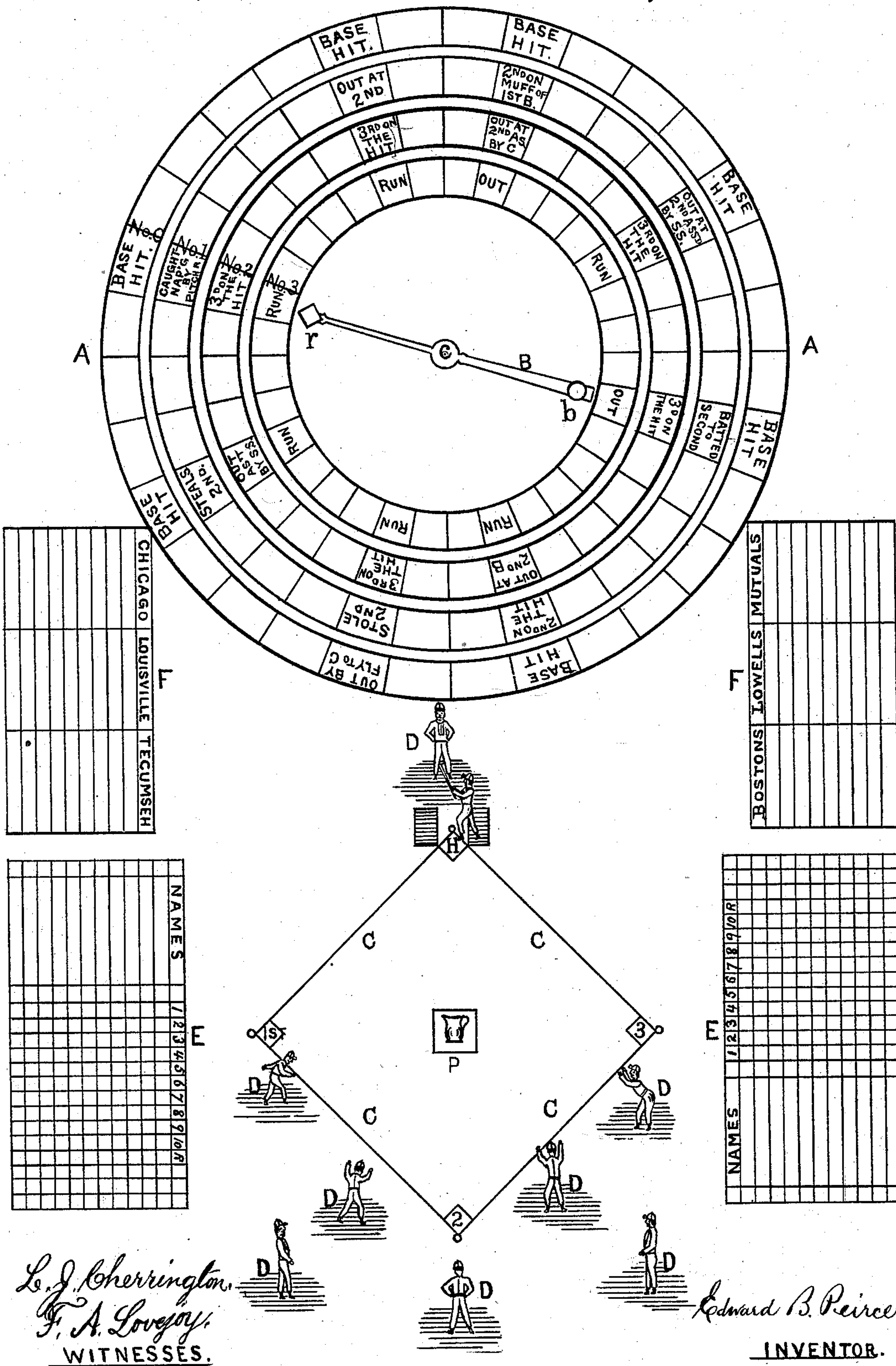


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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD BURGESS PEIRCE, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Game, which I term "Parlor Base-Ball;" which invention is fully described and set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

The nature of my invention consists in the adaptation and application of a table comprising a list of the several movements in a field-game of base-ball, and the use of said table in the determining of moves to be made on a miniature base-ball ground, depicted on a board, tablet, or other suitable surface.

The game can be played by any number of persons up to eighteen. The use of a movable device, in connection with the said table operated by the player, indicates the several moves to be made by pieces representing men on the miniature field.

I describe my invention in detail, as follows:

In the drawing, A A represent a table comprising a list of the different movements made in a field-game of base-ball. B is a revolving pointer, which revolves laterally on the center at *c*.

H¹ H² and H³ indicate the several bases in a base-ball field, H being the batter's position, P being the pitcher's position, and C C C C the miniature field. Little circles at the corners of bases H¹ H² H³ represent the points where the runners belong at the several movements of the game. Anything movable may be used to designate the men, pegs being very convenient for the purpose; or they may consist of miniature men.

D D represent the men in the field, and, though not absolutely essential for playing, they serve to make the game more interesting and lively.

A scoring-card is represented on each side of the field, which records the game for each club supposed to be playing. Names of clubs and players thereof are represented on each side next the score-blank.

The score-blank can consist of an erasible tablet; or a separate movable blank can be inserted for use, and taken off for preservation.

The score-blank and names of clubs can be

placed in any convenient place on the playing-board.

The movements described in the four separate circles on the table are designed to indicate the movements of the batting-club at the four different bases respectively. In the present case the outside circle, No. 0, is used to indicate the movement of the man supposed to be at the bat. The next toward the center, No. 1, indicates the movement of the man supposed to be at first base. The next toward the center, No. 2, indicates the move of the man supposed to be at second base. The inside circle, No. 3, indicates the movement of the man at third base.

The manner of playing the game is as follows, viz: The pointer B is revolved by a player who represents the club at the bat. When it stops revolving, the end *b* of the pointer B, which is always used to indicate the play and direct the movement of the man at the bat, points in a radial direction to a certain indicated movement described in the outer circle, No. 0. This directs the movement of the first batter, and the man is stationed in the miniature field accordingly. The pointer is again revolved as the next man goes to the bat, and the batter end *b* of the pointer B being first followed out to the outer circle, No. 0, as before, the movement of the batter is directed by the reading therein, and the opposite end *r*, pointing to the reading in the second circle from the outside, No. 1, indicates the movement and play given the man at first base. The pointer is again revolved, and the batter's end *b* being first read, as before, indicates the movement and play of the batter, and the opposite end of the pointer *r*, pointing to the reading in circles No. 1 and No. 2, indicates the play and directs the movement of the men at first and second base by the reading in the respective circles. A next movement of the pointer, and, when it stops, another reading of the play to which it points in the outside circle pointed to by the batter's end *b* of the pointer, and the reading in circles No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, pointed to by the opposite end *r* of the pointer, indicates the play and directs the movement of the batter and men at first, second, and third bases, respectively, as before described. The record of the game

being scored on the scoring-card, a complete record of the separate clubs supposed to be at play is kept.

The utility of the game and the pleasure and amusement to be derived therefrom are readily perceived.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

A game apparatus consisting of the table A, marked upon its face with a list of move-

ments of a base-ball game, radially arranged, and having at its center the revolving pointer B, in combination with the miniature field C and movable figures D, substantially as specified.

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