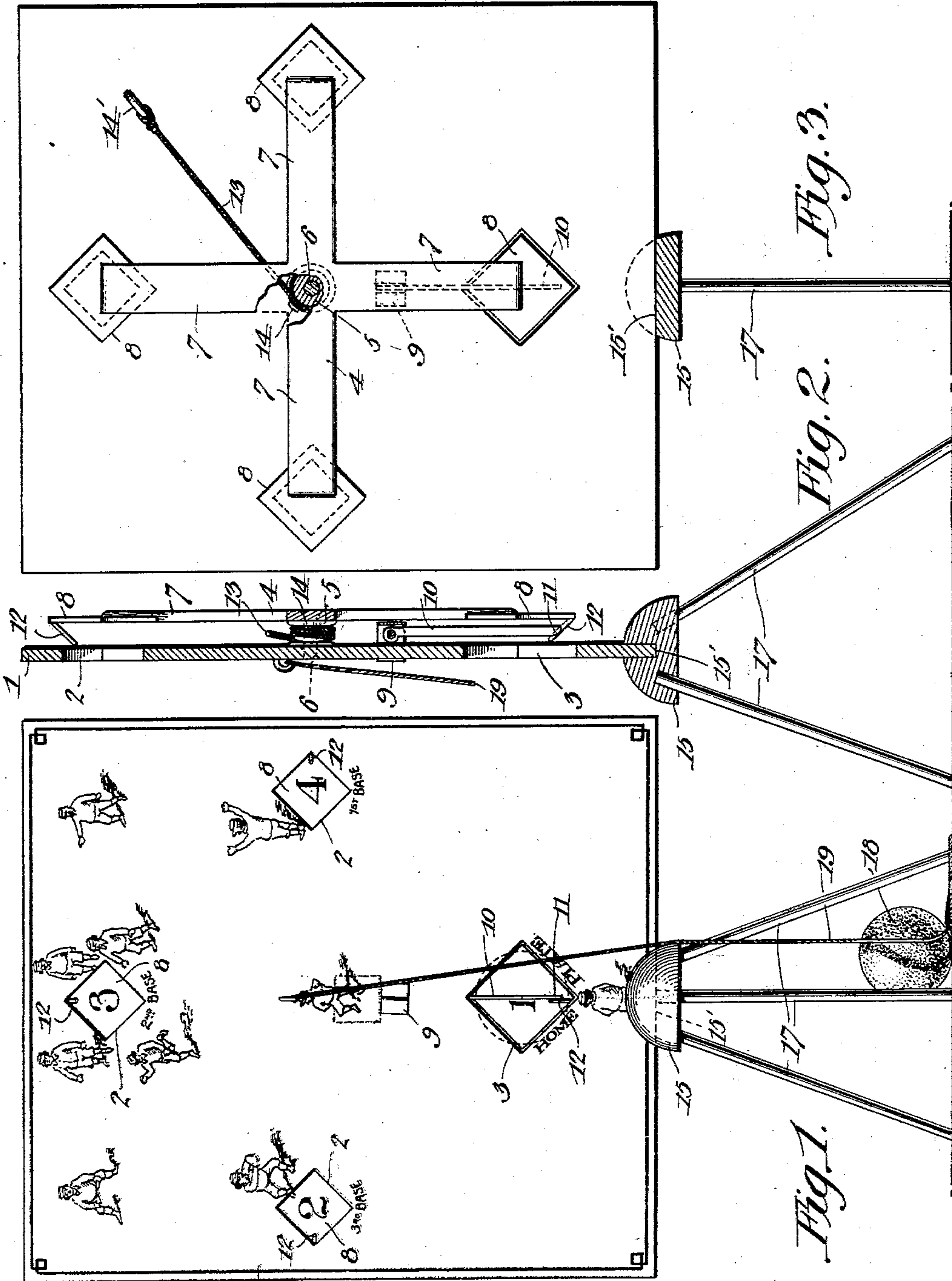


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## GAME APPARATUS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL LEVIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Highland Park, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in game apparatus, and more particularly to an indoor or parlor base-ball game.

The invention has for its object to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device of this character which may be easily set up for use and readily transported from place to place, the relative disposition of the several parts being such as to permit the game being played in a very limited space.

A further object of the invention is to provide a base-ball game-board adapted to be supported or suspended in a more or less upright position and having painted, stamped, or otherwise represented on its face a base-ball field and the men in their proper positions, the bases being represented by suitable openings, through one of which the player throws a ball or other missile in the act of playing the game.

The invention consists in providing a series of radiating arms representing the several bases and pivoting the same to the back of the board, so as to permit the arms to revolve freely past the openings indicating the bases, a lever representing a bat being pivoted back of the home-plate opening, at which the player throws the ball, said lever on being tilted releasing the indicating-arms, which automatically revolve until the arm carrying the numeral "1" registers with the opening representing the first base, thereby indicating that the player has made a safe hit and is entitled to a position on first base.

The invention further consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without depart-

ing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a base-ball game-board constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same; and Fig. 3 is a rear elevation, partly in section, of the board and holder.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a board of any desired shape or contour, being preferably rectangular, as shown, and formed of wood, cardboard, or other suitable material. The face or front side of the game-board is painted, stamped, or otherwise prepared in representation of a base-ball field, the first, second, and third bases being represented by rectangular openings 2, formed in the board, while the home plate 3 is represented by a similar-shaped opening, only somewhat greater in diameter than that of the bases. Rotatably mounted on the back of the game-board is an indicator 4, provided with a sleeve or collar 5, through which passes a pin 6, fastened in any suitable manner to the front of the board, said indicator and collar being loosely mounted on the pin, so as to permit the same to freely revolve thereon.

