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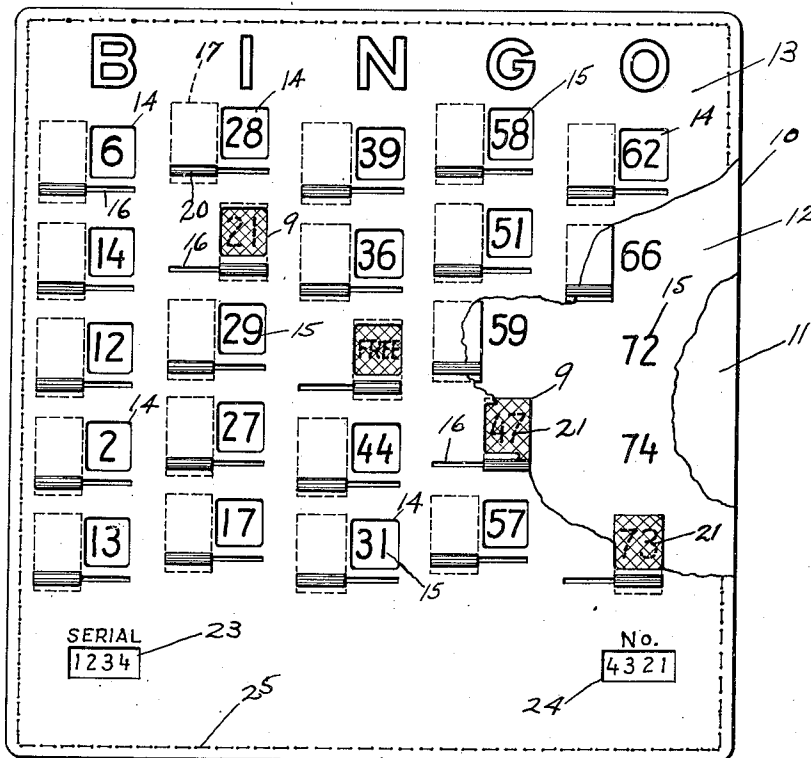


Fig. 1

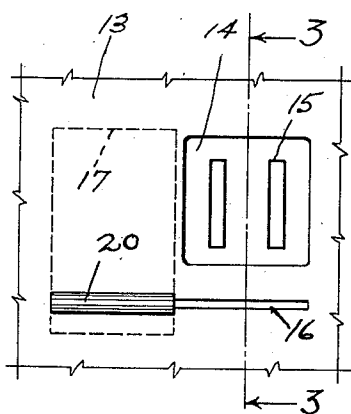


Fig. 2

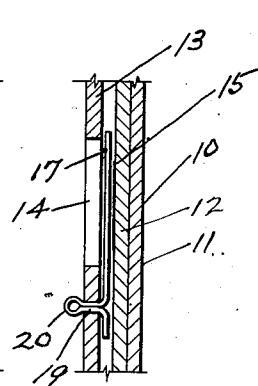


Fig. 3

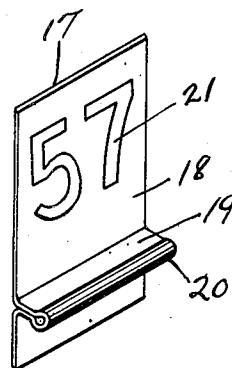


Fig. 4

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The present invention relates to a game device. It has to do particularly, although not exclusively, with an improved game device or card of composite nature which is adapted to be utilized in playing games, such as the game of "Bingo."

The game device of the present invention falls within the same general category as the game device of my copending application Serial No. 593,424, filed May 12, 1945, now abandoned.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide an improved game device which is particularly useful in playing the game "Bingo."

Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved game card or device of composite nature which is of relatively small size and in which the various indicia, such as numerals, on the card may be readily concealed at predetermined times, and in which all of the concealed indicia may be readily revealed or uncovered at other times.

A further object of the present invention is to arrange on the card constituting the present game device, the openings which register with the indicia in such a manner as to permit the use of a special type of improved shutter or indicia-concealing member which may be easily shifted to cover or conceal the desired indicia.

A further object of the present invention is to provide an improved game device or card which may be formed from pasteboard, plastic material, light-weight metal, or other suitable material and a plurality of slidable shutters therefor which may also be formed from light-weight metal, plastic, or other suitable material and which may be quickly and readily assembled with the composite card and held in operative positions.

A further object of the present invention is to provide an improved game device of the foregoing character in which the composite parts thereof are so arranged and proportioned as to reduce the overall dimensions of the device; it being a further and important object of the invention to provide an improved game device which is of relatively simple character and which may be produced by mass production methods at relatively low cost.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages of the present invention will appear from the following description and appended claims when considered in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts in the several views.

