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SCORE CARD.

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*Fig. 1.*

FIG. 1 is a schematic diagram of a baseball scorekeeping device. The device consists of a rectangular frame with a top and bottom row of 12 numbered boxes (1-12) for recording hits, runs, and errors. Above and below these rows are larger rectangular boxes for recording the total hits, runs, and errors. The device is labeled with "10" at the top and bottom corners, "3" at the top and bottom center, and "2" on the left side.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	HITS	RUNS	ERRORS
Top Row	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	8	6	0	
Bottom Row	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	5	1	

Fig. 2.

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*Fig. 3.*

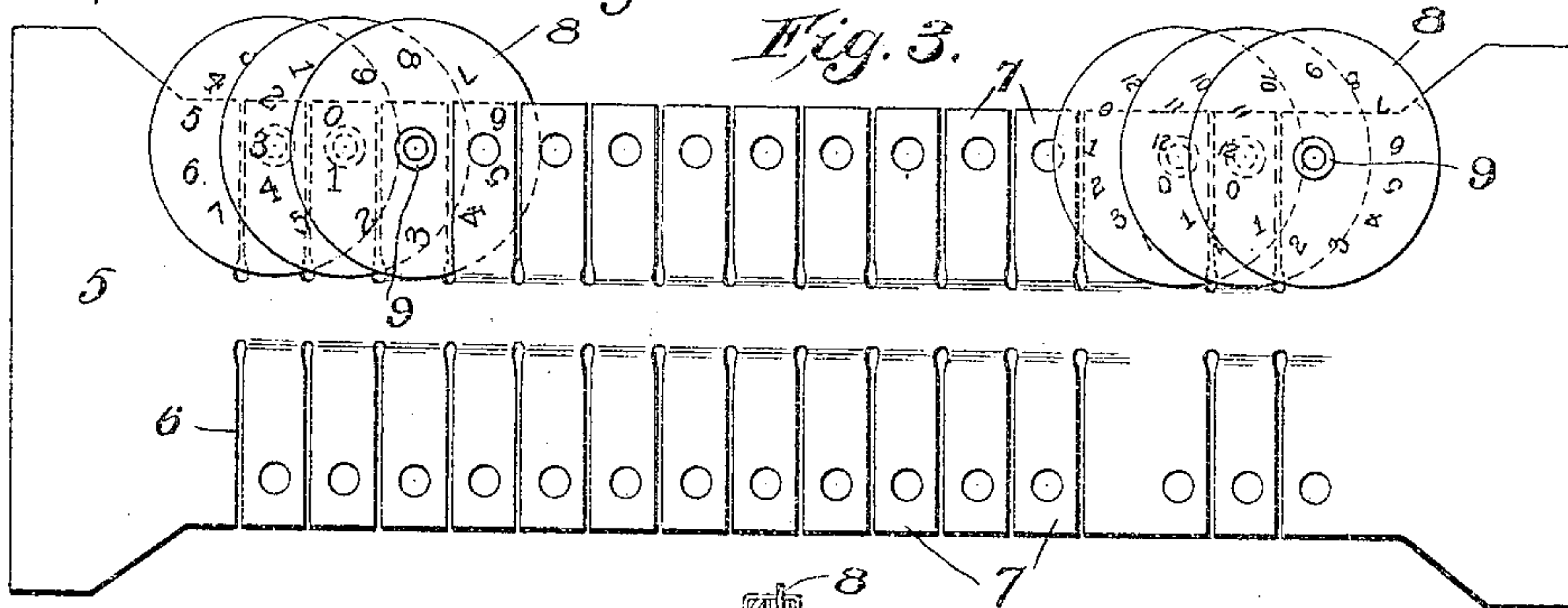


Fig 5

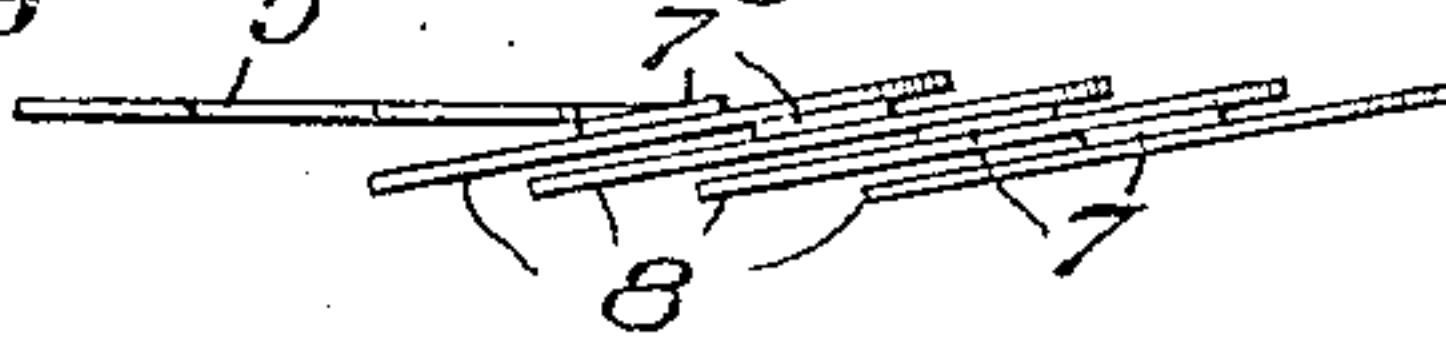
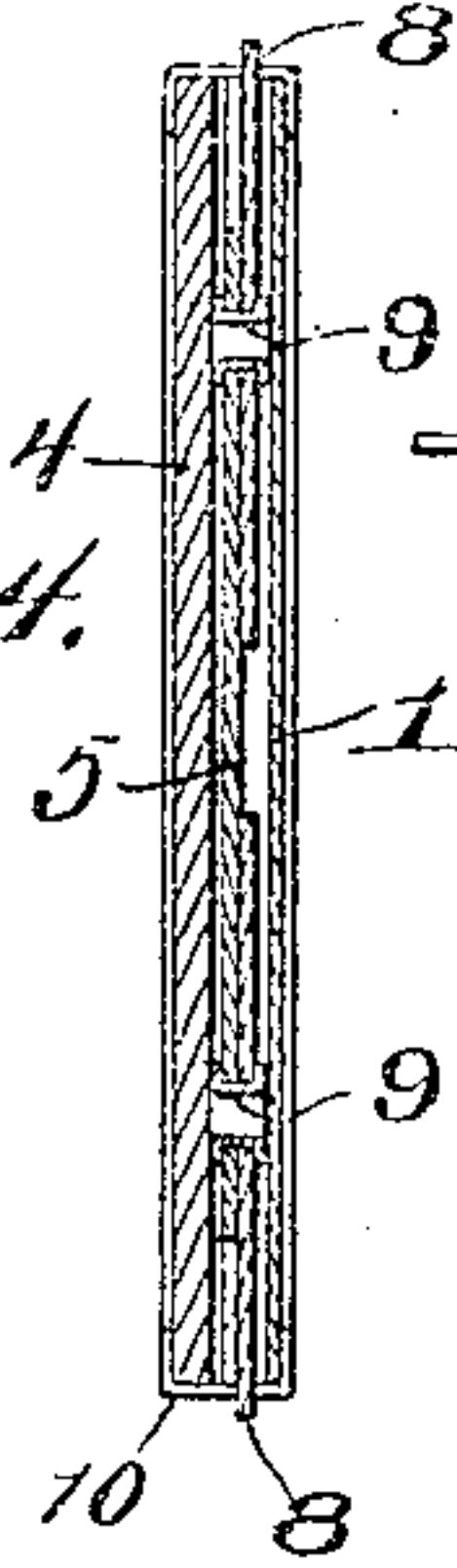


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER F. CONNOLLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Score-Cards; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to score-cards for keeping the scores of base-ball games; and its object is to provide a compact device of this character which can be conveniently carried in the pocket and which can be used indefinitely for keeping the scores of games.

Another object is to provide means whereby the various tallies, &c., can be quickly indicated without detracting the attention of the user from the play.

