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POKER CHIP HOLDER.

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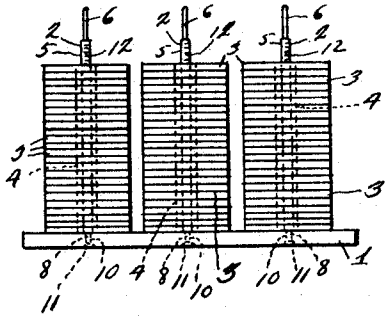


Fig. 1.

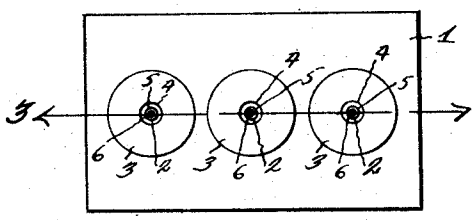


Fig. 2.

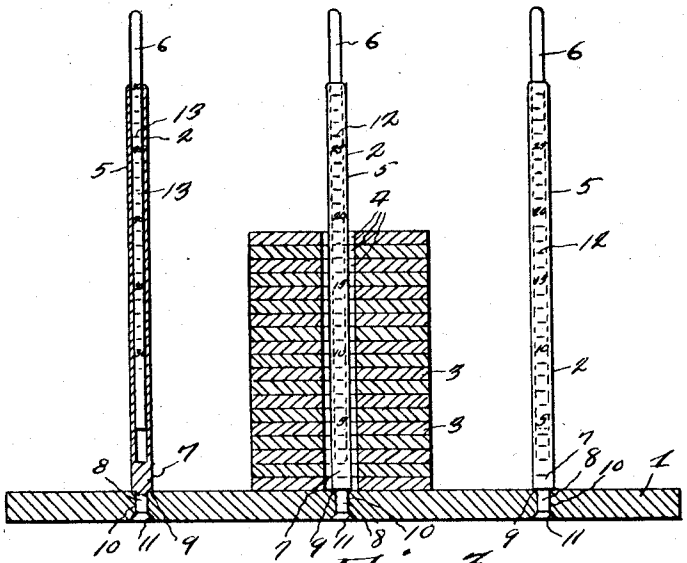


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TOM C. GRAHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Arlington, in the county of Hudson, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Poker-Chip Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved poker chip holder, and one of the objects of the invention is to provide an improved holder of this kind having means for holding stacks of pokér chips of particular construction, preferably such as those having central openings, said supporting means being graduated, in order to indicate the number of chips in each stack.

A further object of the invention is to provide improved extensible supporting means for several stacks of poker chips.

A further object of the invention is to provide a simple, efficient and practical holder for poker chips and one which may be manufactured at a small cost and sold at a reasonable profit.

In practical fields the details of construction may necessitate alterations falling within the scope of what is claimed.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts as hereinafter set forth shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of the improved holder constructed in accordance with the invention and provided with means for supporting several stacks of poker chips.

Fig. 2 is a plan view.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring more especially to the drawings 1 designates a base of the holder, and 2 denotes several spindles or uprights, for the reception of poker chips 3, which may be arranged in stacks. In other words the poker chips have central openings or apertures 4, through which the spindles pass whereby the poker chips may rest on the base 1. Each spindle comprises a tubular section 5 and an extensible section 6, which are telescopically and extensibly united. The extensible section 6 frictionally engages the tubular section 5, so that it may be held in different adjusted positions frictionally. The lower end of the tubular section 5 is closed as shown at 7, and this closed end has a reduced extension 8, which causes to be formed an adjoining shoulder 9. The extension 8 is fitted closely in an opening 10 of the base 1, and the lower extremity of the extension 8 is swaged radially or beveled outwardly as shown at 11, to retain the extension in the opening, and consequently hold the tubular section in an upright position. There are shown three spindles, but it is to be understood any number of spindles may be employed. The exterior surface of the tubular section is graduated, from 5 to 25, so as to indicate the number of chips in a stack on a spindle, said graduations are designated at a numeral 12. The extensible section 6 of each spindle is also provided with graduations 13, from 30 to 50, so that in case the chips in each stack increase the extensible section 6 may be extended, to indicate the increase of the chips. The graduations of the extensible section start where the graduations of the tubular section terminate. It has been found that this form of holder supports the chips in neatly arranged stacks, while playing the game of poker, and when the player ceases or withdraws from the game, it may be easily determined what number of chips is to be cashed in.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

In a poker chip holder, a base, a plurality of spindles rising upwardly therefrom and adapted to pass through the openings of poker chips, to hold the chips in several stacks, the lower end of each spindle having reduced parts, the end of which being swaged to hold the spindle firmly upright, each spindle comprising a tubular section, which is secured to the base, and an extensible section, which is telescopically united in the tubular section and adapted to

be held frictionally in adjusted positions, both sections being provided with graduations, the numbers of the graduations of the extensible section starting where the numbers of the graduations of the tubular section terminate.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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