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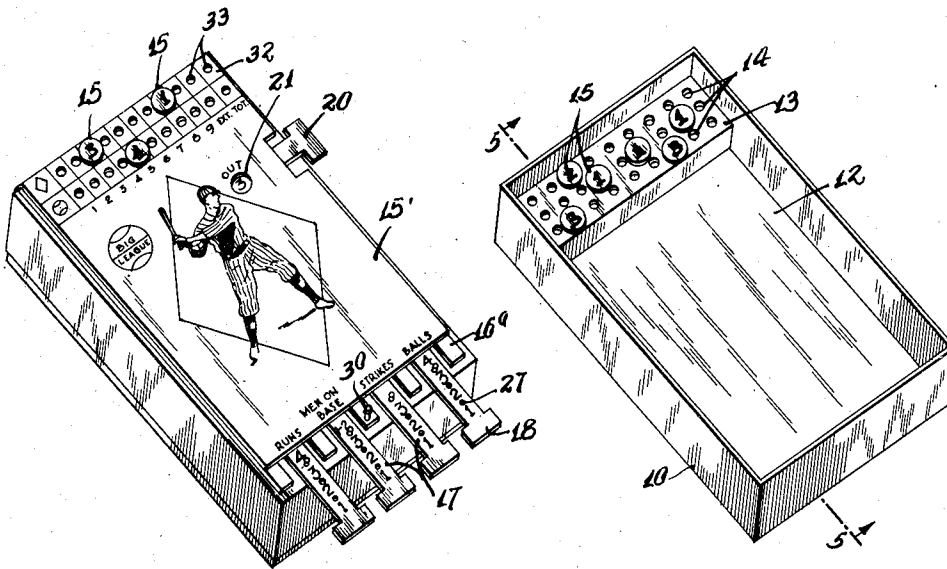


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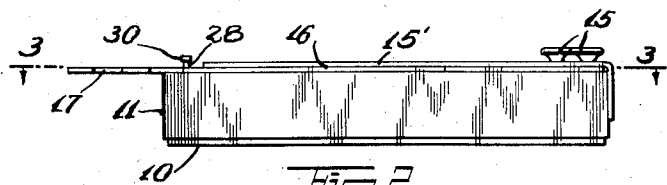


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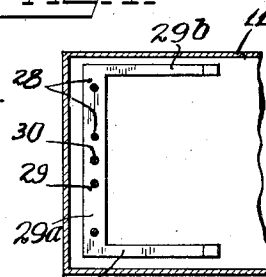


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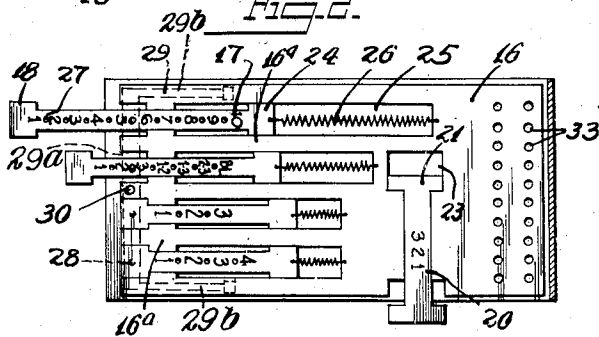


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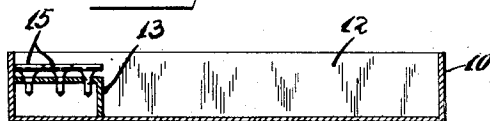


