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TALLY CARD SYSTEM.
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Fig. 3.

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TALLY CARD
Paste Coupons in spaces opposite No. of Game played. Winners Progress. Coupons are not transferable.

1	GAME 1 TABLE 17
2	GAME 2 TABLE 18
3	
4	GAME 4 TABLE 19
5	
6	GAME 6 TABLE 20
7	
8	GAME 8 TABLE 21
9	GAME 9 TABLE 22
10	Detach and save this Coupon for Identification

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Fig. 2.

TALLY CARD SYSTEM
THE WINNERS take one Coupon each from this sheet and paste it on the Tally Card and progress to the next table.

17	TABLE NO. 17
6	GAME 10 GAME 10 TABLE 17
	GAME 9 GAME 9 TABLE 17
	GAME 8 GAME 8 TABLE 17
	GAME 7 GAME 7 TABLE 17
	GAME 6 GAME 6 TABLE 17
	GAME 5 GAME 5 TABLE 17
	GAME 4 GAME 4 TABLE 17
	GAME 3 GAME 3 TABLE 17
	GAME 2 GAME 2 TABLE 17
	GAME 1 GAME 1 TABLE 17

Fig. 1.

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Paste Coupons in spaces opposite No. of Game played. Winners Progress. Coupons are not transferable.

1	GAME NO.
2	Winners Progress to next Higher Numbered Table
3	
4	Turn Coupon and Crease before tearing it off
5	
6	Table Numbers of Coupons must be in consecutive order
7	
8	Write Name and Address on back of Coupon below
9	
10	Detach and save this Coupon for Identification

COUPON 4495 4 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BERNARD BROPHY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tally-Card Systems, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates broadly to game scoring devices and while the same is susceptible of employment in a variety of relations, it is particularly adapted for use in progressive card games such as euchre.

15 One of the objects of the present invention is to provide tally devices such that the games won by the several contestants may be recorded with greater accuracy and also more conveniently than has been possible with devices of this character as hitherto constructed.

20 Another object is to provide such a device as will eliminate any chance of mistakes, accuracy in the count of the games won, and which will make it possible readily to detect any unfairness or cheating on the part of the contestants.

25 A further object is to so construct the scoring devices that the scorers or game keepers will be kept in ignorance of the identity of the winning contestants until after the result of the contest is announced.

Other objects will be in part obvious and in part pointed out hereinafter.

30 The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the appended claims.

35 In the accompanying drawing wherein is illustrated one of the various possible embodiments of my invention, Figure 1 is a view showing the face of my improved tally card. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a card carrying the coupons, and Fig. 3 is a view showing a tally card with coupons attached in their proper places.

40 Referring now to the drawing wherein my invention is shown as adapted for use in scoring a progressive card game such as euchre, 1 indicates a tally card which is preferably constructed of an elongated strip of material such as paper. This tally card, in the present instance, is provided with a

plurality of appropriately designated spaces 2 for receiving coupons and is also provided with a detachable check portion 3 which may be detached from the body of the tally card along a weakened or rouletted line 4. The tally card 1 and the check portion 3 are similarly numbered as shown.

5 denotes a card which has attached thereto a slip 6 which comprises a plurality of detachable coupons 7, said coupons bearing similar table numbers and being consecutively numbered.

It should be understood that several cards similar to that shown at 5 are employed in the scoring of the games, one card and the associated set of coupons being deposited and allowed to remain upon each of the several tables. The slip of coupons upon each table is preferably of a color different from the slip deposited upon the other tables, the color of the coupons 7 being indicated as purple.

The use of the above described devices in a progressive euchre contest is as follows: Each of the contestants is provided with a tally card such as is shown at 1 and, as before stated, one of the coupon cards 5 is placed on each of the several tables to be used by the contestants. Upon the completion of the first game, the two winning partners at each table tear off the lowermost coupons which, as will be noted, are marked "Game 1", each player applying his or her coupon in the space numbered "1" in the tally card. The winning players in the second game at each of the several tables tear off the second set of coupons which, as shown, are marked "Game 2", which are likewise applied to the spaces numbered "2" of the tally card. This series of operations is carried on until the contest is completed whereupon each contestant tears off the check portion 3 of his or her tally card, retaining said check portion and handing the tally card to the game keeper or scorers. When the result of the contest is announced the winner may be identified by the number on the check portion which will have a number corresponding to that of the winning tally card.

In the specimen card shown herein it will be seen that the contestant has won the first and second games which were played at table 17 and 18 respectively, has lost the third, fifth, seventh and tenth games, played at tables 19, 20, 21 and presumably at 23

and has won games 4, 6, 8 and 9 played at tables 19, 20, 21 and 22 respectively. It will be noted that the table numbers upon the coupons pasted upon the tally cards, and that the game numbers upon the coupons and the numbers upon the vacant spaces of the tally cards, increase in regular succession. It will be further noted that each of the several coupons pasted upon a single tally card will be of a color different from the colors of the others thereof. Thus any attempt at cheating on the part of a contestant may be instantly detected through the non-existence of any of the above conditions.

The tally cards as well as the coupon slips may have printed thereon suitable legends descriptive of the manner of using the tally cards or any other printed matter which may be useful or instructive to the contestants.

In order to eliminate any chance of confusion or mistake arising at the starting of the contest the tally cards and coupons to be used at each table are preferably inclosed in an envelope which is deposited upon the table, said envelope being numbered in accordance with the number of the table and having imprinted thereon instructions relating to the use of the tally devices and rules of the game to be played. It will accordingly be seen that I have provided a game scoring device well adapted to attain, among others, all the objects and ends pointed out in a simple yet efficient manner.

While the tally cards shown in the present embodiment of my invention are more particularly adapted for euchre it will be understood, of course, that they may be readily adapted for various games without effecting a departure from the spirit or scope of the invention.

As many changes could be made in the above construction and many apparently widely different embodiments of my invention designed without departing from the scope thereof, I intend that all matter contained in the above description or shown in

the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative merely of an operative embodiment of my invention and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a game scoring apparatus of the class described, the combination with a tally card having a plurality of appropriately designated spaces for receiving coupons and having also a detachable check portion, said check portion and said tally card being similarly numbered, of a plurality of sets of detachable coupons, each coupon being adapted to be applied to one of the spaces of a tally card.

2. In a game scoring apparatus of the class described, the combination of a tally card having a plurality of appropriately designated spaces for receiving coupons and having also a detachable check portion, said check portion and said tally card bearing similar numbers, and a plurality of variously colored sets of detachable coupons, each of said coupons being adapted to be applied to one of the spaces of the tally card.

3. In a game scoring apparatus of the class described, the combination of a tally card having a plurality of appropriately designated spaces for receiving coupons and having also a detachable check portion, said check portion and said tally card being correspondingly numbered, and a plurality of slips each of which is composed of a plurality of detachable gummed coupons, each slip being of a color different from the colors of the others thereof and the coupons of each slip bearing similar table numbers and consecutive game numbers.

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