The invention consists of face-strips, one of which has columns and spaces adapted to receive the batting order of the contesting teams and any other suitable items in connection with the progress of the game. The other face-strip has parallel rows of openings suitably designated, and within these openings are adapted to appear numerals indicated on disks which are rotatably mounted between the face-strips. These openings are preferably numbered from "1" to "12" to indicate the innings, and some of them are designated by the words "Hits," "Runs," "Errors," &c.

The invention also consists of further novel features of construction and combination of parts.

The preferred form of my invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of one side of the score-card. Fig. 2 is a view of the other side thereof. Fig. 3 is a view of the intermediate strip and showing some of the disks mounted thereon. Fig. 4 is a transverse section through the score-card; and Fig. 5 is a detail plan view as seen from the dotted line 5 5, Fig. 3.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a face-strip having a row of figures extending longitudinally of the center thereof, said figures preferably ranging from "1" to "12," and located above and below each figure is an opening 2. Disposed in alinement with the row of figures are the words "Total," "Hits," "Runs," "Errors."

Openings 2 are formed in this face-strip above and below the words "Hits," "Runs," and "Errors." Strips 3 of suitable material are disposed between the rows of openings and the adjoining edges of the strip 1, and the names of the contesting teams are adapted to be written on these strips 3. It is of course obvious that these strips are only necessary when it is impossible to write upon the face-strip 1 and subsequently to erase the writing.

Another face-strip 4 is employed and has a series of parallel lines extending longitudinally thereof and intersected by columns designated by figures running from "1" to "12." Two sets of these columns are employed, and each set is provided at the left thereof with a column of sufficient width to receive the names of the players in their respective batting order. Spaces are provided for placing the totals at the bottoms of the various columns.

Interposed between the two face-strips 1 and 4 is an intermediate strip 5, the ends of which are of the same width as the strips 1 and 4; but the said strip 5 is for the greater part of its length of less width than the face-strips and has a series of slits extending into it from opposite sides to form tongues 7. Each of these tongues has a disk 8 rotatably mounted upon it, said disks being connected to the tongues by means of a rivet 9. The disks all overlap, and each disk extends through one of the slits 6, so that between every two disks is interposed one of the tongues 7. Numerals ranging successively from "1" to "9" and the character "0" are indicated upon each disk adjacent its periphery, and by turning any one of the disks the characters thereon will be caused to successively appear through the opening 2 located above the disk.

The peripheries of the disks extend a short distance from the edges of the face-strips 1 and 4 and can therefore be readily contacted by a finger of the operator for rotating them so as to bring any desired character in view through the openings 2. The three strips 1, 4, and 5 are preferably connected by means of metallic clips 10, which overlap the ends and corners thereof and serve to bind them together. The entire device is thus rendered very compact and durable and can be conveniently carried in the pocket.

As scores are made in the innings of the game by the two teams the proper characters



can be made to appear in the desired openings by rotating the proper disks, and as hits are made the disks used for indicating them can be rotated, so that at the end of the game  
5 the total indicated will represent the number of hits made. The same is true of the disks for indicating the runs and errors.

While the disks used in connection with the openings indicated by the numerals "1" to "12" preferably are only provided with  
10 numerals ranging from "1" to "12," the disks used for indicating hits, runs, and errors are preferably provided with a larger number of numerals, as shown particularly in  
15 Fig. 3.

I attach considerable importance to the fact that the tongues 7 are interposed between the disks, because they serve to keep the disks out of contact, and therefore the  
20 rotation of one disk will not cause the rotation of the adjoining disks.

What I claim is—

1. The combination with a strip having integral tongues and character-bearing disks  
25 rotatably mounted upon and extending be-

tween the tongues; of face-strips extending over the tongues and disks, one of said strips having apertures, the characters upon the disks adapted to successively appear through the apertures.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with face-strips, one of said strips having parallel columns of apertures therein, suitable designations for the apertures; of an intermediate strip secured between the face-strips and having oppositely-extending, integral tongues, clips overlapping the ends and corners of said strips, and character-bearing disks rotatably mounted upon and extending between the tongues and beyond the edges of the face-strips, the characters on said disks adapted to successively appear within the apertures.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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