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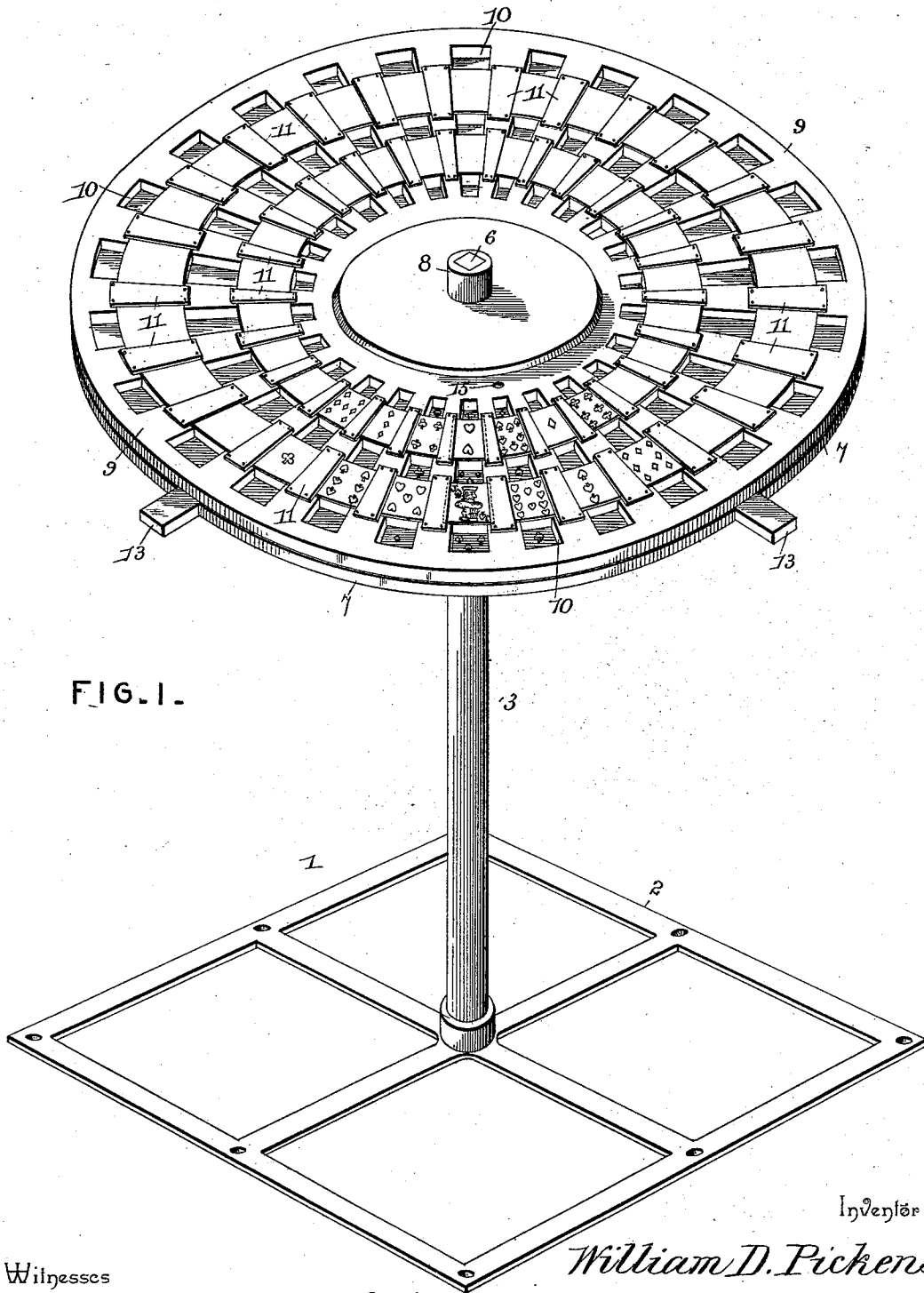


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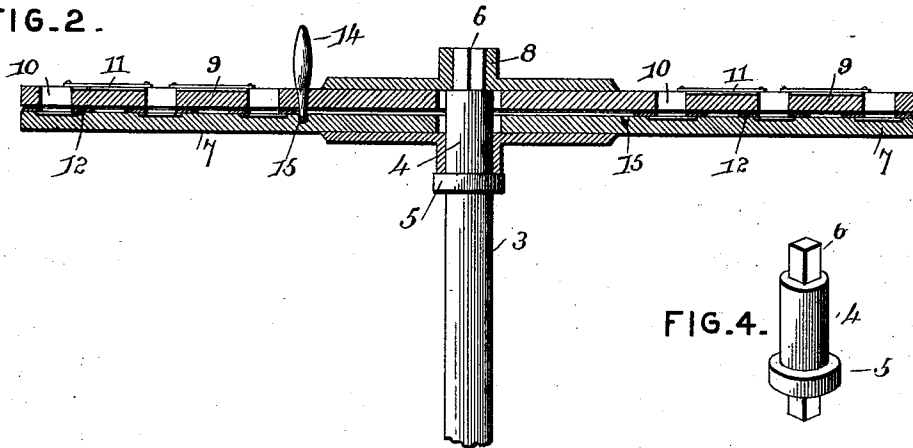


