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Fig. 1.

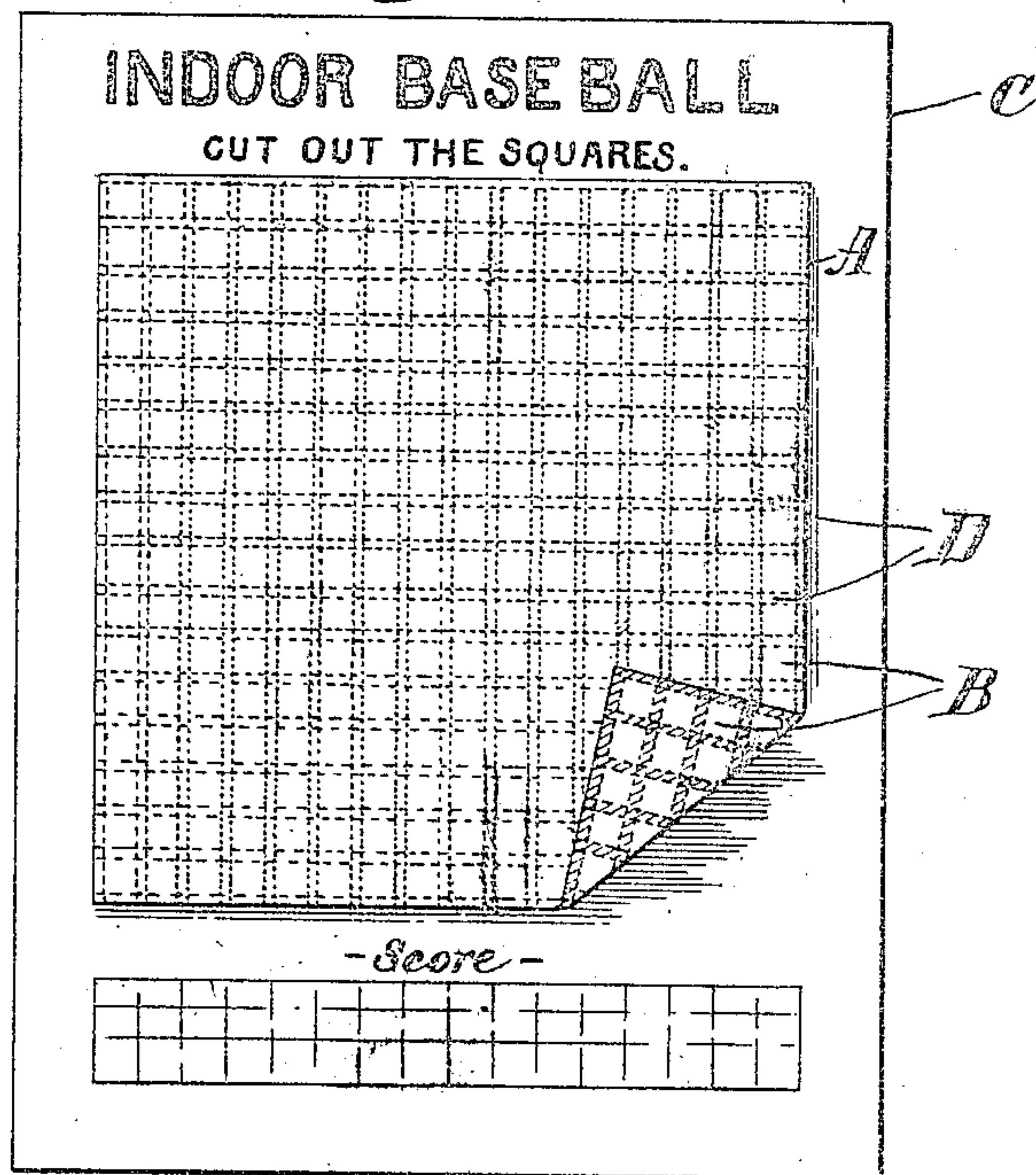


Fig. 2.

