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Fig:1.

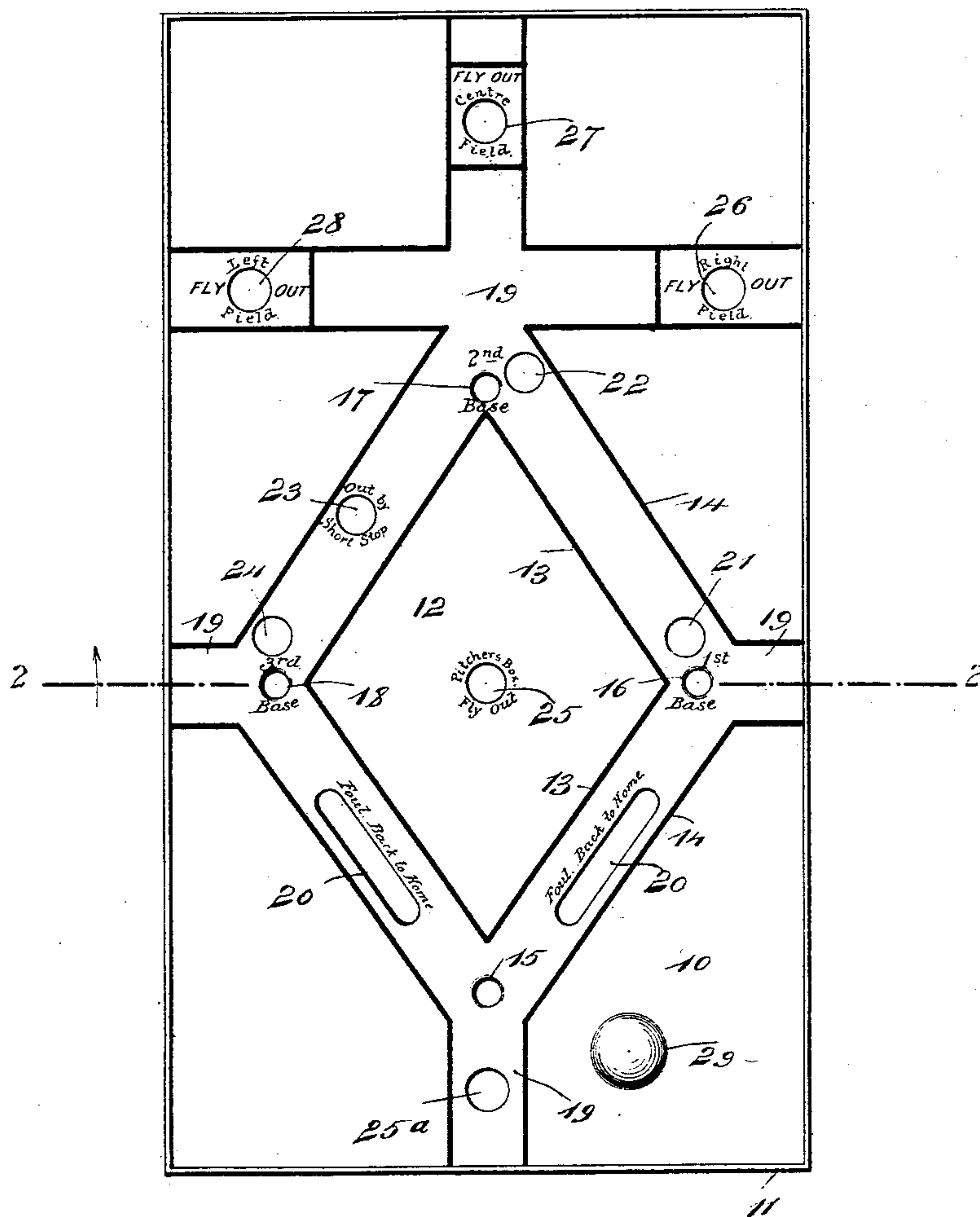
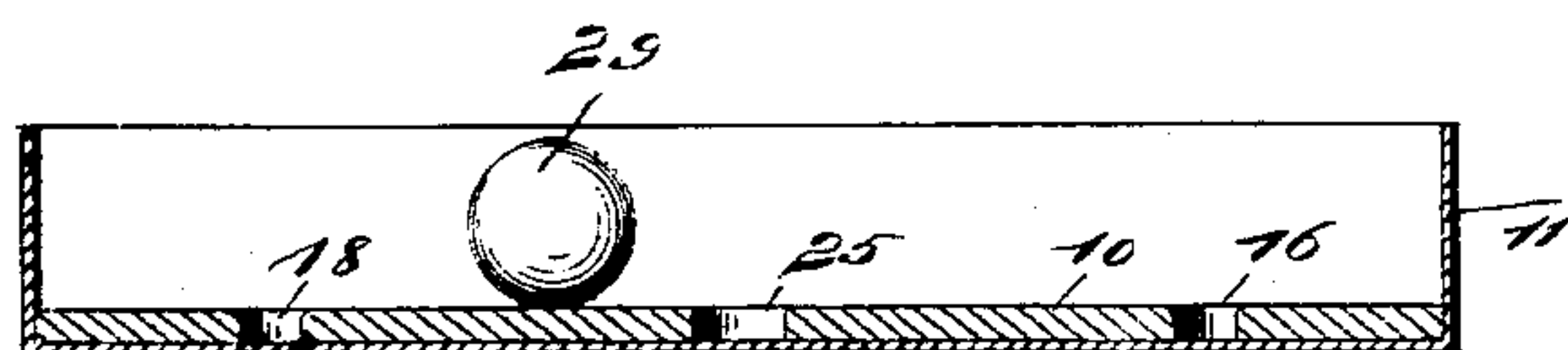


