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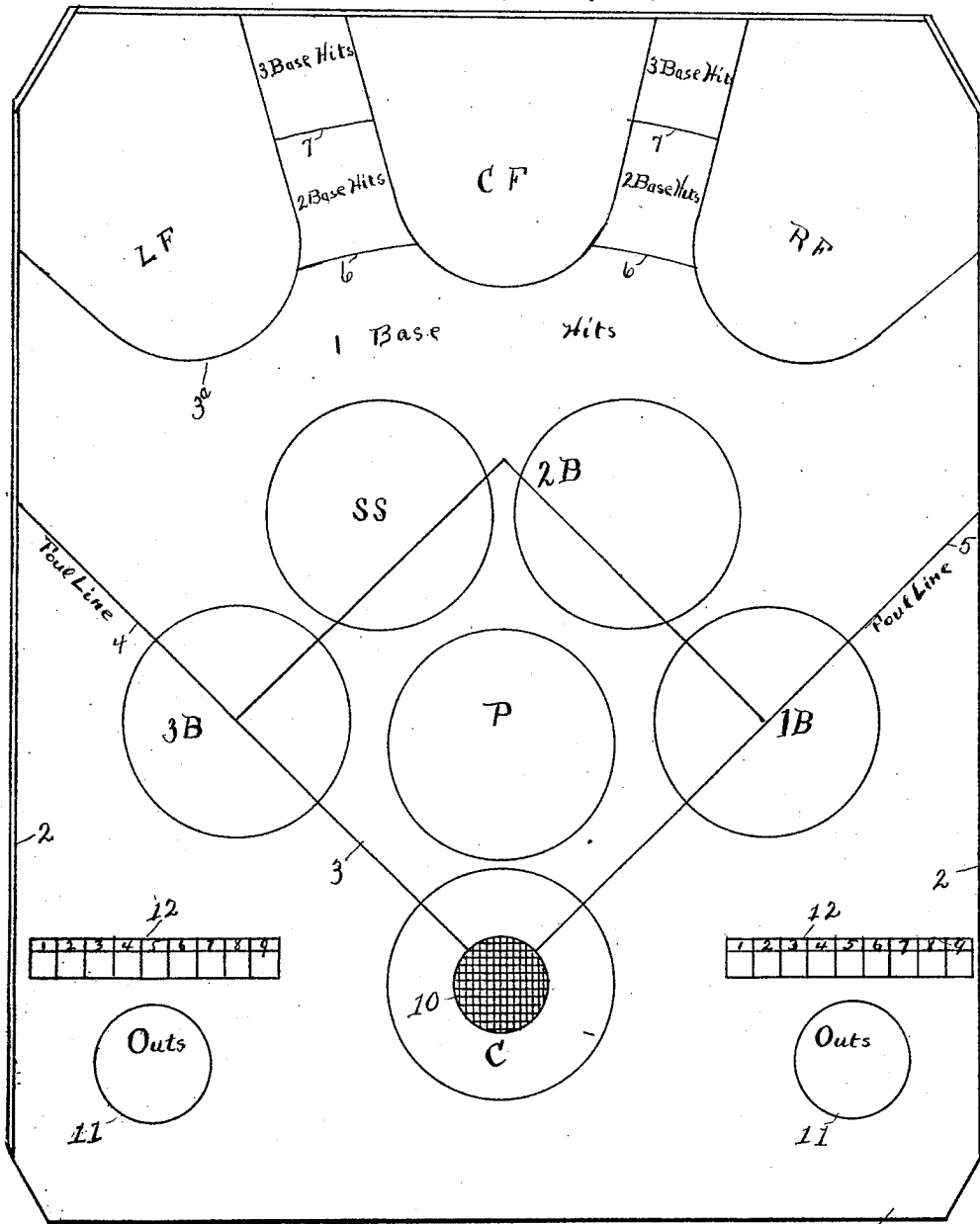
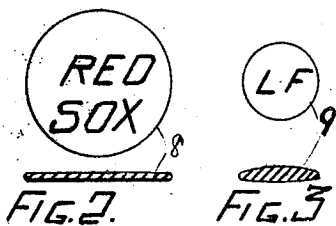


FIG. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHESTER W. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to games designed to be played within doors, upon parlor table, or similar place in the home or club, and the principal game to be played is a simulation of the base ball game as now played out of doors. The object being to provide means by which the players may make plays similar to those played in the usual game of base ball.

A further object, is to provide such a game, in which the individual players may develop personal skill, and thereby increase the interest in the game by such competition.

With the above and other objects in view hereinafter set forth specifically, my invention consists of the design, and arrangement of parts shown and described herein, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game board.

Figure 2 is a plan and a sectional view of one of the player's propelling disks.

