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Fig. 2

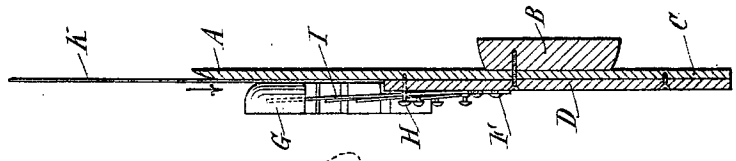
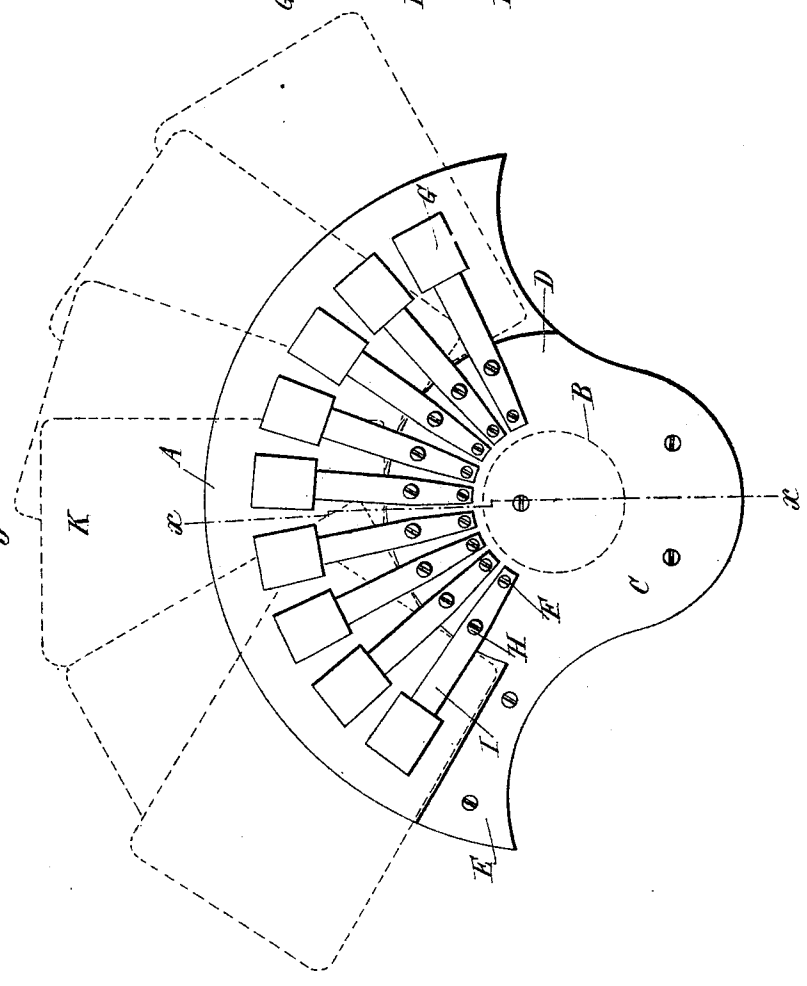


Fig. 1



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HOLDER FOR PLAYING-CARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL HUSTEDT, Jr., merchant, of Diepholz, in the Province of Hanover, in the Empire of Germany, have invented a Holder for Playing-Cards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This present invention relates to a fan-shaped device made of any suitable material and adapted to hold playing-cards during play.

The accompanying drawings illustrate a form of construction of the subject of this application, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation, and Fig. 2 is a section on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

As shown in the drawings, the subject of this invention consists, essentially, of a foundation or support A made in the form of a segment of a circle and composed of wood, celluloid, or other suitable material and on which there may be provided on the under side a knob B and a suitably-shaped handle for the purpose of facilitating the holding of the cards. Upon this support there is arranged a second and smaller segment of a circle D, which is extended on one side E up to the upper edge of the segment of a circle A that constitutes the support, so as to provide a point of support for the cards inserted therein. On the smaller upper circular segment D there are arranged a number of small pieces G of cork or rubber, which are rounded off on their inner sides and which are elastically connected with said segment D by means of horn or other elastic pieces. The cards are inserted between the pieces G and the underlying larger circular segment A. The small rods I are riveted fast at their lower ends only, so that their elastic action is not affected in any way, and it is also possible to insert a number of cards on top of one another, while the upper extension of the circular segment D serves as a point of support for the cards. The first of the pins F, which hold the small rods, is quite fast, and the second pin H projects slighty beyond the surface of the same and only serves as a guide. This arrangement serves to obviate the holding of the cards during play, which holding is so tiring and strains the nerves so much. Thus the play is rendered more convenient and more pleasant. The device hereinbefore described allows of readily rearranging the cards according to their value and obviates the rapid wear of the same. In order to have both hands free during play, the card-holder may be mounted on a separate stand or the card-holder can be laid down without altering the relative arrangement of the cards.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A holder for playing-cards provided with a plane surface to support the cards and a handle at or near the inner end, an offset or shoulder above the plane of said supporting-surface, a series of independent elastic strips arranged in fan shape and firmly secured to the offset at one end and shod at the free end with grippers of soft material such as cork bearing upon said plane surface.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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