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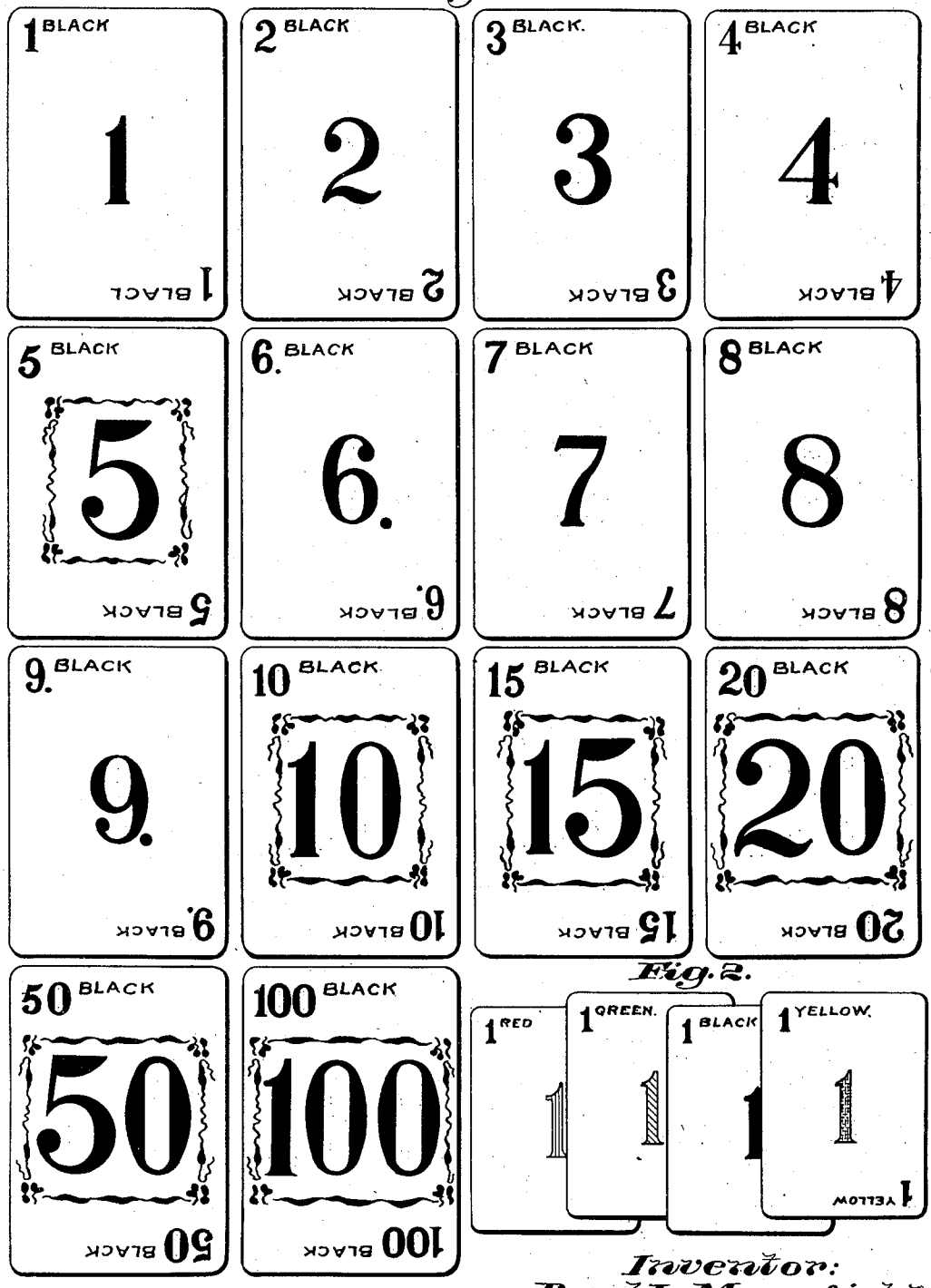


Fig. 2.

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Fig. 3.

