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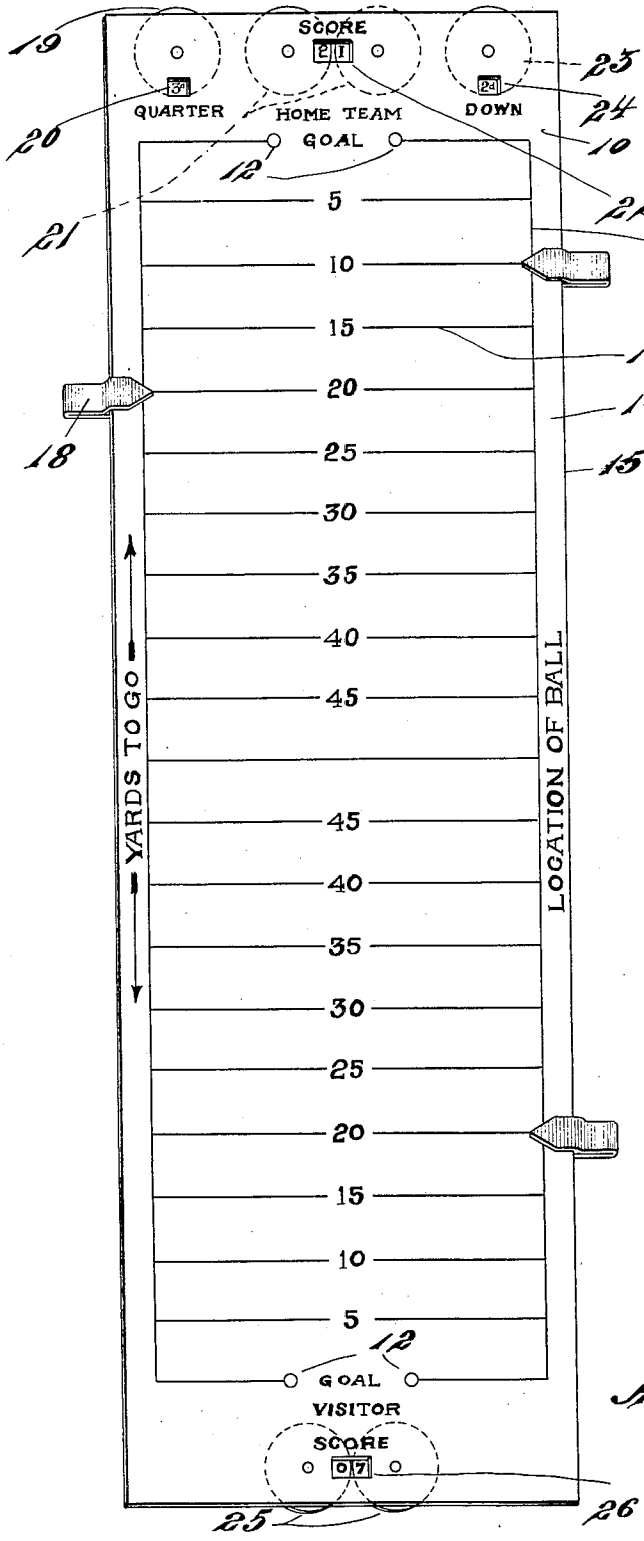


Fig. 1.

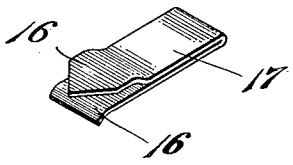


Fig. 2.

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GAME-RECORDING BOARD.

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This invention relates to an improvement in play-indicating game boards; and has for its object to provide a board of this character more particularly adapted for use in following the plays in a foot-ball game, the board having lines on its face corresponding to those on a foot-ball field and markers are provided to move along the field as indicated on the board to show the changes in positions of the ball after each play.

A further object of the invention is the provision of movable markers to indicate the different playing teams. That marker representing the team having the ball is the marker in play and is arranged to be moved to the location of the ball after each play.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of another marker on the opposite side of the field arranged to cooperate with the first named marker to be moved along the board to indicate the number of yards gained or lost after each down.

The invention still further consists in the provision of rotatable means mounted on the board to be moved to show the first, second or third quarter of the game being played, also to show the score of the home and the visiting teams and the number of downs during each play.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 represents the game indicating a score board with the markers movably mounted on its edge.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of one form of my improved marker showing the opposite fingers on each for gripping the edge of the board and the extending arm portion or handle by which the marker may be readily adjusted along the edge of the board.

