

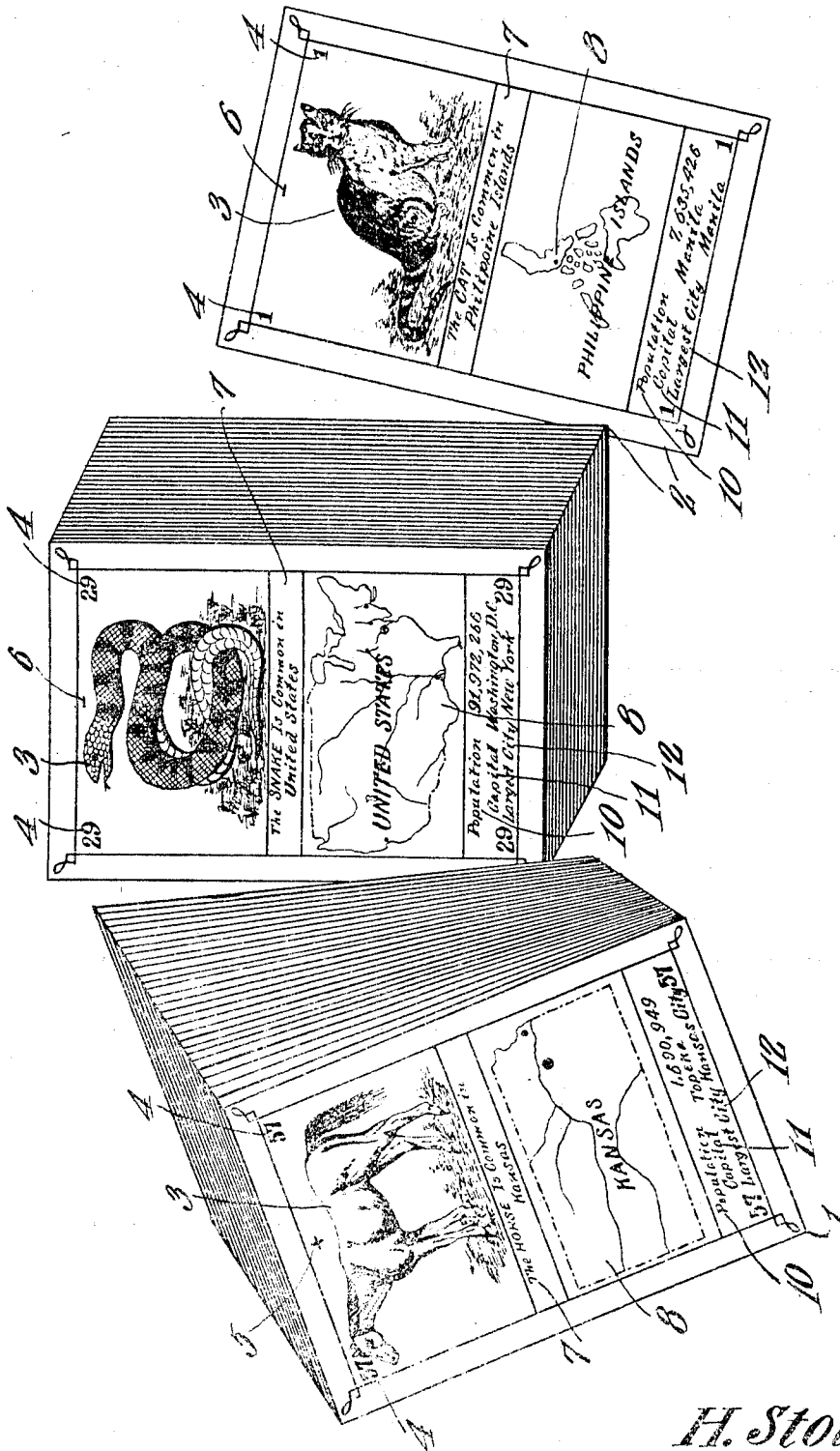
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM STOUT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kingman, in the county of Kingman and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Game, of which the following is a specification.

One object of the present invention is to provide a card game, the playing of which will instruct the players in geography, and impart statistical information with respect to the geographical subdivisions depicted upon the several cards of the deck.

A further object of the invention is to provide a card game in which the players may be instructed in the relative usefulness of animals.