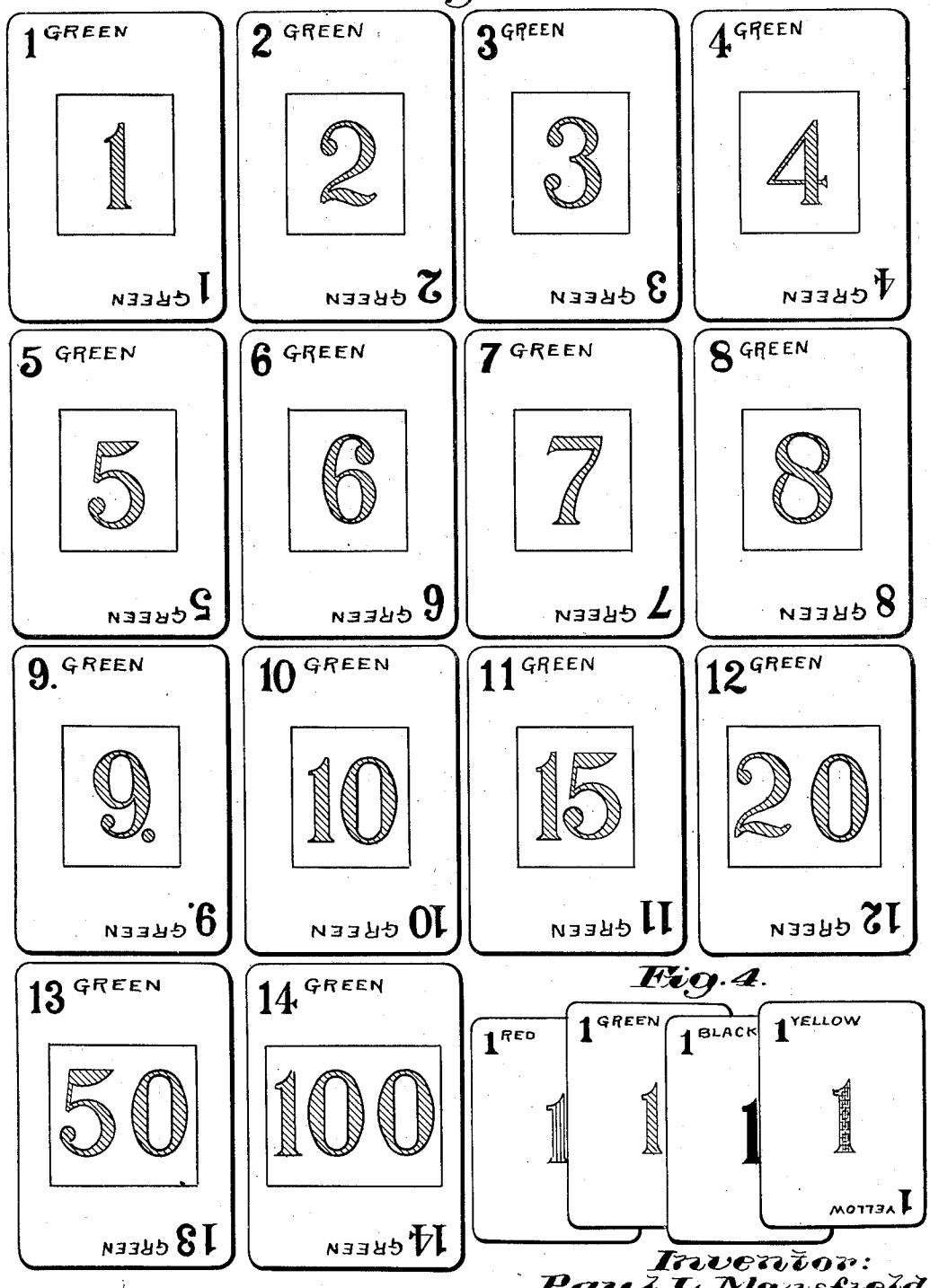


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL L. MANSFIELD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brighton, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Card Games, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like characters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to game cards and particularly to a pack of cards for a card game comprising two or more groups all having the same numerical values but otherwise differentiating each from the other, and desirably by colors.

In order that my invention may be readily understood, I have disclosed a single embodiment thereof in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a view representing the faces of each of the cards of one of the groups;

Fig. 2 is a view indicating the faces of one card of each of the groups, and indicating differentiation therebetween; and

Figs. 3 and 4 are views respectively like Figs. 1 and 2 but showing a modification of my invention.

In the patent to George S. Parker, No. 952,939, March 22, 1910, are disclosed special game cards by which the well known game of "Rook" is played. While not in all respects limited to its use or application thereto, my invention is in its preferred embodiment an improvement upon the said game.

While not limiting my invention wholly to such use, I will describe the preferred embodiment thereof and the best manner of playing the game as an improvement upon the game of "Rook".

