

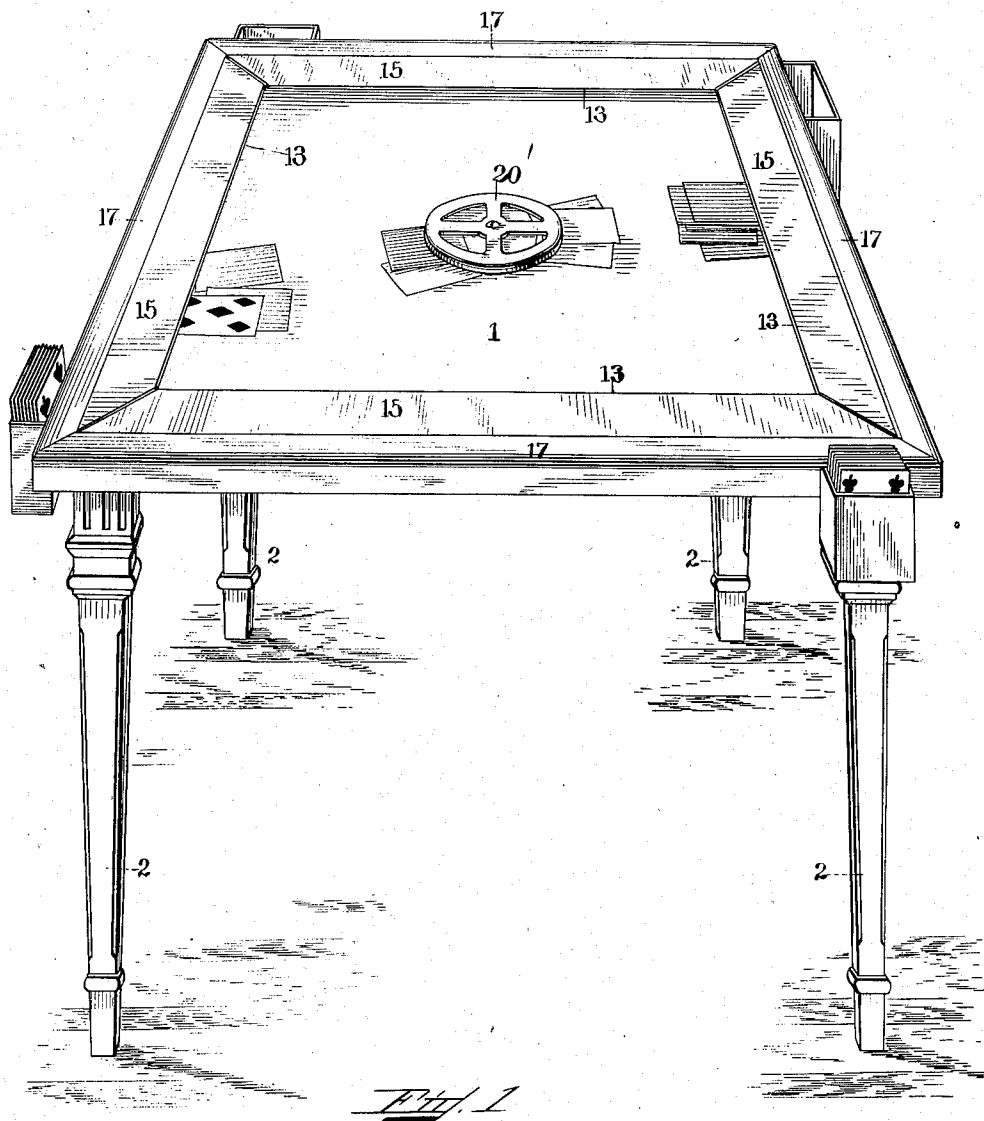
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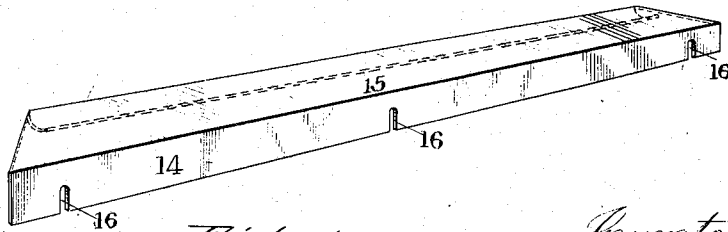
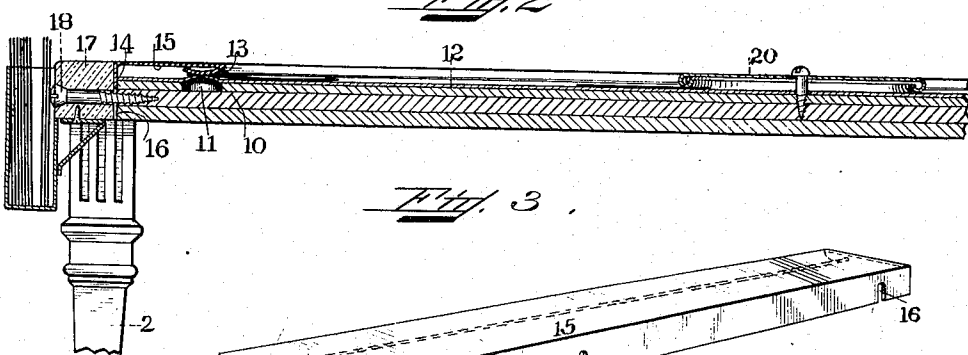
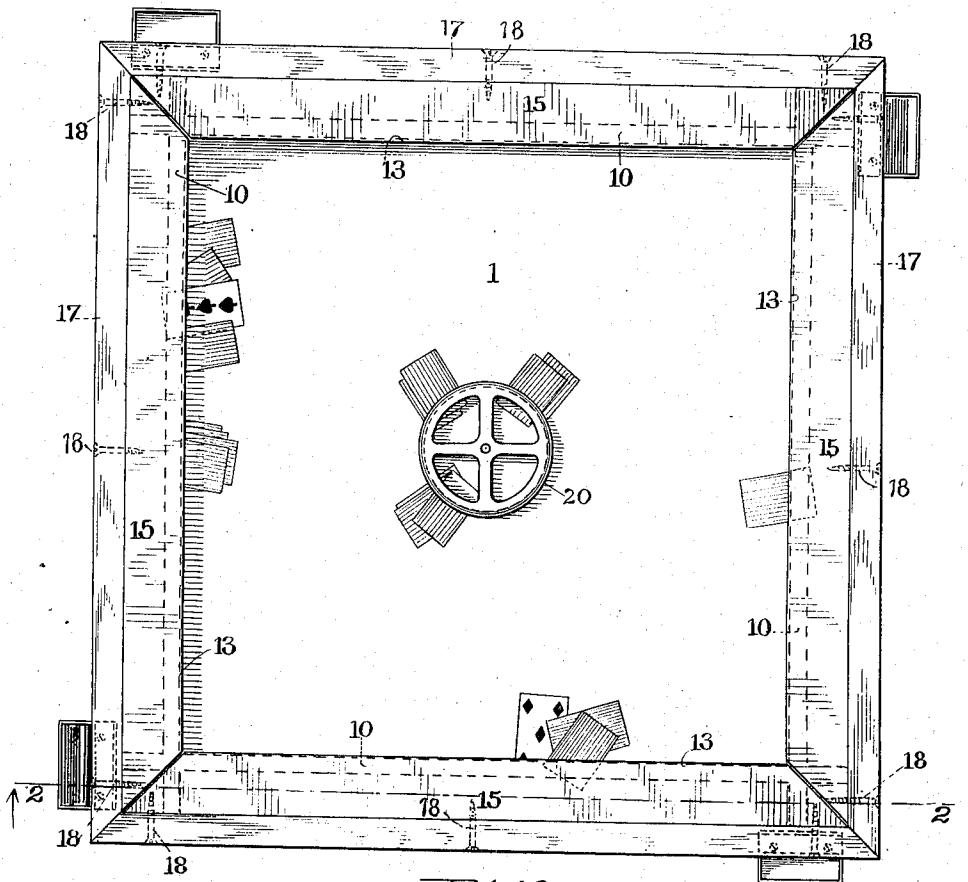
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDITH P. MUSGRAVE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to card-tables, and is designed especially for use in a draft of air or upon shipboard or whenever for any reason cards will not remain where they are placed upon the table.