It is found that while listening to the description of a foot-ball game over the radio, that the game becomes much more interesting and the plays followed more closely if a board having a miniature field laid out upon its face is employed by the listener, particularly if the board is provided with markers mounted thereon that may be readily moved along the board to indicate the position of the ball after each play and also with markers that designate and indicate the two opposing teams. Also, it is found of advantage to provide a separate and independent marker in addition to the team markers that is adapted to be moved along the opposite edge of the board to cooperate with these team markers to indicate after each play the position of the ball and show the number of yards to go. It is also found advantageous to provide a device on the board which will show the quarter being played, whether it be the first, second or third in the game, also a device adapted to be manipulated to show the number of downs in the play and the score, one scoring device for the home team and one for the visiting team, and by the use of a score board of this character the game may be closely followed as called by the announcer to greatly increase the interest of the listener in the progress of the game as it is being played; and the following is a detailed description of the present embodiment of my invention and showing one arrangement of board and arrangement of markers by which these advantageous results may be accomplished:—

With reference to the drawings, 10 designates the score board which is preferably rectangular in shape and made of any suitable material. The face of the board has lines as at 11 showing the side lines of the field and having circles 12 at the ends to show the goal post.

The field is lined transversely as at 13 to indicate the 5 yard intervals from the opposite goals to the 50 yard line at the center of the field. Each of these 5 yard lines may be subdivided if desired to assist in more accurately positioning the markers, a margin being preferably left between the side lines of the field and the edge 15 of the board.

I have also provided a plurality of marker members which are movable longitudinally along the face of this board to indicate the position of the ball after each play, which markers may be of any desired shape and operated in any desired way, but I preferably provide a set of markers each constructed similar to a clip, as shown in Figure 2, having a pair of opposite spring arms 16 between which the edge of the board is lightly gripped, the marker being also preferably provided with an extension portion 17 which serves as an operating handle, whereby it may be readily positioned on the edge of the board to readily move along the same

to any position on the board for the purpose of indicating the location of the ball after each play, also it is considered advantageous to mount two markers on one edge of the board, the same being preferably of different colors or shapes to indicate the two different contesting teams. That marker representing the team having the ball is the marker in play. Also it is found of advantage to provide a third marker 18 mounted on the opposite edge of the board which is also arranged to be moved longitudinally along the field to cooperate with the team marker to indicate the number of yards to go after each down.

In some instances also I mount a rotatable disc 19 on the board having numerals on its face, an opening 20 over the face of the disc being provided through which one of the numerals shows to indicate which quarter of the game is now being played. Also, I mount a pair of cooperating numeral-carrying discs 21 on the board which are arranged to show through an opening 22 in the face of the board to indicate the score of the home team. Also, I may provide another disc 23 having numerals on its face which are arranged to show through an opening 24 to indicate the number of points won in the play as the game proceeds, and again on the opposite end of the score board or other convenient place I may provide another pair of cooperating numeral-carrying discs 25 arranged to show through an opening 26 in the board, which numerals will indicate the score of the visiting team.

My improved play-indicating game board is extremely simple and inexpensive to construct and by its use one listening to an announcer over the radio giving the description of a foot ball game finds the game much more interesting to follow each play by moving the different devices to indicate the score and keep correct track of the constantly changing positions of the ball while in play. By the term "edge of the board" in the specification and claims, I mean any edge of the board to which one or more of the clips may be adjustably applied.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A game recording board generally rectangular in form to conform to the shape of a foot-ball field and having lines on its front face corresponding to those on a foot-ball field, a pair of markers one movable along one edge and the other movable along the other edge of the board, each being movable along the entire length of field representation entirely independent of the position of the other, one marker representing a competing team and cooperating with the field lines to indicate the position of the ball after each play, and the other marker cooperating with the field lines to designate the number of yards to go after each down.

2. A game recording board generally rectangular in form to conform to the shape of a foot-ball field and having lines on its front face corresponding to those on a foot-ball field, a pair of markers one movable along one edge and the other movable along the other edge of the board, each being movable along the entire length of field representation entirely independent of the position of the other, one marker representing a competing team and cooperating with the field lines to indicate the position of the ball after each play, and the other marker cooperating with the field lines to designate the number of yards to go after each down, the ends of the board carrying indicia for indicating scores of the competing teams, quarters, and downs.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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