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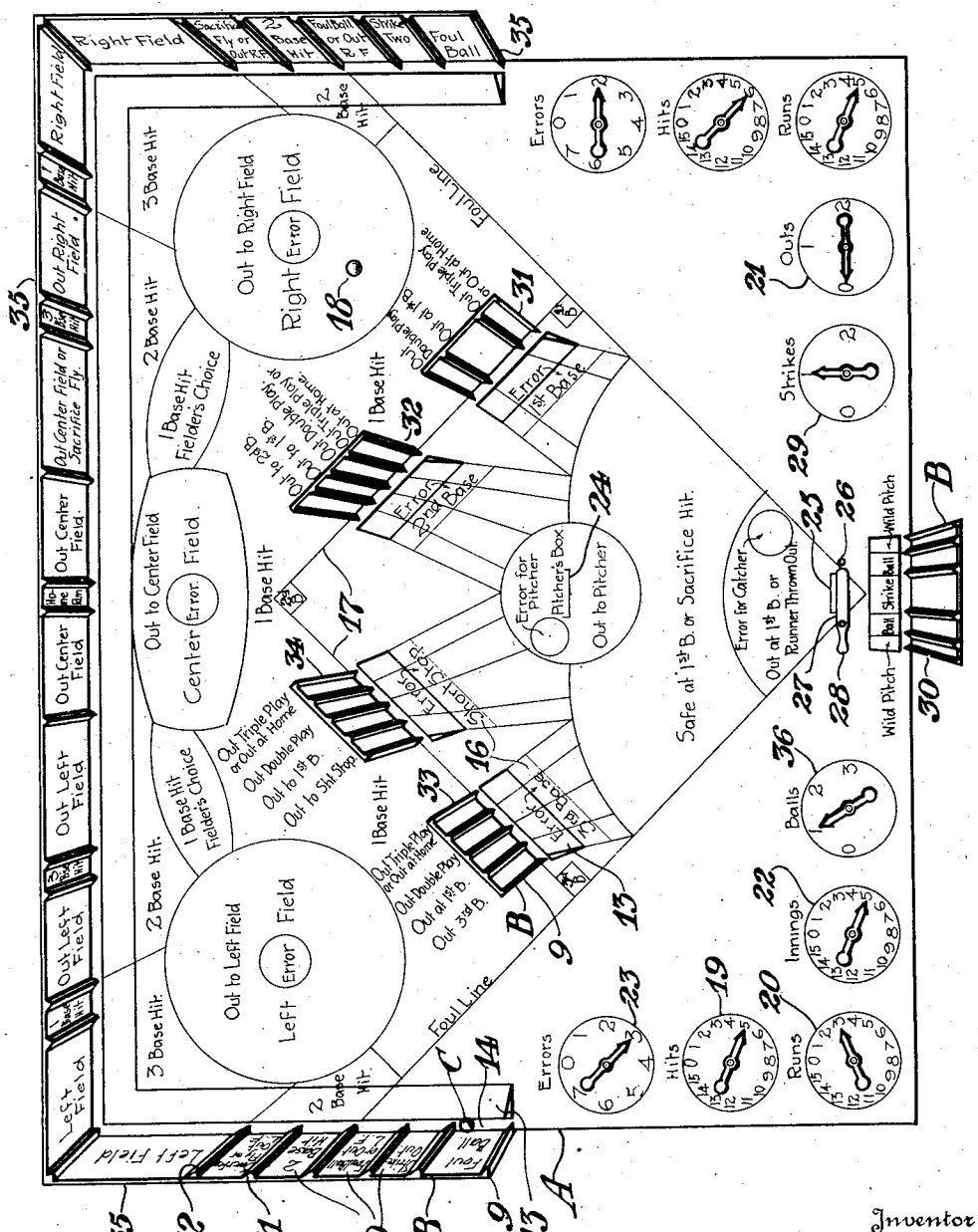