The indicator 4 is provided with a series of radiating arms 7, preferably four in number, to the ends of which are secured in any suitable manner rectangular plates 8, each plate having stamped, painted, or otherwise affixed thereto a numeral corresponding to one of the bases, the numeral 1 indicating the home plate, 2 the first base, 3 the second base, and 4 the third base, said plates being adapted to register with the openings 2 when the indicator is revolved. Secured to the back of the game-board and immediately above the home-plate opening 3 is a clip 9, the ends of which pass through the board and are bent at right angles, as shown. Pivoted between the arms of the clip in any suitable manner is one end of a bar or lever 10, which represents a bat, at which the player throws the ball in playing the game, the opposite end of



the lever extending downwardly across the opening 3, being provided with an inclined or beveled end portion 11, adapted to normally engage a pin or lug 12, secured to the end of the plate 8, and hold the indicator stationary until the lever is tripped or tilted.

As a means for automatically rotating the indicator 4 I employ an elastic cord, spring, or other elastic medium 13, one end of which is fastened in any suitable manner to a loop or staple 14, secured to the collar 5, the opposite end thereof being fastened to a pin or lug 14', secured to the game-board, the tension of the cord 13 after the indicator 4 has been revolved several times being sufficient to cause the indicator to automatically rotate when the lever 10 is tripped.

The game-board is supported on a stand or table, the body 15 of which is preferably semicircular in contour and provided with a longitudinally-disposed slot or opening 15', within which the end of the board rests, the legs 17 of the table being preferably removable, so as to permit the same being detached and the board supported by the semicircular body portion alone when desired and to also permit the table to be compactly packed for transportation or shipment.

As a means for operating the indicator I use, preferably, a soft-rubber ball 18, which may be attached to the board by an elastic cord 19, held on the board at the center of the base-ball field, or, if desired, the ball may be used without the cord.

In playing the game the indicator 4 is first rotated manually several times, causing the elastic cord to be wound on the collar 5, after which the plate 8, bearing the numeral corresponding to home plate, is revolved until it registers with the opening 3 and the bar or lever 10 thrown into engagement with the pin 12 on the plate, which locks the indicator in position. Each player is allowed three balls or throws, the object being to hit the lever 10, which represents the bat, the opening in the board representing the home plate being just large enough to permit the ball to tilt the lever without passing through the opening. When the player throws the ball and it hits the bat or lever 10, said lever is tilted, the end thereof being thrown out of engagement with the pin or lug on the plate 8, causing the cord or spring 13 to revolve the indicator 4 until the pin or lug on the succeeding plate engages the lever and locks the indicator in position, the movement of the indicator at the same time causing the plate bearing the numeral "1" to register with the opening corresponding to first base, thereby indicating that the player has made a safe hit and is entitled to a position on first base, and so on, the indicator revolving one space each time the lever is hit by the ball.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided an exceedingly simple, inexpensive, and amusing game ap-

paratus which may be quickly set up for use and by means of which the game of baseball in miniature may be played in a parlor or other place where the space is very limited.

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

1. A game-board having a series of openings formed therein, an indicator rotatably mounted on the board and adapted to register with said openings, a trip movable automatically to engage and stop the indicator at the end of a predetermined movement, and means for automatically rotating the indicator.

2. A game-board having a series of openings formed therein, an indicator rotatably mounted on the board and adapted to register with said openings, a trip pivoted to the board and movable automatically to engage and stop the indicator at the end of a predetermined movement, and means for rotating the indicator.

3. A game-board having a series of openings formed therein, an indicator provided with peripheral pins or stops rotatably mounted on the board and adapted to register with the openings, a trip movable automatically to engage and stop the indicator at the end of a predetermined movement and means for automatically rotating the indicator.

4. A game-board having a series of openings formed therein, an indicator rotatably mounted on the board and adapted to register with the openings, a trip extending in the path of one of said openings and movable automatically to engage and stop the indicator at the end of a predetermined movement, and means for automatically rotating the indicator.

5. A game-board having a series of openings formed therein, an indicator provided with a series of radiating arms rotatably mounted on the board, numeral-bearing plates secured to the ends of the arms, pins or stops secured to the plates, a trip extending in the path of one of the openings in the board and movable automatically to engage the pins on the plates and stop the indicator at the end of a predetermined movement, and means for automatically rotating the indicator.

6. A game-board having a series of openings formed therein, an indicator rotatably mounted on the board and adapted to register with the openings, a sleeve secured to the indicator, an elastic medium one end of which is secured to the sleeve the opposite end thereof being fastened to the board, and a trip extending in the path of one of the openings and movable automatically to engage and stop the indicator at the end of a predetermined movement.

7. A game-board having a series of open-



ings formed therein, an indicator rotatably mounted on the board and adapted to register with the openings, a clip secured to the board, a lever one end of which is pivoted to the clip the opposite end thereof being inclined or beveled and extending in the path of one of the openings in the board, said lever being movable automatically to engage and stop the indicator at the end of a prede-

termined movement, and means for automatically rotating the indicator.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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