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Fig. 2.

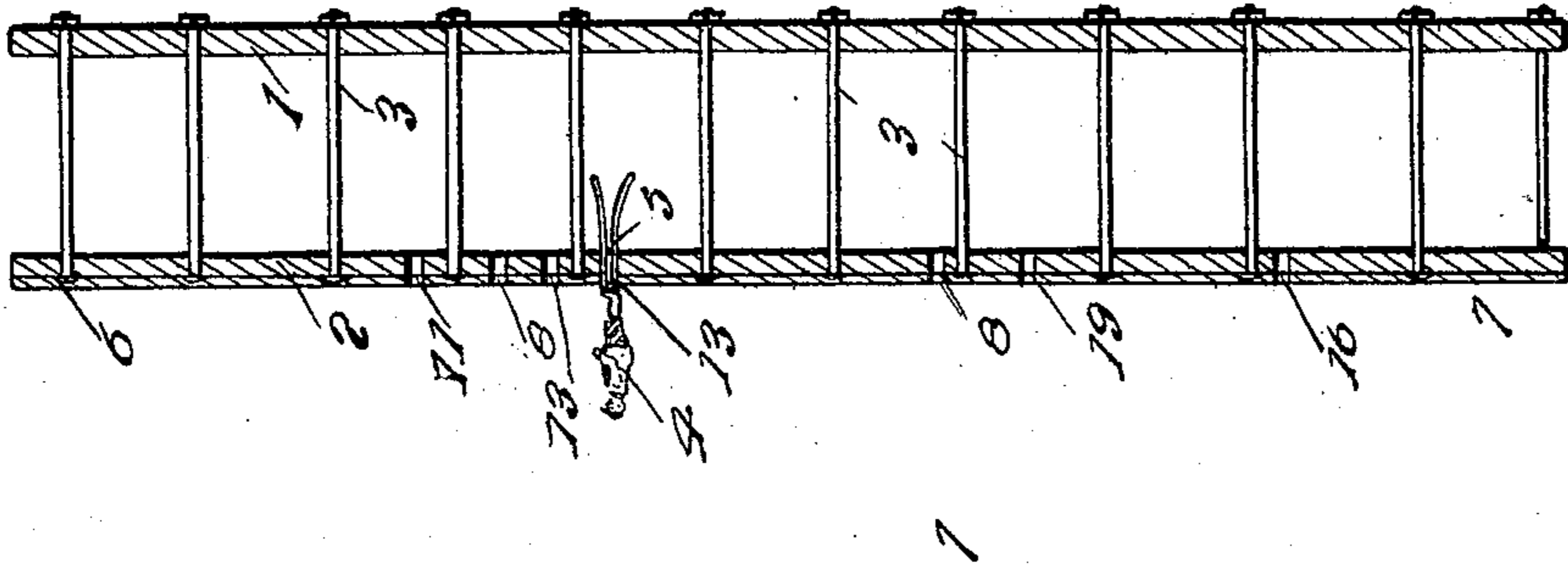


Fig. 1.

