

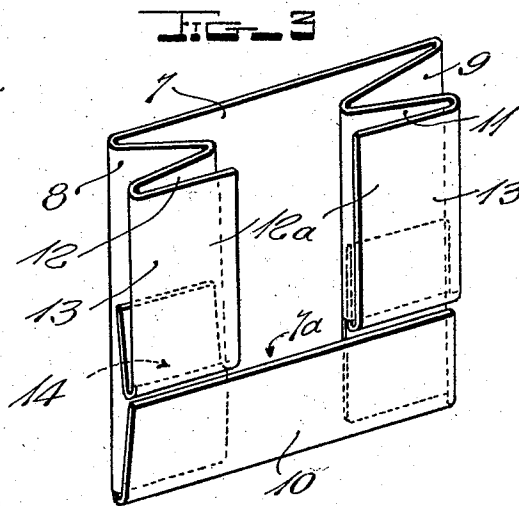
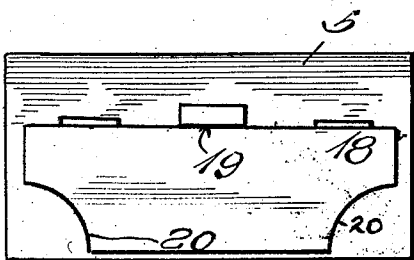
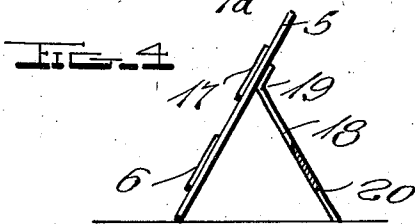
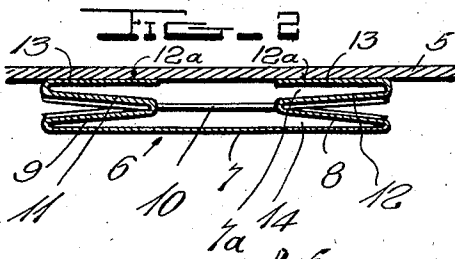
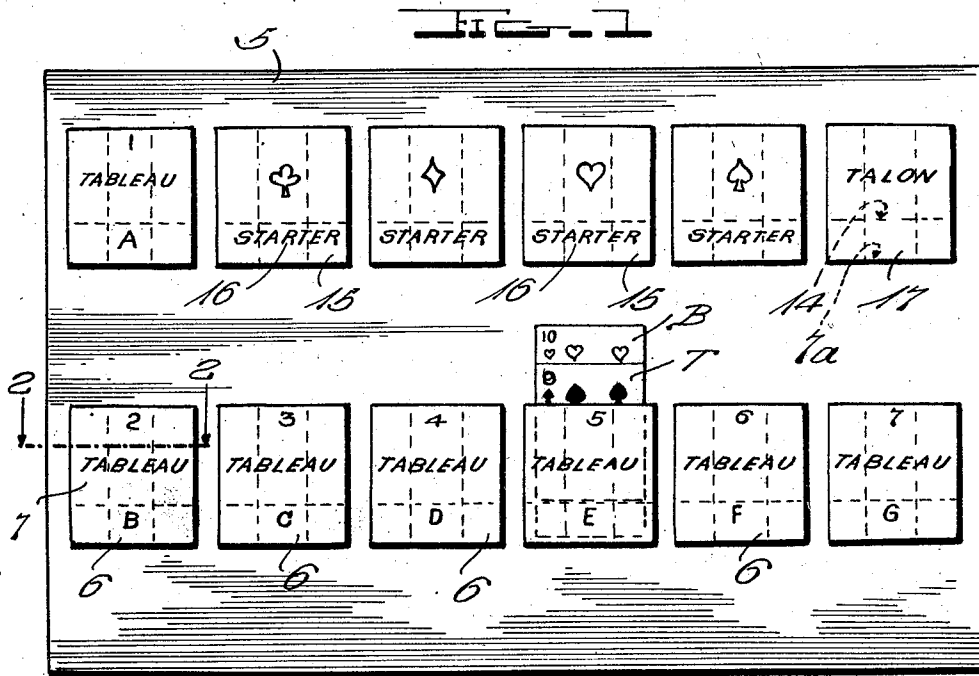
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1 Claim. (Cl. 229—72)

This invention relates to a supporting board for use in playing solitaire or like games and it has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive article of this sort which may be made largely of paper or card-board or like non-critical materials and which will serve to hold the cards played in such manner that the lowermost and uppermost cards will be held exposed to view.

