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(54) **Gaming machine and gaming system**

(57) A gaming system according to the invention comprises a plurality of gaming machines, each of which utilizes a storage medium capable of being inserted to the gaming machines. Types and minimum bets of the gaming machines differ between at least two of the gaming machines. The storage mediums are commonly used with the gaming machines. For this reason, a player can play games over the gaming machines on a consecutive basis without exchanging of game medium (chips, coins or the like). And the player can continue to have interest in games and be excited by games, and enjoy games for a long time.

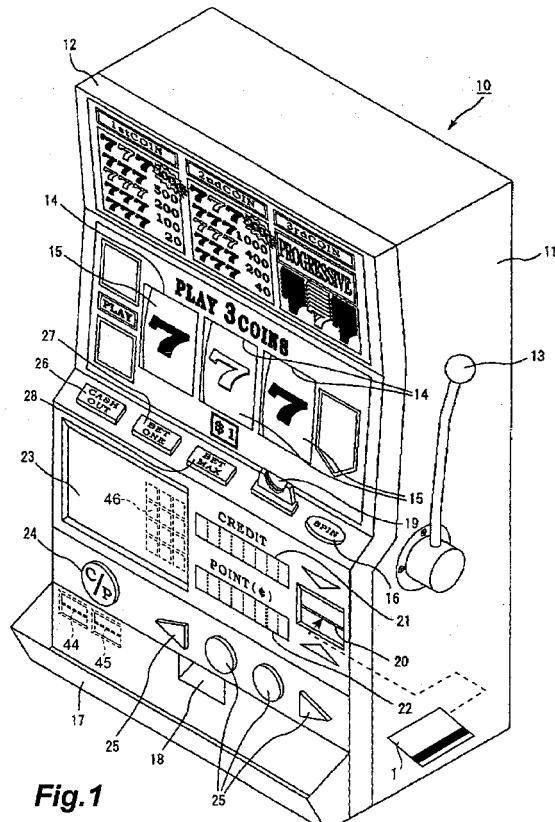


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