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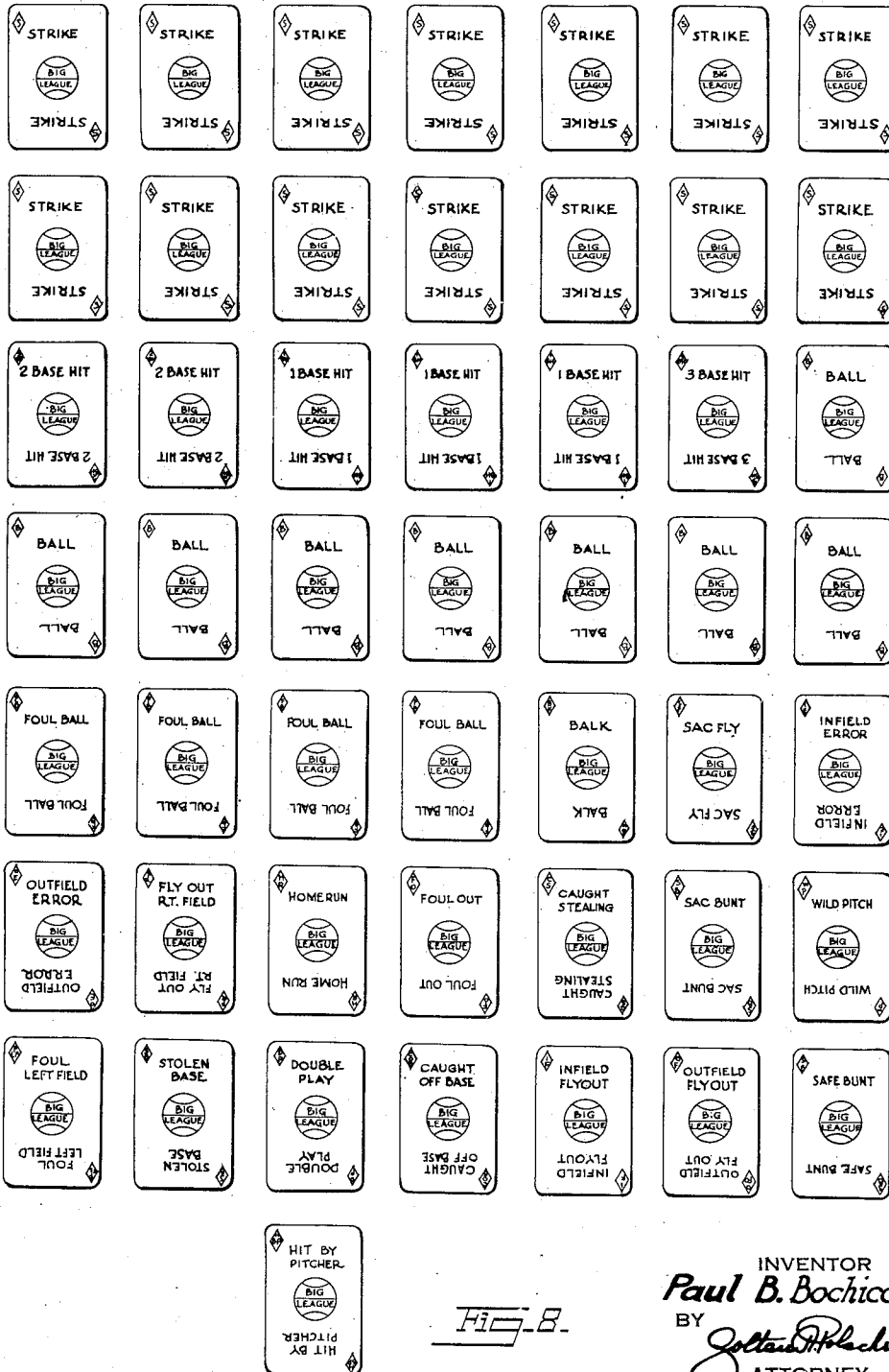
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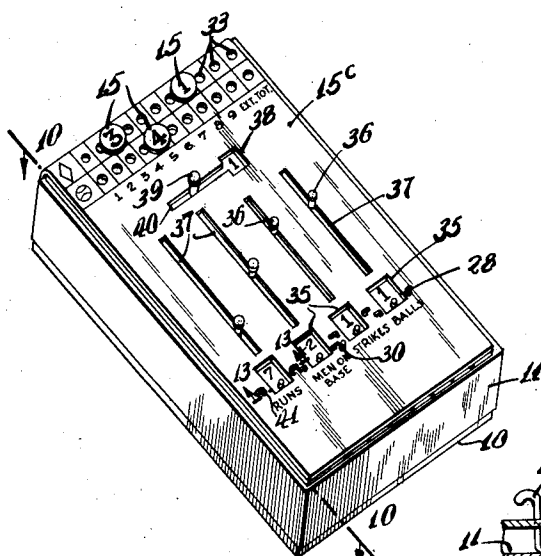


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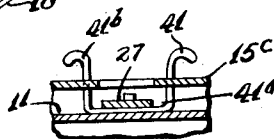