Figure 3 is a plan and sectional view of one of the smaller disks to be propelled upon the field by the player's propeller disk.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my said invention, I have shown a game board 1, which may be of any convenient size and shape, having a rail 2 upon three sides. A base ball diamond and field as 3 and 3^a are laid out upon said board, and the fielding position of each fielder is indicated by the usual initials and each such fielder's position is enclosed with a line to indicate the effective playing area covered by such fielder in the play to be hereinafter described. The extension of the foul line is indicated at 4 and 5 by the continuation of the base lines to 1st base and 3rd base in the usual manner to distinguish between foul plays and fair hits. Lines are also drawn as at 6 and 7 to indicate the limits within which hits are counted as 1 base, two base or 3 base hits.

At the home plate I have preferably attached a piece of felt, cloth or rubber, to form a pad or resilient cushion from which the plays hereinafter described are made, and all plays should be made from this pad,

at 10. At 12 I have shown two score boards where the respective players may keep tally of the runs scored, and at 11 I have shown locations where counters may be placed to indicate the number of players put out in each inning, until 3 are out in the usual manner.

In playing the game, I preferably provide each player with a player's propelling disk as 8, and nine smaller disks as 9 each, one of the small disks representing each one of the usual number of nine players employed on each side in base ball. When two players play, each one is supposed to represent one of the contending teams, and is provided with one of the player's propelling disks 8, which takes the place of the usual bat employed in base ball for propelling the ball on to the field, and each player is provided with 9 of the smaller disks 9, which take the place of the ball usually employed in playing base ball.

In the play, the players take turns at bat as customary in base ball, and each side plays as hereinafter described, until 3 men are put out in the manner described hereinafter in play, when the side retires and the other side goes in to bat.

In playing my said game, the first player at bat places one of his small disks 9 upon the pad 10 at home plate and places the edge of his player's propelling disk 8 upon it, gradually sliding the disk 8 rear-wardly until it slips off the rear edge of the smaller disk 9. This action, if properly performed, propels the smaller disk 9 upon the playing field, and the play is determined by the portion of the field upon which the disk 9 comes to rest. If it rest half or more back of the foul line, it counts for a strike and the disk is again placed upon the pad, and propelled forward in the same manner. If the disk plays three fouls, the player will be declared out on three strikes, and the disk is placed in one of the designated areas 11 to indicate 1 player out. If this disk or any disk 9 played thereafter comes to rest upon the field forward of the foul line, and not touching the line of any indicated fielder's position, it will be declared a base hit, or two or three base hit according to the portion of the field it comes to rest upon. The disk is then placed upon the proper base to indicate the number of bases of the hit, and another disk is played in similar manner the disks being moved forward the number of bases indi-

cated at each play, and each disk which is thus moved across home plate is scored for a run. If instead of falling upon fair territory, the disk 9 comes to rest touching the line, or within the line of any fielder's indicated position, the player will be declared out, and the disk is placed in the portion of the board to indicate the player to be out. When three players have been declared out in either of the above indicated methods, the side at bat is retired, and the other side comes in to bat, and proceeds in a similar manner until three are declared out. In this manner the play may be continued for nine innings, the score being kept in the score board indicated for such purpose in the usual manner of base ball scoring.

I have preferably employed disks 9 which have a greater curvature upon one surface than upon the other, as shown in cross section in Figure 3, as this gives the player greater latitude in his play, as the same pressure will propel the disk different distances, according to the side which is toward the pad 10. The disks 9 may have an abbreviation upon each to indicate the fielding position supposed to be assigned to such disk, and said disks may be of two different colors, one to indicate the Red Sox, for instance and one to indicate the White Sox. The disks 9 and 8 may be made of bone, ivory, hard rubber, shell or other suitable materials, and the thickness and weight may be varied, if preferred, to vary the propelling qualities of the disks and thus call for greater skill on the part of the player to propel the disk upon suitable portion of the fair field to score for 1 or more base hit.

In the foregoing indicated method of play, I have followed as closely as may be the regular rules followed in organized base ball and which are well known to most

young people who will desire to play this game. I realize that said play may be varied, to suit any players, without departing from the scope of my said invention, and many different games may be played with the same means herein described.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is the following:—

1. A game apparatus comprising a board having a base-ball field represented thereon, a yieldable pad at home plate, lines surrounding each individual fielder's position, player propelling disks, and circular playing units for propelling upon the field from the pad.

2. A game apparatus comprising a regularly indicated base-ball field, abbreviations to indicate the playing position of each individual player, lines to indicate the put-out areas over which each said player may play, a foul line, lines to indicate one base, two base and three base hits, a yieldable pad at or near home plate, a player's propelling disk, and smaller disks for propelling from the pad upon the field by means of the propelling disk.

3. A game apparatus comprising a board having a regularly indicated baseball field thereon, a pad at the home plate, player propelling disks, and player unit disks to be propelled from the pad by a propelling disk, each player disk having upper and lower curved surfaces, the curvature of one of the curved surfaces being greater than the curvature of the other curved surface whereby to propel the player disks longer or shorter distances according to the curved surface of the player disks next to the pad.

In testimony whereof, I have duly affixed my signature to the foregoing specification.

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