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PIVOT BRIDGE SCORE SHEET.
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Individual		PIVOT		BRIDGE		Scores	
NAMES	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	No. of RUBBER		
TOTALS					1		
"					2		
"	<i>e</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>e</i>	3		
"					4		
"					5		
"					6		
GRAND TOTALS	<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>			

RUBBER We 1 They	RUBBER We 2 They	RUBBER We 3 They	RUBBER We 4 They	RUBBER We 5 They	RUBBER We 6 They
Name of Partner	Name of Partner	Name of Partner	Name of Partner	Name of Partner	Name of Partner
<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	HONORS		<i>h</i>	
<i>g</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>g</i>
	<i>F</i>		<i>F</i>		<i>F</i>
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE N. GARDINER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Haverhill, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Pivot-Bridge Score-Sheets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in score-sheets, especially adapted for "pivot bridge whist", in which the four players change partners at the end of every rubber, and individual scores are kept, so that the total score of each player is to be determined at the end of the game. In keeping the score of this game, the score of rubbers is usually kept on one sheet and the individual scores are kept on another, which is inconvenient, but unless the totals of each rubber are ascertained and actually credited to the respective players at the time the rubber is finished, mistakes are likely to occur, and, even with this method frequently do occur. To ascertain and enter the totals at the end of each rubber, frequently causes delay of the game, which is undesirable, as it is usually preferable to make all the additions at the end of the game. A further objection to the above method is that a record is not kept of the rotation in which the different players play as partners, so that it frequently happens that they do not play in rotation, as is intended.

The object of my invention is to provide a score-sheet for pivot bridge whist on which both the score of rubbers and the individual scores may be conveniently kept and entered with the sheet in one position, and which is so arranged that the scores of the different players for each rubber, may be readily identified, making it unnecessary to ascertain the totals for the different rubbers until the end of the game, and a record of the rotation of partners is conveniently kept. I accomplish this object by means of the form of score-sheet shown in the accompanying drawing, in which a substantial facsimile of the sheet is shown.

As shown in the drawing, the sheet is divided by a horizontal line into two fields, the upper field being for the entry of the individual totals and the lower for the entry of the detail record of the score of each rubber. The upper field is divided by vertical lines B into four sections, and these sections are divided by a series of horizontal lines C which extend the width of the sheet,

forming a series of spaces, *a*, *b*, *c* and *d*, respectively, at the top of said sections, in which the names of the four players are to be entered. The horizontal lines C also divide each of said sections into a column of spaces *e* which are consecutively numbered from top to bottom, and which correspond in number to the number of rubbers, the record of which the score-sheet is designed to receive. In the present instance, six of such spaces *e* are shown, and, at the bottom of each series of said spaces, a space *f* is provided for the grand totals.

The lower field is for scoring the different rubbers, and is divided by vertical lines D into sections *g*, corresponding in number to the number of rubbers, the records of which the score-sheet is designed to receive, these spaces being, in the present instance, numbered one to six, from left to right, to correspond to the spaces in the upper field, correspondingly numbered for the entry of totals, as above described. Each of these spaces for the different rubbers is preferably divided by a horizontal line E, so that the honor score may be entered above the line and the score of tricks below it, as is customary in the ordinary bridge whist score-sheet. The space for each rubber is also divided by a single vertical line, as F, and the word "We" is placed over the space at the left thereof, and the word "They" over the space at the right thereof. A horizontal line H provides spaces for totals.

A series of spaces *h* is formed at the top of the spaces *g*, by a horizontal line H, in which the name of the player who plays with the score-keeper is entered at the beginning of each rubber, these spaces being indicated by the words "Name of partner".

In using the score-sheet the names of the players will be entered in the spaces *a*, *b*, *c* and *d*, and the score will be kept by one of the players throughout the game, who will enter the name of his partner in the space *h* of the section *g* in which the score of the rubber about to be played is to be entered. If "W" keeps the score and he is to play the first rubber with "X", then "X's" name will be entered in the space *h* of the section for the score of rubbers marked 1, and then if he plays the second rubber with "Y", and the third with "Z", corresponding entries will be made in the spaces *h* of the rubbers number 2 and number 3, The result of each game of a rubber will

then be entered in spaces *g*, in the usual way, the entry of the name of the score-keeper's partner at the time each rubber is played, clearly showing the rotation of partners. After the game is finished and the various totals of the different rubbers have been ascertained, the totals for the columns marked "We" will be entered in the correspondingly marked spaces *e*, under the score-keeper's name. These same totals will also be entered in the corresponding spaces *e* beneath the names of the particular players whose names have been entered in the spaces *h* of the corresponding rubbers, and then the totals under the column "They" for the corresponding rubbers will be entered under the names of the other two players. For example, if it appears from the record that the score-keeper "W" played the first rubber with "Z", then the total of the column *g* marked "We" of this rubber will be entered in the first spaces *e*, beneath both "W's" and "Z's" name and the total of the same rubber marked "They" will be entered in the corresponding spaces under the names of the other two players and after all the totals have been entered the grand total of each player will be ascertained. In this way all totals of the rubbers may be ascertained and entered without confusion, or reasonable liability of error, after the game is finished, and if the name of the score-keeper is indicated, the individual scores of the players may be ascertained by anyone from the record.

It will be noted that with the above described score-sheet all the entries may be made from top to bottom, as it is not necessary to turn the sheet to one side to make any of the entries.

I claim:—

1. A score-sheet for pivot bridge whist, comprising two fields, one field divided into sections corresponding in number to the number of players, each section having a space for the name of a player and a column space for the totals of the player for each of a predetermined number of rub-

bers, and the other field divided into sections, corresponding in number to said predetermined number of rubbers, each having column spaces for the entry of the score for one rubber, and space for the entry of the name of one of the players, substantially as described.

2. A score-sheet for pivot bridge whist, comprising two fields, one divided into sections corresponding in number to the number of players, each section being divided into a column of spaces for the entry of individual totals for a predetermined number of rubbers, and the other divided into sections corresponding in number to said predetermined number of rubbers, each having columns for the entry of the score of games for one rubber, said spaces for the individual totals of the several rubbers and said sections for the score of the several rubbers being correspondingly numbered, and the sections for the score of the several rubbers each having a space for the entry of the name of a player, substantially as described.

3. A score-sheet for pivot bridge whist, comprising two fields, one field divided by vertical lines into sections corresponding in number to the number of players, said sections being divided into spaces by transverse lines, to provide a name space and a column of spaces of a predetermined number for the entry of totals, and the other field divided by vertical lines into a number of sections, corresponding in number to the number of said spaces for totals, and each divided into column spaces for the entry of the score of a rubber, and having, at the head of the column spaces, a transverse space for the name of a player, substantially as described.

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

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