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Fig. 1.

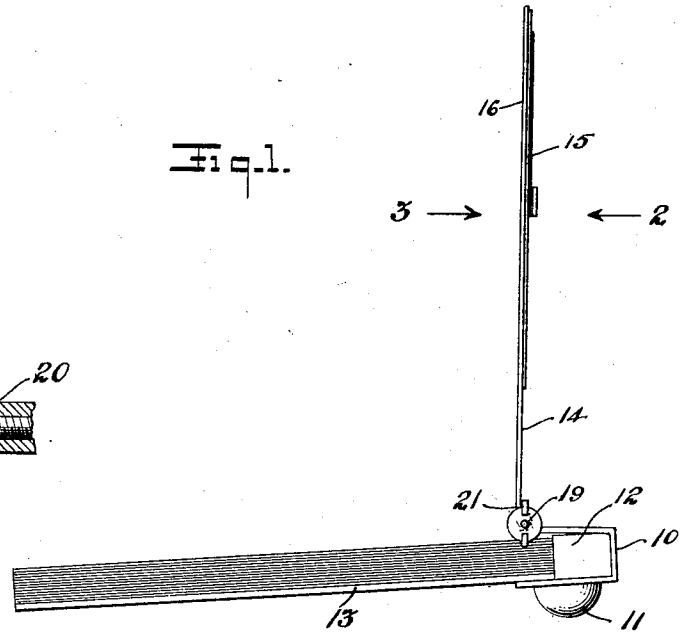


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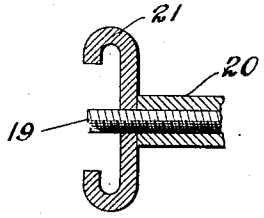


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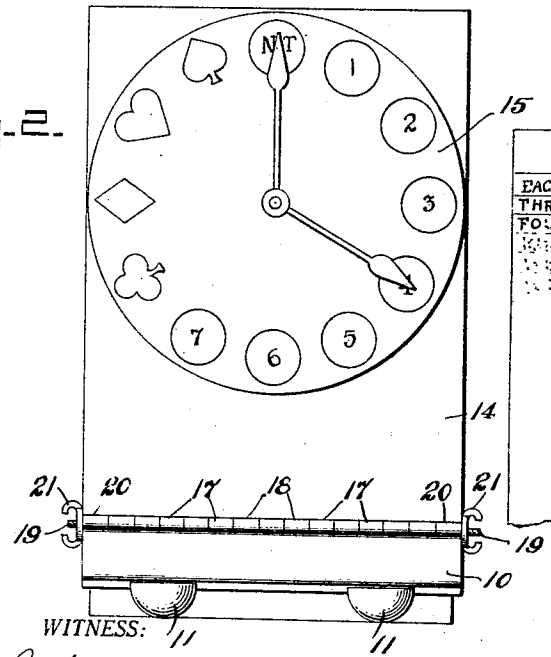


Fig. 3.

	♣	♢	♡	♠	N.T.
EACH TRICK	6	7	8	9	10
THREE HONORS	30	30	30	30	30
FOUR HONORS	32	32	32	32	32

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This invention relates to game prompters, and has for an object to provide improved means which will simultaneously exhibit to a plurality of players, the bid, the value of plays, and the standing of the game in points.

A further object of the invention is to provide a game prompter having means for engaging a tablet for receiving scores, which said tablet serves as a foot for the device, with means to adjustably support a normal cover, exhibiting on one side, the bid, upon the opposite side, the value of certain plays.

A further object of the invention is to provide a clamping member of resilient material adapted to clamp and hold a tablet to receive scores, and having a cover member hingedly attached with a hinge pintle extending transversely throughout, and means for exerting positive tension upon the pintle to maintain the cover in upwardly projecting position.

The invention comprises a channel member of spring metal, or the like, properly proportioned to receive a part of a tablet therein to be secured by the resiliency of the channel, and with a cover member hinged to the channel to move about an arc, one position of which is vertical with improved means for maintaining the cover member at an adjusted angular position, the said tablet co-acting with the channel member to form an easel foot for maintaining the device in upright position.

