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(54) **Improvements relating to entertainment machines**

(57) An entertainment machine comprising a display arranged to display a game, the display comprising two or more zones 28, 30, 32, each with an associated identifier 34, 36, 38. The identifier may comprise for example a colour, a symbol or a pattern. According to pre-

determined conditions in the game, a zone selector 24 determines by displaying the identifier which zone is associated with the zone selector. In the preferred embodiment the identifier comprises a colour applied to a region of the display, which determines in which zone 28, 30, 32 a player is playing.

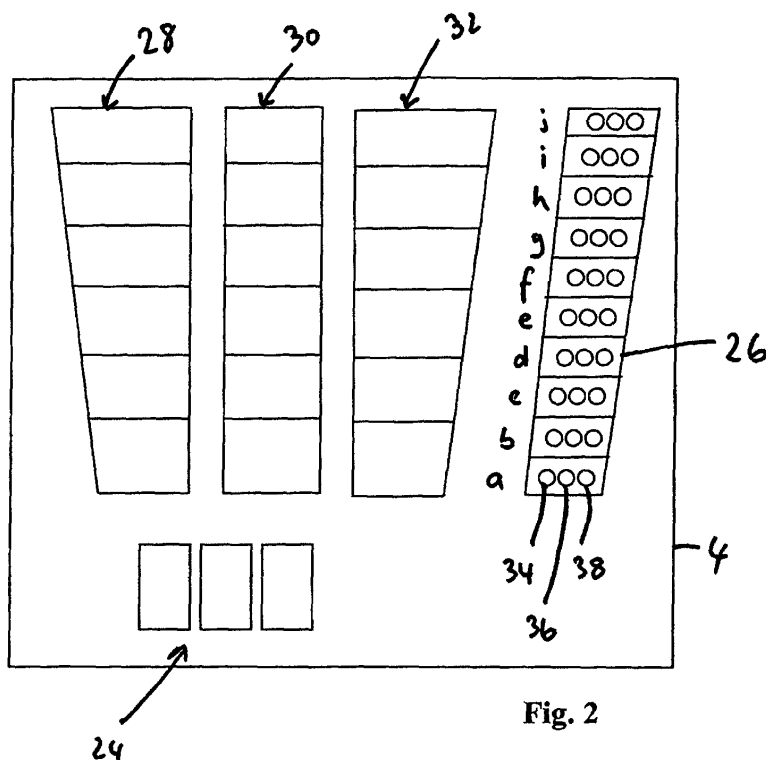


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