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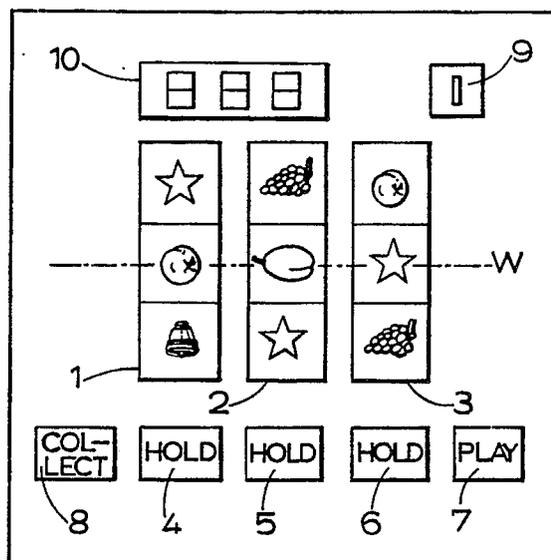
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(54) **Gaming and amusement machines.**

(57) In a fruit machine in which three or more reels (1, 2, 3) carrying symbols are rotated and randomly stopped and the player receives an award or credit if a combination of symbols designated as a winning combination appears on a given 'win' line (W), means (8, 9) are provided allowing the player to chose to use the credit awarded to play a special feature game on the reels in which there are a plurality of possible win lines. The plurality of win lines may be provided by the machine becoming a 'three-or five-liner' or win lines being of the Tic-Tac-Toe kind.



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