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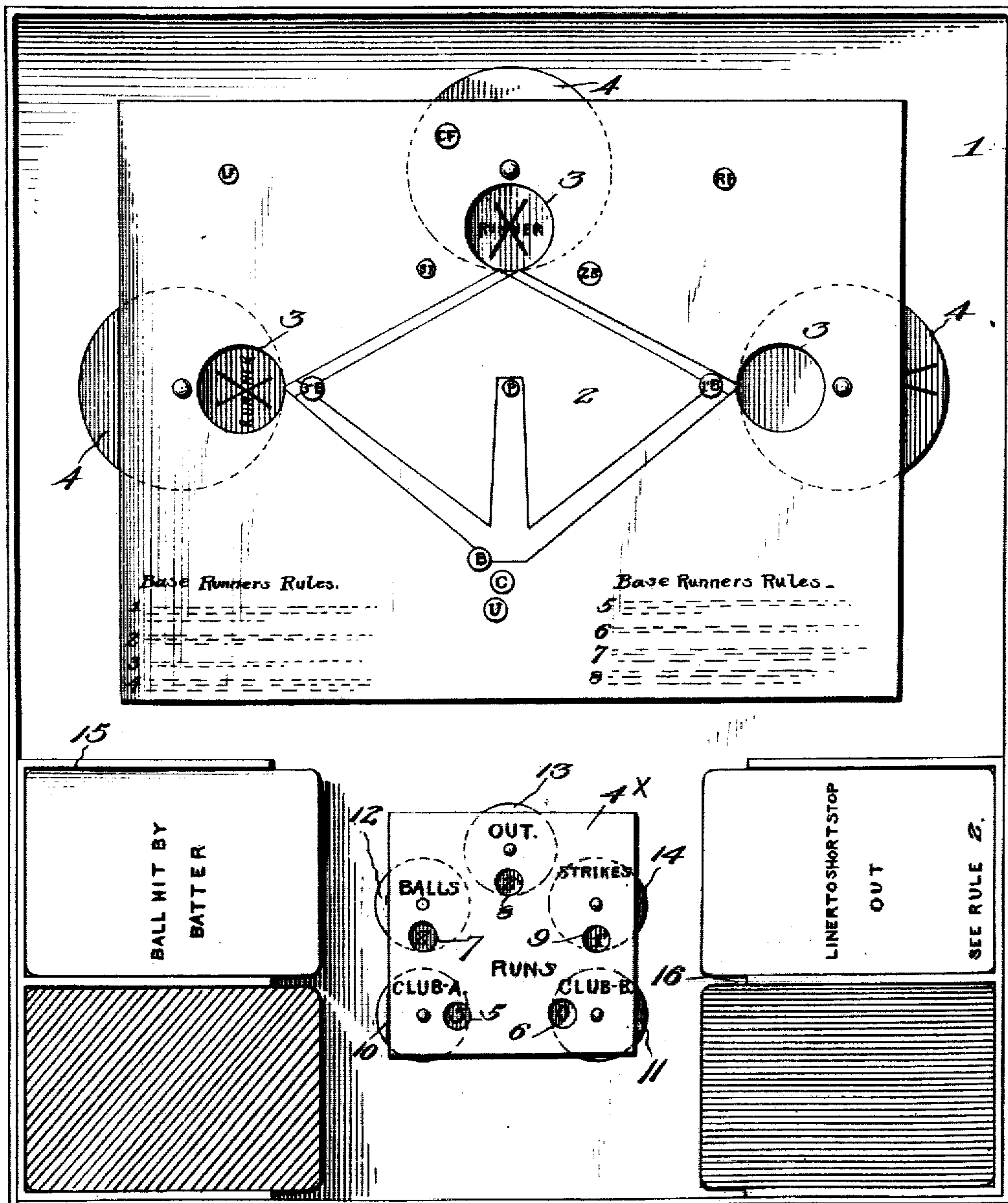
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