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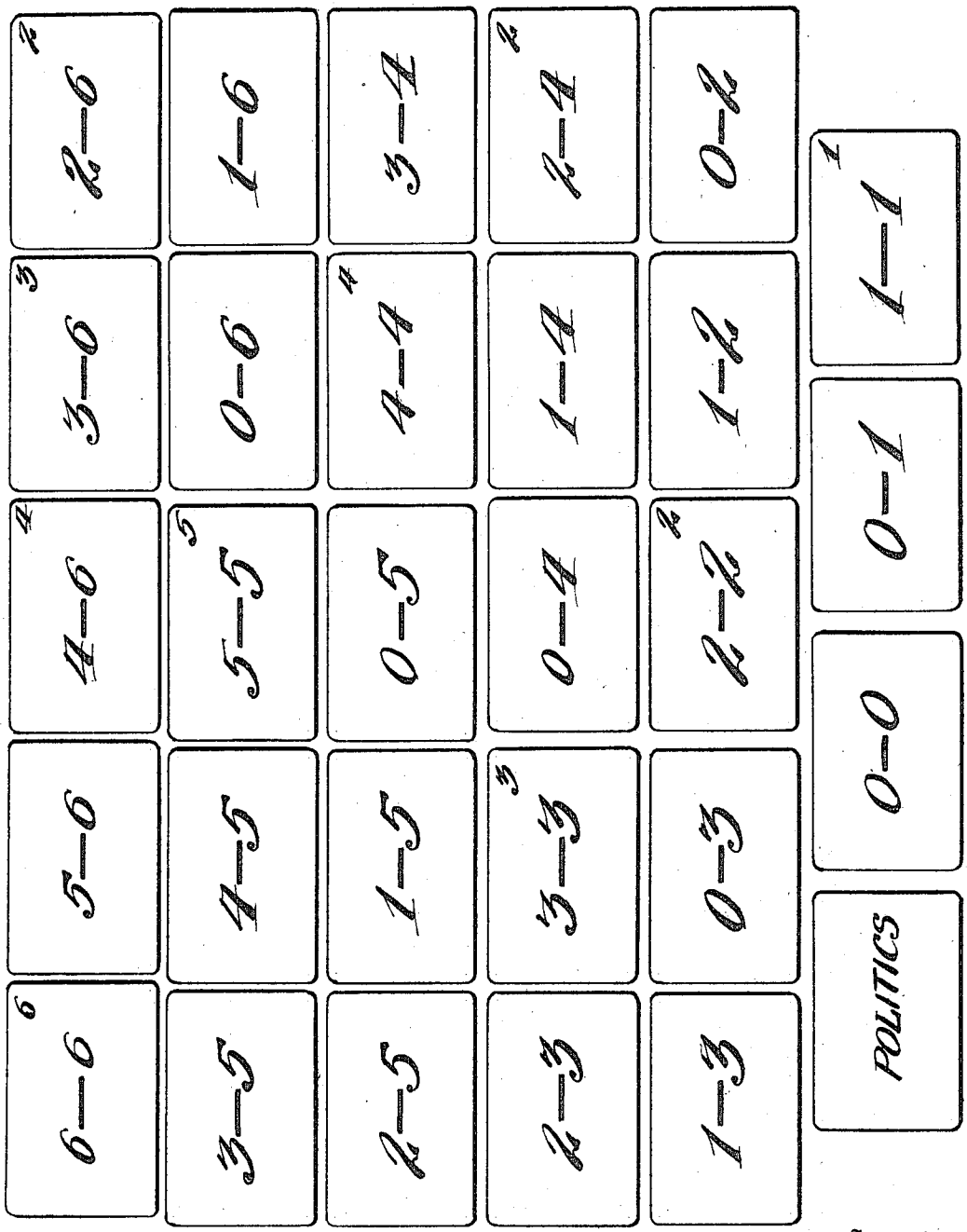


