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Fig. 1.

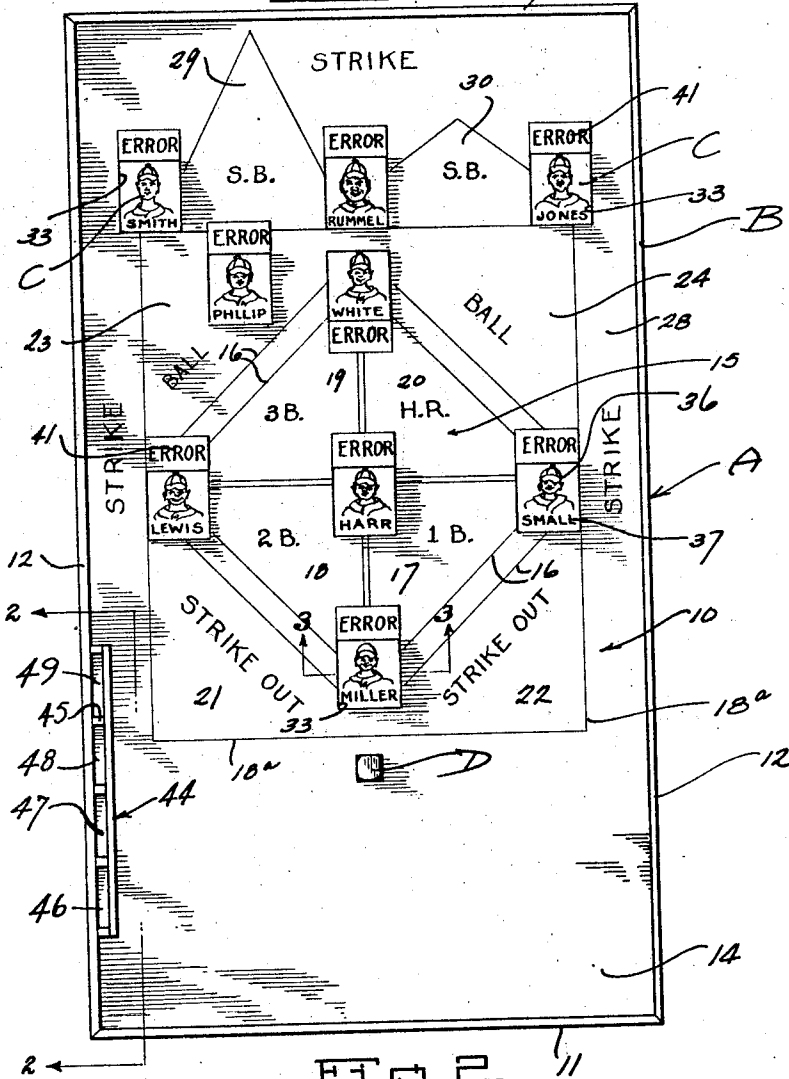


Fig. 2.

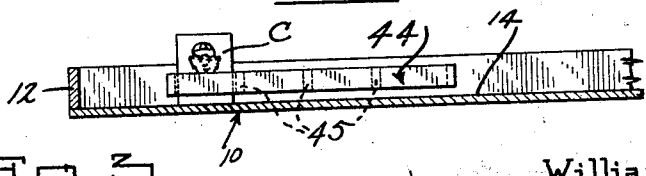
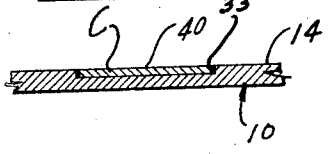


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newburgh, in the county of Orange and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved game apparatus.

The primary object of this invention is the provision of a game apparatus preferably simulating the game of base ball, and embodying improved and novel playing arrangements.

An important object of the invention is the provision of an improved base ball game apparatus including movable elements designating the players of opposing teams, and means for cooperatively positioning them in regard to their fielding and batting positions.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will be apparent during the course of the following detailed description.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved game apparatus, showing various elements thereof in playing arrangement.

Figure 2 is a transverse cross sectional view, taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is an enlarged cross sectional view, taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

In the drawing, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown but the preferred embodiment of this invention, the letter A generally designates the improved game apparatus, which principally comprises a playing board or casing B; members C designating individual players; and a ball or die element D.

Referring to the game board B, the same comprises a playing floor 10 of rectangular formation having the end and side walls 11 and 12 respectively extending vertically upward from the playing surface 14 of the floor or field 10 at the marginal edges thereof. The surface 14 of the floor plate 10 is preferably provided with lines or similar characteristics designating a ball field. The diamond 15 of this ball field is preferably

laid out centrally on the floor or playing board 10 being designated by parallel lines 16. The infield provided by the diamond 15 is further subdivided into substantially triangular shaped zones 17, 18, 19 and 20, which respectively designate first base, second base, third base, and home run zones, for cooperation with the ball or die element D. A rectangular plat designated by certain lines 18^a encloses the diamond 15, and adjacent the home plate of said diamond provides substantially triangular shaped zones 21 and 22 designated as strike out zones; certain other zones 23 and 24 being provided upon each side of the second base which may be conveniently called ball zones. A single strike zone 28 may be provided marginally about the lines 18^a upon the playing board B. In the outfield of the base ball field, certain irregular shaped zones 29 and 30 may be designated as stolen base zones.