In the card pack I provide two or more groups of cards and desirably employ four groups, though less than four or more than four many be employed under certain circumstances. Whatever the number of groups the cards of the several groups should be distinguished each from every other in some suitable manner, but desirably by a color scheme as indicated in the said patent to Parker, No. 952,939, and also as indicated in the patent to George S. Parker, No. 1,129,423, February 23, 1915.

In Fig. 2, I have indicated four groups at 1, 2, 3, 4, said figure showing the lowest strength card of each of the groups and indicating that the groups are differentiated by a color scheme. By the term "strength" as herein used I refer to the numerical order of the card or what is ordinarily the value of a number, this term being employed to avoid confusion with what I hereinafter refer to as the value in playing or scoring the game, which latter may be different from the "strength" of a card number. In Fig. 2 I have indicated the use of the colors, red, green, black and yellow, but it is to be understood that any other suitable colors may be used instead, and that if additional groups are employed, such other additional colors will be employed as are desired. While my invention is not limited to a differentiation by colors such scheme of differentiation is best adapted to the purposes of the game.

Aside from the color or other substitute differentiation, the cards of the several groups are desirably alike, and I will describe one group of cards as constituting the preferred disclosure, the same being shown in Fig. 1.

The number of cards in a group may be varied within the scope of my invention, but in any case the number of cards in each group is the same as in every other group. In the present instance, I have represented fourteen cards in a group. Each card is given a number and these numbers may be selected in accordance with any suitable scheme. Desirably, however, a certain number of the cards are numbered in sequence as, for example, 1 to 10 inclusive, though a smaller or a larger number of cards may thus be numbered sequentially or within the scope of my invention, the numbers need not be in sequence, as, for example, in the lower numbered cards I may employ only such numerals as 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, etc. Desirably, however, I do employ ten cards numbered sequentially from 1 to 10, and in addition I employ certain other cards, which desirably have some definite relation to the numerical strength of one of the lower numbered cards. For example, in addition to the cards numbered sequentially from 1 to 10, I use cards numbered 15, 20, 50 and 100, all of which are multiples of five. Of course, within the scope of my invention still other cards may be employed or less than the four additional

cards shown, and the increase in value may be other than that derived from using five as a multiple.

According to the preferred manner of playing the game, only those cards which are either a "5" card or a multiple thereof have a value in playing the game. Thus, according to the disclosed embodiment, the value cards are the 5, 10, 15, 20, 50 and 100, which in the disclosed embodiment have an aggregate value of 200. Desirably the value cards of each group are differentiated in some other way than merely their number from the other cards of the group. This may be done in any suitable manner, and as one means for carrying out this feature of my invention, I have herein represented each value card as having the figures thereon of larger size than the figures on the remaining cards of that group, and desirably this is true of all the groups, so that in all the groups the value cards are distinguished in the present instance by having the numbers thereon larger than the numbers of the remaining cards, and desirably the size of the numbers on the value cards of all the groups is the same, and the size of the numbers of the non-value cards is uniformly small. My invention is not limited, however, to distinguishing the value cards by making the figures thereon larger than the figures on other cards.

The value cards may also be distinguished in some other manner from the non-value cards, such, for example, as some design that surrounds the numerals of the value cards. I have indicated a suitable design surrounding the numbers on the value cards 5, 10, 15, 20, 50 and 100. Within the scope of my invention, such surrounding designs may in all cases be the same, though within the scope of my invention, each group may have its own particular design surrounding its value numbers.

While I have indicated the numbers 10, 15, 20, 50 and 100, it will be understood that these numbers are representative merely, and that in accordance with my invention, the values above the cards numbered sequentially, may be any suitable numbers having values other than those arising from the mere superiority in magnitude in sequence. In other words, I may employ any suitable numbers of greater numerical strength, but not differing merely in sequence.

The pack of cards herein disclosed is clearly differentiated physically and in purpose and usage of play from the pack commonly and commercially known as "playing cards". The game may be played in the general manner indicated in the said game patent to Parker No. 952,939, and it is therefore unnecessary to describe in detail the playing of the game.

It will be understood that whatever the colors employed, I desirably make the number on each card in the proper color of that group, and also I desirably place on each card the name of the color printed in its own color. For example, each card of the red color has the color designation "Red" displayed in red on its face, the green card has "Green", the black card has "Black" and the yellow card has "Yellow", and so on if more than four groups of cards are provided. Desirably also I provide a small index number preferably at one upper corner and the diagonally opposite lower corner of each card in small type.

