FIG. 1A

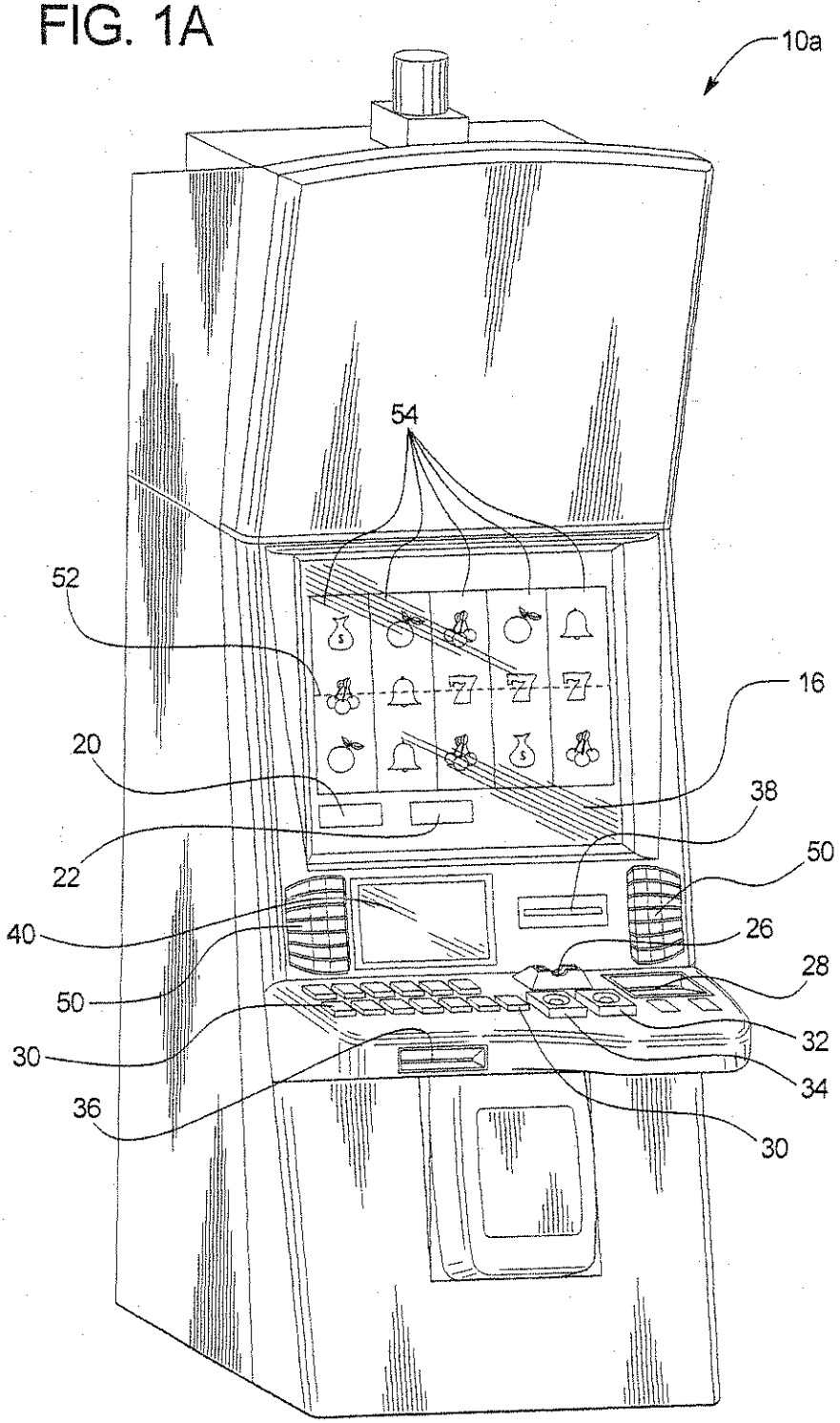


FIG. 1B

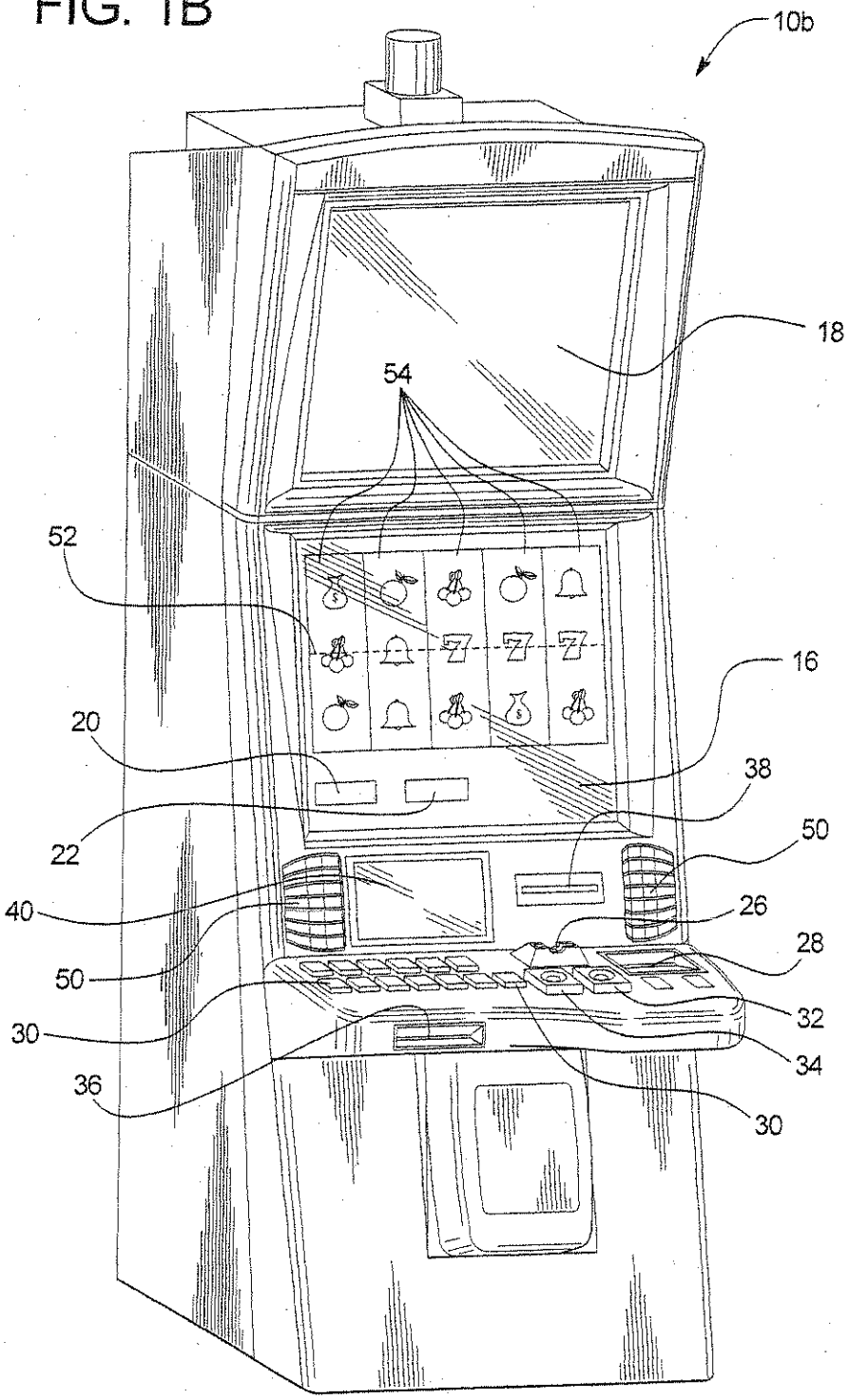


FIG. 2A

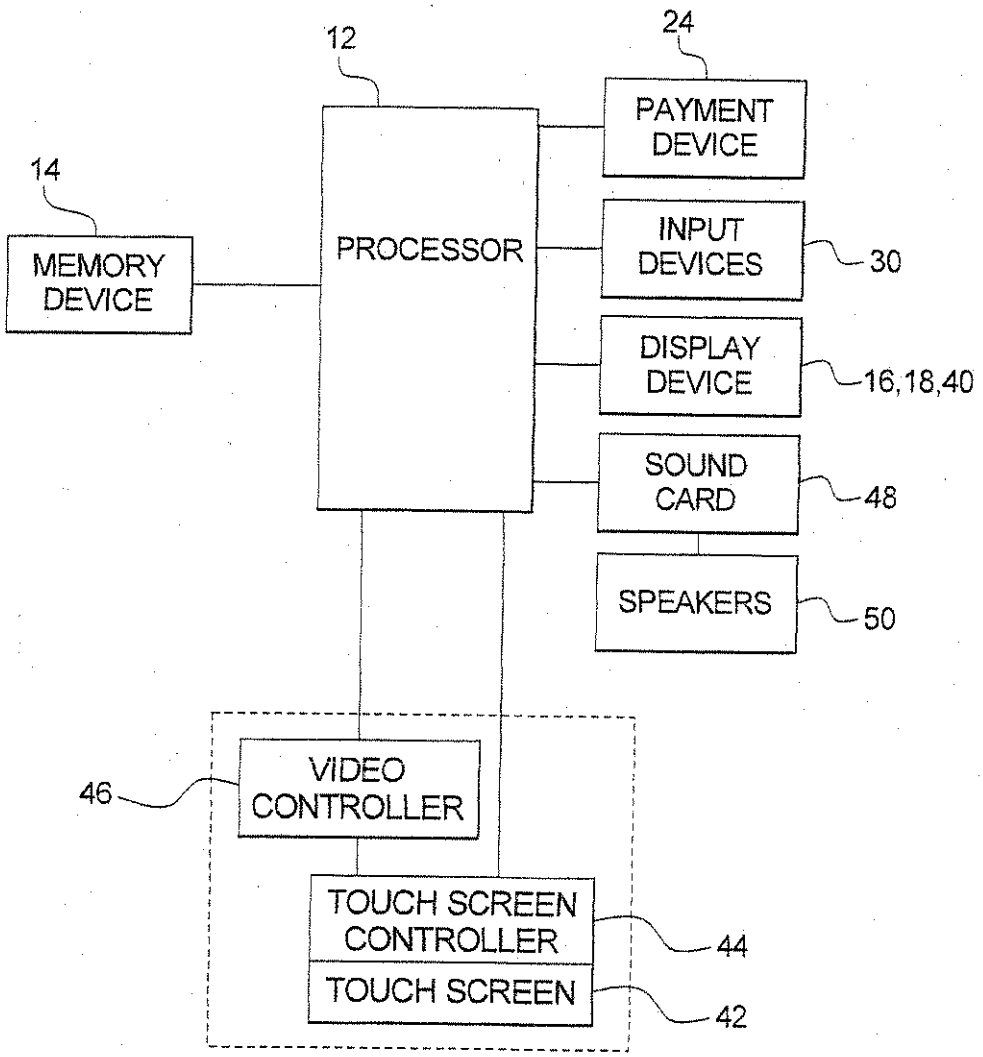

12
24
PAYMENT DEVICE
14
MEMORY DEVICE
PROCESSOR
INPUT DEVICES
30
DISPLAY DEVICE
16,18,40
SOUND CARD
48
SPEAKERS
50
46
VIDEO CONTROLLER
TOUCH SCREEN CONTROLLER
44
TOUCH SCREEN
42

