pay line L1 is activated as shown in **FIG. 2**(*a*). When two medals are inserted, two upper and lower horizontal pay lines L2A and L2B are added thereto, and thus three horizontal pay lines L1, L2A, and L2B are activated as shown in **FIG. 2**(*b*). Furthermore, when three medals are inserted, all the five pay lines L1, L2A, L2B, L3A, and L3B are activated as shown in **FIG. 2**(*c*). A circle sign shown in **FIG. 2** represents a symbol drawn on each reel **2-4**.

[**0022**] On a machine front panel **38** to the left of the display windows **5-7**, from the top, there are four chance LEDs (light emitting diodes) **9-12**, three game operation indicator lamps **13-15**, a deposited number of game medals display unit **16**, and a start lamp **17** provided. The chance LEDs **9-12** and the game operation indicator lamps **13-15** are controllably lighted up in accordance with the game status to inform a player of the current game status. The deposited number of game medals display unit **16** is composed of three digits of seven-segment LEDs and displays the number of medals currently credited within the machine. The start lamp **17** is blinked when each reel **2-4** can be actuated.

[**0023**] On the machine front panel **38** to the right of the display windows **5-7**, from the top, there are a bonus count display unit **18**, a WIN lamp **19**, number of payout medals display unit **20**, and an insert lamp **21** provided. The bonus count display unit **18** is composed of three digits of seven-segment LEDs and digitally displays, when a player wins a bonus game, the remaining number of times the player could win the RB game and JAC game described below. The WIN lamp **19** is lighted up when a winning combination of symbols lines up on any activated pay line. The number of payout medals display unit **20** is composed of three digits of seven-segment LEDs and displays the number of medals paid out due to the winning. The insert lamp **21** is lighted up when the insertion slot **8** can accept the insertion of medals.

[**0024**] The reel display window unit **39** comprises a liquid crystal panel **39***d* (described below) stacked thereon as an electric display panel. The liquid crystal panel **39***d* may display various game information and game effect image. Below the left-hand machine front panel **38**, there are a cross key **23**, an A-button **24**, a B-button **25**, one-deposited-medal insertion switch **26**, two-deposited-medal insertion switch **27**, and three-deposited-medal insertion switch **28** provided. The cross key **23** is switched in four directions of up, down, left, and right, and is operated in conjunction with the A-button **24** and B-button **25** for use in selecting information to be displayed on the liquid crystal panel **39***d*. The deposited-medal insertion switches **26-28** are used in betting one to three medals on one game instead of inserting medals into the medal insertion slot **8** when the deposited number of game medals display unit **16** is displaying the number of credited medals.

[**0025**] Below the reel display window unit **39**, from the left, there are a deposited-medal adjusting switch **29**, a start lever **30**, and stop buttons **31**, **32**, and **33** provided. The start lever **30** constitutes game starting means for starting a game. The deposited-medal adjusting switch **29** is used in adjusting the medals credited within the machine. Operation of the start lever **30** causes each reel **2-4** to start rotating simultaneously. The stop buttons **31-33**, disposed corresponding to the reels **2-4**, respectively, are activated for operation when the rotating of each reel **2-4** reaches a predetermined speed, and stop the rotating of respective reels **2-4** in response to the player's operation. The stop buttons **31-33** constitute variable display stopping means for stopping the rotating display of the reels **2-4**.

[**0026**] A medal receiving tray **34** is provided at the front bottom of the slot machine **1**. The medal receiving tray **34** serves to store medals paid out of a medal payout opening **35**. At the front top of the slot machine **1**, a payout display unit **36** is provided for displaying how many medals will be paid out for winning.

[**0027**] **FIG. 3**(*a*) is a vertical cross-sectional view of the slot machine **1** at the reel display window unit **39**, and **FIG. 4** is an exploded perspective view of the reel display window unit **39**. The reel display window unit **39** constitutes front display means, and is provided in front of the reels **2**, **3**, and **4** as shown in **FIG. 3**(*a*). As shown in FIGS. **4**(*a*)-(*i*), the reel display window unit **39** comprises, disposed from the front side of the machine, a transparent acryl plate **39***a*, a reel glass base **39***b*, a bezel metal frame **39***c*, a liquid crystal panel **39***d*, a liquid crystal holder **39***e*, a diffusion sheet **39***f*, a light guiding plate **39***g*, a rear holder **39***h*, and an antistatic sheet **39***i*. The diffusion sheet **39***f*, light guiding plate **39***g*, and rear holder **39***h* are provided with openings **5***a*, **5***b*, and **5***c* forming the display window **5**, openings **6***a*, **6***b*, and **6***c* forming the display window **6**, and openings **7***a*, **7***b*, and **7***c* forming the display window **7**.

[**0028**] The reel display window unit **39** is mounted on the machine front panel **38** such that, as shown in **FIG. 3**(*a*), brackets **39***ba* provided on the reel glass base **39***b* and protruding upward and downward are screwed on the rear of the machine front panel **38** with screws **39***j*, respectively. Note that in **FIG. 4**(*b*), each bracket **39***ba* provided on the reel glass base **39***b* is not shown.

[**0029**] At the upper and lower ends of the light guiding plate **39***g*, a pair of cold-cathode tubes **40***a* is provided as a light source for the liquid crystal panel **39***d*. Above and below each window **5***c*, **6***c*, **7***c* of the rear holder **39***h* on its rear side, another pair of cold-cathode tubes **40***b* is provided for illuminating symbols drawn on the outer periphery of each reel **2-4**. The reel glass base **39***b*, the bezel metal frame **39***c*, the liquid crystal panel **39***d*, the liquid crystal holder **39***e*, the diffusion sheet **39***f* and the light guiding plate **39***g* constitute the electrical display device which allows the reels **2-4** to be observed therethrough.

[**0030**] The liquid crystal panel **39***d* is a transparent electric display panel disposed in front of the reels **2-4** and made of ITO or the like through which each reel **2-4** can be seen. The rear side of the periphery of its display unit is held by the liquid crystal holder **39***e*. The light guiding plate **39***g* is made of a light transparent resin panel, and has a lens cut formed therein for guiding light emitted from the laterally disposed cold-cathode tubes **40***a* to the rear side of the liquid crystal display panel **39***d*. The diffusion sheet **39***f* is made of a light transparent resin sheet, and constitutes diffusion means for equalizing the light which illuminates the liquid crystal display panel **39***d*. The liquid crystal holder **39***e* holding the liquid crystal display panel **39***d*, the diffusion sheet **39***f*, and the light guiding plate **39***g* are integrated and the periphery thereof is inserted into the bezel metal frame **39***c*. This insertion allows the front side of the periphery of the display unit of the liquid crystal panel **39***d* to be held by the bezel metal frame **39***c*.