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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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In the slot machine, the lower liquid crystal display 4 on the cabinet 2 arranged in front of the reels 220 in the cabinet 2 is controlled, and if it is determined that the shift effect is executed, the effect display by controlling light transmittance of the lower liquid crystal display 4 (that is, in order that the player can recognize the reels 220 in the cabinet 2, the demonstration effect that the big tree near the house is struck by lightning and the demonstration effect that lightning goes away from the big tree, and the lower liquid crystal display 4 is made transparent or opaque according to blink of lightning) is done while the base game is conducted by utilizing the lower liquid crystal display 4. On the other hand, the reels 220 in the cabinet 2 are concealed except a case that it is determined that the shift effect is executed and a case that the free game is executed by utilizing the reels 220 in the cabinet 2.

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