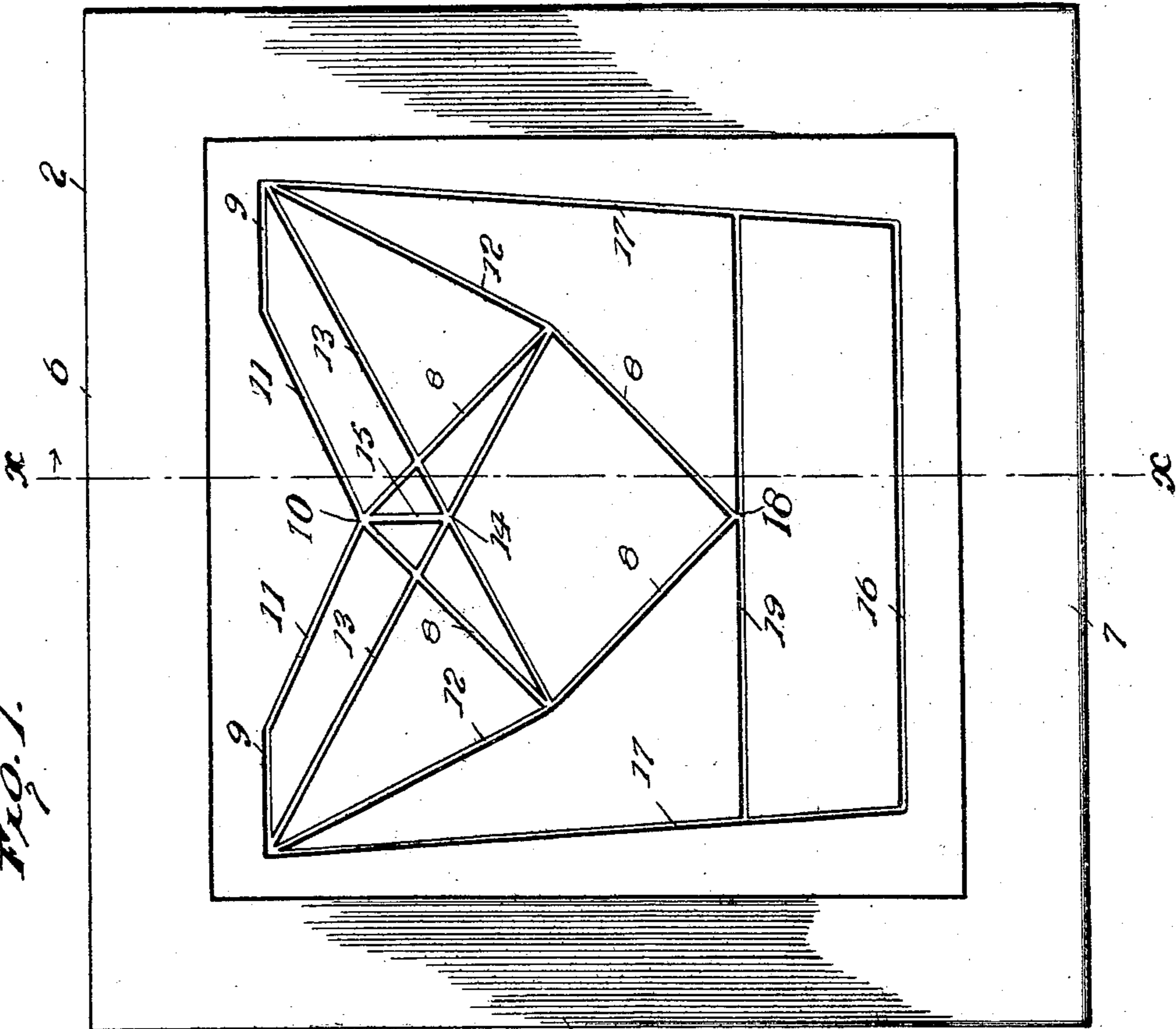
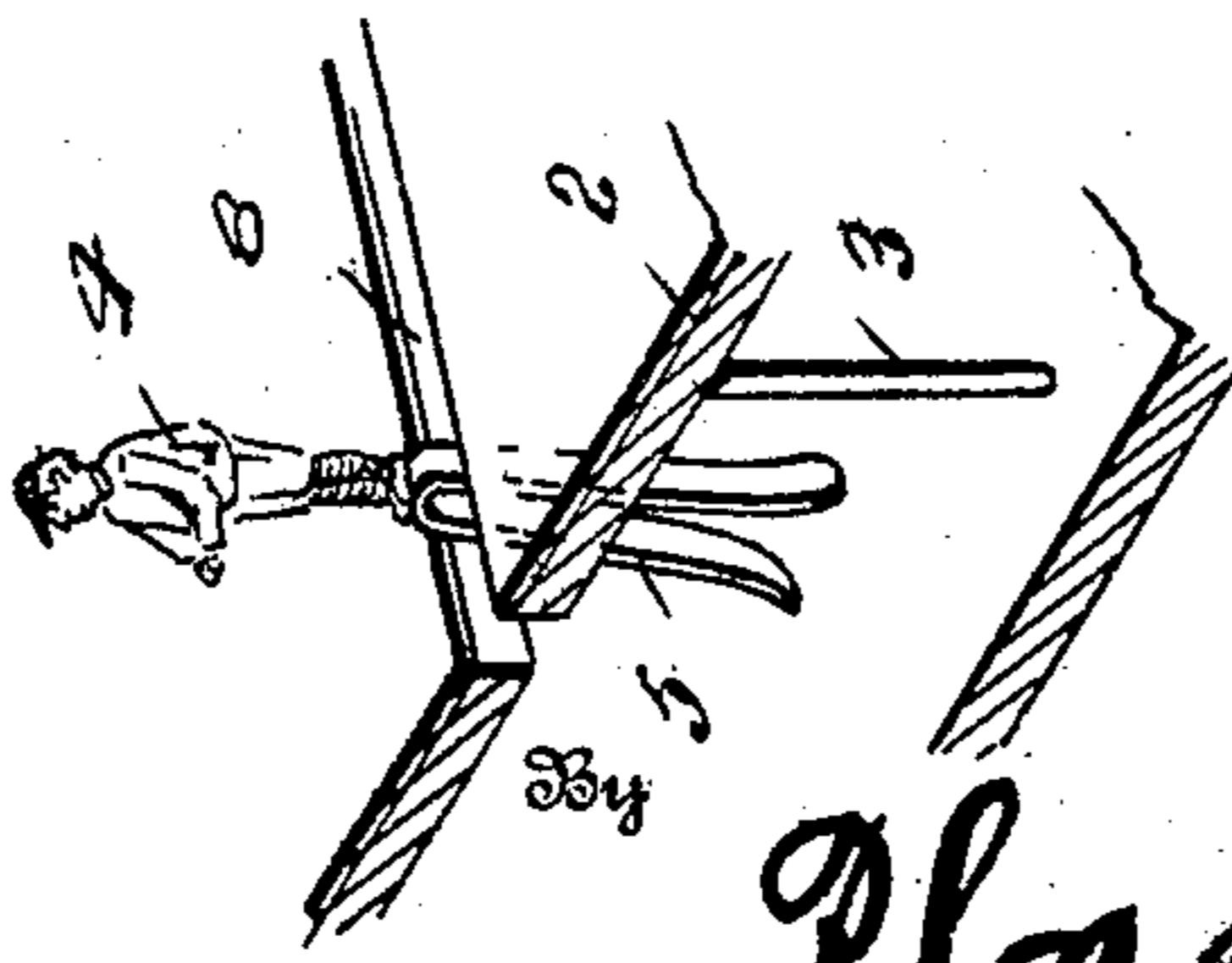


