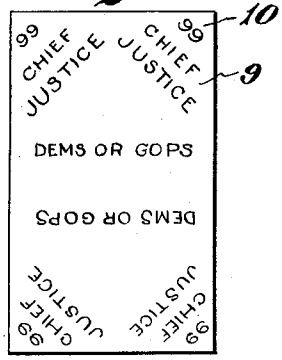
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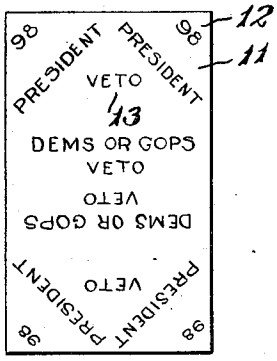
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Fig. 1.



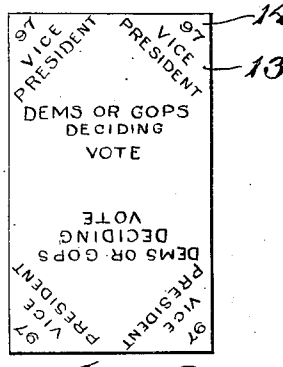
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Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.

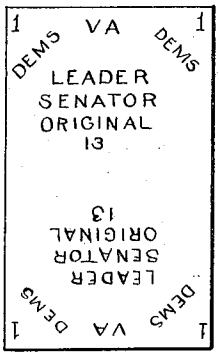
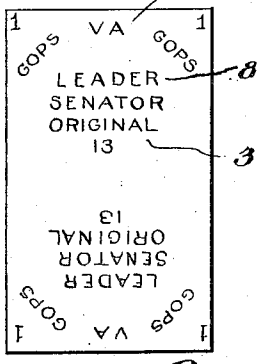
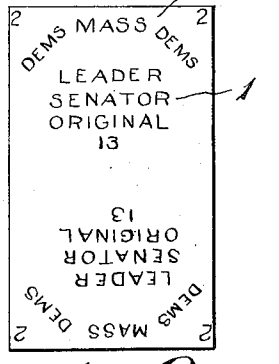


Fig. 5.



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Fig. 6.



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Fig. 7.

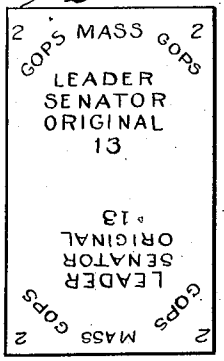


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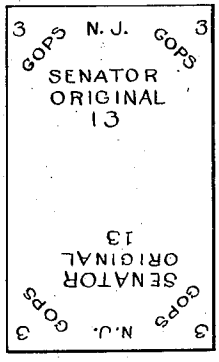
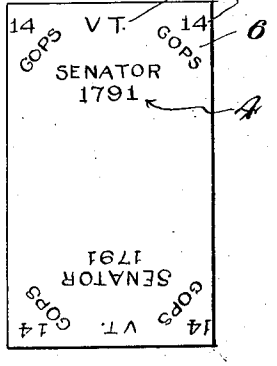


Fig. 9.



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CARD GAME

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This invention is a card game designed to impart information of a political and historical nature while at the same time furnishing amusement to the players. The game comprises a deck of cards having certain political and historical information displayed upon the faces of the cards and determining the use of the cards in playing a game.

In the accompanying drawing, the several figures show specimen cards, the cards not illustrated being in all essentials duplicates or similar to the cards illustrated. A deck of cards embodying my invention comprises ninety-nine cards, and ninety-six of the cards are called "Senators" and each has displayed thereon the word "Senator", as indicated at 1. The cards also bear the names of the States of the United States, as indicated at 2 in the drawing, and twenty-six of the cards bear the legend "Original 13", as shown at 3, while the remaining cards of said ninety-six cards bear the designation of the year in which the State represented by the card was admitted to the Union, as, for instance, in Fig. 9, is shown one card representing the State of Vermont and bearing the year 1791, as shown at 4, which is the year Vermont was admitted. The card also bears the word "Vermont" or the abbreviation "Vt.", as shown at 5, so that the card will be properly designated and identified in playing the game. These several stated designations are arranged in duplicate at the opposite ends of the respective cards, as clearly shown in the drawing, so that whichever end of the card be held uppermost in the hand, the identifying data may be read. As will be understood from what has been said, two cards are assigned to each of the forty-eight States, and these cards are assigned to the leading political parties, the card shown in Fig. 9 and representing the State of Vermont having across its corners the letters or abbreviation "Gops", as seen at 6, designating the Republican Party, while the remaining card representing the same State will be exactly the same, except that the abbreviation "Dems" will be substituted for the abbreviation shown. Referring again to the card shown in Fig. 9, there appears in each corner of the card the numeral 14, as seen at 7, indicating that Vermont was the fourteenth State admitted to the United States. Fig. 8 shows a card representing the State of New Jersey, and it will be noted that this card bears the numeral 3 in each corner and also carries the legend "Original 13".