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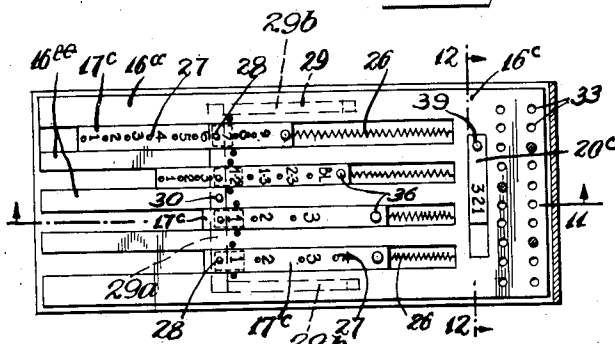


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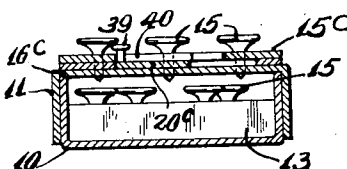


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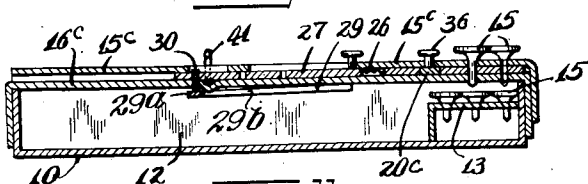


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a baseball card game and score device.

The invention has for an object the construction of a device as mentioned which is characterized by a special deck of cards by which players may play a game resembling baseball very closely.

More specifically, it is contemplated to arrange the deck of cards with notations for the various plays in a baseball game so that the cards may be drawn, and represent the plays.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a box for housing the deck of cards which is equipped with several slides by which the score of the simulated baseball game may be indicated.

Another object is the construction of a device as mentioned which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the box for the baseball card game according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is an elevational view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the lower section of the card box.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary elevational view of the underside of the cover of the box.

Fig. 7 is the back of one of the cards of the deck of cards.

Fig. 8 shows the entire deck of cards.

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of the box for the baseball card game constructed according to a modification of the invention.

Fig. 10 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 10—10 of Fig. 9.

Fig. 11 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 11—11 of Fig. 10.

Fig. 12 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 12—12 of Fig. 10.

Fig. 13 is a fragmentary enlarged sectional view taken on the line 13—13 of Fig. 9.

The game according to this invention, comprises a deck of cards which is imprinted with the various plays of a baseball game. The deck of cards furthermore is arranged with duplicate plays in quantities simulating the natural occurrences of the plays. For example, during a baseball game a strike on the batter occurs very often. For this reason the deck contains many "strike" cards. As shown on the drawings, there are 14 "strike" cards. Similarly, for each of the plays there are cards in quantities representing the number of occurrences of the plays in a theoretical game of baseball. From Fig. 8 of the drawings the various cards and their quantities will be apparent. While this particular deck is most desirable it should be borne in mind that the invention is not limited to the specific arrangement of the cards. To persons skilled in the art it would be simple to substitute other cards by which a game may be played.

The deck of cards shown in Fig. 8 is housed and sold within a package consisting of a box having a body portion 10 and a cover portion 11. The body portion 10 has a compartment 12 into which the cards may be stacked. At one end it is provided with a partitioned portion 13, the top wall of which is formed with a plurality of openings 14 in which pegs 15 are mounted. These pegs are of different colors representing different values, or are imprinted with numerals stating the values. They represent the number of runs in each inning of a game played with the cards.

The cover 11 has an auxiliary top section 15' held slightly spaced from the top thereof by an intermediate member 16 having a plurality of strip portions 16'. Slides 17 are arranged between these strip portions and may be extended. Each of these slides is provided with a head 18 by which it may be manually drawn out. The slides are imprinted with numerals arranged in sequence to represent the several plays of the game. The auxiliary top cover is imprinted with notations such as "runs", "men on base", "strikes" and "balls" indicating the various plays.

Another slide 20 is arranged at the side of the cover and is adapted to indicate the number of "outs" for a team. This slide 20 is imprinted with the numbers 1, 2, 3 on the top, which may be viewed through an opening 21 in the auxiliary top 15'. It is limited against complete extension by an interior head 22 sliding in an opening 23 formed in the intermediate plate 16. Simi-

larly, all of the slides 17 are limited against complete extraction by interior heads 24 working in slots 25 in the intermediate section 16.