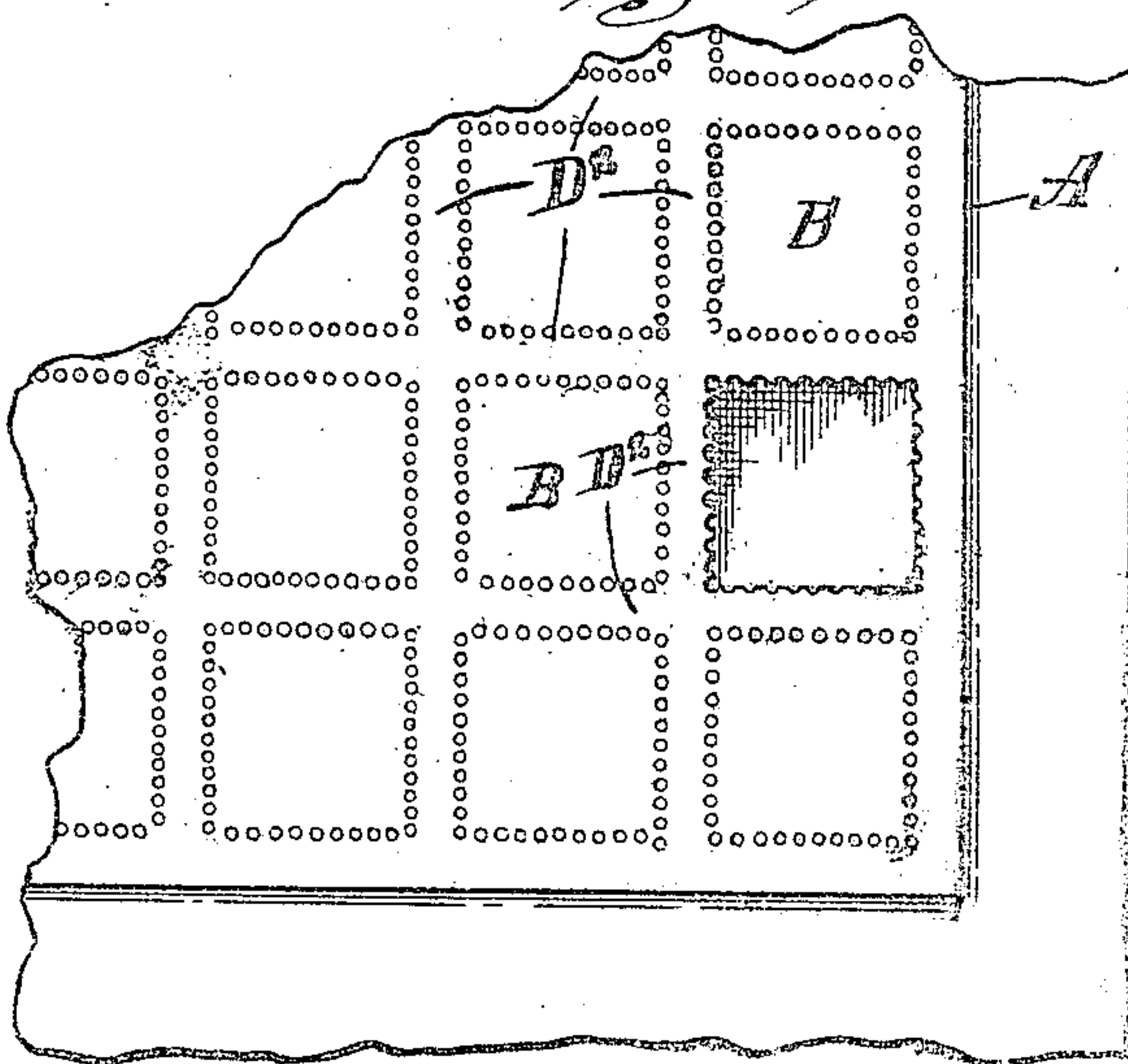
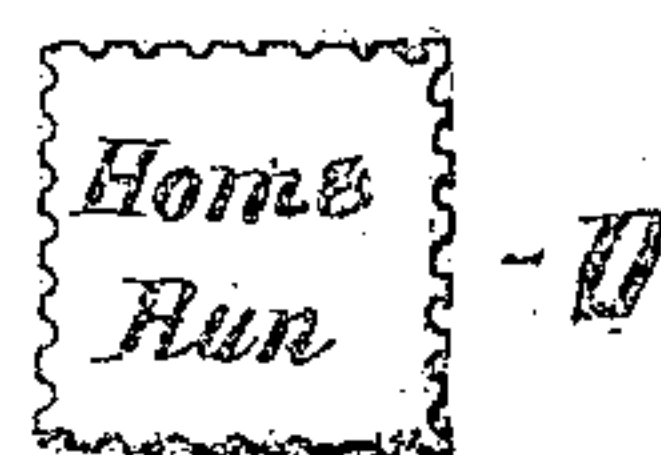


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP BECKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anderson, Madison county, Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and concise specification.

This invention relates to new and improved game apparatus adapted for use in different ways to produce a variety of amusing and instructive games and entertainments.

The invention consists, in brief, of a number of cards or sections of sheet material securely but removably held upon a suitable mount and having various inscriptions or marks on the backs thereof indicating predetermined values, such as advances and forfeits in the game. In operation the cards or sections are intended to be selectively removed from the mount and their respective values scored by the several players according to prescribed rules of the game for which the apparatus is used and as will hereinafter be fully explained.

The invention also involves certain other important features in the respect of the general construction of the apparatus and the disposition of the cards or sections, which will be hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the apparatus, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary portion of the same embodying a modification, and Fig. 3 is a view of a section reversed.

