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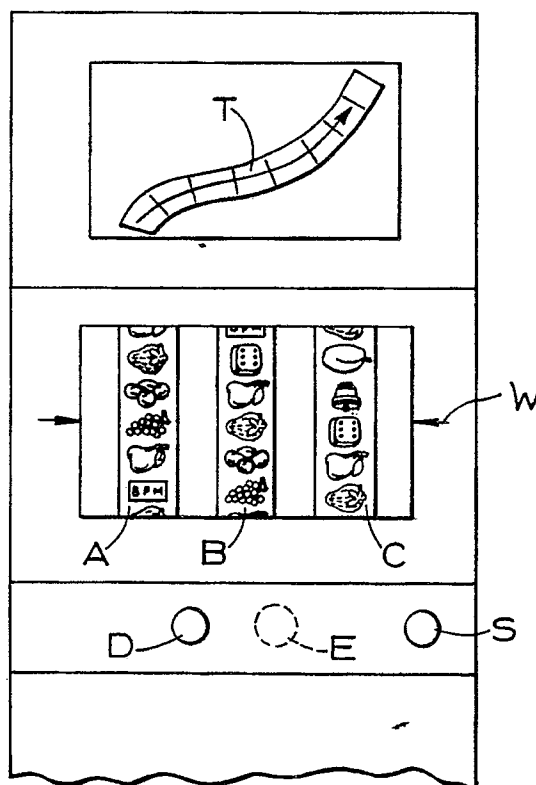
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(54) **Gaming and amusement machines.**

(57) In a fruit machine, after a non-winning game and either at random or as a feature, at least one reel is rotated at a speed which is lower than that during a normal game and is halted by the player so as to try to obtain a win. One of the reels may be rotated at the normal speed and halted a random and a second at the slower speed and halted by the player. There could be a third reel rotated at a different slower speed, again halted by the player.



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