FIG. 2B

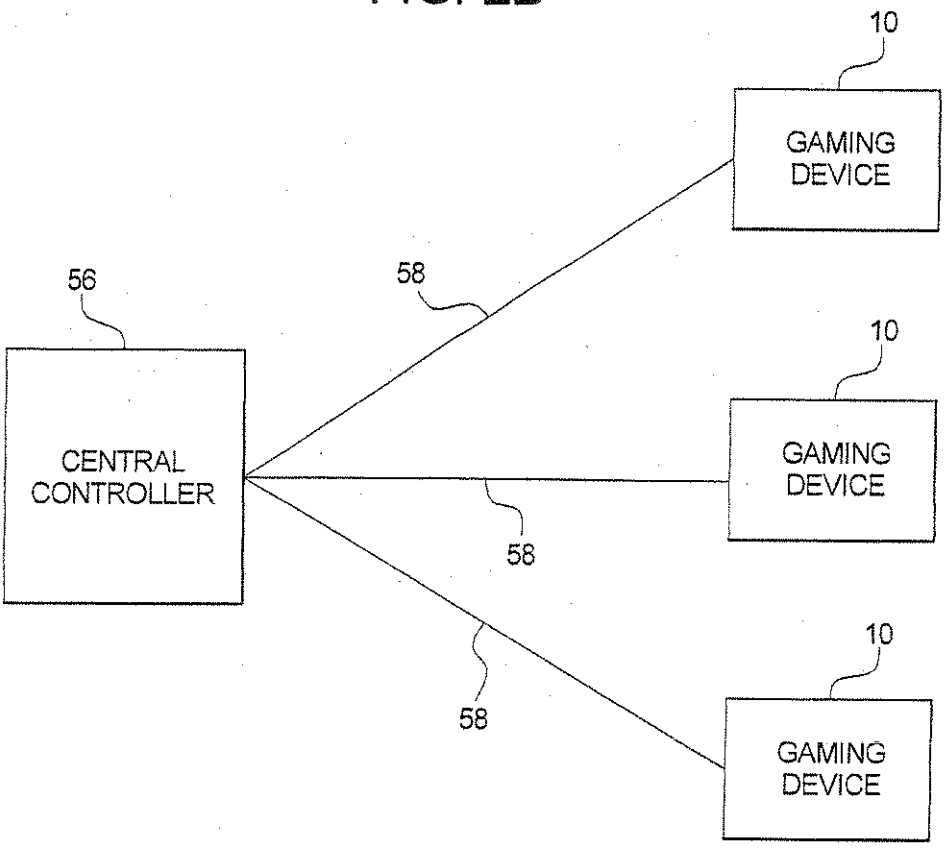

10
GAMING DEVICE
56
58
CENTRAL CONTROLLER
10
GAMING DEVICE
58
10
58
GAMING DEVICE

FIG. 3

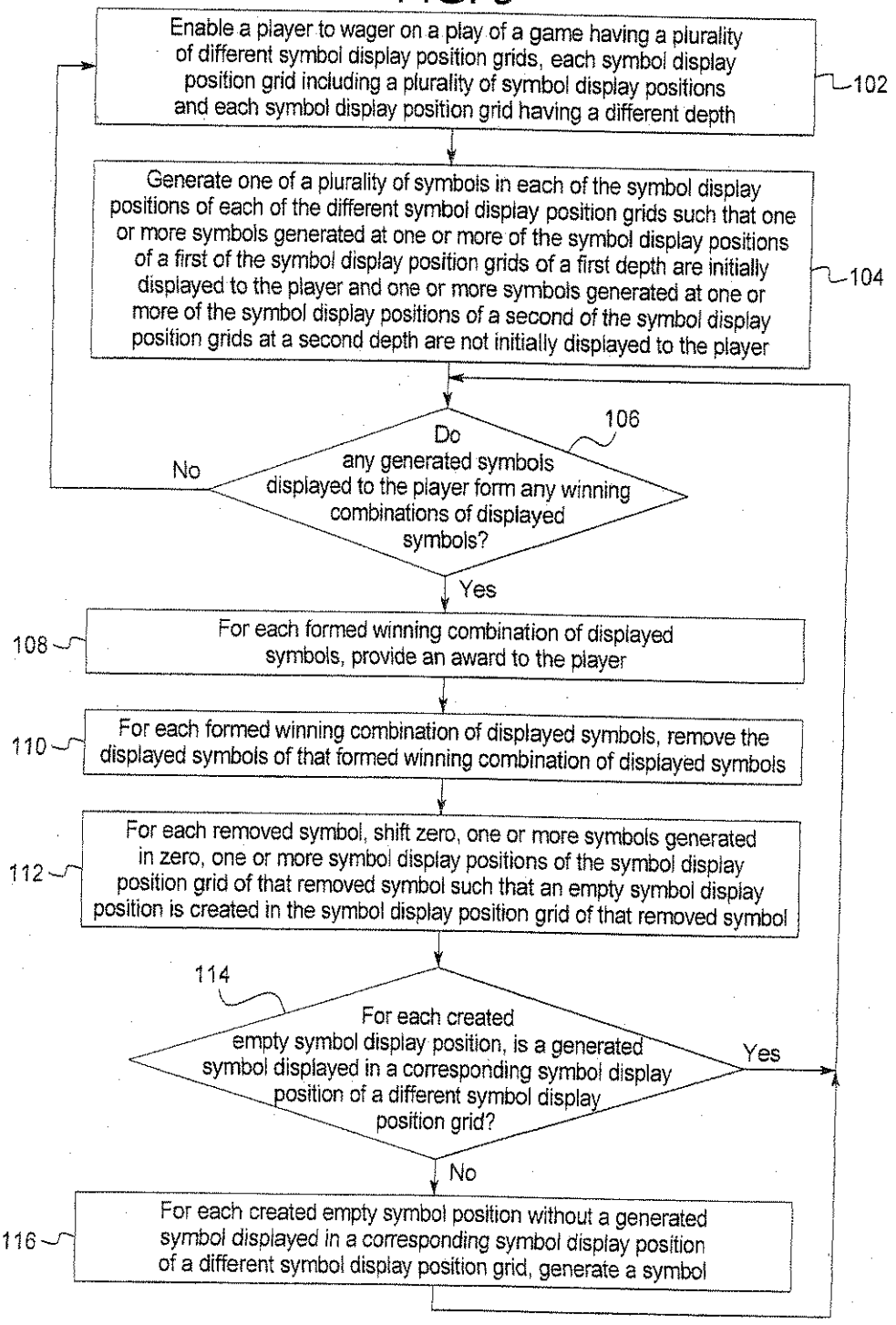

Enable a player to wager on a play of a game having a plurality of different symbol display position grids, each symbol display position grid including a plurality of symbol display positions and each symbol display position grid having a different depth
102
Generate one of a plurality of symbols in each of the symbol display positions of each of the different symbol display position grids such that one or more symbols generated at one or more of the symbol display positions of a first of the symbol display position grids of a first depth are initially displayed to the player and one or more symbols generated at one or more of the symbol display positions of a second of the symbol display position grids at a second depth are not initially displayed to the player
104
106
Do any generated symbols displayed to the player form any winning combinations of displayed symbols?
No
Yes
For each formed winning combination of displayed symbols, provide an award to the player
108
For each formed winning combination of displayed symbols, remove the displayed symbols of that formed winning combination of displayed symbols
110
For each removed symbol, shift zero, one or more symbols generated in zero, one or more symbol display positions of the symbol display position grid of that removed symbol such that an empty symbol display position is created in the symbol display position grid of that removed symbol
112
114
For each created empty symbol display position, is a generated symbol displayed in a corresponding symbol display position of a different symbol display position grid?
Yes
No
For each created empty symbol position without a generated symbol displayed in a corresponding symbol display position of a different symbol display position grid, generate a symbol
116