The reference character A represents a sheet of paper or other sheet material suitably divided into a plurality of sections B and secured upon a mount C, which may be an ordinary board of paper or the like and is preferably somewhat larger than the sheet A, so as to provide adequate space for a score-card on the margin thereof, as indicated in the drawings. The sections B may be provided by printed designations or ruled lines on one side of the sheet, or they may be formed by creases or rows of perforations disposed in intersecting columns, so that the individual sections thus formed will be more readily separable from the remainder of the sheet. In the form shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings the lines of division are formed by double rows of perforations, and the strips D between the rows are

utilized for attaching the sheet to the mounts, which may be conveniently done by gluing, metallic fastenings, or otherwise, thus leaving the sections or cards between the double division-lines unsecured to the mounts save by the imperforated parts of their margins. In this manner the several sections are held with the faces of the same, which bear the inscriptions, adjacent the card and effectively concealed from view; but the said sections may be readily removed by the players in an obvious manner.

In the preferred form (shown enlarged in Fig. 2) the double rows of perforations which subdivide the sheet appear only at such points or portions as bound the sections, thereby leaving an imperforate grid-like portion of sheet A, which can be more effectively glued to the mount than the strips D of Fig. 1. This construction reduces the chance of an inadvertent removal of more than a single section at each draw or play and at the same time lessens the possibilities of cheating by turning back unremoved sections to expose their under sides.

The apparatus is shown, for illustration, in the drawings as adapted for a game analogous to the well-known and conventional game of base-ball, and to this end the sheet A is shown as divided into two hundred and fifty-six sections, of which two hundred and two are marked on their reverse sides with inscriptions representing the various points of advance in the game. For example, some are marked "Three-base hits," "Two-base hits," "Home run," "Base on balls," "Passed ball," &c., and the remaining sections are left blank or may be marked with suitable scores representing "Error," "Foul," "Out," "Out on fly," &c., there being fifty-four sections of this kind, corresponding to the twenty-seven "outs" necessary to be sustained by each side in the actual game of base-ball during nine innings, so that when all of the two hundred and fifty-six have been chosen and removed it will follow that nine innings have been played and the game completed.

In playing the game the party playing first by agreement or the toss of a coin proceeds to choose and remove certain of the sections B, counting the plays indicated on the back thereof in the usual manner until he has drawn or removed three sections, equaling

three outs, whereupon the next player may proceed to choose and remove sections in the same manner until he has also drawn three outs, this process being repeated until each player has had nine turns or until all of the sections are removed. The scores for each player's turn or inning may be counted exactly in accordance with the conventional rules of the game of base-ball, each successful draw being considered as advancing the men on bases one or more bases according to the value of the section removed, and the totals for each inning may be added together at the end of the game to indicate the successful contestant. Thus, assuming the first player to have drawn or removed a section bearing "3d base" and then one bearing "2d base" the score to his credit would be one run, with one man on second base. If then he should draw another section bearing "2d base," his score would obviously be two runs with a man on second base. If, however, the next section drawn should read "Out on fly," the last count is annulled and becomes equivalent of two "outs" and the score is then one run with no man on base. If the next section reads "First base," the score is advanced by so much, and if subsequently a section marked "Error" or "Out" is drawn, then the total of outs to the player's credit retires him in favor of the next player, who proceeds to draw and score in the same manner as the first. The totals of runs made for each of the player's turns or innings being added show the total runs of the game.

The rules of course form no part of the invention, and further elaboration will be unnecessary.

For purposes of ornamentation and assistance in counting the scores suitable representations and inscriptions may be drawn upon the exposed face of the sheet A, and likewise upon the corresponding face of the mount, if desired, the two representations being preferably superposed in registry, so that removal of sections will not obliterate the design thereof.

Further modifications and improvements may obviously be made which will adapt the apparatus to various kinds of games, it being understood that the number of sections and their relative locations are matters depend-

ing entirely upon the nature of the use to which the apparatus is put.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A game apparatus comprising a mount and a plurality of sections of sheet material arranged in juxtaposition thereon and independently removable therefrom, in combination with inscriptions representing game values on said sections disposed on the faces of the same which are adjacent and concealed by the mount.

2. A game apparatus comprising a mount, in combination with a sheet of sheet material secured thereon, said sheet being divided into a plurality of sections, and marks representing game values on the face thereof concealed by the mount and corresponding in position to said sections.

3. A game apparatus comprising a card or mount and a layer of sheet material disposed thereon having portions which are directly secured to the mount and portions or sections unsecured thereto, said unsecured portions being bounded by perforations whereby they are readily separable from the secured portions, and game values inscribed on the reverse or concealed sides of said removable portions or sections.

4. A game apparatus comprising a card or mount, a layer of sheet material permanently secured to said card along a plurality of lines, perforations through said layer around the unsecured sections thereof, whereby said unsecured sections are designated as removable from the mount, and marks representing values on the reverse concealed sides of some of said sections.

5. A game apparatus comprising a mount, a sheet provided with double lines forming strips subdividing the same into a plurality of sections and permanently secured to said mount by the strips, in combination with inscriptions on the reverse concealed sides of said sections.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of May, 1904.

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