It consists of means whereby one or more cards may be removably secured in front of a player.

The table may be made of as many sides and each side may accommodate as many players as the maker may desire; but for the purpose of illustrating the principle of my invention and the best mode now known to me of embodying that principle I have adopted a table of four sides.

Figure 1 shows my invention in perspective. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof. Fig. 3 is an enlarged section on line 2 2 in Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing an enlarged detail of my invention.

In the drawings is shown a table-top 1, supported by any suitable means, as legs 2. Cut parallel with each side in the top is a groove 10, Figs. 2, 3, in which is mounted elastic material 11—say a longitudinal half-section of soft-rubber tubing—extending slightly above the top surface of the table, while over this surface and the elastic material is secured in any well-known manner billiard-cloth 12. That portion of the billiard-cloth lying over the elastic material is therefore slightly raised above the top surface of the rest of the billiard-cloth covering the playing portion of the table. A card-retainer 13, mounted adjacent to the edge of the table, always tends to engage the elastic material 11. It extends in front of the player's position at the table and may be made of thin hard resilient material, as brass, struck up into the shape shown in Figs. 3 and 4—that is, into a base portion 14 and a spring portion 15 overlying the edge portion of the table-top—each of which portions for convenience in construction is at right angles to the other. The base portion 14 has screw-slots 16, engages the edge of the table, and is held in such engagement by a border-piece 17 by screws 18, which pass through the latter and the slots in the base portion 14 of the

retainer 13 and into the table-top, the top of the border-piece being intended for the sake of appearance to lie in the same plane as does the spring portion 15 of the retainer 13. Where the table is provided with card-retainers for several sides that are adjacent, the end spring portions 15 may be mitered, as is shown in Fig. 2.

Arranged in front of the card-retainer 13 is a second card-retainer 20, here shown at the center of the table. It consists of a spring-plate, so secured to the table that its edge portion tends to keep in engagement with the top of the table. It may be made of brass, above mentioned, or of any other similar material.

For the convenience of the players card-boxes 30, struck up out of thin iron, may be secured, as to the border-piece 17, so that the various packs of cards used in the game will always be in full view of the players.

The operation of my invention will now be plain. Cards are thrown down upon the table in front of the players and moved along the top of the table either toward the player and between the elastic material 11 in the groove 10 and the curved under portion of the spring portion 15 of the card-retainer or away from the player and under the retainer 20. The cards are thereby removably secured against the action of the wind or movements of the table. If for any reason this gripping engagement is too strong or too weak, then by loosening the screws 18, passing through the border-piece 17 and the screw-slots 16 in the base portion 14 of the retainer 13, the latter may be raised or lowered to the extent desired to give the right tension to the spring portion 15, and then again secured by tightening the screws. Further, while I prefer to provide the table-top with elastic means to cooperate with the overlying resilient means, said elastic means or said resilient means may be dispensed with, provided there is a yielding engagement between the table-top and the overlying means for the purpose of yieldingly retaining a card upon the table-top.

What I claim is—

1. In a card-table, the combination of the top surface of the table; a member which overlies the top surface of the table, along the edge portion thereof; and resilient means which are located between said member, and said top surface, and which permit the edges of a playing-card to be moved in flat position

along the surface of the table, and beneath said overlying member, whereby a playing-card may be yieldingly retained upon the table.

- 5 2. In a card-table, the combination of the top surface of the table; a resilient member which overlies the top surface of the table; and elastic means mounted in the table-top, for the purpose of cooperating with the over-
10 lying resilient member, and thus yieldingly to retain a card upon the table-top.

3. In a card-table, the combination of the top surface of the table; a member which overlies the top surface of the table; and resilient means which are located between said
15 member and said top surface, and which permit the edges of a playing-card to be moved in flat position along the surface of the table to be yieldingly retained thereby; and like
20 means located at the center of the table beneath which the edges of the cards may be inserted and moved in like manner, and the card thus yieldingly retained at the center of the table.

- 25 4. In a card-table, the combination of the top surface of the table; a resilient member which overlies the top surface of the table;

elastic means mounted in the table-top for the purpose of cooperating with the over-
lying resilient member, and thus yieldingly
30 to retain a card upon the table-top; a member which is located at the center of the table, and which overlies the top surface of the table; and resilient means which are lo-
35 cated between the said member and said top surface of the table, beneath which the edges of the playing-cards may be inserted, and the cards thus be yieldingly retained at the center of the table.

5. In a card-table, a top; a card-retaining
40 member consisting of a resilient metal portion; a base portion, provided with slots; means engaging said slots whereby the base portion, and hence the resilient portion, may
45 be so adjusted and secured to the table-top, that the resilient portion will engage the surface of the top with the tension desired to retain a card upon the table-top.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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