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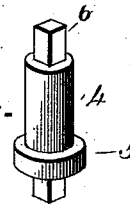
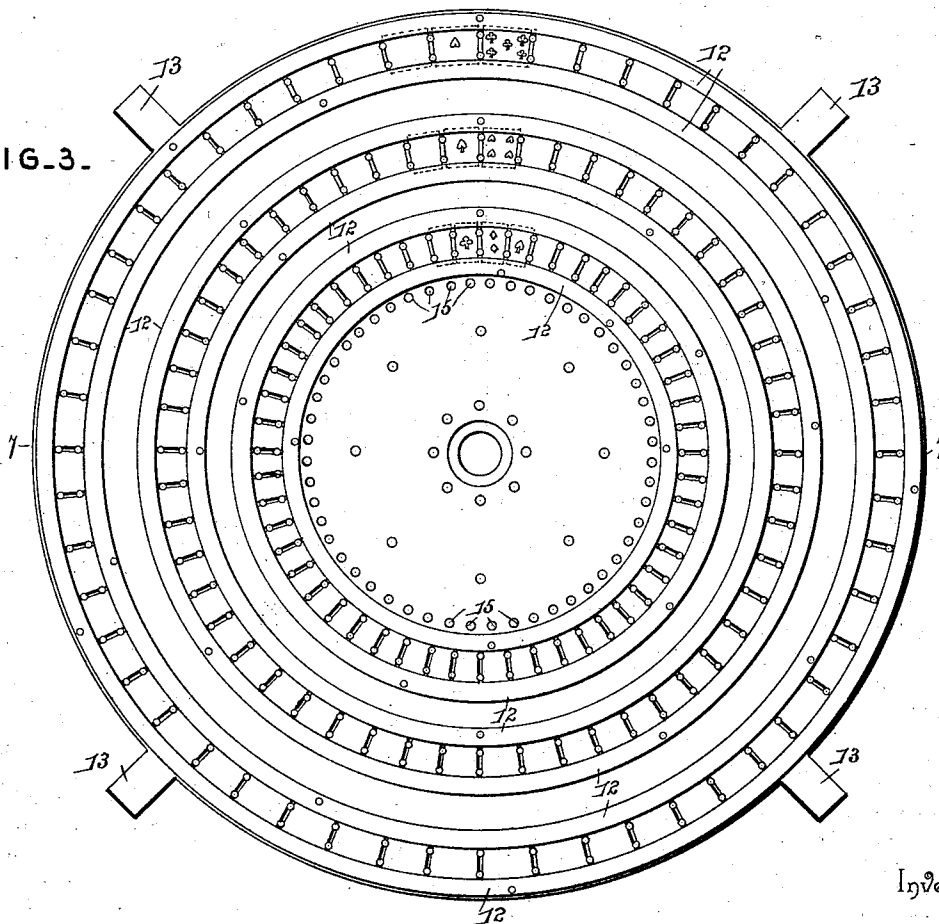


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. PICKENS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a game apparatus designed for use in playing games in which cards are employed as the means, and are dealt successively to a number of players to form hands containing five cards, of which games "poker" is a type, the object of the invention being to provide a device whereby the cards are dealt mechanically, thus preventing underhand or crooked dealing and making the game strictly one of chance.

In carrying out my invention I employ relatively rotatable disks, each of which carries a number of cards which are adapted to be brought into alignment in series, each series containing the number of cards belonging to a hand. These disks are preferably arranged in adjacent parallel planes, the upper disk being provided with spaced openings through which the cards carried by the lower disk may be seen when viewed from directly above that particular part of the apparatus, whereby the other players about the boards are prevented from viewing the hand possessed by the player opposite which such hand is arranged.

My invention is more fully described hereinafter in connection with the drawings, and the novel features thereof are more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a game apparatus embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the lower disk. Fig. 4 is a detail view of a spindle which is employed when the device is supported upon a table or other similar stand.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates the stand or support, having a base 2, and an upright or shank 3. The shank is provided at its upper end with a bearing 4, bounded at its lower end by a collar 5, and terminating at its upper end in a

squared or angular extension 6. Upon the bearing 4 is revolubly mounted a disk 7, and upon the squared extension is fitted a central socket 8, of the upper or fixed disk 9.