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL J. CONNIES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bulletin-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to a novel form of bulletin board which is especially designed for the reproduction of base ball games or similar contests, and is peculiarly constructed so as to enable the figures representing the contestants to be readily placed upon any portion of the board as may be indicated by the returns.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the improved bulletin board; Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view through the same on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1; and, Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a portion of the board, showing the method of applying the figures thereto.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

A bulletin board constructed in accordance with the present invention comprises essentially the base plate 1 and the outer or face plate 2 which are spaced from each other and rigidly connected by means of the transverse members 3. In the present instance these transverse members are in the nature of bolts which, preferably, have their heads embedded in the outer plate 2 as shown in the drawings. A number of slots are formed in the outer plate 2 and the figures 4 are mounted upon U-shaped spring clips 5 which fit within the slots, the two arms of the U-shaped clips springing outwardly so as to engage with the sides of the slots and hold the figures securely in position. These figures 4 may be of any character in harmony with the nature of the contest being reproduced and are illustrated as in the form of base ball players. Where the board is used for reproduction of base ball games, the space 6 is marked off to indicate the position of the grand stand, while the spaces 7 show the position of the bleachers. At the center of the board, the usual base ball diamond is formed by the slots 8 and the players' benches are indicated by the two transversely disposed slots 9. The inner ends of the two slots 9 are connected to the batter's stand 10 by the slots 11, while the outer ends are connected to the opposite corners of the diamond

by the slots 12 and 13. The pitchers box 14 is placed at the intersection of the two slots 13 and is joined to the batter's box 10 by the slot 15. The outfielders are placed in the transverse slot 16 at the foot of the board, the ends of the said slot being connected to the outer ends of the slots 9 by means of the slots 17. In order to provide for the removal of the players from the second base 18 to the players' bench, a transverse slot 19 is formed which is approximately parallel to the slot 16 and communicates with the two slots 17. With this construction, the figures can be moved around in the slots so as to be given any desired position upon the board and the game thus reproduced with sufficient accuracy to give the on-lookers an intelligent idea of the progress of the two teams.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A bulletin board adapted to illustrate a base ball game and provided with slots for the travel of dummy players, the slots including four slots arranged at substantially right angles to each other and adapted to represent the "diamond," two slots 9 at opposite sides of the board adapted to represent the players' benches, respectively, slots 11 directly connecting the ends of the slots 9 with the nearest point on the diamond whereby a dummy player may be moved directly from the players' bench to the diamond in starting a play or directly back from the said nearest point of the diamond, representing the "home plate," if he be put out at the plate or after he has completed the circuit of the bases, and other slots connecting the other three corners of the diamond with the slots representing the players' benches, whereby a player may be moved from any of said corners of the diamond back to the players' bench without passing the four corners of the diamond representing the "home plate."

2. A bulletin board adapted to illustrate a game of base ball and provided with slots for the travel of dummy players, said slots including four slots 8 arranged to form the "diamond," two slots 9 designed to represent the players' benches, the corner 10 of the diamond representing the "home plate" and the other corners designed to represent the first, second and third bases, respectively, slots 11 directly connecting the "home plate" with the players' benches, slots 13 connecting the first and third bases with the respective slots 9, slots 12 connecting said bases with the said slots 9, a slot 16 at the far side of the board from the slots 9, slots 17 connecting the slots 16 with the slots 9, and a cross slot 19 connecting the "second base" with the slot 17, whereby a player may be removed from one of the bases to the slots representing the players' benches without crossing the home plate and causing the confusion which would thereby ensue.

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