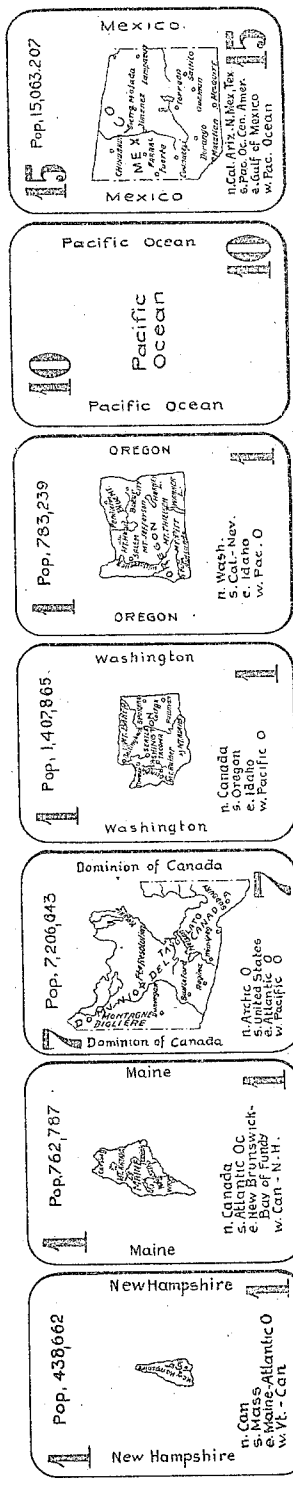
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMIL M. SCHOLZ, of 1730 Broadway, in the county of New York, and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Playing-Cards, and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a card game which is both fascinating and educative.

For purposes of illustration the game will be explained by means of cards having thereon the political divisions and bounding waters of the North American Continent with the United States of America subdivided into States.

In the drawings the figure shows seven cards as they would appear when the game is played in one manner to be described hereinafter.

As the cards, with the exception of cards representing bounding waters, are all made according to the same plan, a description of the card representing the State of Maine will illustrate all the cards.

Preferably in the center of the card is a map of the State with the name of the State at each side edge for convenience of reference. At any convenient place on the card, as at the bottom, are given the names of contiguous political divisions and other boundaries with their general direction, as north, east, south, and west. The population of the State likewise is given, preferably at the top of the card, and in opposite corners is a number denoting the points of value. In the embodiment illustrated, each State having a population of one million or less has the simple number "1" denoting its value in points. Each State having more than a population of one million has a simple number denoting its value in points found by adding a point for each additional million of population after the first million or less of population. The simple number denoting points of value on cards bearing the name of a body of water, may be fixed arbitrarily, preferably with some degree of consideration for the importance and size of the body of water.

The cards may be used in playing different games. One such game would provide that each card be played in accordance with its geographical connection and side by side as illustrated in the drawing, cards being added from either side. Cards of contiguous political divisions, only two of which are connected geographically, could be withheld to block an opponent and to be laid down at the proper time to enable the player to dispose of all his cards, the object of the game being for each player to dispose of all his cards as quickly as possible, and gain points and penalize opponents according to the sum of points left in their hands. Maine, Canada, and the State of Washington illustrate a run of cards only two of which are connected geographically, but which could be played at once and which while withheld would block an opponent from playing on cards contiguous to any one thereof. A convenient method of play is to deal only a few cards to each player and compel each player to draw from the remainder of the pack, which preferably is face down, and then either play on the cards already in play (after the first card is played), or discard.

Many modifications of my invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing therefrom or from the scope of the claim. The rules for playing the game given above illustrate only one of many ways in which the deck of cards may be utilized.

Having described my invention which I claim is:

A pack of cards each of which has thereon a map and name of a different political division or the name of a body of water each of which is contiguous to a plurality of other political divisions or bodies of water the names of all contiguous political divisions or bodies of water, the population of the political division represented, a simple number denoting points based on the population of the political division represented or arbitrary as to bodies of water, each of said cards being adapted to be played in accordance with its contiguous geographical connection, whereby three cards may be played at once independently of other cards played when only two of said cards are connected geographically.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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