The States of Virgina and Massachusetts, being the first States to be settled by the English, bear additional designations, as shown at 8, said designations consisting of the word "Leader", and the cards representing Virginia bear the numeral 1 in each corner, while the cards representing Massachusetts bear the numeral 2 in each corner. These "Leader" cards have a higher taking value than the other "Senator" cards in playing the game, as will hereinafter appear.

In addition to the ninety-six cards representing "Senators" from the forty-eight States, the deck includes three other cards shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, respectively, one of these cards, as shown at 9, bearing the words "Chief Justice" across its several corners and also bearing the numeral 99 at each corner, as shown at 10. Across the central portion of this card appears the legend "Dems" or "Gops", this card being played as a representative of either political party according to the announcement of the player. The card shown in Fig. 2 is called the "President" or "Veto" card and bears the word "President", as shown at 11, across each corner and also has the number 98 displayed in each corner, as indicated at 12. This card also carries the word "Veto", as shown at 13, and also carries the legend "Dems" or "Gops" as appears upon the card shown in Fig. 1. The card shown in Fig. 3 is known as the "Vice President" card and carries the title "Vice President" across each corner, as shown at 13', while in each corner appears the number 97, as shown at 14. Across the card is also displayed the legend "Dems or Gops deciding vote". The Vice President card has a higher taking value than the Leaders or the Senator cards but a lower value than the President card, while the Chief Justice card is the highest card in the deck.

The rules for playing games with the cards may, of course, be varied greatly as the players may determine. One game or method of playing the cards is as follows: The players should be of an even number and divided equally into two sides, one side representing the Republicans and the other side representing the Democrats. The entire deck of cards is shuffled and the dealer then deals one card around to the players until each player has received seven cards. Three cards are then dealt face downward onto the table to constitute a dummy and the remaining portion of the deck is then placed face downward upon the table to constitute a bank. Should any player, upon examining the cards dealt him, find that he has the cards representing both Senators from any one State, he may discard those two cards and count the trick in his score, the object of the game being for one side to capture all the States. The player next to the dealer then leads one card from his hand and if the player to his left holds the other card representing the same State he plays it upon the card led and takes the trick, provided the leader plays a card of the same party as that represented by him. If the leader plays a card representing the opposite party, the player to his left will be obliged, if he has the card, to play the other card representing the same State, whereupon the leader will score that trick and may lead again. Should a player whose turn it is to play not have a card corresponding to the State represented by the card led, he will draw a card from the bank and if that card mates with the lead card, he will play it on said lead card and count the trick. If the player whose turn it is to play does not have a mating card after drawing from the bank, he will discard one card from his hand and the succeeding player may then, in turn, play to either of the exposed cards, as described. If a player holds either one of the "Leader" cards, he may play that card upon the card which has been led, as a trump, and thereby take the trick but he is not obliged to play a "Leader" card and may hold it in his hand if he desires. In like manner, the "Vice President". "President" or "Chief Justice" cards may be played or held in the hand as the holder of said cards prefers. Score will be kept as the cards are played and should either side, in the playing of a hand, score all the States that side is declared the winner, but as this seldom occurs, it will be generally necessary to play several hands before the winner may be determined. In playing subsequent hands if a player or side should hold cards representing a State which has already been scored by that side or player, the cards may be held or discarded in order to prevent them being played to the table and thereupon be liable to be won by the opposing side. After all the cards have been played, the dummy is turned face up and if two of the cards therein are marked "Dems", the Democrats count the States represented by the three cards of the dummy or if two of the cards happen to be Republicans, the Republicans will make the same count. If, however, either of the Chief Justice, President or Vice-President cards are in the dummy and the other cards are one "Gops" and one "Dems" neither side will count the States represented in the dummy.

The numbers appearing in the corners of the several cards represent the order in which the States designated by the cards ratified the Constitution or were admitted to the Union so that the players are informed of the order in which the States were admitted, not only by the year of admission but also by the numerals which appear as indexes and these numerals, of course, serve as indexes in the playing of the cards just as the names of the States represented by the cards serve as indexes.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A deck of ninety-nine cards, ninety-six of said cards representing Senators from the forty-eight States and being divided equally between the two leading political parties and bearing data indicative of the order of admission of the respective States to the Union, and the other three cards being marked as belonging to either political party and bearing designations representing the Vice-President, the President and the Chief Justice, the President card being marked "Veto" and the Vice-President card being marked "Deciding vote", and the cards representing Senators from Virginia and Massachusetts being also designated "Leader".

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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