FIG. 4A

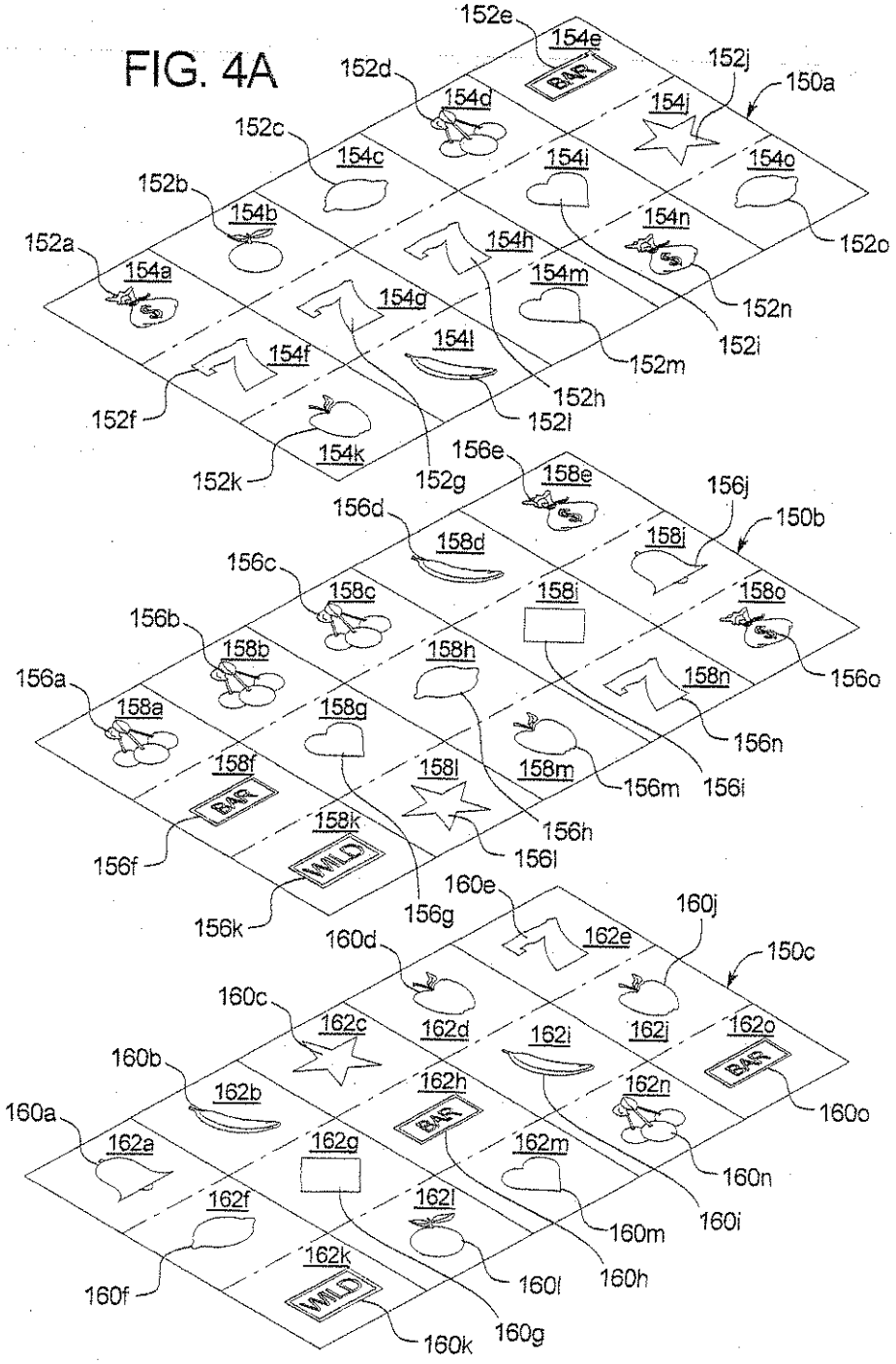

152e
154e
BAR
152j
150a
152d
154d
154j
152c
154c
154i
154o
152b
154b
154n
152a
154h
154a
154m
152o
154g
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154l
152i
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152m
152h
152f
152l
154k
152k
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158i
158o
156b
158b
158h
156a
158n
156o
158a
158g
156n
158f
158m
156m
156i
BAR
158l
156h
158k
156f
156l
WILD
156k
156g
160e
160j
162e
160d
150c
160c
162c
162d
162i
162j
162o
160b
162b
162h
162n
BAR
160a
160o
162a
162g
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162f
162l
160i
160m
160h
160f
162k
160l
WILD
160g
160k

FIG. 4B

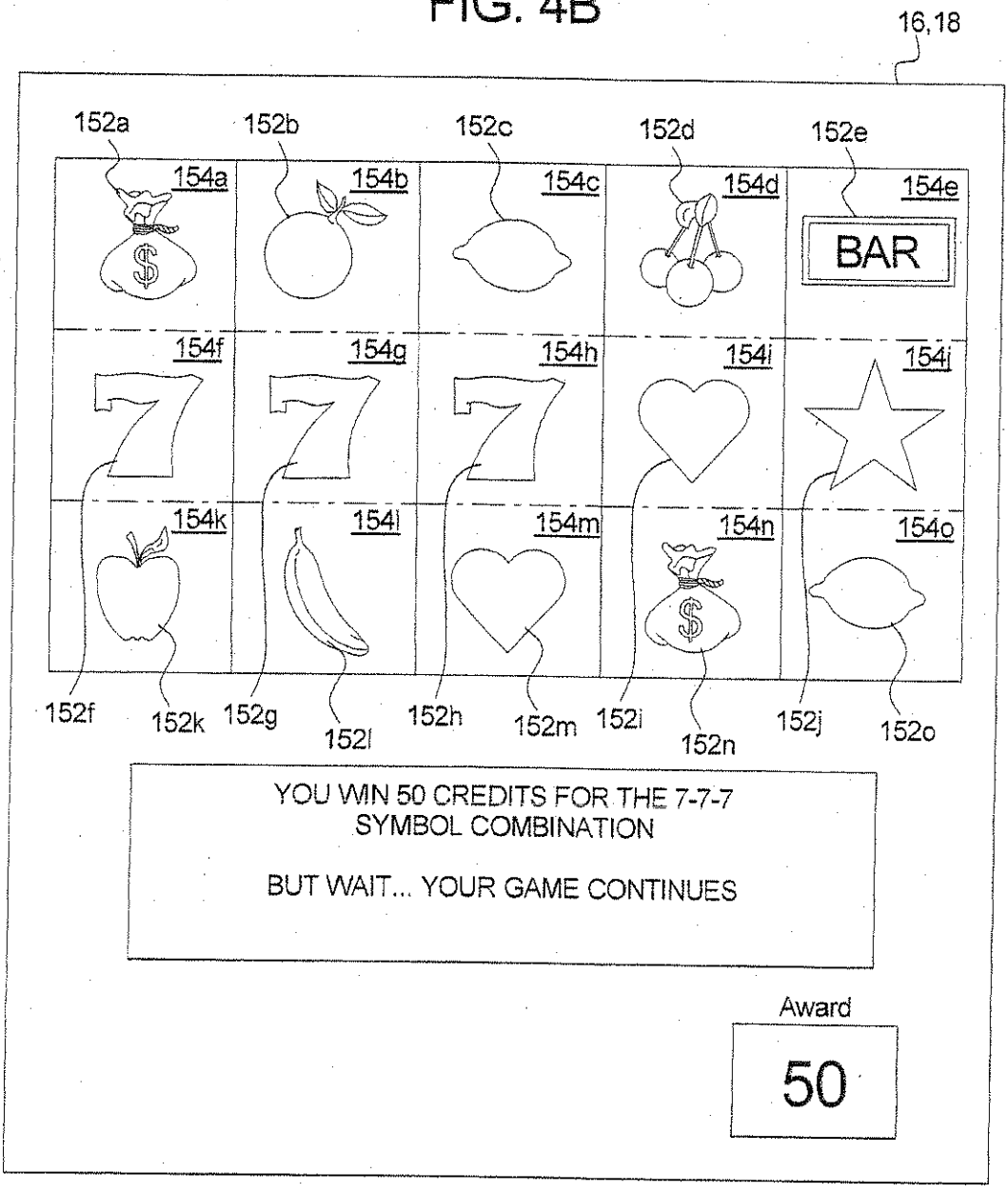

16,18
152a
152b
152c
152d
152e
154a
154b
154c
154d
154e
BAR
154f
154g
154h
154i
154j
154k
154l
154m
154n
154o
152f
152k
152g
152l
152h
152m
152i
152n
152j
152o
YOU WIN 50 CREDITS FOR THE 7-7-7 SYMBOL COMBINATION
BUT WAIT... YOUR GAME CONTINUES
Award
50

FIG. 4C

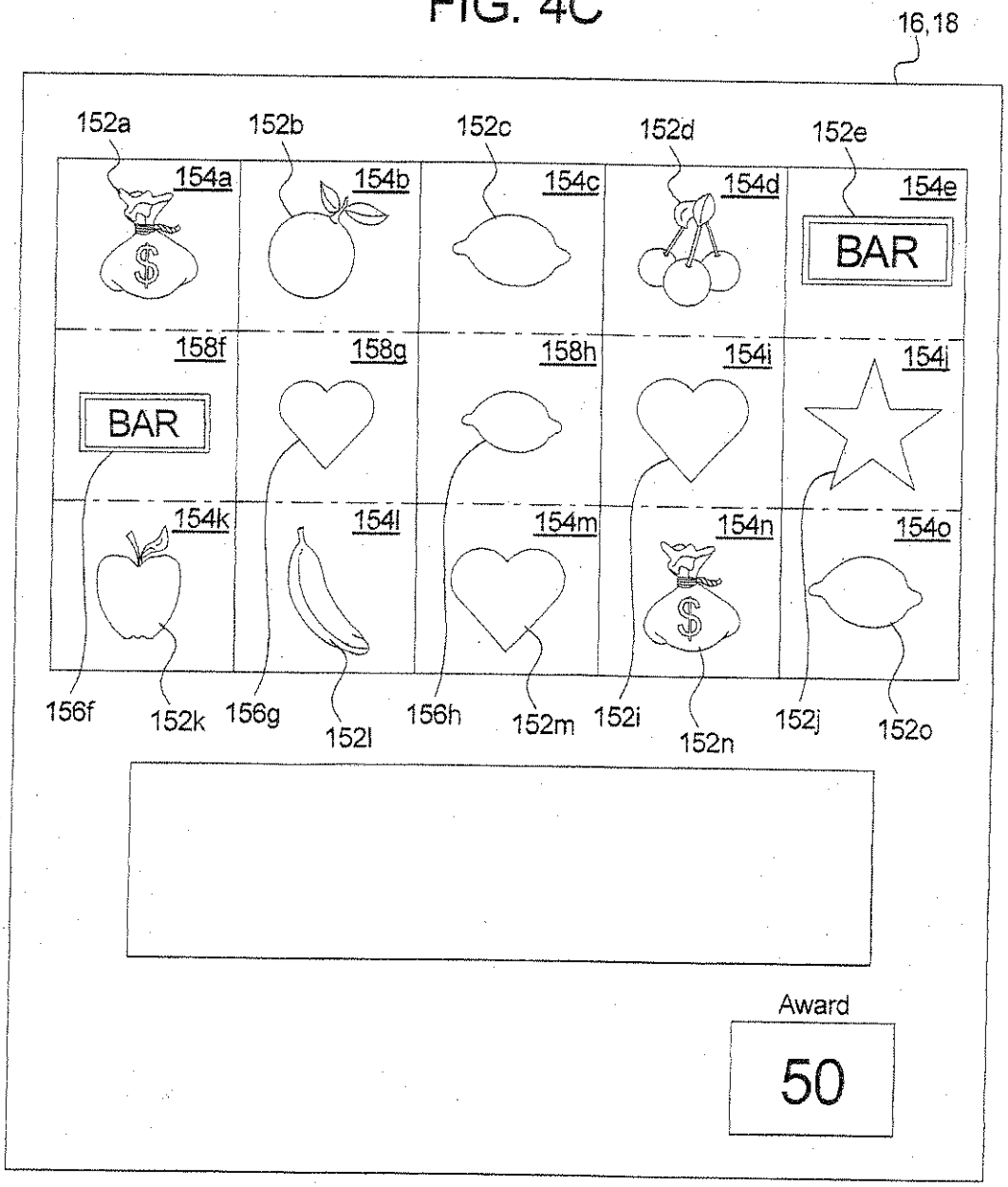

16,18
152a
152b
152c
152d
152e
154a
154b
154c
154d
154e
BAR
158f
158g
158h
154i
154j
BAR
154k
154l
154m
154n
154o
156f
152k
156g
152l
156h
152m
152i
152n
152j
152o
Award
50