A further object of the invention is to provide a card game in which, simultaneously, the relative usefulness of animals may be taught, simultaneously with the imparting of geographical and statistical information.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings, the deck is shown in a single perspective figure, wherein sundry of the cards are separated.

The deck preferably, although not necessarily, comprises fifty-seven cards. The cards are divided into two groups, one of which groups is indicated by the numeral 1 and the other of which groups is indicated by the numeral 2. Each card is provided with a picture of an animal as indicated at 3. The cards are inscribed with numerals as shown at 4. The numerals 4 are so applied to the cards that the most useful animal will be designated by the highest numeral, the animal having least utility being designated by an intermediate numeral having a negative value. In the present instance, although not necessarily, the numerals run from fifty-seven to one, there being fifty-seven cards in the deck. Further, those animals which are shown upon the cards of group 1 are supposed to be worthy of preservation, those animals which are shown upon the cards of group 2 meriting extinction. The numerals

upon the cards of group 1 are given a higher value than the numerals upon the cards of group 2, and to this end, the numerals of group 1 are indicated by a plus sign as shown at 5, the numerals of the cards of group 2 being indicated by a minus sign, as shown at 6. Below the picture of each animal there is a short legend 7 setting forth descriptive matter peculiar to the animal shown upon the card.

Each card carries a map 8, showing a geographical sub-division in which the animal shown upon the particular card, is abundant. Each card carries a statement of the total population as shown at 10, the capital city is set forth as at 11, and the largest city is designated as shown at 12.

The deck hereinbefore described, may be employed for playing a large variety of games, three of which will be described.

In playing one game, the entire deck is dealt out among those sitting in. The age places one card upon the table and the other players follow, with one card, terminating with the dealer. Suppose that the first player has deposited the card bearing the picture of a horse, as shown in the drawings, the second player depositing the card bearing the picture of a snake, and the third player depositing the card bearing the picture of a rat. The first player, since his card bears the highest numeral, to-wit, the numeral 57, would take the trick. The numerals upon the several cards will then be added together algebraically, the sum, in the present instance, being 27, since the numerals minus 29 and minus 1 are to be subtracted from the numeral plus 57. Obviously, if the minus cards exceed in numerical value, the plus cards, the player who takes the trick will enter a minus score, or be placed "in the hole".

Another game may be played as follows: The cards are placed upon the table as before. Presupposing that the same cards above referred to, were played, the person playing the card bearing the map of the United States, could take the trick, since the population shown upon that card, is greater than the population shown upon any of the other cards. Any portion of the numeral 10 which indicates the population, may be employed. Thus, millions only may be dealt with, the score being 91, plus 7, plus 1, making the score 99 in all. Certain cards, such, for instance as the card peculiar to the

District of Columbia, may be given a double value, while other cards such as the card peculiar to the Territory of Alaska, may be given but half value, the cards peculiar to the insular possessions being given a one-quarter value.

In playing another form of game, the value of each card may be found by adding the numeral indicated at 4 to the first figure of the numeral indicated at 10. Thus, in the case of the card shown at the left hand end of the figure, 57, the numeral peculiar to that card, added to 1, the population of the State of Kansas in even millions, gives the value 58 for the card in question. By this procedure, the utility of the animal, its geographical location, certain statistical information relative to the geographical subdivision, and arithmetical training, are derived.

Taken as a whole, the deck is useful in imparting information relative to the utility of animals, and to their habitat, useful geographical information and a training in arithmetic, being derived, simultaneously.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

1. A deck of cards bearing the pictures of animals, the cards carrying numerals indicating the relative usefulness of the animals, those numerals which indicate animals mer-

iting preservation having a higher value than those numerals which indicate animals meriting extinction.

2. A deck of cards bearing the pictures of animals, the cards carrying numerals indicating the relative usefulness of the animals, those numerals which indicate animals meriting preservation having a higher value than those numerals which indicate animals meriting extinction, each card having a map depicting the habitat of the animal shown upon the card.

3. A deck of cards bearing the pictures of animals, the cards carrying numerals indicating the relative usefulness of the animals, those numerals which indicate animals meriting preservation being designated by a positive sign, and those numerals which indicate animals meriting extinction being designated by a negative sign; each card carrying a map, and being provided with a statistical numeral peculiar to the territory shown in the map, each map depicting the habitat of the animal upon the card.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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