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SCORE CARD

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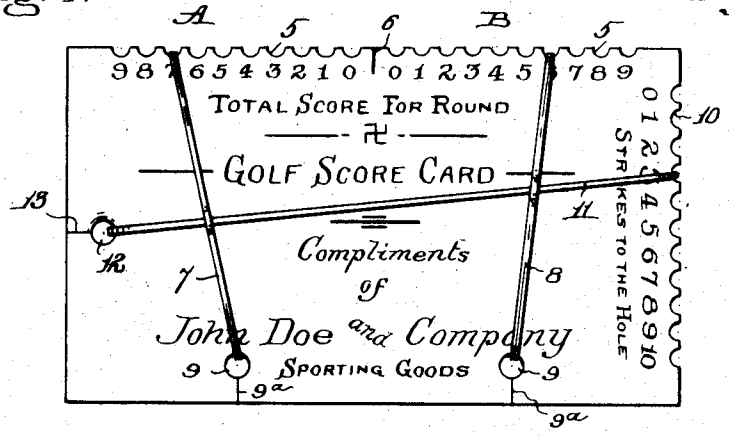


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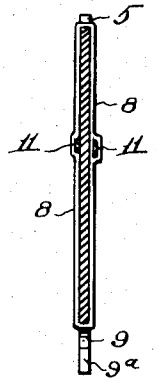


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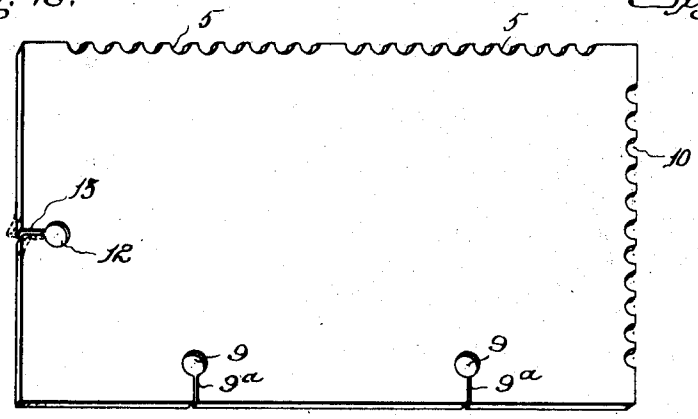


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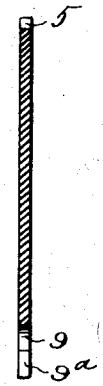


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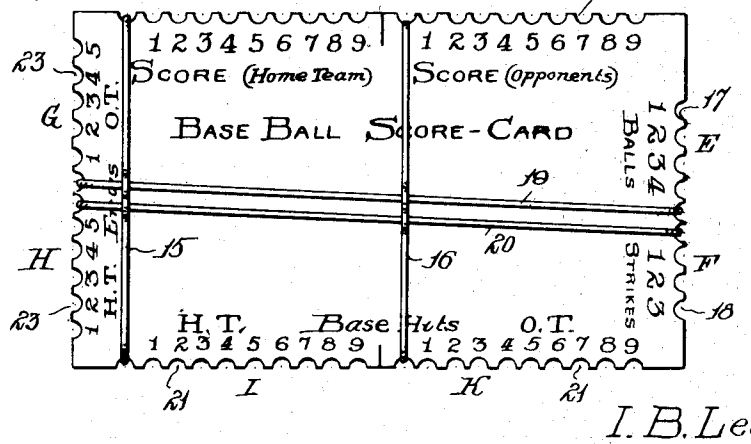
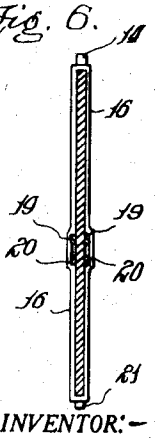


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My invention is an improvement in score-cards and relates more especially to that particular type in which the score is kept by means of a mechanical device instead of writing figures on the card.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a mechanical score-card of this general type which is simple in construction and easily operated and by means of which the score can be quickly registered so that a correct result of the game or total score will be had, with provision for keeping a tally of points incidental to the game as it progresses and which are part of the score, as for instance in playing golf a separate tally may be kept of the number of strokes to each hole and added to the number of strokes of all the preceding holes; while in adapting the score-card for the game of baseball the number of runs, errors, and base hits may be registered, and a temporary tab kept on balls and strikes.

