

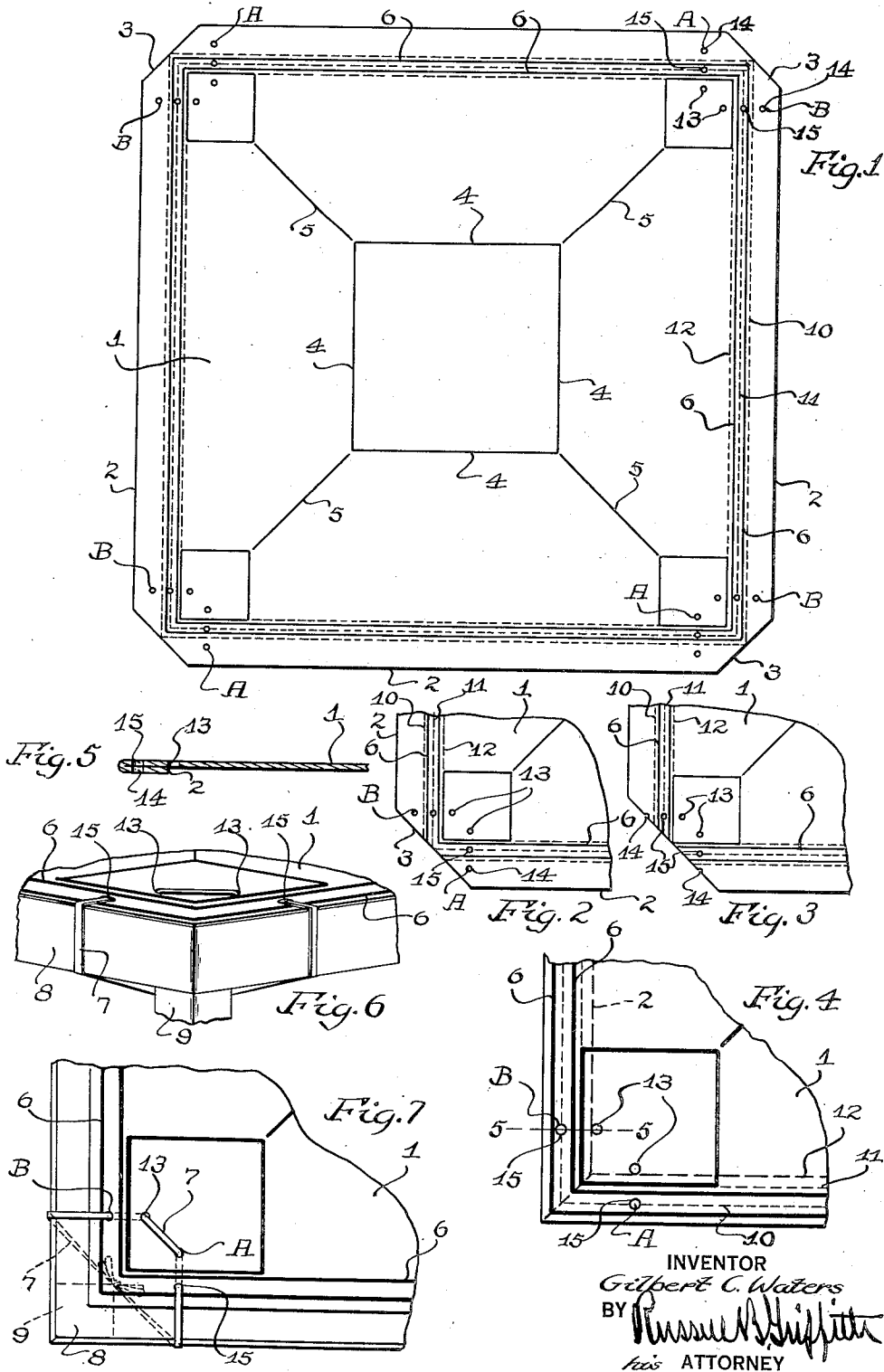
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My present invention relates to games and toys and more particularly to covers for card tables and the like, and it has for its object to provide an inexpensive but serviceable cover that may be used for a period and discarded in favor of a fresh substitute when it becomes torn or soiled. My improvements are directed in part toward furnishing such a cover or spread for a table that may be satisfactorily and acceptably made of paper and in such a way that it will neatly fit upon and may be secured to tables of different sizes.

