.

In playing the game, each of the different players in his turn gives the disk 10 a whirl and the play designations 12 in register with the different base openings when the disk has stopped indicate the plays to be made. To facilitate a whirling of the disk it may be provided with a plurality of finger engaging openings 13 within the center opening 9.

It is evident that I have provided a game which will not only afford considerable amusement in playing, but which is also instructive of the national base ball game.

I wish it understood that my invention is not limited to any specific construction, arrangement or form of the parts, as it is capable of numerous modifications and changes without departing from the spirit of the claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is,—

1. A game having a top member representing a base ball field and having an opening therethrough adjacent to each base with the openings disposed at different radial distances from a central point, and a rotatable disk mounted below the top member with its turning axis adjacent to the central point and having a circular series of play designations for each opening adapted to move into register therewith upon a turning of the disk member, said series of play designations being concentric to each other and to the turning axis of the disk member.

2. A game comprising a box-like means forming a chamber and having a top mem-

ber over the chamber with a ball field represented on its top and with openings therethrough adjacent to the different bases, the openings being disposed at different radial distances from a central point, and a rotatable disk disposed within the chamber and capable of rotation from without the box means, said disk having its axis adjacent to said central point and having a circular series of play designations thereon for each opening adapted to move into register therewith upon a turning of the disk.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name to this specification.

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