It will be understood that the relative positions of the revoluble and fixed disks may be changed without departing from the spirit of my invention by placing the revoluble disk above the fixed disk, as it is only necessary, in order to carry out my invention, that the said disks shall be relatively rotatable. The upper disk is provided with a series of spaced openings 10, which are arranged in radial series, each series containing three openings, and between the inner circular series of openings and the intermediate series, and between said intermediate series and the outer concentric series of openings are arranged circular series of cards similar to those employed in the ordinary games of cards, twenty-six cards being preferably arranged in each series, whereby one entire pack of fifty-two cards is arranged upon the surface of the upper disk. The cards are held in place detachably by means of clips 11, having free lateral edges under which the edges of said cards are engaged. The lower disk is provided with three concentric series of cards, each containing an entire pack or fifty-two cards, and being so positioned that they may be seen through the openings which are provided in the upper disk in alignment with the cards carried by said upper disk. The cards are secured to the lower disk by means of clips 12, similar to those of the upper disk beneath which the edges of the cards are inserted in order that the latter may be interchanged and arranged as may be required or is desirable. The lower disk is provided with a series of handles 13, which extend beyond the periphery of the fixed disk to permit of turning the revoluble disk in the manner hereinafter explained.

From the above description it will be understood that in the several positions of the revoluble disk five cards, two being carried by the upper and three by the lower disk, are arranged in alignment, thus forming a number of radial sets or hands corresponding to the number of pairs of cards which are fixed to the upper disk.

A number of games can be played with the arrangement above described, and in order to illustrate the manner of manipulating the apparatus, I will describe the game of "poker" as played therewith. Each player selects two aligned cards upon the upper disk as the basis of his hand, and to which, in poker parlance, he will draw. The revoluble disk is now turned or given an impetus by which it is caused to revolve a number of times, and when it comes to rest the cards of the lower disk which are visible through the openings in that set in which each player's selected cards are arranged, combined with said selected cards, comprise his hand, from which point the game proceeds in the ordinary way. It will be seen that a large choice of cards for selection is presented, and as the point at which the revoluble disk comes to rest is entirely a matter of chance, and as twice as many cards are arranged in each circular series of the lower disk as in the circular series of the upper disk, a large diversity of hands is presented. When the revoluble disk has come to rest, and during the play succeeding this distribution of hands, the parts are locked in their set positions by means of a locking-pin 14, which is inserted through a perforation 15 in the upper disk and engages the lower disk.

In connection with the above apparatus I employ chips, which are stamped or marked to represent the several cards in an ordinary pack, and which may be used as follows: Each player draws five chips, and the first player then turns the revoluble disk, and when the latter comes to rest places one of the chips in his hand upon a corresponding card of the upper disk, provided such card is in alignment with a similar card of the lower disk. He continues to play as long as he can match the cards as described, and when unable to proceed, the second player takes his place. As the chips are played others are drawn in hands of five, as in the first instance, and the player who first exhausts his supply wins the game.

The apparatus as described can also be employed as a raffle by assuming that the spot-cards count according to the number of spots, while the face-cards represent a fixed number, as "two." In this way a sum of forty-nine may be thrown as the maximum amount by the arrangement of three tens of the lower disk in alignment with a ten and a nine of the upper disk; and six may be thrown as the minimum amount by the arrangement of four aces and a face-card in alignment.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A game apparatus having relatively rotatable card-bearing disks, the cards being so

arranged as to be brought into alignment to form sets or hands, substantially as specified.

2. In a game apparatus, the combination of upper and lower relatively-rotatable card-bearing disks, the upper disk being provided with openings through which the cards of the lower disk may be viewed, substantially as specified.

3. In a game apparatus, the combination of upper and lower contiguous relatively-rotatable card-bearing disks, the upper disk being provided with openings through which the cards of the lower disk may be viewed, each set of such openings being in radial alignment with one or more cards of the upper disk, substantially as specified.

4. In a game apparatus, the combination of upper and lower relatively-rotatable disks, and cards detachably and interchangeably secured to the said disks, substantially as specified.

5. In a game apparatus, the combination of an upper disk provided with circular series of openings, and interposed circular series of cards, and a lower disk adjacent to and parallel with said upper disk and provided with circular series of cards which are adapted to align with the openings of the upper disk, said disks being relatively rotatable, substantially as specified.

6. In a game apparatus, the combination of relatively-rotatable upper and lower disks, the upper disk being provided with concentric series of openings and interposed cards arranged in radial sets and the lower disk being provided with circular series of cards adapted to be viewed through the openings of the upper disk, the number of cards in each series of the lower disk being greater than the number in each series of the upper disk, substantially as specified.

7. In a game apparatus, the combination with an upright provided at its upper end with a bearing and a terminal squared or angular portion, a disk rotatably mounted upon said bearing, and an upper disk provided with a socket which is fitted upon said angular portion, said disks being provided with cards arranged in radial sets and the upper disk being provided with openings through which the cards of the lower disk may be viewed, substantially as specified.

8. In a game apparatus, the combination with a suitable stand or support, of a fixed card-bearing disk provided with spaced openings, and a subjacent parallel card-bearing disk rotatably mounted upon said stand or support and provided with handles which extend beyond the periphery of the fixed disk, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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