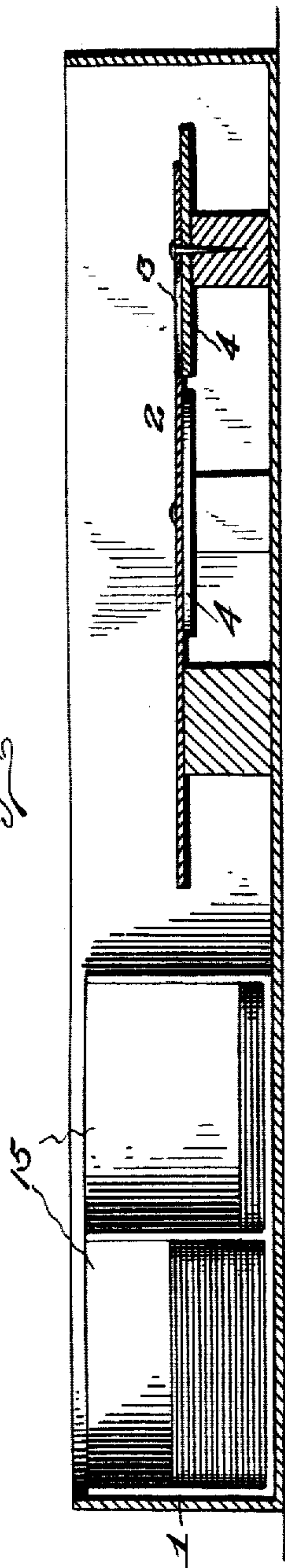
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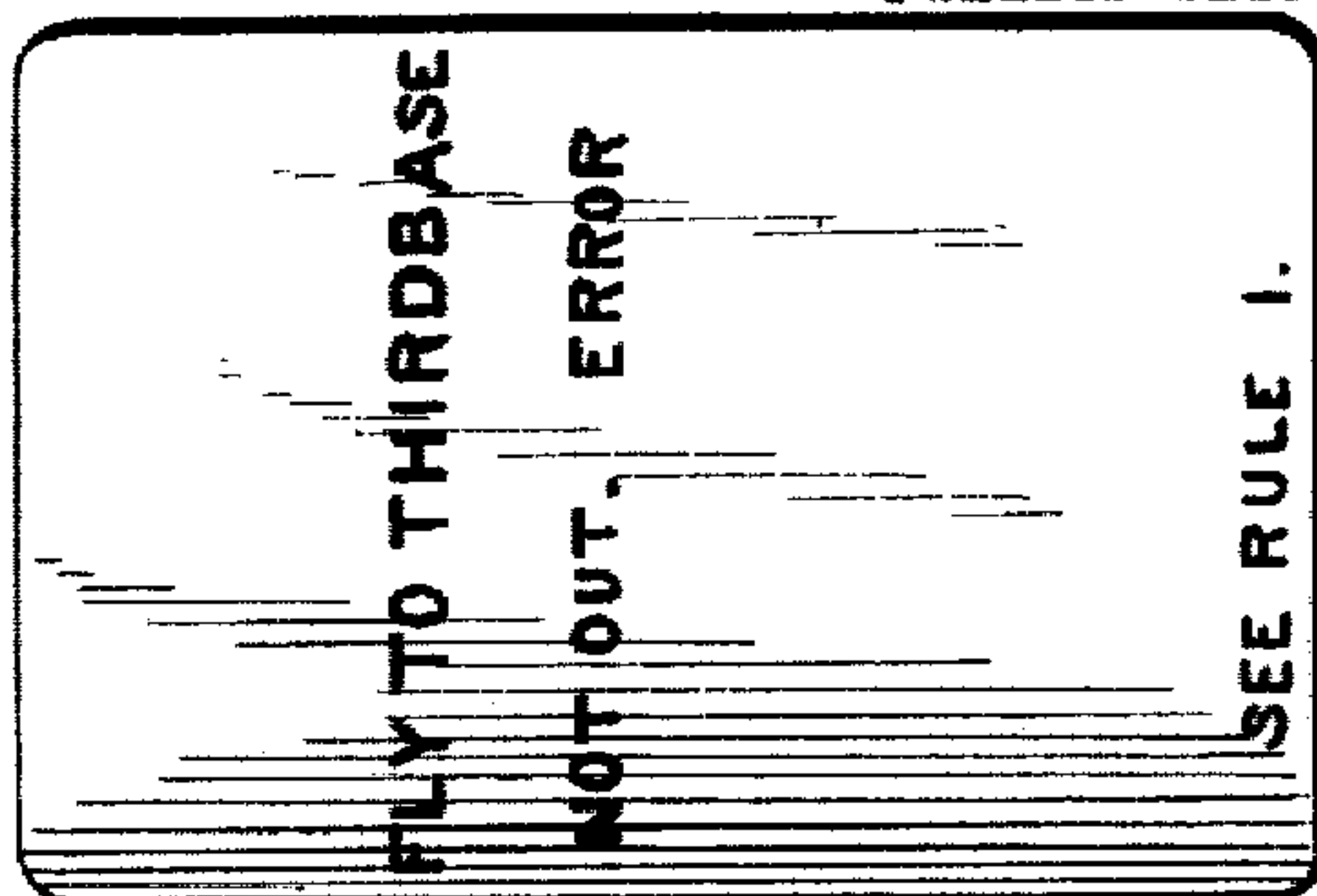


