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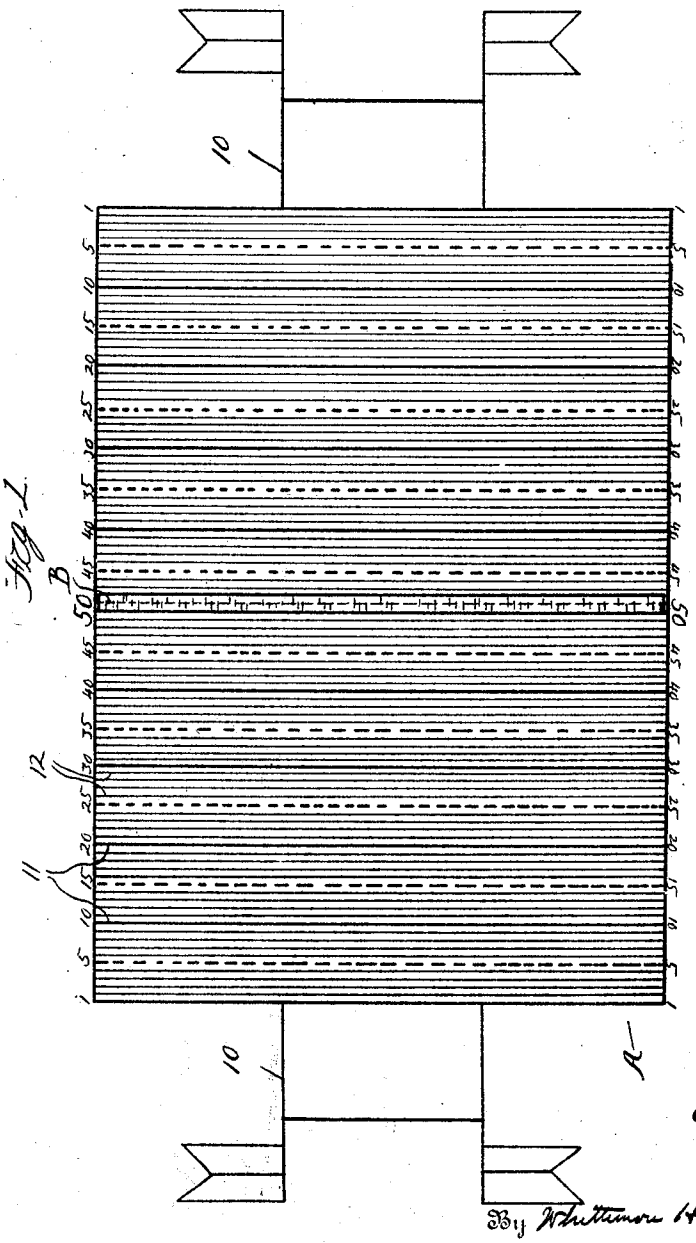


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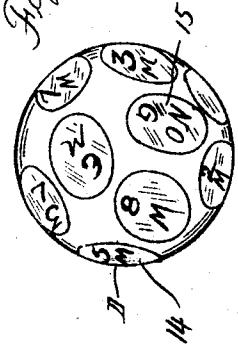


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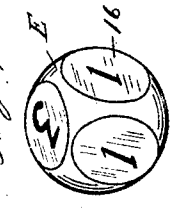


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR ZWIRNER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Hamtramck, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Football Games, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to games and more particularly to a game of football embodying a game board marked to correspond to a football field. It is an object of the invention to provide an interesting instructive and entertaining game, the parts of which are simple and of such a construction that they may be manufactured at a low cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel features of construction and combination and arrangements of parts as more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring to the drawings:—

Figure 1 indicates a plan of the game board showing the marker in the starting position;

Figure 2 is a view of the kick off die, and

Figure 3 is a view of the line plunger die;

Figure 4 is a view of the goal die.

In the drawings reference character A indicates the game board which may be made of any suitable material, and marked to correspond to a football field, 10 indicating the goals, 11 the ten yard lines, and 12 the single yard lines. Preferably the board is marked off with a 50 yard line in the center and decreasing yard lines to each of the goals 10.

B indicates the marker which is a freely movable strip of suitable material and it is intended to represent the line of players.

C indicates an indicator or may be termed the kick off die preferably formed of a plurality of faces 13 bearing different characters such as relatively large numbers representing the number of yards of advance by the side kicking off at the beginning of the game.