In said drawing:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of one form of game device embodying the present invention;

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Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary detail of the composite card of Fig. 1 showing the numeral "11" exposed through an opening in the cover sheet;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrows; and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged perspective view of one form of shutter or slidable cover device embodying the present invention.

Before explaining in detail the present invention it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawing, since the invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced or carried out in various ways. It is to be understood also that the phraseology or terminology employed herein is for the purpose of description and not of limitation, and it is not intended to limit the invention claimed herein beyond the requirements of the prior art.

Referring now particularly to Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawing, the present form of the game device embodying the invention is illustrated as being in the nature of a composite card, shown as a whole at 10. Said card comprises, preferably, a backing sheet 11, a cover sheet 13, and an intermediate sheet 12. The cover or facing sheet 13 is, as shown, provided with a plurality of preferably rectangular and spaced openings 14 which, as illustrated in Fig. 1, are arranged vertically or longitudinally in straight alinement and horizontally or transversely in staggered relationship. Each of the openings 14 is disposed over and is in registry with the indicia, namely, the numerals 16 provided at spaced points on the face of the intermediate sheet 12 located between backing sheet 11 and cover sheet 13.

The cover sheet or facing sheet 13 is also provided, as shown, with a plurality of transversely disposed slots or openings 16, each of which is arranged, as shown, below and adjacent to the openings 14. The slots 16 are, as shown, approximately twice as long as the width of the openings 14 and serve to support the finger-engaging and moving portion of shutters or slide members 17, see particularly Figs. 3 and 4. Each of the shutters comprises preferably a flat relatively thin body portion 18 shaped to provide a bead-like transverse finger-engaging portion 20 which extends and is spaced outwardly from the body or base portion 18 and is interconnected with said body portion by a web or web portion or portions 19. The face of the body portion has applied to it, as shown, a numeral 21 which, in practice, would correspond to a like numeral carried by the

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intermediate sheet 12 beneath one of the openings 14.

The slots 16 are so arranged and proportioned as to hold the bead-like portion 20 against withdrawal. In assembling the unit, the slide portions are inserted through the slots before the cover and backing sheets are joined together. Once the sheets are so joined, the shutter 17 will be held in position with relation to the slot so that it can be moved or slid from one end of the slot to the other thereof. For example, the shutter may be moved from its broken line position at one side of an opening 14 to its closed position, as indicated at 9 in Fig. 1.

As seen in Fig. 3, the body or base portions 18 of the shutter or concealing members 17 are disposed in the space between the cover sheet 13 and the intermediate sheet or plate 12. While these shutter members are free to be shifted manually, they have a sufficiently snug or friction fit so that they will not shift by virtue of any jarring or vibration to the surface upon which they are placed. In practice, the shutter members, as their identifying numerals are called, are shifted from the left with reference to Fig. 1, to the right, with reference to this same figure. After the game has been completed, the user of the card by tapping its left edge on a supporting surface, will automatically return all of the shutter members 17 to their left-hand or broken line positions.

If desired, the composite card 10 may be provided with a serial number, as indicated at 23 and with an individual card number, as indicated at 24. As shown, the three sheets or plates 11, 12 and 13 are preferably held together in their composite card form by means of a marginal row of stitching 25, see Fig. 1.

While in the form illustrated in the accompanying drawing the rows of openings or windows 14 are shown in straight vertical alignment and in staggered horizontal relationship, with the corresponding slots 16 being in a similar arrangement, the openings or windows 14 may be so arranged that they are in straight vertical and also straight horizontal rows, with slots 16 following the same pattern. Moreover, if desired, the rows of openings or windows 14 may be in straight alignment both vertically and horizontally, with the horizontally disposed slots 16 being arranged in staggered relationship. By arranging the openings or windows 14 in horizontal staggered relationship, a certain amount of space will be conserved and thus the composite card 10 may be of smaller size than where the openings or windows are arranged in straight vertical and straight horizontal lines.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A game device comprising a composite card including a backing sheet, a cover sheet having a series of substantially rectangular openings arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows thereon, and bearing indicia framed in a visible position in each said opening, a series of slots arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows with a slot interposed beneath each opening and extending transversely a substantial distance between a longitudinal edge of a given opening and a longitudinal edge of the next opening transversely of the row, and a slide having an extension portion mounted for lengthwise movement in each slot with a surface extending exteriorly of said cover sheet, each said slide being of a dimension to substantially cover the indicia within its associated opening, whereby movement of any said extension portion lengthwise of the slot by manual contact applied exteriorly of the cover sheet will selectively cover or uncover the indicia in register with said opening.