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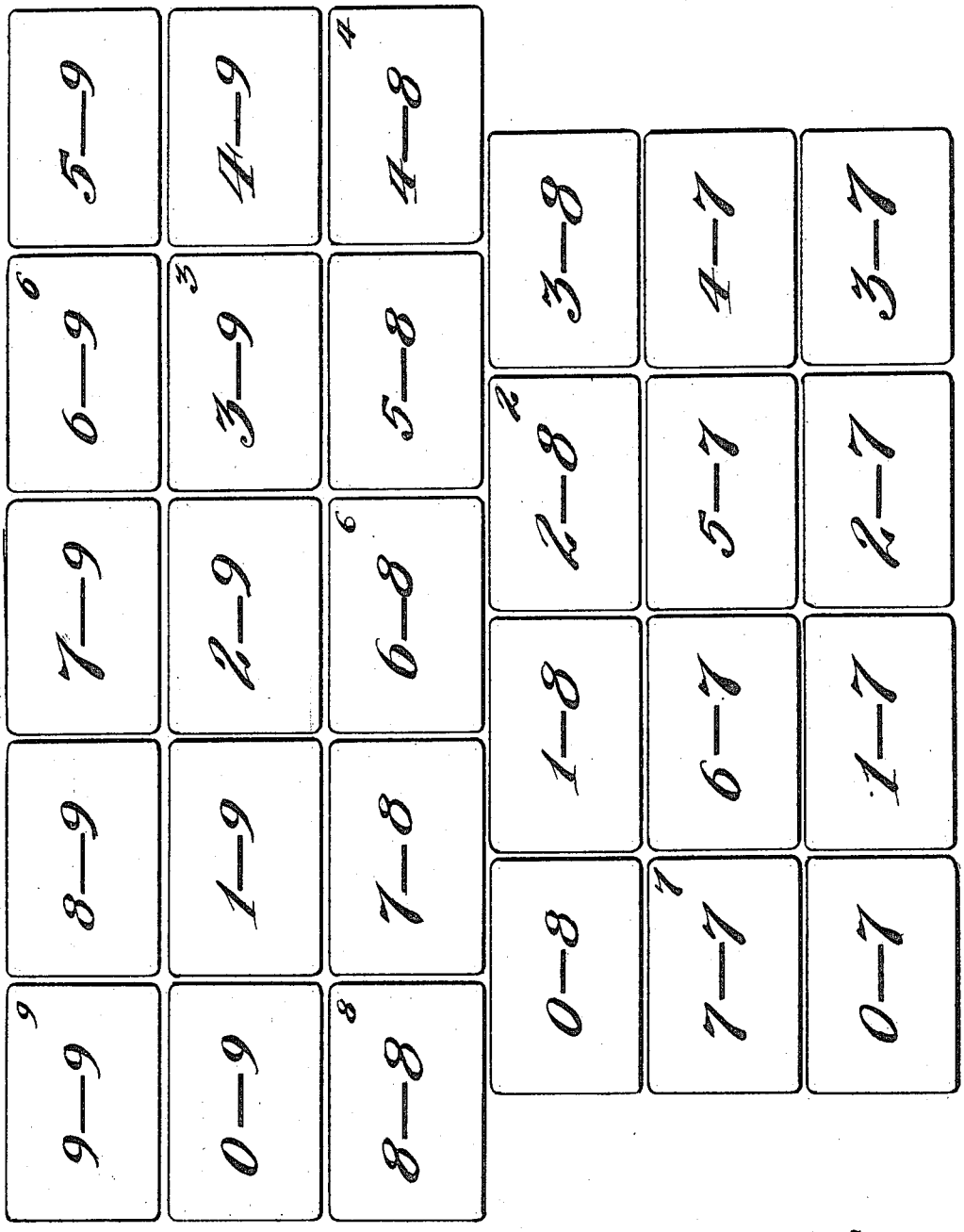


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. LLOYD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Goldenvalley, in the county of Mercer, State of North Dakota, have invented new and useful Playing-Cards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to card games and seeks to provide a deck of cards by which an interesting game, designated Politics, may be played.

One of the object of the invention is to provide a deck of cards distinguishable in suits, so that the number of cards per suit will vary in arithmetical progression from the suit containing the smallest number of cards to that containing the highest.

A further object is to provide a master card of supreme playing value and bearing a suitable distinguishing designation.

A further object is to provide an individualizing designation for each card, fixing its value with respect to its suit.

A further object is to provide premium cards distributed among the several suits, so that the latter may provide a counting value in the system of playing.

A further object is to provide a premium card whose counting value is derived from its suit designation and individualizing designation.

The drawings illustrate a deck having ten suits of cards and a master card but the right is reserved to increase the deck by providing more suits, provided that the increased deck is constructed by the same system that prevails in the construction of the illustrated deck.

The drawings illustrate the full deck of cards provided for the playing of the game Politics.

Figure 1, shows the master card Politics and seven consecutive full suits, from 0-0 to 6-6 inclusive.

Fig. 2, shows the remainder of the deck, from 0-7 to 9-9 inclusive.

The deck, as shown, comprises the card bearing the word Politics and ten suits of cards. The lowest suit contains only one card, that designated as 0-0. The second suit contains two cards bearing the designations 0-1 and 1-1. The card 1-1 has a numeral 1 in its upper right hand corner which numeral designates it as a premium card.

The third suit contains three cards 0-2, 1-2, and 2-2. The card bearing the 2-2 has a numeral 2 in its upper right hand corner showing it to be a premium card in the suit of 2's.

The fourth suit has four cards, the fifth five cards and so on, the number of cards per suit varying in arithmetical progression as the number of suits increases.

It will be seen that the suit designations are numerical and that the several suits are consecutive.

Each card, besides bearing the suit designation, also bears an individualizing numeral fixing its value in the suit to which it belongs. To illustrate: The suit of 4's contains five cards bearing the designations, 0-4, 1-4, 2-4^2, 3-4 and 4-4^4. The four on the right of the hyphen is the suit designation while the 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the left of the hyphen are the individualizing designations and are intended to fix the value of the cards in the suit to which they belong.