FIG. 4D

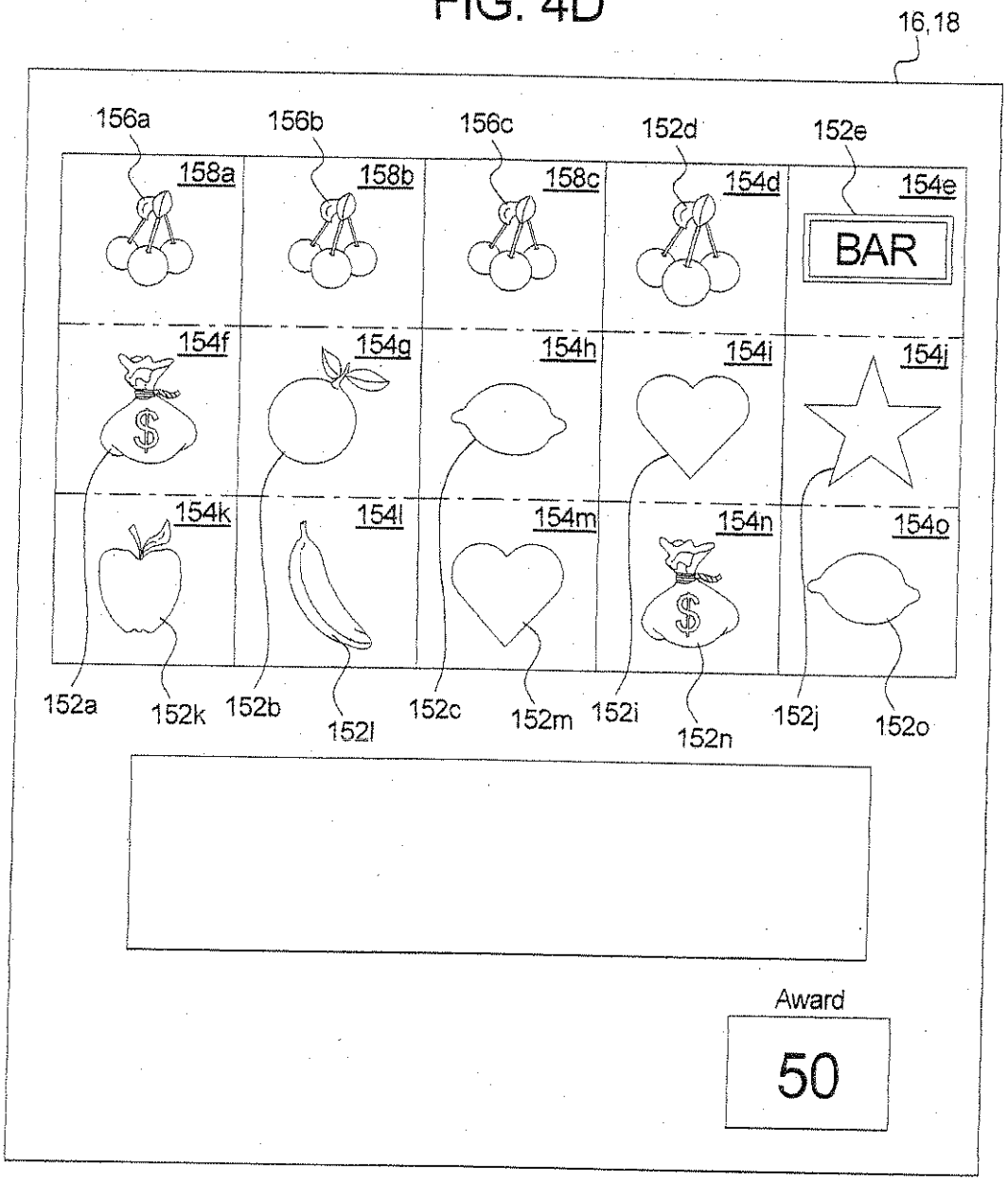

16,18
156a
156b
156c
152d
152e
158a
158b
158c
154d
154e
BAR
154f
154g
154h
154i
154j
154k
154l
154m
154n
154o
152a
152k
152b
152l
152c
152m
152i
152n
152j
152o
Award
50

FIG. 4E

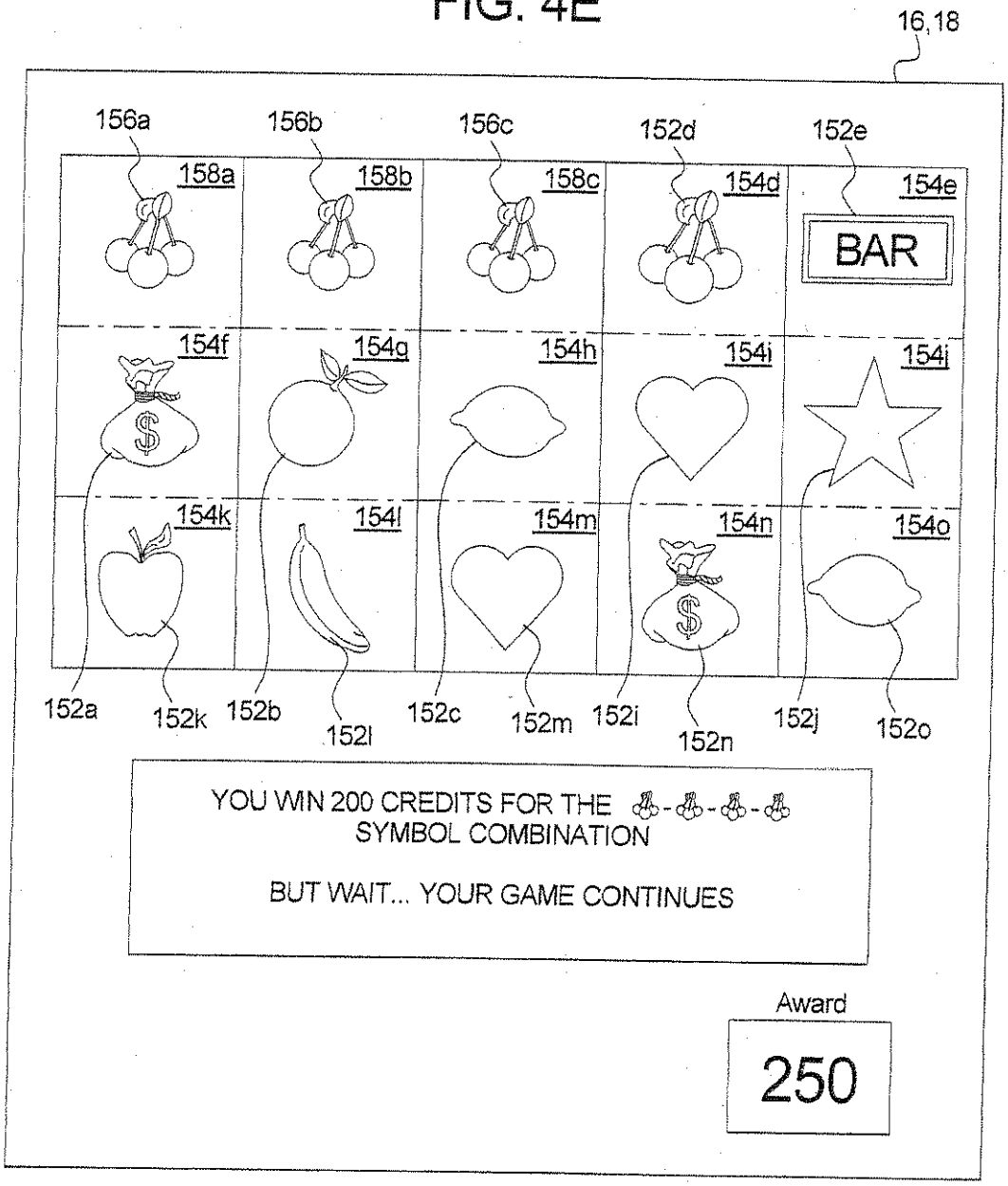

16,18
156a
156b
156c
152d
152e
158a
158b
158c
154d
154e
BAR
154f
154g
154h
154i
154j
154k
154l
154m
154n
154o
152a
152k
152b
152l
152c
152m
152i
152n
152j
152o
YOU WIN 200 CREDITS FOR THE
SYMBOL COMBINATION
BUT WAIT... YOUR GAME CONTINUES
Award
250

FIG. 4F

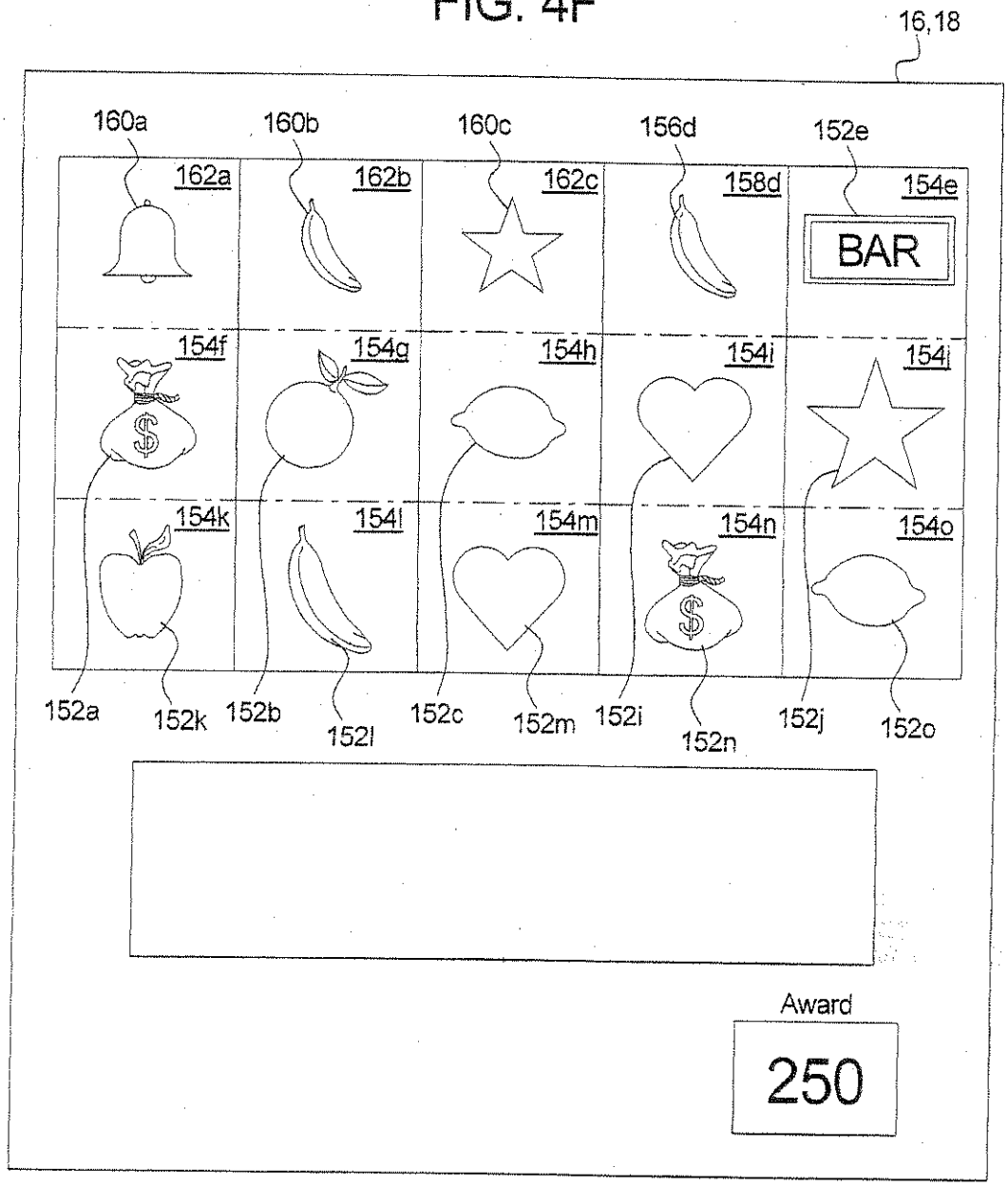

16,18
160a
160b
160c
156d
152e
162a
162b
162c
158d
154e
BAR
154f
154g
154h
154i
154j
154k
154l
154m
154n
154o
152a
152k
152b
152l
152c
152m
152i
152n
152j
152o
Award
250

