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*.

[**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 opening **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 opening **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**] 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