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2. A game device comprising a composite card including a backing sheet, a cover sheet having a series of substantially rectangular openings arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows thereon, and bearing indicia framed in a visible position in each said opening, a series of slots arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows with a slot interposed beneath each opening and extending transversely a substantial distance between a longitudinal edge of a given opening and a longitudinal edge of the next opening transversely of the row, a slide having an exterior portion mounted for lengthwise movement in each slot with a surface extending exteriorly of said cover sheet, each said slide being of a dimension to substantially cover the indicia within its associated opening, whereby movement of any said extension portion lengthwise of the slot by manual contact applied exteriorly of the cover sheet will selectively cover or uncover the indicia in register with said opening, and stitching extending through said sheets around the periphery thereof for holding said device as an integral assembly.

3. A game device comprising a composite card including a backing sheet, a cover sheet having a series of substantially rectangular openings arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows thereon, and bearing indicia framed in a visible position in each said opening, a series of slots arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows with a slot interposed beneath each opening and extending transversely a substantial distance between a longitudinal edge of a given opening and a longitudinal edge of the next opening transversely of the row, a slide having an extension portion mounted for lengthwise movement in each slot with a surface extending exteriorly of said cover sheet, each said slide being of a dimension to substantially cover the indicia within its associated opening, whereby movement of any said extension portion lengthwise of the slot by manual contact applied exteriorly of the cover sheet will selectively cover or uncover the indicia in register with said opening, and indicia on each said slide corresponding to the indicia in the opening covered by said slide.

4. A game device comprising a composite card including a backing sheet, a cover sheet having a series of substantially rectangular openings arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows thereon, and bearing indicia framed in a visible position in each said opening, a series of slots arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows with a slot interposed beneath each opening and extending transversely a substantial distance between a longitudinal edge of a given opening and a longitudinal edge of the next opening transversely of the row, and a slide having an extension portion mounted for lengthwise movement in each slot with a surface extending exteriorly of said cover sheet, each said slide being of a dimension to substantially cover the indicia within its associated opening, whereby movement of any said extension portion lengthwise of the slot by manual contact applied exteriorly of the cover sheet will selectively cover or uncover the indicia in register with said opening, the width of a given slot being less than the width of the surface

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of the extension portion positioned exteriorly of said slot.

5. A game device comprising a composite card including a backing sheet, a cover sheet having a series of substantially rectangular openings arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows thereon, and bearing indicia framed in a visible position in each said opening, a series of slots arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows with a slot interposed beneath each opening and extending transversely a substantial distance between a longitudinal edge of a given opening and a longitudinal edge of the next opening transversely of the row, and a flat slide having a portion folded into tubular shape and extending through each slot for lengthwise movement therein, each said slide being of a dimension to substantially cover the indicia within its associated opening, whereby movement of any said folded portion lengthwise of the slot by manual contact applied exteriorly of the cover sheet will selectively cover or uncover the indicia in register with said opening.

6. A game device comprising a composite card including a backing sheet, a cover sheet having a series of substantially rectangular openings arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows thereon, and bearing indicia framed in a visible position in each said opening, a series of slots arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows with a slot interposed beneath each opening and extending transversely a substantial distance between a longitudinal edge of a given opening and a longitudinal edge of the next opening transversely of the row, and a slide having an extension portion mounted for lengthwise movement in each slot with a surface extending exteriorly of said cover sheet, each said slide having a surface area at least equal to the area of the opening, whereby movement of any said extension portion lengthwise of the slot by manual contact applied exteriorly of the cover sheet will selectively cover or uncover the indicia in register with said opening.

7. A game device comprising a composite card including a backing sheet, a cover sheet having a series of substantially rectangular openings arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows thereon, and bearing indicia framed in a visible position in each said opening, a series of slots arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows with

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a slot interposed beneath each opening and extending transversely a substantial distance between a longitudinal edge of a given opening and a longitudinal edge of the next opening in the row, and a slide having an extension portion mounted for lengthwise movement in each slot with a surface extending exteriorly of said cover sheet, each said slide having a surface area larger than the area of the opening, whereby movement of any said extension portion lengthwise of the slot by manual contact applied exteriorly of the cover sheet will selectively cover or uncover the indicia in register with said opening.

8. A game device comprising a composite card including a backing sheet, a cover sheet having a series of substantially rectangular openings arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows thereon, and bearing indicia framed in a visible position in each said opening, the openings of each longitudinal row being in a common plane, and the openings of each transverse row being in alternated staggered relation, a series of slots arranged in longitudinal and transverse rows with a slot interposed beneath each opening and extending transversely a substantial distance between a longitudinal edge of a given opening and a longitudinal edge of the next opening in the row, and a slide having an extension portion mounted for lengthwise movement in each slot with a surface extending exteriorly of said cover sheet, each said slide being of a dimension to substantially cover the indicia within its associated opening, whereby movement of any said extension portion lengthwise of the slot by manual contact applied exteriorly of the cover sheet will selectively cover or uncover the indicia in register with said opening.

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