The suit of nine has ten cards, each bearing the suit designation 9 on the right of the hyphen and each bearing one of the characters between 0 and 9 on the left of the hyphen, these latter characters being the individualizing designations in the suit of nine.

The suit of eight contains nine cards each bearing the suit numeral 8 on the right of the hyphen and the individualizing numeral on the left thereof.

The suit of seven contains eight cards, the suit of six contains seven cards, and so on.

Beside the suit and individualizing numerals, certain cards bear a third distinguishing numeral and are known as premium cards. These premium cards are distributed among the several suits and are given numerical designations (which are placed in their upper right hand corner) derived by a systematic method from their suit and individualizing numerals.

The premium designations are determined in the following manner: The number represented by the numeral designating the suit is resolved into its prime factors. The lowest individualizing number that is divisible by any of these factors is then the

lowest premium card of that particular suit. The next higher premium card is the next card whose individualizing number is divisible by any of these prime factors. The next higher premium card is the third individualizing number which is divisible by any of these prime factors.

The system of fixing a premium card will be best understood by referring to the different suits. In the suit of nine, the suit designating number is 9 which, resolved into its prime factors, becomes 3×3. The lowest individualizing numeral in the suit of nine which is divisible by three is three. Therefore, the numeral 3 is placed in the upper right hand corner of the card marked 3-9. The next individualizing number in the suit of nine divisible by three is six. The numeral 6, therefore is placed in the upper right hand corner of the card marked 6-9. The next individualizing numeral divisible by three is nine. Therefore, nine is placed in the upper right hand corner of the card marked 9-9.

By consideration of all the cards composing the deck, it will be seen that the premium cards are those cards whose individualizing numbers are divisible by any of the prime factors of the suit designating numbers, the premium numeral being the same as the individualizing numeral but positioned in the upper right hand corner of the card.

Those suits whose suit designations are prime will, of course, contain no premium cards other than those on which the suit designations and individualizing designations are identical, as 7-7, 5-5, 3-3, etc.

One of the suits contains only one card that bearing the mark 0-0. This card is valuable in that it will permit the playing of "no trump" hands, its being led determining whether a certain hand shall be a "no trump" hand.

Several games may be played with the specimen deck illustrated, one of said games being designated Politics. A number of persons may play the game at one time but the game is most interesting when played by four persons who may play as independents or as partners. The fifty-six cards comprising the deck are dealt among the four players, so that each receives an equal number of cards. Each player then names a candidate for whom he pledges to secure a certain amount of votes. The player pledging the highest number then leads and continues to play until he has lost a trick, when the player who takes the last trick from him is permitted to lead and this latter player continues to lead until he has lost a trick. The suit first led is considered to be the trump of that hand, unless it be the suit having only the one card marked 0-0 when the hand will become a no trump hand. The card marked Politics is considered to have the highest playing value of any card in the deck and is therefore capable of taking any trick. The card marked 0-0 has the lowest playing value, the other cards comprising the deck having playing values determined by their individualizing designations and suit designations. Of course the trump suit is considered to have the highest value of any other cards in the deck than the master card, even though its suit designation be a low number. The premium cards may or may not be trump cards, this being decided by those who may be playing.

The numerical values of the premium cards total 77 to which an arbitrary value of ten may be added for the card Politics, fourteen being added to this total (for the fourteen tricks of a hand) making a grand total of 101 points to a hand. A certain number of hands is determined upon by the players as constituting a game, the player making the greatest number of points being considered to have elected his candidate and to have won the game.

The game Politics has been described only in a general way and it will be understood that rules can be readily made governing the system of play to suit the desires and preferences of those engaged in playing the game.

What is claimed is:

1. A card game device comprising a deck of cards having a master card designated Politics, ten suits of cards, an arithmetical progression obtaining between the number of suits and cards per suit, each card having a numerical suit designation and a numerical individualizing designation fixing its value with respect to its suit, and premium cards having numerical suit and individualizing designations and further having numerical premium designations identical with their individualizing designations, said premium cards being those cards whose individualizing designations are divisible by any of the prime factors of their suit designations.

2. A card game device comprising a deck of cards composed of a master card, suit cards and premium cards, the master card having a supreme playing value and carrying a distinguishing designation, the suit cards carrying numerical suit designations and numerical individualizing designations, the premium cards each carrying numerical, suit and individualizing designations and a third numerical premium designation systematically derived from the other two designations and giving the premium cards a definite counting value in the system of playing.

3. A card game device comprising a deck of cards having a master card, a plurality of suits of cards and a plurality of premium cards identified with the suits, the master

card having an identifying designation, the suits being consecutively arranged, the suit cards and premium cards being consecutively arranged in the suits, each suit card having a numerical individualizing designation and a suit designation, each premium card having an individualizing designation, a suit designation and a premium designation identical with the individualizing designation and systematically derived from the suit and individualizing designations.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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