With this principal object in view my invention consists in providing a card with notches in two or more of its edges in connection with rubber bands or elastic cords attached to the card and engaging in one of the notches of each series in keeping the score, said notches for the purpose being numbered to indicate the score according to those engaged by the rubber bands or elastic cords, all as hereinafter fully described and specifically set forth in the appended claim.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a score-card constructed in accordance with my invention for use in connection with the game of golf;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the card;

Fig. 3 is a plan view illustrating the adaptation of my invention in use in connection with the game of baseball, and

Figs. 4, 5, and 6 are sectional views through the card.

In carrying out my invention I employ a card of suitable material, as cardboard of the desired thickness, said card being rectangular in shape and provided at one edge with two series of semi-circular notches 5 numbered from zero to nine at opposite sides of the center line 6 as shown in the drawings, the two series being designated A and B for convenience in explaining the operation of keeping score as hereafter described, and in association with these notches I employ elastics, as rubber bands 7 and 8, one for each series, attached to the body of the card with their looped ends extending over that edge of the card in which the notches are formed to be shifted from one notch to another by slightly stretching the elastic so that it will move over the walls between the notches.

It will be noted that in the score-card illustrated in Fig. 1 the numerals from zero to nine run in opposite directions from the center line 6 whereby in keeping score for a golf game the numerals to the right are used in registering the score up to nine and then the numerals to the left, or series A, are used in connection with the other series B for registering a higher number, for instance, if the score at any time is twenty-four the elastic band 7 will be in engagement with notch "2" of series A while the elastic band 8 will be in engagement with the notch "4" of series B, and when the score is fifty-six, said elastic bands are in engagement with notches "5" and "6" of said series A and B, and so on. The rubber bands or elastics forming the loops which engage the notches and record the score as hereinbefore explained may be attached to the card in any suitable manner, but I prefer to use ordinary rubber bands whereby they may be attached as shown in the drawings, that is, in each instance I provide a retaining means, as holes 9 near the opposite edge of the card with an entrance slit 9^a leading from this edge of the card to the hole whereby it is only necessary in attaching a rubber band to merely press the portions of the card at the slit in opposite directions sufficiently to pass the band through said slit into the hole so that when the slit is closed said rubber band will be firmly retained or attached to the card. For keeping a temporary record or tally of the number of strokes to a hole one of the shorter ends of the card is likewise provided with a series

of semi-circular notches 10 engaged in a like manner to that hereinbefore described by a rubber band 11 attached to the opposite end of the score-card by means of hole 12 and slit 13; but of course it will be understood that the construction and arrangement may be carried out to keep scores and temporary records or tallies or other points in other games, as for instance baseball, football, etc.

In adapting the score-card for use in connection with baseball games the form of card shown in Figure 3 is employed in which the two series of notches 14 are formed at the upper edge of the card in association with the rubber bands 15 and 16 in a somewhat similar manner to that described with reference to Fig. 1, but in this instance as the notches are to register the score of contestants both sets of notches in the two series C and D may be numbered in regular order from left to right, and for keeping tab on balls and strikes, notches 17 and 18, designated series E and F are provided at one end of the card to be engaged by the rubber bands 19 and 20 extending across to the other end of the card, while for the purpose of registering errors of both teams said other end of the card is also provided with notches 23 numbered to provide series G and H engaged by the aforesaid rubber bands 19 and 20. Similar means may be also provided for registering the number of base hits of the opposing teams by forming two series of notches 21 at the lower end of the card opposite those for registering the number of runs and designated I and K, being engaged by the rubber bands 15 and 16 operated in conjunction with the notches in series C and D. In this adaptation of my invention the rubber bands are attached by having the opposite looped ends engage the notches in the opposite edges of the card with the intermediate portions of said rubber bands stretched across the face and back of the card, and consequently the retaining holes shown in Fig. 1 are not required. It will thus be seen that in the adaptation of the score-card for baseball games the total number of runs scored by each team is registered at the upper end of the card by series C and D; that a temporary tab can be kept on balls and strikes at the right hand side of the card by series E and F; that the number of errors can be registered at the left hand side of the card by series G and H, and the number of base hits registered at the other or fourth edge of the card, while a record may be kept of any other points in the game by enlarging the card and increasing the number of series of notches in association with a corresponding increase in number of rubber bands, and that the rubber bands or elastics that are looped over the edges of the card may be secured thereto in any other suitable manner than that shown; thus it will be apparent that various modifications or changes may be made in the construction and arrangement without departing from the spirit and scope of the claim.

I claim:

A device for keeping a record of points or scores in the playing of games comprising a card having notches in one of the edges thereof and a hole through the card near the opposite edge with an entrance slit leading from this edge of the card to said hole, and a rubber band one end of which is looped over the notched edge of the card and the other looped end passed through the slit into the hole for retaining said rubber band on the card and stretched across the front and back of the card for flexible movement of said rubber band from one notch to another over the intervening wall in registering the score.

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