To these and other ends, the invention resides in certain improvements and combinations of parts, all as will be hereinafter more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a card table cover constructed in accordance with and illustrating one embodiment of my invention;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view of a corner thereof when cut to fit a table of smaller size;

Fig. 3 is a similar view of a corner thereof when cut to fit a table of still another size;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view of the cover corner, enlarged, in the form of Fig. 1 but with the edges folded under;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary section on the line 5-5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a fragment of a table top corner, showing the cover of Fig. 4 fastened thereto; and

Fig. 7 is a top view of the showing of Fig. 6. Similar reference numerals throughout the several views indicate the same parts.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates a generally octagonal sheet of flexible and foldable paper that may perhaps be better described as to shape as a rectangular sheet having its corners cut off obliquely to provide four long sides 2 and four short sides 3. Incidentally, the lines indicated at 4 are printed lines defining a central playing area, the lines 5 likewise divide the surface therewith into surrounding areas upon which instructions of aid to the respective players may be printed, whereas the lines 6 are merely decorative border lines. Card

tables being usually furnished in the standard sizes 28 inch, 29 inch and 30 inch, I provide, in the present instance, for adaptation of the cover sheet to these sizes. For tables larger than this, the cover is left in the condition shown in Fig. 1, placed centrally on the table top and secured in place by running a tape or thong through corresponding units of two lines of perforations indicated generally at A and B running at right angles to each other at each corner and adjacent to the short sides 3, as shown, which thongs are tied around the adjacent table leg in the usual manner and as indicated at 7 in Figs. 6 and 7, the table top being there shown at 8 and the table leg at 9.

Parallel with the long sides of the sheet are a plurality of scored lines, indicated at 10, 11 and 12, which collectively form a series of squares one within the other and along which the sheet may be accurately folded. The groups of perforations A-B have their units so disposed as to cross these lines or, rather, there are units on opposite sides of each line. When the cover is fitted to a thirty inch table, the margins of the long sides are folded down at right angles on the outer scored lines 10 to constitute flanges engaging the sides of the table top, the thongs being passed through the perforations 13 and through the perforations 14, which latter are in the flanges. For a twenty-nine inch table, the short sides 3 are clipped back, as shown in Fig. 2, that is, cut off to the corner point where the scored lines 11 meet, just as the scores 10 meet on the short sides 3 in the full sheet. This permits the long sides of the sheet to be folded under on the lines 11, so that the flanges are doubled under the sheet instead of engaging the sides of the table top. The perforations are so spaced that, in so doing, perforations 14 come into register with perforations 13 to permit the thongs to be passed through. Similarly, for the smallest size, a twenty-eight inch table, the sides 3 are cut off back to the scores 12 and the edges are folded under on the latter lines, in which case the perforations 15 register with perforations 13. The trimming of the sheet for this is shown in Fig. 3.

For the thirty inch and larger tables, the long edges instead of being flanged down may be folded under, as described in connection with the smaller sizes. This is shown in Figs. 4 and 5, in which instance perforations 14 register with perforations 15.

I claim as my invention:

1. A card table cover embodying a flexible octagonal paper sheet having four long sides and four short sides and scored parallel with the long sides at a distance from each long side edge defining a rectangular area having its corners on the short sides and which area when the sheet is creased on the scored lines constitutes a playing surface fitting a rectangular table top with the remainder of the sheet flanged over the edges of the latter, the sheet being further provided with sets of perforations adjacent to the short sides through which tying strings may be passed.

2. A card table cover embodying a flexible octagonal paper sheet having four long sides and four short sides and scored parallel with the long sides at a distance from each long side edge defining a rectangular area having its corners on the short sides and which area when the sheet is creased on the scored lines constitutes a playing surface fitting a rectangular table top with the remainder of the sheet flanged over the edges of the latter, the sheet being further provided with sets of perforations adjacent to the short sides through which tying strings may be passed, each set of perforations comprising elements thereof located one on the outer flange portion of the sheet and one within the rectangular scored area.

3. A card table cover embodying a flexible octagonal paper sheet having four long sides and four short sides and scored parallel with the long sides at a distance from each long side edge defining a rectangular area having its corners on the short sides and which area when the sheet is creased on the scored lines constitutes a playing surface fitting a rectangular table top with the remainder of the sheet flanged over the edges of the latter, the sheet being further provided with sets of perforations adjacent to the short sides through which tying strings may be passed, each set of perforations comprising elements thereof located one on each side of the scored line and so spaced apart that they register with each other when the sheet is folded upon itself along such scored line.

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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION.**

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It is hereby certified that the name of the assignee in the above numbered patent was erroneously described and specified as "H. F. Morriss Corporation", whereas said name should have been described and specified as H. F. Morris Corporation, as shown by the records of assignments in this office; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed and sealed this 12th day of July, A. D. 1932.

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**Acting Commissioner of Patents.**

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