FIG. 4G

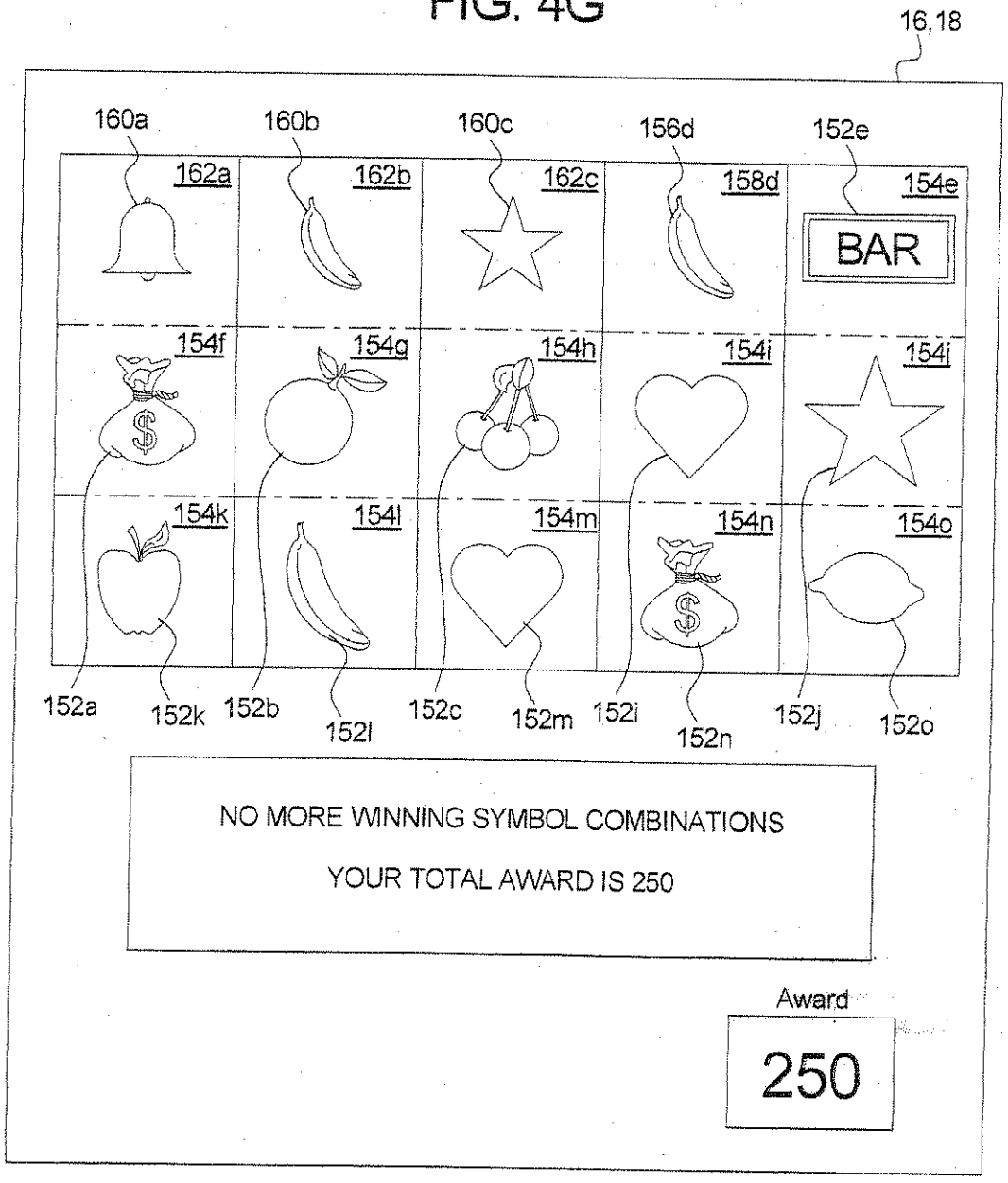

16,18
160a
160b
160c
156d
152e
162a
162b
162c
158d
154e
BAR
154f
154g
154h
154i
154j
154k
154l
154m
154n
154o
152a
152k
152b
152l
152c
152m
152i
152n
152j
152o
NO MORE WINNING SYMBOL COMBINATIONS
YOUR TOTAL AWARD IS 250
Award
250

FIG. 5A

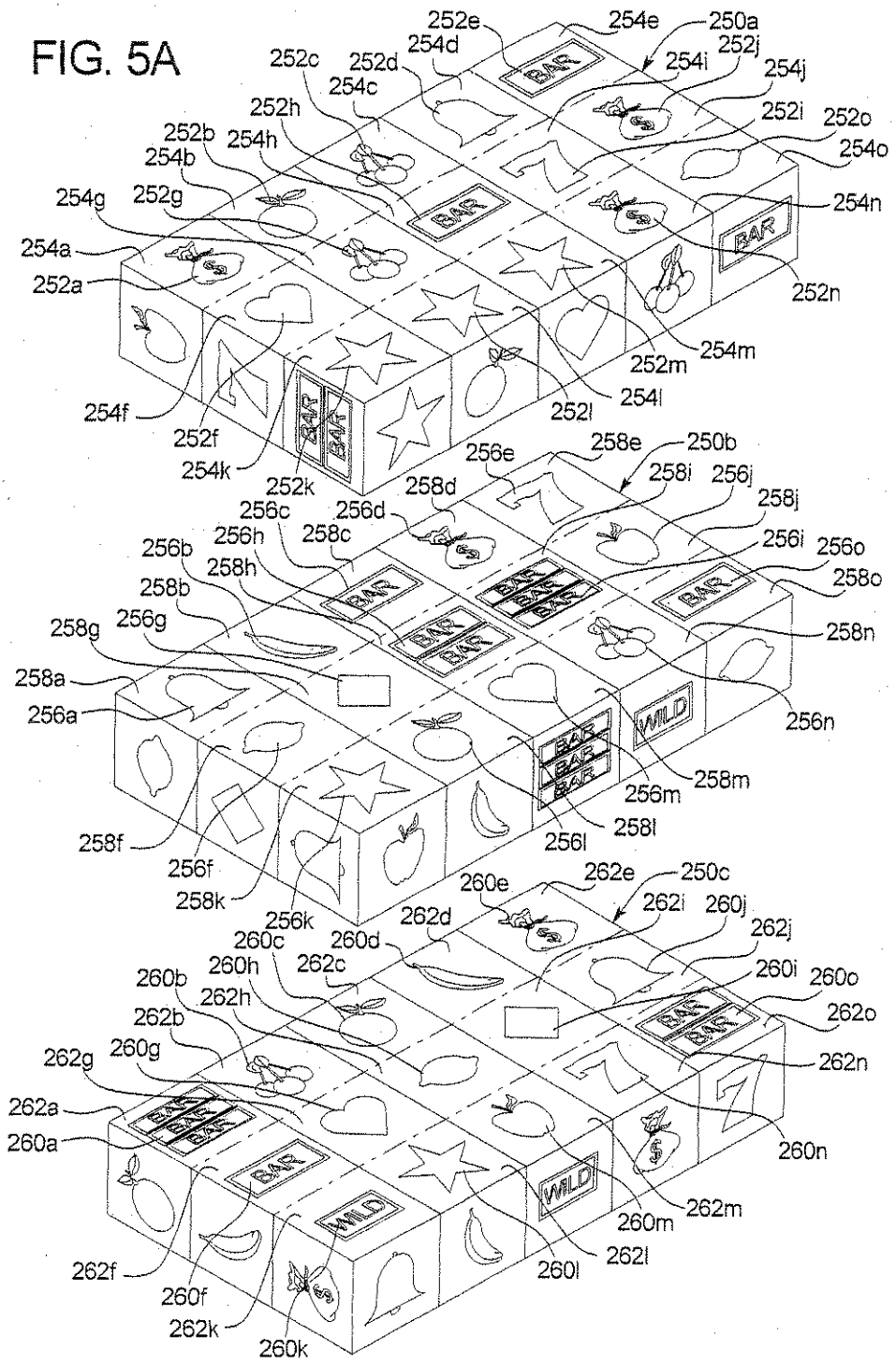

252e
254e
250a
254d
252j
252c
252d
254i
254j
254c
252h
252i
252o
252b
254h
254o
254b
254g
252g
254n
254a
252a
252n
254m
252m
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254l
252f
254k
252k
256e
258e
250b
258d
258i
256j
256c
256d
258j
256h
258c
256i
256o
256b
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262h
262o
262b
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260f
262k
260k

