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*.

[**0031**] The bezel metal frame **39***c*, into which the liquid crystal holder **39***e*, the diffusion sheet **39***f*, and the light guiding plate **39***g* are fitted and integrated, has its periphery inserted into the reel glass base **39***b*, and is supported by the reel glass base **39***b* such that the front of the display unit of the liquid crystal panel **39***d* has an opening. Since the reel glass base **39***b* is attached to the machine front panel **38** with the screws **39***j*, the transparent acryl plate **39***a* is pressure bonded to the front of the reel glass base **39***b* and occludes the above-described opening of the front of the display unit of the liquid crystal panel **39***d*.

[**0032**] The rear holder **39***h* is made of a white resin plate and holds, on the reel glass base **39***b* from behind, the bezel metal frame **39***c*, the liquid crystal holder **39***e* holding the liquid crystal panel **39***d*, the diffusion sheet **39***f*, and the light guiding plate **39***g*, which are supported by the reel glass base **39***b*. The rear holder **39***h* also functions as a reflection plate for reflecting the light, emitted from the cold-cathode tubes **40***a* on the light guiding plate **39***d*, to the side of the liquid crystal panel **39***d*. The antistatic sheet **39***i*, being transparent, is adhered to the rear side of the rear holder **39***h* with double-sided tapes and covers the rear side of the openings **5***c*, **6***c*, and **7***c* formed in the rear holder **39***h*.

[**0033**] **FIG. 3**(*b*) is a partial enlarged view of a marginal portion of the openings **5***c*, **6***c*, **7***c* of the rear holder **39***h*, which is circumscribed by a dashed circle shown in **FIG. 3**(*a*). A marginal corner portion of the rear side of the openings **5***c*, **6***c*, **7***c* of the rear holder **39***h* has been chipped away. The antistatic sheet **39***i* is adhered to this chipped portion.

[**0034**] **FIG. 5** shows symbol sequences drawn on the outer periphery of the reels **2**, **3**, and **4**. Each symbol sequence comprises **21** arranged symbols of a plurality of kinds. The symbol sequences correspond to a first reel **2**, a second reel **3**, and a third reel **4**, respectively, from the left in the figure. Each symbol is assigned a code number among "1" to "21". Each reel **2**, **3**, **4** is rotationally driven such that its symbol sequence moves downward in the figure.

[**0035**] There are seven kinds of symbols: "Red 7" representing a digit shaded with mesh lines; "Blue 7" representing a digit shaded with lines sloping down to the left; "BAR" including two lines of alphabetic letters BAR arranged vertically; "Watermelon" consisting of a picture of a watermelon; "Bell" consisting of a picture of a bell; "Plum" consisting of a picture of a plum; and "Cherry" consisting of a picture of cherries.

[**0036**] Each reel **2**-**4** is configured as a rotatable reel unit as shown in **FIG. 6**, and attached to a frame **41** via a bracket **42**. Each reel **2**-**4** comprises a reel drum **43** having a reel band **44** affixed on its outer periphery. The symbol sequence described above is drawn on the outer periphery of the reel band **44**. Each bracket **42** is provided with a stepping motor **45**. The reels **2**-**4** rotate when the stepping motors **45** are driven.

[**0037**] Each reel **2**-**4** has a structure shown in **FIG. 7**(*a*). Note that in this figure, like parts as in **FIG. 6** are marked with like reference letters and are not described herein. A lamp case **46** is provided inside the reel drum **43** behind the reel band **44**. Back lamps **47***a*, **47***b*, and **47***c* are installed in three compartments of the lamp case **46**, respectively. Each of these back lamps **47***a*-**47***c* is made of a while LED (light emitting diode) having a great amount of light emission, mounted on a board **48** as shown in **FIG. 7**(*b*). The board **48** is in turn attached to the rear side of the lamp case **46**. Furthermore, a photosensor **49** is attached to the bracket **42**. The photosensor **49** detects a shield plate **50** provided on the reel drum **43** passing by the photosensor **49** in association with the rotating of the reel drum **43**.

[**0038**] Each back lamp **47***a*-**47***c* is controllably lighted up by the lamp drive circuit described below. Each of the lighted back lamps **47***a*-**47***c* separately illuminates three symbols positioned in front of the back lamp **47** among the symbols drawn on the reel band **44**, and the three symbols are projected on each display window **5**-**7**. In this embodiment, since the back lamps **47***a*-**47***c* have a great amount of light emission, they also illuminate the liquid crystal panel **39***d* in front thereof. Furthermore, since the back lamps **47***a*-**47***c* are made of white LEDs, the colors of the symbols drawn on the reel band **44** and of the effect displayed on the liquid crystal panel **39***d* are viewed in a manner faithful to the original colors.

[**0039**] **FIG. 8** shows a winning symbol combination table, which has been predetermined in the slot machine **1** in accordance with this embodiment, and shown on the payout display unit **36** at the front top of the slot machine **1**. In a ordinary game, if a combination of symbols "Red 7"-"Red 7"-"Red 7", a combination of symbols "Blue 7"-"Blue 7"-"Blue 7", or a combination of symbols "BAR"-"BAR"-"BAR" lines up on any activated pay line, fifteen medals are paid out and then an RB (regular bonus) game is executed.

[**0040**] Further, in a ordinary game, if three identical symbols of "Watermelon" or "Bell" line up on any activated pay line, a small prize is won, and fifteen medals are paid out, respectively. Similarly, in a ordinary game, if a combination of symbols "Bell"-"Bell"-"Red 7", a combination of symbols "Bell"-"Bell"-"Blue 7", or a combination of symbols "Bell"-"Bell"-"BAR" occurs, a small prize is also won, and ten medals are paid out, respectively.

[**0041**] Furthermore, in a ordinary game, if three identical "Plum" symbols occurs on any activated pay line, then a replay is won, and one can play another game without inserting any medal, although no medal is paid out. In addition, this combination of three "Plum" symbols is also a combination of a JAC game winning occurrence in a JAC game during an RB game. The JAC game refers to a game of trying to get a combination of "Plum"-"Plum"-"Plum" on the center pay line **L1** in an RB game.

[**0042**] **32** Moreover, in a ordinary game, if one symbol "Cherry" stops on one activated pay line for the first reel **3**, a small prize is won and two medals are paid out, which is referred to as "two medals cherry". When three medals have been bet, if one symbol "Cherry" stops on two activated pay lines, four medals are paid out, which is referred to as "four medals cherry".

[**0043**] **FIGS. 9 and 10** show circuit configurations arranged on a main control board **61** and a sub-control board **62** for controlling the game processing operation of the slot machine **1** described above.