The invention is directed to other objects, and possesses other features of novelty and advantage, some of which, together with the foregoing, will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view of the game prompter in edge elevation,

Figure 2 is a view in elevation, seen from the side exhibiting the bid indicator.

Figure 3 is a view in elevation, seen from the side indicating the values, and

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail view of the clamping mechanism.

Like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

It is well known, that in the playing of games, as for instance, in the game of bridge, certain suits have certain ranks in value and certain cards also have value in the suits according to whether or not the suit is trump, that certain bids must precede the play of the hands, and that players, through negligence, frequently forget the bid and the value of certain suits, or cards in suit. The present invention is adapted to disclose to all of the players, the bid, the values, and also to present in view of all players, the score already accumulated.

To this end, the device comprises a channel member 10, of resilient material, preferably metal, although it is to be understood that the material may be varied. This channel is provided with feet 11, stamped therefrom, and the upper and lower webs of the channel are adapted to resiliently clamp the heading 12, of a tablet, the rigid sheet of which 13 will thereby co-act with the channel 10 to maintain the device in normal position.

A cover member 14 is provided which normally closes down upon the tablet, both for protecting the tablet, and for economy of space. This cover member 14 carries various data in position to be seen by the various players, when the cover stands in upright position either vertically, or an approach thereto. There is shown at 15, a bid indicator, which, however, per se, forms the subject matter of an application filed on even date therewith, and therefore, as an indicator, forms no part of the present invention. Upon the reverse side, other data as indicated at 16 in Figure 3, may be exhibited, but the present invention is not directed to the specific type of bid indicator, or the specific matter appearing upon the side of the cover, and indicated at 16.

The channel member is provided with a plurality of ears 17 which co-act with ears 18 of the cover member to form a hinge by the employment of the pintle 19, which extends throughout the several adjacent ears 17 and 18, and the extreme ears 20 of the

cover member. Tension is placed upon this cover 14 to maintain it in vertical, or other angular position by means of winged nuts 21, upon the threaded pintle 19. A particular function is accomplished by the threaded pintle 19 extending throughout the hinge. Normally, the cover member 14 will be made of some relatively flexible material, such for instance, as celluloid. Unless it is completely supported throughout its extent at the hinge, it will buckle and become useless. The tension exerted by the winged nuts 21, at the ends of the pintle 19, bear against the end ears 20 of the cover. As explained, this material is intended to be somewhat flexible, so that these ears 20 will be crowded into binding engagement with the proximate ears 17 of the channel member, and will, therefore, hold the cover member in vertical or other upstanding angular position. For use with a cover composed of such flexible material, the clamping of the pintle at both ends and the yielding of the end ears to said stress are important to the proper functioning of the device.

Also, the employment of the tablet is important as forming an easel foot for maintaining the channel member in normal position, and therefore, maintaining the cover member in such upstanding angular position as may be attained by adjustment. It is obvious that while the cover member is shown at Figure 1, as standing in substantially a vertical position, such absolute verticality is only elective, and that other angular positions may be attained at the choice of the players.

Of course, the game promoter, herein illustrated may be modified in various ways without departing from the invention herein set forth and hereinafter claimed.

The invention is hereby claimed as follows:

1. A game prompter comprising a channel member of resilient material, a cover upstanding from said channel member and carrying prompting indicia, means to clamp the cover at an angular position relative to the channel member, and a tablet clamped by the channel member and serving as an easel foot to maintain the cover member in upstanding position.

2. A game prompter comprising a channel composed of resilient material having spaced ears along the edge of one flange, a cover member having interposed and interacting ears between the ears of said channel member and at the ends thereof, a pintle inserted through the registering ears of the channel member and the cover, clamping means carried by the pintle bearing against the remote edges of the cover ears, and a foot removably clamped by the channel member.

3. A game prompter comprising a channel member having feet therebeneath and with spaced hinge ears along the edge of the upper flange, a cover member having complementarily spaced ears between the ears of said channel member and occupying the extremes, a threaded pintle inserted through the registering ears of the channel and cover member, nuts carried by the threaded pintle exerting pressure against the extreme ears of the cover member, and a tablet clamped by the channel member co-acting with said channel and its feet to maintain the channel in normal position.

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