FIG. 5B

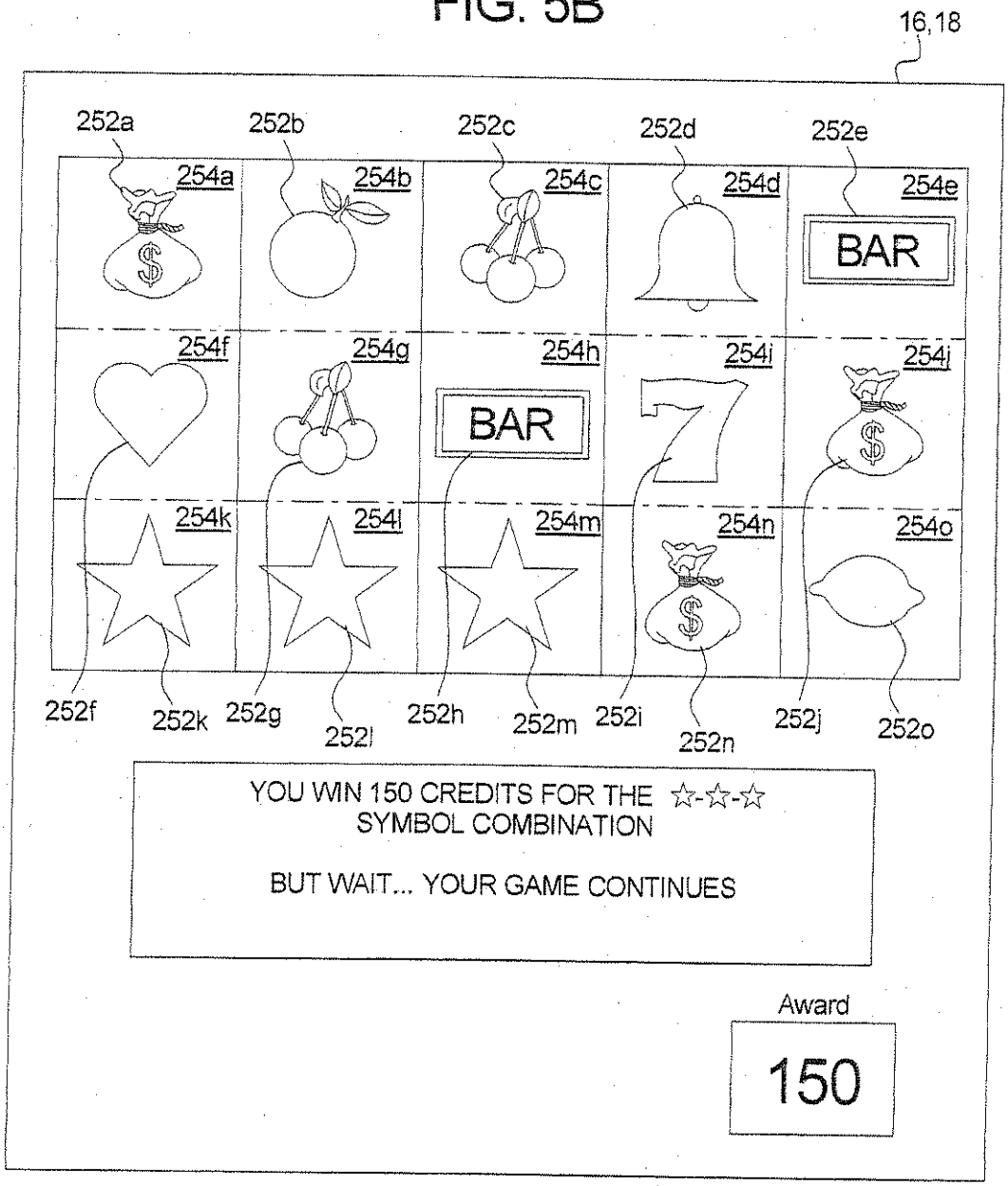

16,18
252a
252b
252c
252d
252e
254a
254b
254c
254d
254e
BAR
254f
254g
254h
254i
254j
BAR
254k
254l
254m
254n
254o
252f
252k
252g
252l
252h
252m
252i
252n
252j
252o
YOU WIN 150 CREDITS FOR THE ☆-☆-☆ SYMBOL COMBINATION
BUT WAIT... YOUR GAME CONTINUES
Award
150

FIG. 5C

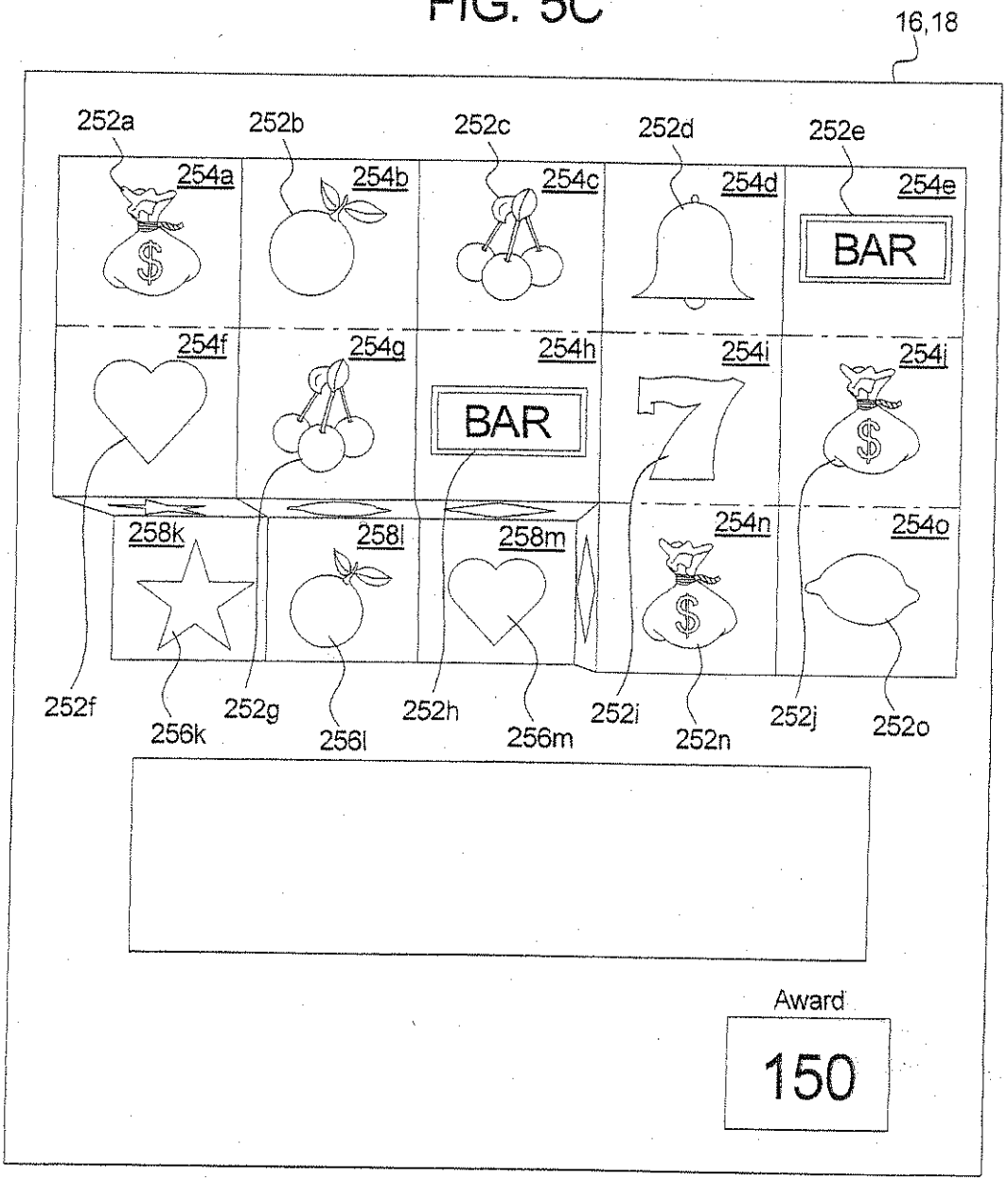

16,18
252a
252b
252c
252d
252e
254a
254b
254c
254d
254e
BAR
254f
254g
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254i
254j
BAR
258k
258l
258m
254n
254o
252f
256k
252g
256l
252h
256m
252i
252n
252j
252o
Award
150

FIG. 5D

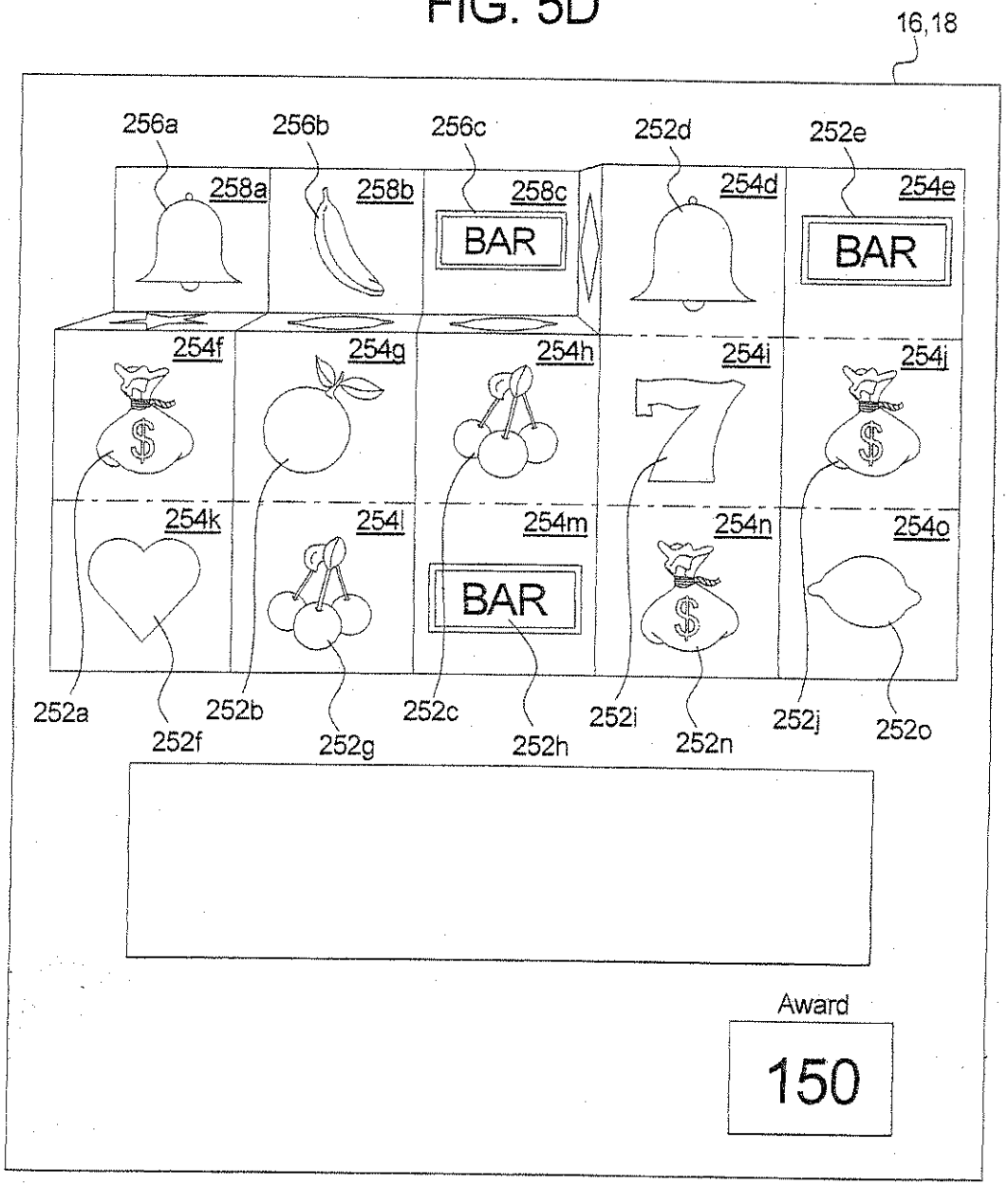

16,18
256a
256b
256c
252d
252e
258a
258b
258c
254d
254e
BAR
BAR
254f
254g
254h
254i
254j
254k
254l
254m
254n
254o
BAR
252a
252f
252b
252g
252c
252h
252i
252n
252j
252o
Award
150

