

The RB operation indicator **33** is lit during the RB operation, and the BB operation indicator **34** is lit during the BB operation.

[0092] In addition, when a “bell’s insignificant winning-combination” is achieved by the internal-win during the “stop operation assistance period” described later, a “stop sequence” required for realizing the prize-winning achievement is displayed on the display screen **5a**, which has been described above.

[0093] A pedestal section **10** of the level surface is formed under the display windows **4L**, **4C**, and **4R** which can be seen through the display screen **5a**, and a marker section **2a**, on which information about the gaming machine **1** or the like is displayed, is arranged between the pedestal section **10** and said display windows **4L**, **4C**, and **4R**.

[0094] In addition, the medal slot **22** is arranged in the right side of marker section **2a**, and the 1-BET switch **11**, the 2-BET switch **12**, and the max-BET switch **13** are arranged in the lower left location of the marker section **2a**. In addition, + (cross-joint) button **26**, o button **27**, and x button **28** are arranged in the upper left location of the marker section **2a**.

[0095] By one push operation of the 1-BET switch **11**, one of the credited medals can be bet on the game, by one push operation of the 2-BET switch **12**, two of the credited medals can be bet on the game, and by one push operation of the max-BET switch **13**, the maximum number of medals which can be bet in one game can be bet. By operating these BET switches, a predetermined prize-winning line is validated as mentioned above.

[0096] Then, a switching of the display screen **5a** and the input can be performed by operating the + (cross-joint) button **26**, the o button **27**, and the x button **28**.

[0097] A deposited medal pay switch **14** which switches, by a push-button operation, the credit/disbursement of the medal that the player has won in the game, is arranged in the left side of the front section of the pedestal section **10**. The medal is disbursed from the game medal disbursement slot **15** of the front lower part by switching this deposited medal pay switch **14**, the disbursed medal(s) are deposited in a game medal receiving section **16**. On the right side of the deposited medal pay switch **14**, a start lever **6**, which rotates the above mentioned reels by the player’s operation and starts the variable display of the patterns (the game is started) within the display windows **4L**, **4C**, and **4R**, is rotatably arranged within a range of a predetermined angle.

[0098] A door opening/closing and game-over release device **29** is arranged in the right side of the front section of the pedestal section **10**, and this door opening/closing and game-over release device **29** opens and closes a front door by turning to the right and releases the game-over by turning to the left using a predetermined key.

[0099] Loud speakers **21L** and **21R** are arranged in the upper right and left of the cabinet **2**, and between these two loudspeakers **21L** and **21R**, a distribution table panel **23**, which displays the prize-winning pattern combination and the number of medals as a distribution or the like, is arranged. In the center of the front section of the pedestal section **10** and in the lower location of the marker section **2a**,

three stop buttons **7L**, **7C**, and **7R** for stopping the rotation of three rotation reels **3L**, **3C**, and **3R**, are, respectively, arranged.

[0100] In the gaming machine **1** in the above-mentioned configuration, the present invention is characterized in that the panel display section **5**, which is the front side display means, is configured so that a plurality of panel-shaped displays may be stacked, and the configuration of the panel display section **5** used as the principal part of the present invention will be explained hereinafter. The following description will be given, on the assumption that the panel-shaped display is a liquid crystal panel, and the plurality of liquid crystal panels **501** and **502** mentioned above are a first liquid crystal panel **501** and a second liquid crystal panel **502**, respectively.

[0101] As illustrated in **FIG. 35**, the panel display section **5** according to this preferred embodiment comprises a multilayer panel body **5'**, which is held being pressed by a frame **505**.

[0102] That is, as illustrated in **FIG. 35** and **FIG. 36**, the multilayer panel body **5'** has a multilayer structure, comprising, from the outermost side (the foremost side): a transparent cover glass **500**, the first liquid crystal panel **501** and the second liquid crystal panel **502**, which substantially configure said front side display means; an acrylic plate **503** having a predetermined thickness, which configures a part of a back light structure; and a reflecting plate **504**, which is composed of a plastic film pasted on the rear side of this acrylic plate **503**. It is preferable to perform a convex-concave treatment on the surface of the reflecting plate **504** so that light may reflect irregularly and diffuse. In addition, a transparent acrylic plate may be used instead of said cover glass **500**.

[0103] Then, as illustrated in **FIG. 37**, the multilayer panel body **5'** configured as above is attached to a front opening **2b** of the cabinet **2** so as to face from the back side, and the portion exposed from the cabinet **2** forms the display screen **5a**. In addition, reference numerals **2c** and **2c'** are bosses for fixing top/bottom panels, and reference numeral **2d** is a fixing screw.

[0104] A cold cathode tube **2e**, which functions as a back light of said first and second liquid crystal panels **501** and **502**, and also enables the patterns of the rotation reels **3L**, **3C**, and **3R** to be irradiated, is arranged under the multilayer panel body **5'**.

[0105] That is, said cold cathode tube **2e** is closely arranged to the bottom end of said acrylic plate **504**, and also functions as the back light of the first liquid crystal panel **501** and the second liquid crystal panel **502** by forming a notch **505a** for use in light transmission in said frame **505**, and passing through the light from the edge of the acrylic plate **504** to the whole and diffusing it to the front by said reflecting plate **504**.

[0106] In addition, a part of the light of the cold cathode tube **2e** irradiates the rotation reels **3L**, **3C**, and **3R**, which are rearwardly arranged in the multilayer panel body **5'**. In the view, reference numeral **2f** is a reflective cover arranged so as to contain the cold cathode tube **2e**, is bendingly formed into a U letter shape in the cross sectional view, and is fastened with the panel body **5'** to the boss **2c'** used for fixing the bottom panel.