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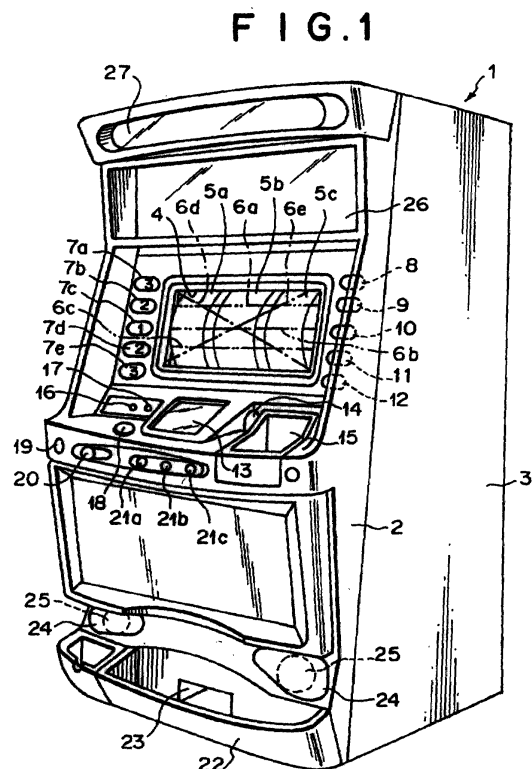
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Gaming machine

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In a gaming machine (1) comprising a variable display device (5a to 5c) for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming, a starting device (20) for starting variably displaying the symbols, and a stopping device (21), disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping the symbols being variably displayed, wherein the player is provided with a profit if a combination of symbols displayed when the symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined winning mode; an image display section (13) for displaying game information to the player is provided.





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