FIG. 5E

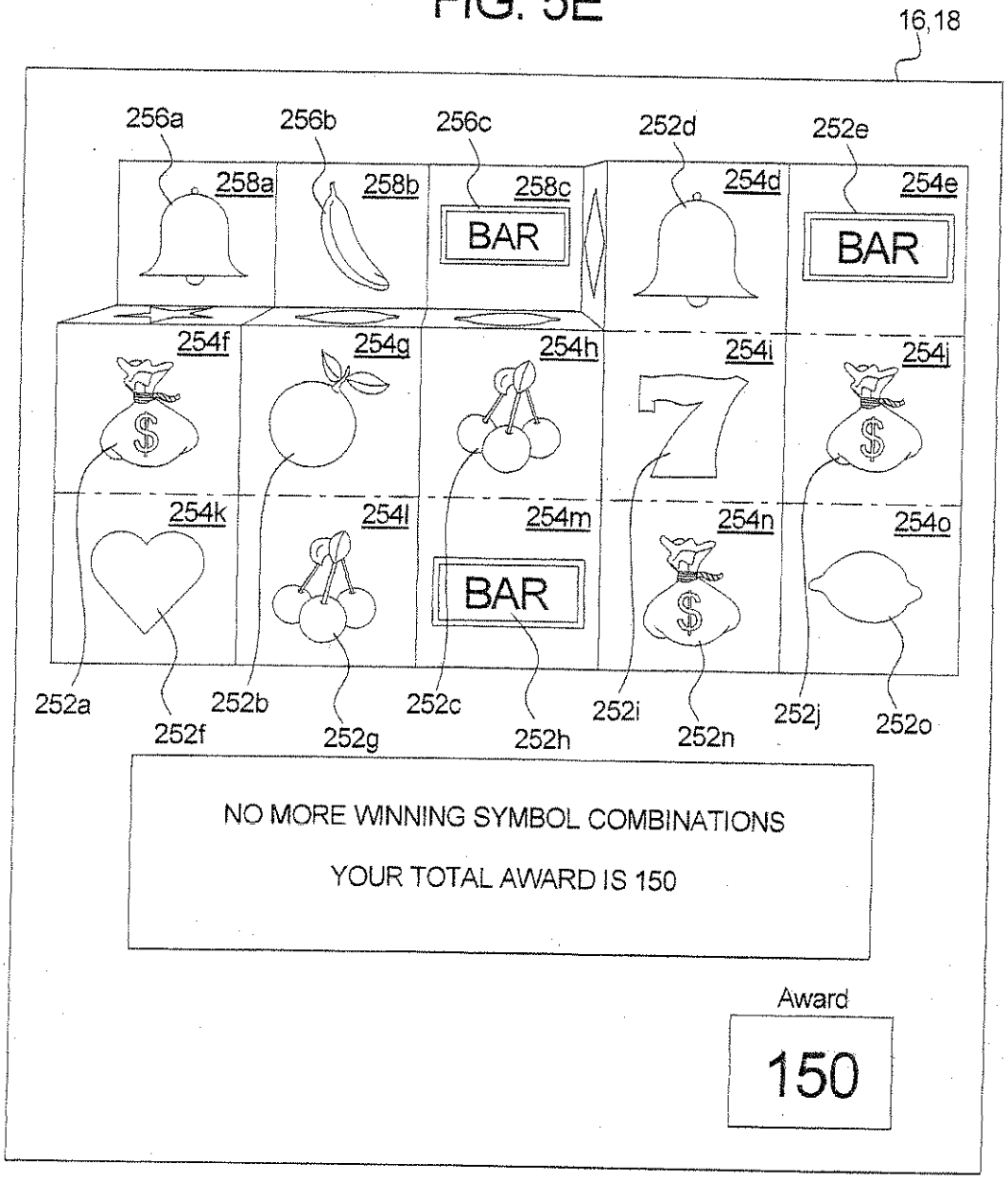

16,18
256a
256b
256c
252d
252e
258a
258b
258c
254d
254e
BAR
BAR
254f
254g
254h
254i
254j
254k
254l
254m
254n
254o
BAR
252a
252b
252c
252i
252j
252f
252g
252h
252n
252o
NO MORE WINNING SYMBOL COMBINATIONS
YOUR TOTAL AWARD IS 150
Award
150

FIG. 6A

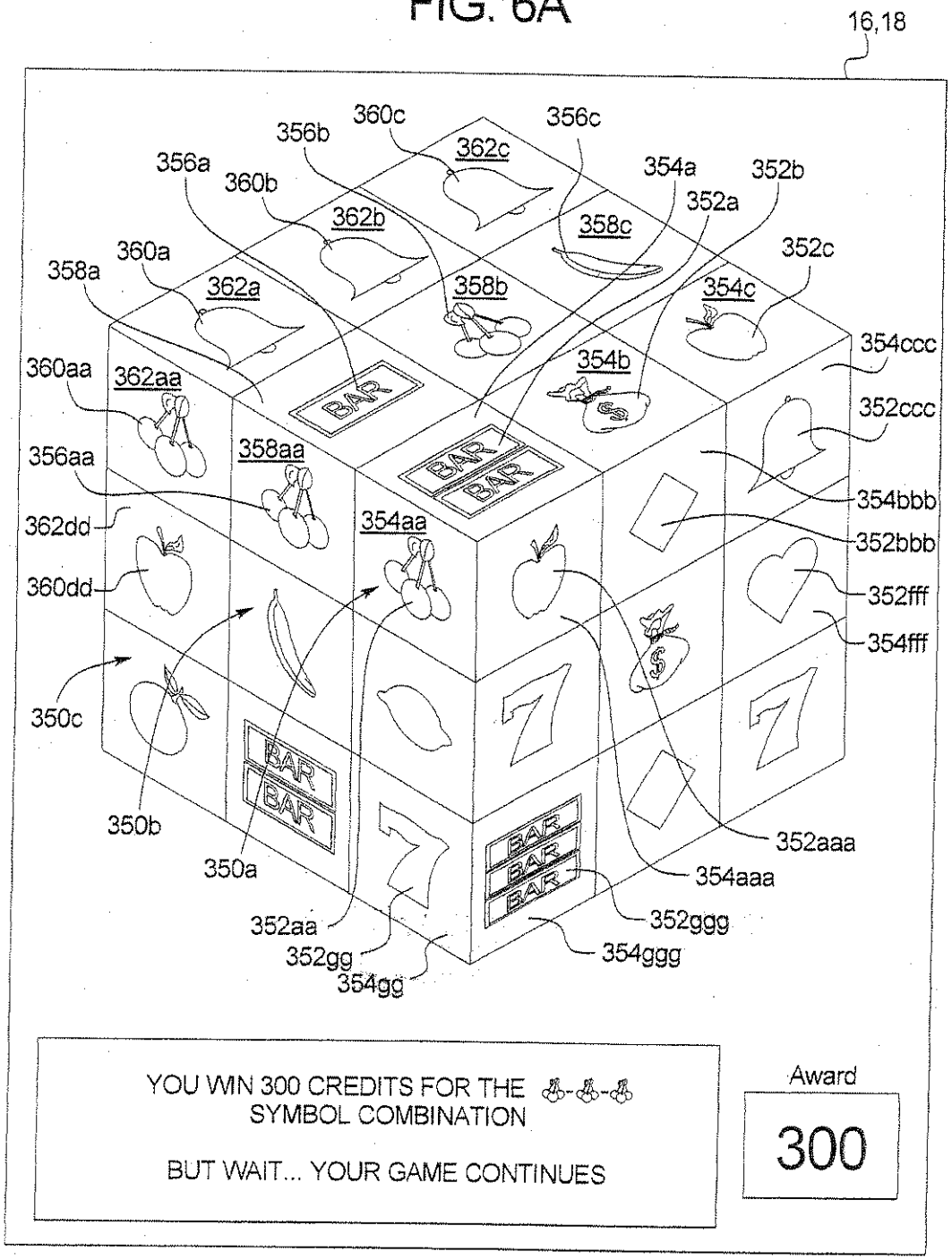

16,18
360c
356b
356c
362c
356a
354a
352b
360b
352a
362b
358c
352c
360a
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358b
354c
354ccc
360aa
362aa
354b
352ccc
356aa
358aa
354bbb
362dd
354aa
352bbb
360dd
352fff
354fff
350c
350b
350a
352aaa
354aaa
352aa
352ggg
352gg
354ggg
354gg
BAR
YOU WIN 300 CREDITS FOR THE SYMBOL COMBINATION
BUT WAIT... YOUR GAME CONTINUES
Award
300

FIG. 6B

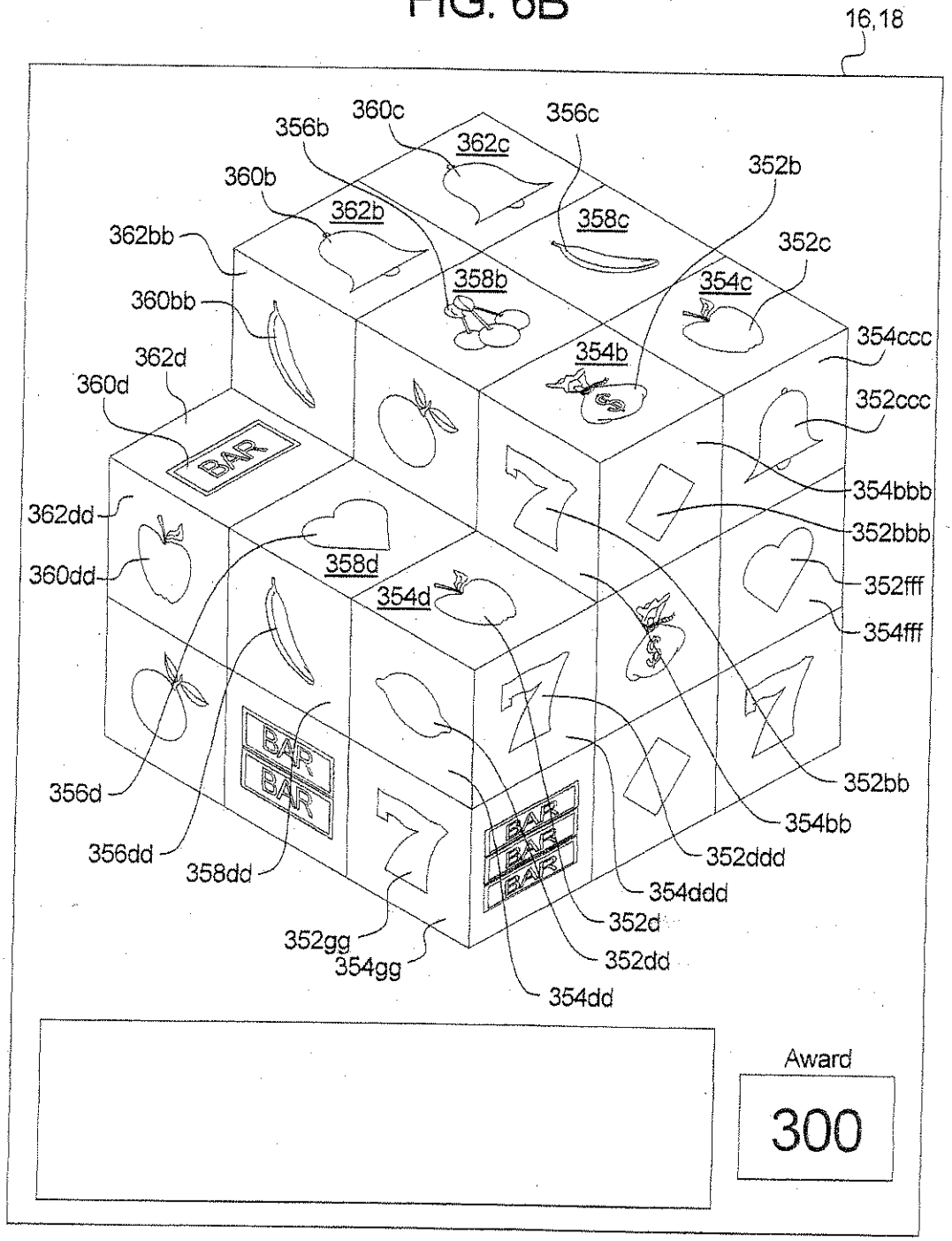

16,18
356b
360c
356c
362c
360b
362b
352b
358c
362bb
352c
358b
354c
360bb
354ccc
362d
354b
360d
352ccc
BAR
354bbb
362dd
352bbb
358d
360dd
354d
352fff
354fff
BAR
BAR
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356dd
352ddd
358dd
354ddd
352d
352gg
352dd
354gg
354dd
Award
300