Fig: 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. BUXTON, of Neenah, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in game apparatus; and the object of my invention is to produce a very simple and inexpensive device by which a game, similar to base ball, may be played, the apparatus being arranged so that runs may be scored in a way substantially similar to the way in which they are scored in playing a regular game, and provision being made to put out the player so that considerable skill is required to make the circuit of the bases and score a run.

To these ends my invention consists of a game apparatus, the construction of which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the apparatus embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a cross-section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

The game apparatus embodying my invention has a flat field 10, which is inclosed in a box 11, the latter being preferably rectangular and forming boundaries to the field which prevent the ball used in the game from rolling off the field, but it will be understood that flanges or any equivalent devices may be raised on the field to serve the same purpose. The field is provided with a regulation diamond 12, the base lines of which are formed between the lines 13 and 14 and at one end of the diamond is a hole 15 representing the home plate, while at the other three corners of the diamond are similar holes 16, 17 and 18, representing first, second, and third base respectively.

The base lines are elongated at the four corners of the diamond, so as to produce the spaces 19, but these spaces need not necessarily be considered in playing the game. In the base lines, between home and first and between home and third, are slots 20, in which the ball may rest, and these represent fouls, as, if the ball in its course finds lodgment in one of these spaces it is called a foul and the

player has to begin over again, as will appear below.

In the base line, near the first base, is a hole 21, near the second base another hole 22, between second and third a hole 23, and near the third base a hole 24 and if, in playing the game, the ball finds lodgment in any of these holes it counts an out and the player who represents the batter is retired. In the right, center and left fields are also holes 26, 27 and 28, and if the ball lodges in either of these holes the batter is out.

There is a hole 25 in the center of the diamond representing the pitcher's box, and a hole 25^a behind the home base representing the catcher's stand, and if the ball lodges in either of these places the batter is out.

It will be understood that the field may be provided with a greater or less number of holes if desired without affecting the principle of the invention, and in arranging the field and diamond the various holes in which the ball is caught to put out the batter are larger than the holes representing the bases, so as to render it difficult to make the circuit of the bases.

In playing the game a ball 29 is used, which is placed over the hole 15 representing the home base. The player then takes the board, representing the field, in his hand and tilts the board so as to make the ball run from home base to first base and endeavors to lodge the ball over the hole 16, which represents the first base, after which he tilts the board so as to make the ball run to second and lodge over the hole 17, then tips the board again to make the ball travel to third base and lodge over the hole 18, and finally tilts it to make the ball run home and lodge over the hole 15. If, in performing the above operation, the ball runs into either of the foul slots 20 it is called a foul and the player, representing the batter, has to start over again. If, however, it drops in any of the holes except those representing the bases it counts as an out and the batter is retired.

It will be readily seen that the game may be played by one alone or by opposing players, in which case the game may be played by innings, each player continuing to play until the ball is caught in one of the out holes, which retires the player and permits the next one

to play. Every time a successful circuit of the bases is made a run is counted, and it will be seen that a regular ball game may be played by innings.

5 In carrying out my invention the directions for playing the game are preferably printed on the board or field, but this is not necessary.

10 The box containing the board may be provided with a cover so that the whole thing may be closed up when desired.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

15 1. A game apparatus, substantially as described, comprising a board having holes or sockets at points corresponding to the first, second and third bases of a ball field in which the ball may be temporarily seated and provided adjacent to said base sockets with "out" 20 sockets, the surface of the board adjacent to and between said base and "out" sockets being plane, whereby to avoid any positive guiding of the ball, substantially as set forth.

25 2. The improved game apparatus herein described, consisting of a board having bases laid off corresponding to a ball field, provided

at intervals with depressed "base" "out" and "foul" spots and having the surface of said board between said spots plane, whereby to avoid any guiding of the ball, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 30

3. The game apparatus herein described, consisting of the board having depressions or sockets at points corresponding to the bases of the ball field, also having out spots adjacent to said base depressions or sockets, and also provided between the home and first base and between the home and third base with foul slots elongated in the direction of the first and third base lines, and the ball rolling upon 40 the said board, such board being free of guide grooves whereby the ball is unguided and untrammelled in passing from spot to spot and is governed alone by the skill of the operator in varying and controlling the angle of the 45 board, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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