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Fig. 2

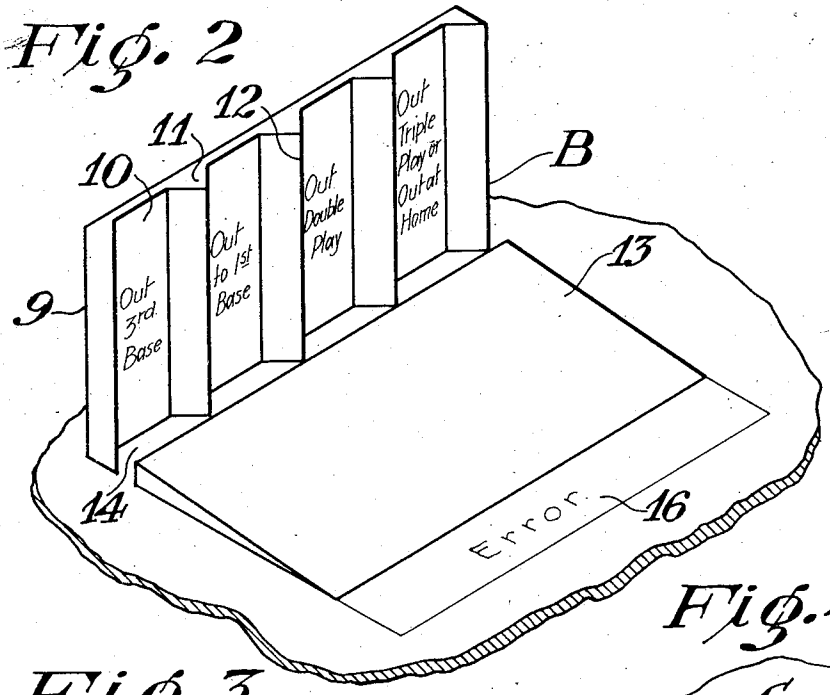


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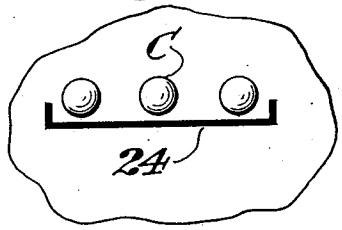


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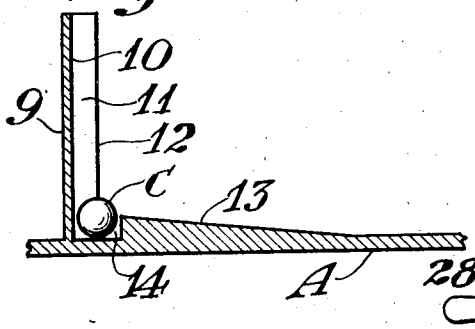


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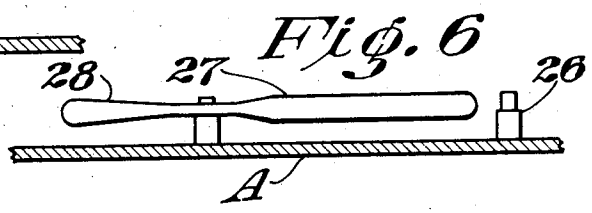
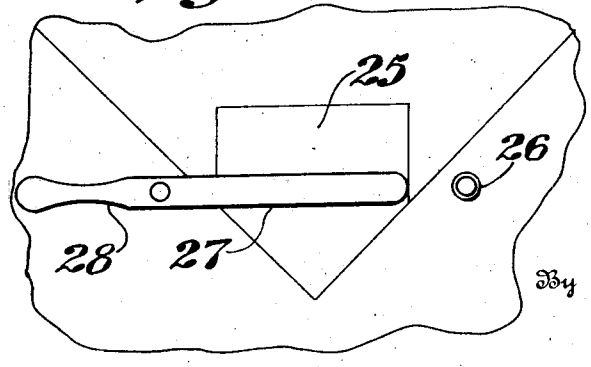


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This invention relates to an improved game apparatus, and has for one object to provide a means whereby a game having the semblance of a base ball game may be played, in which the operations of pitching and batting the ball may be carried out on a small scale suitable for indoor play, in which the different plays of a ball game may be counted and determined according to the manner in which the ball is batted.