FIG. 6C

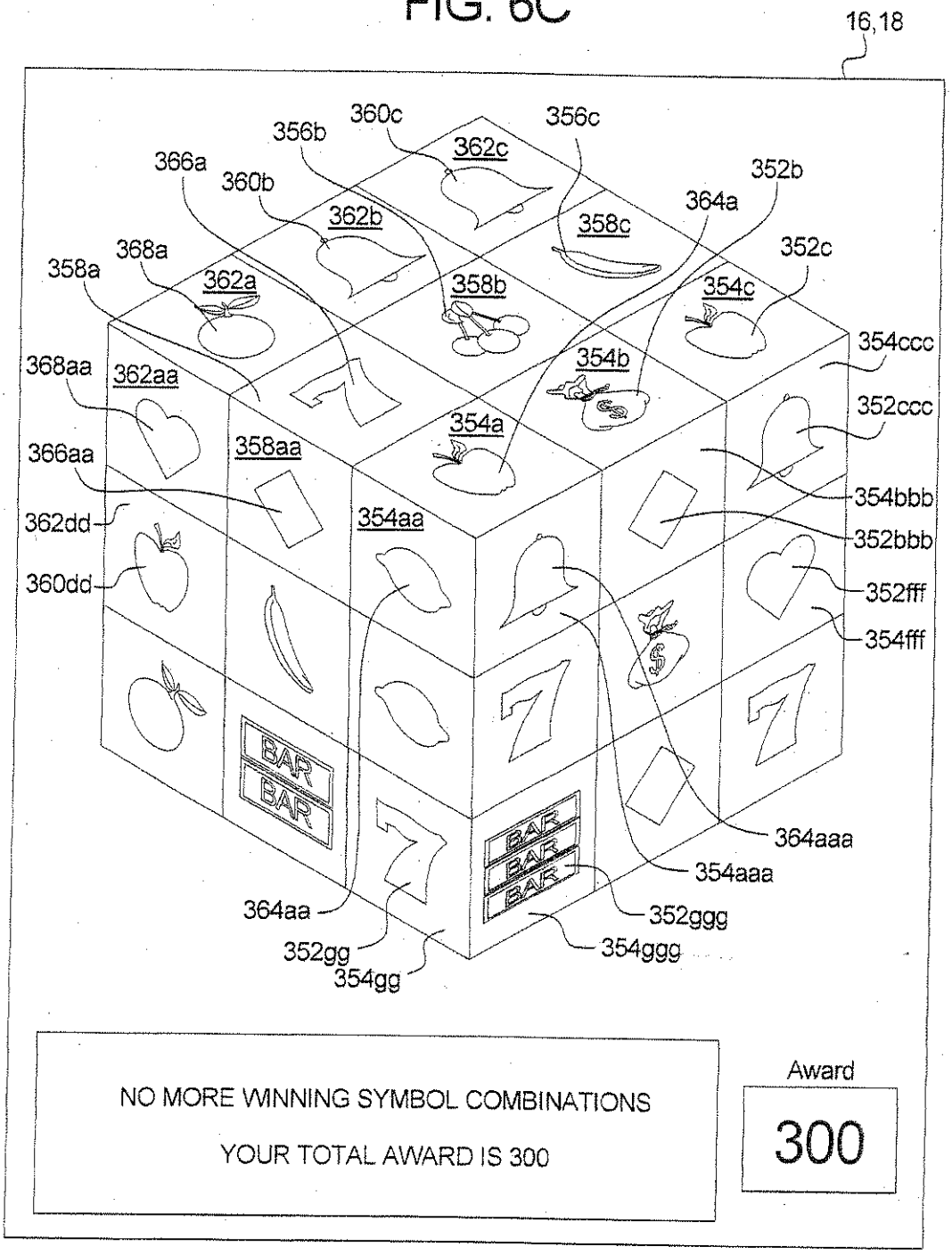
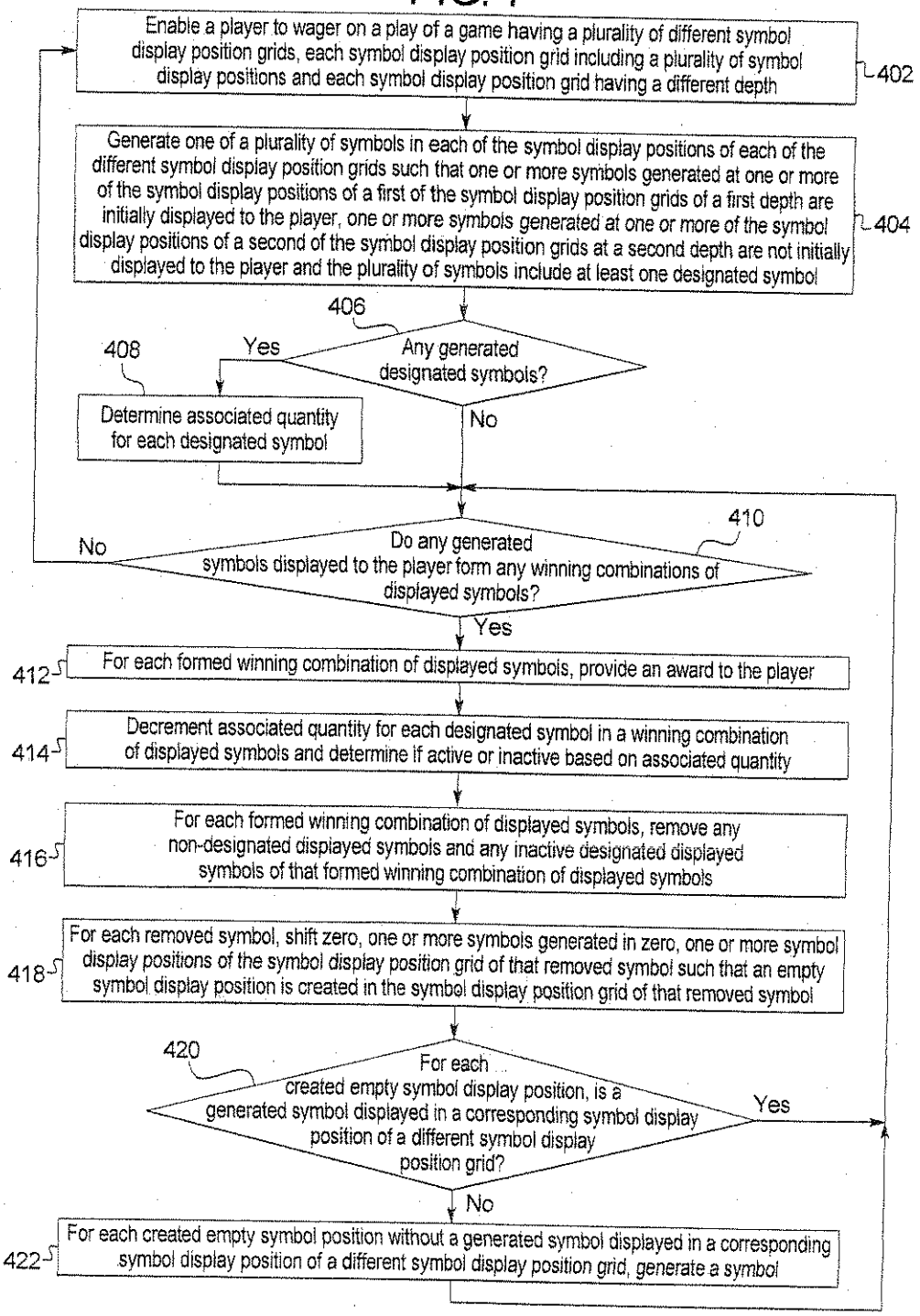

16,18
360c
356b
356c
366a
362c
352b
360b
364a
362b
358c
368a
352c
358a
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358b
354c
354ccc
368aa
362aa
354b
352ccc
354a
366aa
358aa
354bbb
362dd
354aa
352bbb
360dd
352fff
354fff
364aaa
354aaa
364aa
352ggg
352gg
354ggg
354gg
NO MORE WINNING SYMBOL COMBINATIONS
YOUR TOTAL AWARD IS 300
Award
300

FIG. 7


Enable a player to wager on a play of a game having a plurality of different symbol display position grids, each symbol display position grid including a plurality of symbol display positions and each symbol display position grid having a different depth
402
Generate one of a plurality of symbols in each of the symbol display positions of each of the different symbol display position grids such that one or more symbols generated at one or more of the symbol display positions of a first of the symbol display position grids of a first depth are initially displayed to the player, one or more symbols generated at one or more of the symbol display positions of a second of the symbol display position grids at a second depth are not initially displayed to the player and the plurality of symbols include at least one designated symbol
404
406
Any generated designated symbols?
408
Yes
Determine associated quantity for each designated symbol
No
410
Do any generated symbols displayed to the player form any winning combinations of displayed symbols?
No
Yes
412
For each formed winning combination of displayed symbols, provide an award to the player
414
Decrement associated quantity for each designated symbol in a winning combination of displayed symbols and determine if active or inactive based on associated quantity
416
For each formed winning combination of displayed symbols, remove any non-designated displayed symbols and any inactive designated displayed symbols of that formed winning combination of displayed symbols
418
For each removed symbol, shift zero, one or more symbols generated in zero, one or more symbol display positions of the symbol display position grid of that removed symbol such that an empty symbol display position is created in the symbol display position grid of that removed symbol
420
For each created empty symbol display position, is a generated symbol displayed in a corresponding symbol display position of a different symbol display position grid?
Yes
No
422
For each created empty symbol position without a generated symbol displayed in a corresponding symbol display position of a different symbol display position grid, generate a symbol