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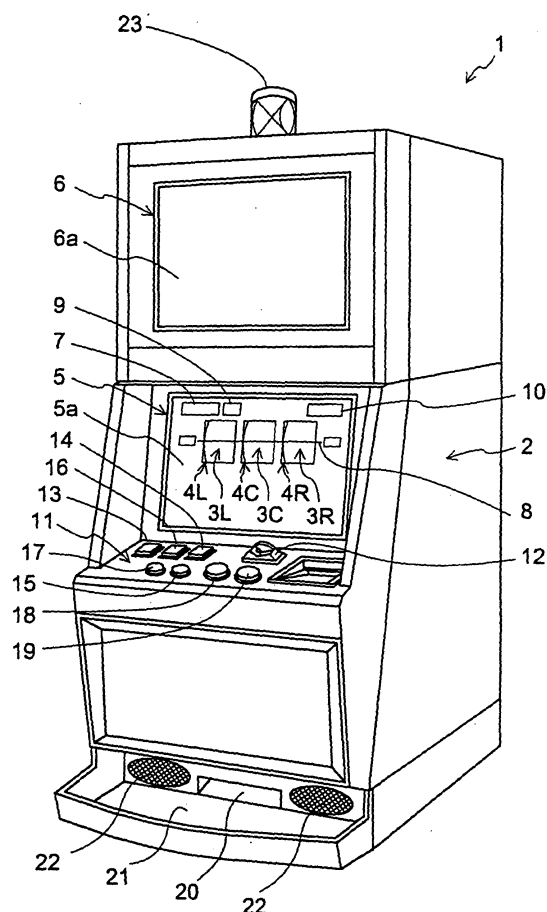
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(54) **Gaming machine**

(57) In the gaming machine with the variable display device, the specific symbol combination among symbol combinations displayed on the variable display device completes one picture and at least one symbol among the symbols constructing the specific symbol combination is commonly used with the symbols of the symbol combination which completes another picture.

FIG.1





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