Another object of the invention is to provide such a game in which two persons may take part, thereby simulating the opposing teams of a ball game, and in which the operations of pitching and batting are dependent upon the skill of the persons playing the game, and the fielding operations are performed by the apparatus in determining the value of the plays.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists of the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that, within the scope of what is claimed, changes in the precise embodiment shown may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings

Figure 1 is a bird's eye view of the game apparatus;

Figure 2 is a perspective elevation of one of the bases;

Figure 3 is a section through the wall that extends partially around the board;

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail of the pitcher's plate;

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail of the home plate;

Figure 6 is a side elevation of the home plate as shown in Figure 5.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the apparatus comprises a flat board or platform A, having wall sections B positioned on the said board A, and comprising a wall 9 projecting upwardly from said board and divided into a plurality of zones as at 10 by means of a plurality of narrow triangular shaped strips as at 11 positioned thereon and provided with a sharp edge as at 12 and sloping backwardly to the wall 9 so that when the game is played the ball C will not lodge in front of the said strips but will go to one side or the other. A gradually upwardly sloping ramp 13 is positioned forwardly the wall 9 but is stopped short of the said wall so as to provide a pocket as at 14 forwardly the said wall 9 and intermediate the strips 11 suitably to receive and restrain the ball C aforesaid when the said ball is caused to roll up the said ramp and fall into the said pocket. Each of the aforesaid zones 10 is marked and designated to correspond to one of the plays of the game, such as "Foul ball", "Strike out", "Two base hit", etc., as indicated on Figure 1, but it is understood that the designations will be marked upon the face of the wall 9 similarly to the manner shown in Figure 2, wherein is shown one of the wall sections positioned to correspond to a baseman as hereinafter described.

A plurality of these wall sections B are positioned on the board A facing towards the homeplate 25 in positions corresponding to the catcher as at 30, basemen as at 31, 32, 33, and short stop as at 34, and a series of said sections is positioned partially around the periphery of the said board as indicated generally as at 35 so as to form a back stop. The portions of the said board A immediately in front of the ramps 13 of the wall sections B designated as basemen and short stop, as at 31, 32, 33 and 34, are marked off as shown at 16 and designated "Error" so that if the ball C rolls only a part of the way up the said ramp and rolls down and stops in front of the said ramp, the play will count as an error for the baseman, short stop or catcher as the case may be, and the runners and batter are counted as safe.

The remainder of the board A not occupied by the apparatus heretofore described is laid off and marked to correspond to a base ball diamond and field, the paths between the bases being shown as at 17, and the board A as a whole is marked off into zones representing different plays, substantially as shown in Figure 1 and these plays are made by the ball C rolling into or onto one of the said zones as at 18.

Positioned in the lower quarters of the board A are dials 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 29 and 36, marked respectively "Hits", "Runs", "Outs", "Innings" and "Errors" "Strikes" and "Balls" as shown, for the purpose of keeping the score of the game.

The pitcher's plate is represented by a line as at 24, and the ball C may be served from any place on the said line by flipping the ball with the forefinger and thumb of the person representing the pitcher as in playing marbles. The balls C are prefer-

ably constructed of rather heavy material, such as wood or metal.

Positioned on either side of the home plate 25 are the pins 26, representing right hand and left hand batters. A bat 27 may be pivotally mounted on either of the said pins so as to extend over the said home plate, the size of the said bat being proportioned to the size of the ball C aforesaid. The batting is done by twisting the handle 28 of the bat 27 between the thumb and fingers of the player representing the batter. In the game, it is intended that if the pitcher hits the pin on which the bat is mounted when he serves a ball, the play shall count as a batter hit with a pitched ball.

I claim:

A base ball game apparatus comprising a ball, a board provided with marks representing a base ball diamond and field, a plurality of wall sections positioned on said board and comprising a wall projecting upwardly from said board, a plurality of narrow triangular shaped strips positioned on said wall, said strips being provided with a sharp edge and sloping backwardly to the said wall, whereby said wall is divided into a plurality of zones, each of said zones being marked and designated to correspond to one of the plays of the game, and a gradually upwardly sloping ramp positioned in front of the said wall, the said ramp being stopped short of the said wall so as to provide a depressed pocket forwardly said wall and intermediate said strips whereby said ball may be restrained therein; said wall sections being positioned on said board corresponding to the catcher, basemen and shortstop, and a series of said sections being positioned partially around the periphery of the said board so as to form a backstop; and means for causing the said ball to travel over the said board.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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