In Fig. 3, I have indicated a modified form of the invention. Therein I employ the same number of cards as in that form of my invention shown in Fig. 1, but the numbers upon the value cards, namely, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50 and 100 are of the same size as the numbers upon the non-value cards, and desirably and as here shown, I employ upon the value cards, 15, 20, 50, 100, the indices 11, 12, 13, 14, because said indices are employed upon cards in the said "Rook" game, of which the present game is an improvement and carrying forward, and which may be played in the same general manner as the said game of "Rook". Instead of employing indices 11, 12, 13, 14, I may upon the value cards, 15, 20, 50 and 100, employ the corresponding indices 15, 20, 50 and 100.

It will be observed that in Fig. 3, I have indicated the figures as green, and in Fig. 4, I have indicated four suits as green, black, yellow and red, but what I have said concerning the number of groups and the colors thereof in the description of Figs. 1 and 2 may and does clearly apply with respect to Figs. 3 and 4.

Having thus described one illustrative embodiment of my invention, I desire it to be understood that although specific terms are employed, they are used in a generic and descriptive sense and not for purposes of limitation, the scope of the invention being set forth in the following claims.

Claims—

1. A pack of cards for a game comprising two or more groups, all having the same numerical characters as the predominant characteristic upon the face thereof but otherwise differentiated each from every other by means including at least a color differentiation, each of the groups having a plurality of cards in numerical sequence, and a plurality of additional cards of greater numerical strength but not sequentially arranged.

2. A pack of cards for a card game comprising two or more groups, all having the same numerical characters as the predominant characteristic upon the face thereof but

otherwise differentiated each from every other by means including at least a color differentiation, each of said groups having a series of cards sequentially related, and an additional series of cards each constituting a multiple of a selected number.

3. A pack of cards for a game comprising a multiplicity of cards forming a plurality of groups readily distinguishable by means including a group characterizing color, each group containing like numbers of individual cards, each card bearing upon its face as its predominant characteristic a numerical character formed in the color of its group and having in diagonally opposite corners an index of both its number and its group, said index including a small numeral and the name of the group color formed in that color, in each group there being a series of cards the numerical characters of which are relatively low in strength and sequentially related and a plurality of cards whose numerical characters are relatively high in strength and are not sequentially related but are respectively multiples of the same selected number.

4. A pack of cards for a game comprising a multiplicity of cards forming a plurality of groups readily distinguishable by means including a group characterizing color, each group containing like numbers of individual cards, each card bearing upon its face as its predominant characteristic a numerical character formed in the color of its group and having in diagonally opposite corners an index of both its number and its group, said index including a small numeral and the name of the group color formed in that color, in each group there being a series of cards the numerical characters of which are relatively low in strength and sequentially related and a plurality of cards whose numerical characters are relatively high in strength and are not sequentially related but are respectively multiples of the same selected number, the numerical indices of said plurality of high strength cards differing in strength from the numerical characters thereof and constituting a continuation of the sequence of and increasing in the same sequence as the numerical characters of the low strength cards and in the order of the increasing strengths of the numerical characters of said high strength cards.

5. A pack of cards for a card game comprising two or more groups, all groups having the same numerical characters as the predominant characteristic upon the face of each card but otherwise differentiated each from every other, each of said groups having ten cards numbered sequentially from 1 to 10, and a plurality of additional cards, each of which is a multiple of five.

6. A pack of cards for a card game comprising two or more groups, all groups having the same numerical characters but otherwise differentiated each from every other, each of said groups having ten cards numbered sequentially from 1 to 10, and a plurality of additional cards, each of which is a multiple of five, in each group the "5" cards and the cards whose numbers are multiples thereof being contrasting with the remaining cards of that group otherwise than by number.

7. A pack of cards for a card game comprising two or more groups, all groups having the same numerical characters but otherwise differentiated each from every other, each of said groups having ten cards numbered sequentially from 1 to 10, and a plurality of additional cards, each of which is a multiple of five, the "5" cards and the cards whose numbers are multiples of five having their numbers of larger size than the numbers on the remaining cards.

8. A pack of cards for a card game comprising two or more groups, all groups having the same numerical characters but otherwise differentiated each from every other, each of the groups having ten cards numbered sequentially from 1 to 10, and four additional cards numbered 15, 20, 50 and 100, the "5" card and the cards whose numbers are multiples thereof being clearly distinguished from the remaining cards by having their numbers of larger size than the numbers on the remaining cards and also by having an ornamental design thereabout.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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