D represents a second indicator or the line plunger die preferably formed of a plurality of faces, fourteen being shown for purposes of illustration, bearing different characters for indicating the movement of the side having the imaginary ball. For example the die D may have a face 14 bearing the characters "5 M" which indicates that five yards are made; also a face marked "3 L" indicating three yards lost; a face 15 marked "No G" indicating no gain. Thus a plurality of yardage gains and losses, as well as no gain, may be indicated on the sides of the die.

E represents a third indicator or a goal die formed of a plurality of faces 16 preferably marked "3" or "1". The purpose of this die will presently appear.

In playing the game the opponents X and Y may toss a coin to determine which side has the kick off. Assuming that X wins the toss up and chooses to kick off, he places the marker B, which represents the line of players, at the 50 yard line and throws the kick off die C which bears the relatively large numbers for example as "10", "20", "30", etc., to "70". If for example, X throws the die C and the latter indicates "30" on its upper face, then the marker is moved toward Y's goal a distance of thirty yards and Y has the ball. If more than "50" appears on the die C the marker is placed on Y's twenty yard line and the ball is presumed to be retained by X. Assuming X has thrown a "30" then the ball is on Y's 20 yard line and Y is presumed to have the ball. Y therefore throws the line plunger die D moving the marker B each time toward X's goal a distance corresponding with the characters on the die. Thus Y would, in accordance with real football, have four throws of the die D (corresponding to four downs in real football) to advance 10 yards for the first down. If Y fails to so advance then the ball goes to X who endeavors to cross Y's goal by similar use of the die D.

Should either contestant advance to the thirty yard line of the other, then he can either continue using the plunger line die D in an effort to make a touchdown by crossing the other's goal, or at the thirty yard line the goal die E may be thrown. Should a "3" be thrown then the indication is that a field goal has been made, but should a "1" be thrown then the ball is forfeited to the other contestant.

After either side has made a touchdown the goal ball E is thrown by such party

and if "1" is thrown then the indication is that the point after the touchdown has been successful.

The game may be divided into timed quarters in accordance with real football.

It is apparent that many modifications of my game may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention. For example, instead of employing dies, dials with spinning pointers or other indicating devices might be used. Also the dies might bear varying characters and be provided with as many faces as desired. In general I have provided a simple football game affording plays on a game board corresponding to those which actually take place in a real football field.

While it is believed that from the foregoing description, the nature and advantage of my invention will be readily understood, I desire to have it understood that I do not limit myself to what is herein shown and described and that such changes may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of the claims.

What I claim as my invention is:—

1. A football game comprising a game board marked with goals and yard lines to correspond with a real football field, a marker for designating the varying positions of the players on the board, a kick off die formed with a plurality of faces bearing relatively large numbers indicating the number of yards kicked, and a line plunger die formed of a plurality of faces bearing relatively small numbers indicating yardage gained and lost for determining the successive movement of the marker toward one of the goals.

2. A football game comprising a game board marked with goals and yard lines to correspond with a real football field, a marker for designating the varying positions of the players on the board, a kick off die, and a line plunger die for determining the successive movement of the marker toward one of the goals, and a goal die each of said dies bearing characters directly indicating the successive movement of the marker.

3. A football game comprising a game board marked with goals and yard lines to correspond with a real football field, a marker for designating the varying positions of the players on the board, a die bearing relatively large numbers for determining the advance of the marker in beginning the game, and a second die bearing relatively small numbers for indicating the yardage gain or loss of the marker thereafter toward or from one of the goals.

4. A football game comprising a game board marked with goals and yard lines to correspond with a real football field, a marker for designating the varying positions of the players on the board, a die bearing characters indicating the advance of the marker in beginning the game, a second die bearing characters indicating the yardage gain or loss of the marker thereafter toward or from one of the goals, and a third die bearing indicating characters and adapted to be used when the marker is on a predetermined yard line for scoring a field goal.

5. A football game comprising a game board marked with goals and yard lines to correspond with a real football field, a marker for designating the varying positions of the players on the board, a die for determining the advance of the marker in beginning the game, a second die for indicating the yardage gain or loss of the marker thereafter toward or from one of the goals, and a third die adapted to be used after a goal has been made for scoring the point after the goal in accordance with real football.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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