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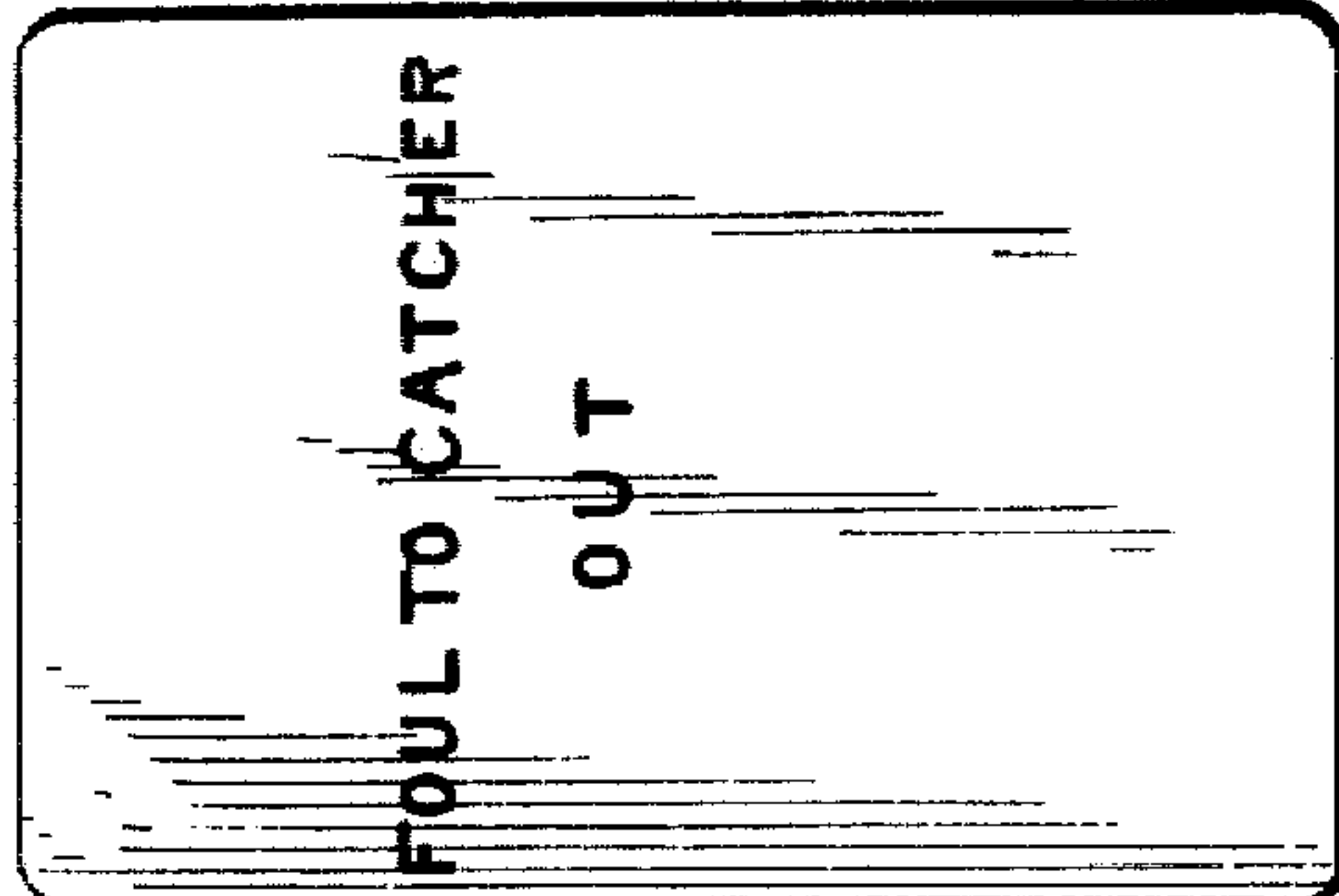