The slides 17 are normally urged inwards by springs 26 which are connected with the inner ends thereof and with the intermediate section 16. Each of the slides 17 is formed with an opening 27 between the numerals thereof. These openings are adapted to be engaged by pins 28 which project from the bar portion 29^a of the resilient member 29 having flexible arm portions 29^b by which it is mounted upon the bottom wall of the cover 11. This resilient member 29 is provided with a control pin 30 mounted on the bar portion 29^a by which it may be deflected downwards, from the exterior of the box, at will. The slides 17 are flexible so that they may be flexed upwards to disengage one of the openings 27 with the corresponding pin 28, and extension is then possible.

The game is played as follows: The cards are first thoroughly mixed. One player represents one team and is first "up at the bat." He selects one of the cards and whatever the card indicates, that particular play is indicated. For example, if the play is a "strike" the slide 17 representing a "strike" is flexed upwards and drawn out slightly so that the number "1" is exposed. It is then flexed downwards so that the opening therein engages the pin 28 which maintains the slide in this extended position. The player then draws another card. If this card is a two-base hit the slide 17 which indicates "man on base" is drawn out to the proper position. It is held in the proper position by the corresponding pin 28. In this manner record is made of all of the plays, and finally when the player has three "out" the number of runs are indicated in the upper portion of the cover.

For this purpose there is a score box 32 representing two teams, and formed with a plurality of openings 33 for receiving the pegs 15. If the player scored no runs then no peg is placed in the score board. If runs are scored the pegs are arranged at the end of the innings on the proper area indicating the inning of the game. After one side is out the master pin 30 is depressed which flexes the resilient member 29 so that all of the pins 28 are moved free from the slides 17. The springs 26 will then retract each of the slides to their initial position and the device is now ready, in this respect for the other player.

The slide 20 must be manually moved inwards.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 9-13 inclusive, the cover 11 has an auxiliary top section 15^c held slightly spaced from the top of the cover by an intermediate member 16^c. This intermediate member is formed with a plurality of strip portions 16^{cc}. Slides 17^c are arranged between the strip portions 16^{cc} and may be manually moved. Each of these slides is viewable through an individual window 35 formed in the top section 15^c. The slides are imprinted with numerals arranged in sequence to represent the several plays of the game. These numerals are selectively viewable through the windows 35. The auxiliary top cover 15^c is imprinted with notations such as runs, man on base, strikes, and balls, indicating the various plays.

Each of the slides 17^c has a projecting handle 36 which projects through a slot 37 in the top

section 15^{cc}. It is by moving these handles that the slides may be moved as desired.

Another slide 20^c is arranged transversely of the slides 17^c and is adapted to indicate the number of "outs" for a team. This slide 20^c is imprinted with the numerals 1, 2 and 3 on the top, which may be selectively viewed through an opening 38 formed in the top section 15^c. A handle 39 projects from the slide 20^c and extends through a slot 40 in the top section 15^c. It is with this handle that the slide 20^c may be moved to expose the numerals thereon selectively.

The slides 17^c are normally urged inwards by springs 26 which are connected with the inner ends thereof and with the intermediate section 16^{cc}. Each of the slides 17^c is formed with an opening 27 between the numerals thereof. These openings are adapted to be engaged by pins 28 which project from a resilient member 29 mounted on the bottom wall of the cover 11. This resilient member 29 is provided with a control pin 30 by which it may be deflected downwards from the exterior of the box, at will. The slides 17^c are flexible so that portions thereof may be flexed upwards to disengage one of the openings 27 with the corresponding pin 28. Extension is then possible.

In order to flex the slides 17^c there is a transverse member 41 for each of the slides. These members have central portions 41^a extending beneath the slides in the vicinity of the windows 35, and end portions 41^b extending to the outside of the top section 15^c by which the members may be moved. It is merely necessary for one to engage the finger nails beneath the ends 41^b of one of the members 41 to move this member upwards and so flex the particular strip 17^c free from the pin 28. The strip may then be manually moved to a new position. When the member 41 is released the strip automatically straightens out and the new opening 27 engages over the pin 28.

It is to be understood that although this card game and score recorder has been described for baseball, any other game, such as football, may be played and recorded with suitable illustrations and records on the score recorder.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

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

A score device, comprising a body with a top wall portion, a flexible member comprising a bar portion and flexible arms mounted on said body and having projecting pins mounted on said bar portion, a plurality of flexible indicating slides formed with apertures adapted to be engaged by said pins for holding them selectively extended to desired amounts, means for urging said slides inward, and an element on said bar portion engageable by one's finger to flex said flexible member to extract said pins from said openings, whereby flexing said flexible member disengages said pins from said apertures to permit said means to simultaneously draw all slides back to their normal starting positions.

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