The floor portion 10 of the playing board B is provided with depressions or pockets 33 inwardly from the top surface 14 thereof, which are substantially square or rectangular in formation, and which are provided in each location of the base ball field at which a player normally stands, and which are adapted for receiving the player members C.

Referring to the player members C, the same are preferably formed of cardboard or analogous economical material, and preferably have pictures 36 of a ball player lithographed thereon, which may be designated by indicia 37 which may refer to the name of a player or the team upon which disposed. These cards C are flat and polygonal in formation, and are adapted for snug seating in the pockets 33 provided in the playing board B, so that the top surface 40 of each playing card C lies in the same plane and flush with the top surface 14 of the playing board floor 10. Error zones 41 are inscribed or otherwise provided upon the field 10 of the playing board B for each player in the field and preferably disposed at the remote edge of the pockets 33. This completes the fielding arrangement of the improved game, and as can be seen simulates base ball in practically all particulars.

Referring to the arrangement carried by the playing board B for the batting team, the same preferably includes a rack member 44 which is attached in any suitable manner to the side wall 12. The rack 44 preferably

includes spacing members 45 in order to provide a series of vertical pockets or slots 46, 47, 48 and 49 adapted to removably receive the playing cards or members C of a batting team. These pockets 46, 47, 48 and 49 may be respectively designated by suitable indicia "At bat;" "First base;" "Second base" and "Third base;" which means may be disposed upon the rack 44 referring to the playing position of the members of the batting team.

The ball or die D may be of any formation, preferably cube shaped, and which may be of rubber, wood, celluloid or any approved material.

The game may be played by two or more persons who control a series of the playing cards D designating opposing teams. The fielding team is arranged by insertion of the individual playing members C thereof in the pockets 33, substantially as is illustrated in Figures 1 and 3 of the drawing. The rules governing playing substantially follow conventional base ball rules, although they may depart slightly therefrom in order to render the playing of a game as easy and flexible as possible. In starting the game, a player may place the die member D on the playing floor 10 rearwardly of the catcher's position, and the player controlling the batting team shoots or rolls the die member D into the playing field in any approved manner. The person at bat is designated by that playing member C which is disposed in the slot 46. Should the ball or die member D roll into zone 18, designating second base, the member C representing the ball player at the bat will then be moved to slot 48, thus keeping track of the players at bat who reach bases, in a convenient manner. The next batter, as represented by a card C, is disposed in the slot 46 and the person playing the game again rolls the ball or die member D into the playing field. Should the ball D roll into zones 23 or 24, the batter will have one ball. The next attempt at rolling the member D entering either zone 29 or 30, which indicate stolen bases for any players who might be on first, second or third base, and thus advance that player. The game is thus continued in manner altogether similar to the playing of a base ball game, and the position of the person at bat is determined by the location or zone into which the die member D is guided. Should the ball or die member D fall directly upon a playing card C in the ball field, the batter will be out.

Various other rules can be promulgated, such as counting a foul on the person at bat when the ball rolls upon either of the zones 29 or 30 when no player is on a base. The ball or die member D rolling upon a line in the enclosed field, also designates a foul ball or one strike. A ball rolling upon any of

the zones 41 adjacent the players in the field designates an error by that player and the batter reaches first base in safety. Players on bases are successively moved toward home plate.

From the above description of the game apparatus, it can readily be understood that a relatively simple and compact playing arrangement has been provided, by means of which a base ball game may be enacted on a miniature scale, utilizing playing members C which have base ball players lithographed thereon. In this manner, pictures representing the players of various league teams may be used, affording considerable amusement and novelty in the determination of the manner in which the individual players may cooperate with the ball member D in effective playing. Due to the skillful arrangement of the playing member C in the socket 33 for the team in the field, the ball or die member D may roll over the surface of the playing field against liability of dislodgment of players, and not providing any obstructions to hinder the travel of the die member D, so that a person playing the game may attain considerable skill in placing of the die member D in a particular zone or zones, either directly or by caroming off of the walls 11 and 12.

Various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be made to the form of invention herein shown and described, without departing from the spirit of this invention or the scope of the claims.

I claim:

1. A game comprising a playing board subdivided into zones designating plays, movable player members, a playing element designating a ball adapted for rolling over said playing board, and a base indicating arrangement for a batting team disposed out of the bounds of the playing field.

2. A game comprising a playing board having a base ball field designation thereon and provided with pockets in the players' fielding position thereon, detachable elements adapted for disposition in said pockets in out of the way relation with respect to the playing surface of said field, base indicating means for a batting team positioned out of the playing field, elements representing members of the batting team and adapted to be removably held by the base indicating means, and a ball element adapted for utilization in determining playing by the batting and fielding teams.

3. A game comprising a playing board having a ball field laid out thereon, means providing for disposition of a fielding team, and means on said board for selectively and movably receiving members of a batting team in designation of plays made thereby.

4. A game comprising a playing board

simulating a base ball field embodying side walls, and a floor member, said floor member having a base ball playing field designated on a portion thereon provided with
5 certain pockets depressed inwardly of the playing surface thereof in position assumed by the players of a fielding team, said ball field being subdivided into a plurality of zones designating plays, substantially flat
10 card like members having indicia thereon representing players adapted for movable disposition in the pockets of said playing board, and a rack member having a plurality of sockets therein designating playing
positions of a batting team and adapted to progressively receive members of said batting team, and a ball element adapted for
15 cooperation over the playing field for determining positioning of the members of the fielding and batting teams. 20

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