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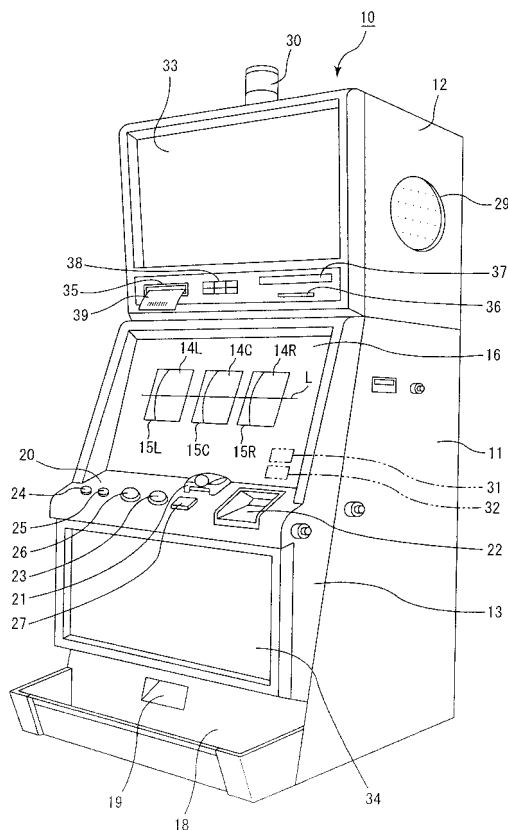
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(54) **Gaming machine, game control method and game system**

(57) An object of the present invention is to provide a gaming machine which can prevent for a player who has spent many of the game media from feeling unpleasant against the game, building up distrust thereto, or losing interest in or a concern on the game. The gaming machine comprising: output means capable of outputting an image or a sound; winning combination determination means for determining a winning combination by a lottery; means for generating a first special game state that is a game state advantageous to a player when the determined winning combination is a special winning combination; means for, when a predetermined variable accumulatively counted each time a game is played reaches a set value that is an object of comparison with said predetermined variable, and that is selected from plural candidate values stepwise determined in advance, generating a second special game state that is a game state advantageous to a player and in which a degree of advantage corresponding to the set value is determined; and means for notifying that said second special game state has been generated based on said set value by outputting an image or a sound to said output means.

Fig. 2





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