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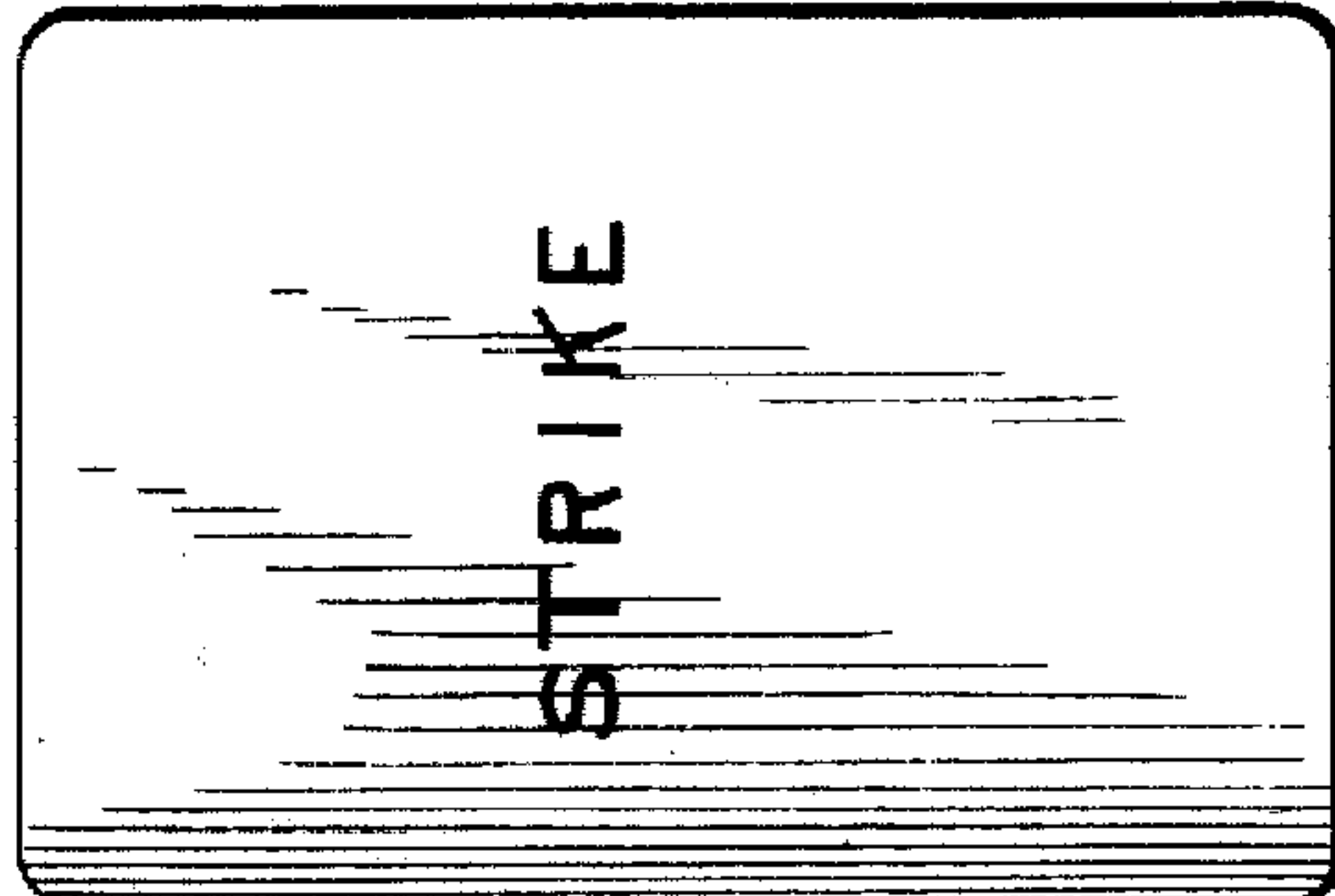
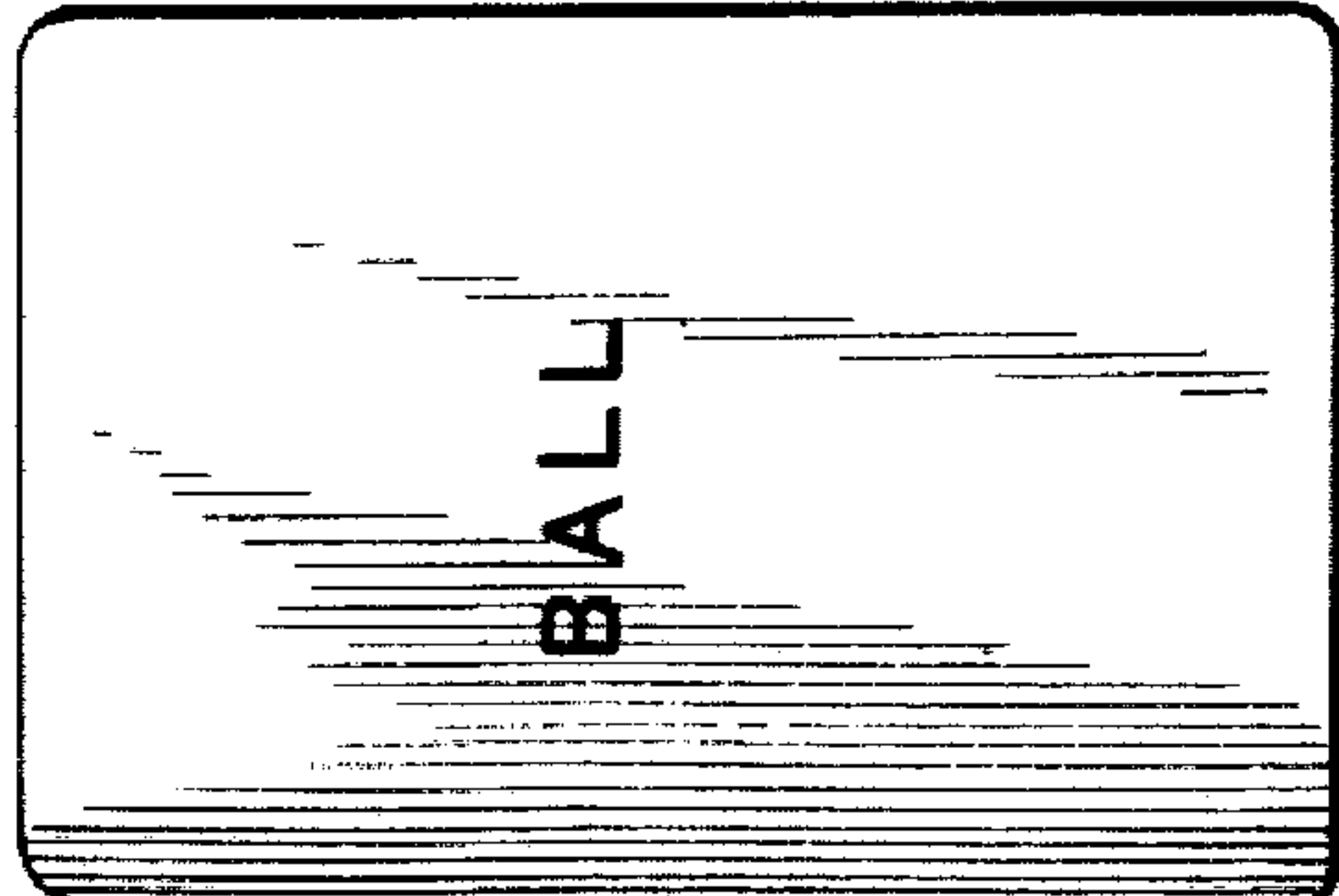