The device of the present invention is particularly intended for the use of persons lying in bed and the provision of the plurality of telescopic cups, hereinafter described, makes it possible for a person to play solitaire while in bed and without the danger of the cards slipping from the board, despite the fact that the board is held in such an inclined position that the cards may be readily viewed. An additional cup is provided for the reception of the cards which have not been played, so that if the game should be interrupted, it may be resumed at any time with the certainty that all of the cards will be found in the position in which they were left. This cup receives the cards in groups of threes, during play, as hereinafter described.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the detailed description which follows.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a board embodying the features of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a horizontal, sectional view upon line 2—2 of Fig. 1, through one of the tableau cups, hereinafter described,

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the tableau cups, looking from the rear or board side thereof;

Fig. 4 is an end elevation of the board, upon a reduced scale; and

Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of Fig. 4.

Like numerals designate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawing.

Referring to the drawing, 5 designates a relatively heavy and stiff board which may be of any suitable material such as heavy card-board, wood, metal or plastic and the face of the board may be covered with any suitable finishing material, such as imitation leather paper or cloth fabric, this covering material not being shown. In carrying out the invention I secure to the face of the board 5, any suitable number, but preferably seven, of tableau cups 6. These cups may be formed of stiff, springy paper or any other suitable material. These tableau cups are formed from a sheet of material such as paper, cloth, imitation leather or the like, said sheet of material being cut and folded to constitute a front

wall 7, and panels 8 and 9 which extend all the way to the bottom of the cups. A flap 10 which is folded over against the rear face of the panels 8 and 9 is cemented or otherwise secured to the rear face of said panels. This constitutes a relatively deep pocket for the reception of the top cards T. A shallower pocket for the reception of the bottom cards B is provided by the telescopic folds constituted by the panels 11 and 12. The material of the panels 12 is bent upon itself to form outwardly and upwardly turned flaps 13 which are cemented or glued to the outer faces of the panels 9, thus forming bottoms for the pockets 14. These are the shallower pockets referred to and which receive the lowermost cards B. It should be understood that Fig. 3 is a view looking from the rear side or from that side of the cup which lies against the face of the board. In other words, the faces 12^a of the panels 12 are the faces which lie against and are cemented to the board 5. Thus, it will be seen that each tableau cup comprises two telescopic pockets, one shallower than the other. The telescopic nature of these pockets makes it possible for groups of cards to be built up therein, while the fact that one pocket is shallower than the other causes the cards B in pocket 14 to project materially above the cards in the deeper pocket 7^a. Additional groups of cups 15, four in number, bear indicia such as is indicated at 16, indicating that these cups are to be used as the starting cards for the several suits. Another cup 17, which I have called a talon cup, holds the unplayed cards, when it is desired to lay aside an unfinished game. This cup also receives the cards in groups of threes, during play. If the top card of such a group can be properly played on a tableau build, it is so played and if not an additional group of three is placed in the tableau cup and so on until after successive runs of the remaining cards, no further play can be made. Any suitable means may be employed for holding the board in an upright position, during play. One such element 18 is indicated in Figs. 4 and 5 as being of easel leg formation. This leg is hinged at 19 to the board 5 and it may be provided with recesses 20 shaped to fit over the legs of a person in bed and aid in holding the board against accidental slipping. The talon and starting pockets are substantially like the structure of Fig. 3, except that the shallower pocket is omitted. In other words, these pockets are of single depth. It will readily be appreciated that many ways will suggest themselves to persons interested in avoiding the patent for modifying the simple construction of the de-

vice, while retaining the essential principles. Therefore, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the particular arrangement shown but that it includes within its purview whatever changes fairly come within either the terms or the spirit of the appended claim.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

A structure of the character described comprising a cup, said cup being formed of resilient paper folded to provide a front wall, a pair of in- 10
turned panels extending from the side edges of the front wall, a flap extending from the lower edge of the front wall for a short distance only up said panels and being cemented to said panels to thereby constitute a relatively deep pocket, a 15
pair of panels extending from the free edge of

each of the first named panels, one of the panels of each pair being reversely bent upon the other to constitute bellows folds, one of the panels of each pair being provided with a flap which is 5
secured to the other panel of the pair to thereby form a bottom for the pockets constituted by the spaces between the panels of said pairs, said panels of the pairs being materially shorter than the first named panels and the bottoms of the pockets therebetween lying materially above the pocket formed by the front wall and the first 10
named panels, the rear faces of the rearmost panels of the pairs presenting flat surfaces adapted to be secured to a support.

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