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE FRANK KIRBY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Bedford, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in game apparatus for playing base-ball with cards.

The object of the invention is to provide a game-board on which is suitably arranged the necessary apparatus with which, in conjunction with two packs of suitably-inscribed cards, one being the leading or batter's pack and the other being the responsive fielder's and base-runner's pack, the well-known game of base-ball may be played in accordance with the rules of the regular league game.

With this object in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a game-board constructed and arranged in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a central vertical longitudinal sectional view. Figs. 3, 4, 5, and 6 are detail views of certain of the cards used in playing the game.

The game-board 1 is here shown as a box, and in the same, as at 2, is a representation of a base-ball field such as is used in playing a regular "league ball-game" and provided at each of the bases, excepting the home base, with an opening 3, under which is a revoluble disk 4, having a symbol or any other device, word, or the like to indicate a man on the base. The letter "B" describes the home-base, "C" the catcher, and "U" the umpire. By turning the said disks to disclose or cover the symbols thereon they may be employed to indicate the positions of the base-runners or whether or not any or all of the bases are occupied. The field is here shown as also provided with the base-runners' rules, which are consecutively numbered.

On the board is a counter 4^x for the runs of the respective runs or sides of players and

for the "balls," "outs," and "strikes" made by the players. This counter has openings 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, respectively designated as "Club A," "Club B," "Balls," "Outs," and "Runs." Under the openings 5 6 are revoluble disks 10 11, each numbered consecutively from 0 to 7 to indicate the runs made, the numbers being concentrically disposed, so that by appropriately turning the disks they may be brought under and displayed through the said openings. A revoluble disk 12 coacts with the opening 7 and is numbered from 0 to 4 consecutively and adapted to be turned to display any of its numbers through said opening. A disk 13, numbered from 0 to 3, coacts with the opening 8, and a disk 14, similarly numbered, coacts with the opening 9.

In the board or box at the front left-hand corner thereof are a pair of card compartments or holders 15 for the leading cards, and at the front right-hand corner thereof are a pair of similar compartments 16 for the responsive cards.

The leading cards constitute the batter's pack, and the responsive cards constitute the fielder's and base-runner's pack. Each pack contains a suitable number of cards, and the backs of the cards of the respective packs are provided with distinguishing colors, marks, words, or symbols to enable the cards of the two packs to be readily kept separated. The leading cards indicate the nature of the ball pitched and the play of the batter, and certain of them are appropriately inscribed, as "Ball," "Strike," "Foul ball," and "Ball hit by batter," an appropriate number of the leading cards having each of such inscriptions.

The responsive cards indicate the nature and results of the plays, as when a ball is hit, and the work done by the several players of the two clubs or teams. The respective cards of the fielder's and base-runner's pack are appropriately inscribed, as "Liner to pitcher, out," "Fly to pitcher, out," "Sacrifice hit to pitcher, out at first base," "Foul to catcher, out," "Passed ball," "Sacrifice fly to first base, out," "Hit by pitched ball, batter to first base," "Liner to first base, out," "Liner to first base, not out, error," "Grounder to first base, not out, error," "Foul to first base, out," "Grounder to second base, not out, error," "Grounder to second base, out at first base," "Sacrifice fly to second base, out," "Liner to second base, out," "Liner to sec-

ond base, not out, error," "Liner to second base, out," "Fly to second base, not out, error," "Foul to third base, out," "Sacrifice hit to third base, out at first base," "Grounder to third base, out at first base," "Fly to third base, not out, error," "Liner to third base, not out, error," "Liner to third base, out," "Grounder to third base, not out, error," "Grounder to short stop, not out, error," "Grounder to short stop, out at first base," "Liner to short stop, out," "Liner to short stop, not out, error," "Fly to right field, out," "Fly to right field, not out, error," "Three-base hit to right field," "Two-base hit to right field," "One-base hit to right field," "Fly to right field, out," "Home run to right field," "Fly to left field, out," "Home run to left field," "Fly to left field, out," "Three-base hit to left field," "Two-base hit to left field," "One-base hit to left field," "Liner to left field, not out, error," "Liner to left field, out," "Liner to center field, not out, error," "Liner to center field, out," "Fly to center field, out," "Fly to center field, not out, error," "Three-base hit to center field," "Two-base hit to center field," "One-base hit to center field," "Sacrifice hit, not out," "A man on first base is thrown out at second, trying to steal, providing second base is vacant." Certain of these cards also refer specifically to one or more of the base-runners' rules.

To play the game, the cards of the respective packs are shuffled and placed face down one pack in one of the compartments 15 and the other in one of the compartments 16. The top card of the leading pack is then placed face up in the adjoining compartment and indicates the nature of the play at the bat as to it being a "ball," a "foul ball," a "strike," or a "hit." Assuming the upturned card to indicate a hit, a card of the responsive pack would be then upturned and placed in the ad-

joining compartment to indicate the nature and result of the hit, as "Liner to pitcher, out," and so on. Should the upturned card in the responsive pack indicate an impossible play, it will be ignored and another upturned.

At the beginning of each inning the disks 4 will be turned to indicate vacant bases, and when a responsive card indicates a run to a base the appropriate disk 4 must be turned correspondingly.

The leading and responsive cards when thus played carry the game forward through all possible phases according to the sequence of the cards and indicate the nature of the performances of the respective players and the result of the plays in a very interesting manner.

One person may play both packs, or they may be played by two persons representing opposing teams or clubs.

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

1. A game-board having a representation of a base-ball field, openings at the bases of the field and a revoluble disk under each of said openings, said disks having symbols to indicate the base-runners at the bases during the progress of the game.

2. A game-board having a representation of a base-ball field, openings at the bases of the field, and movable devices having symbols and coacting with the said openings to display the symbols to indicate the base-runners at the bases during the progress of the game.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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