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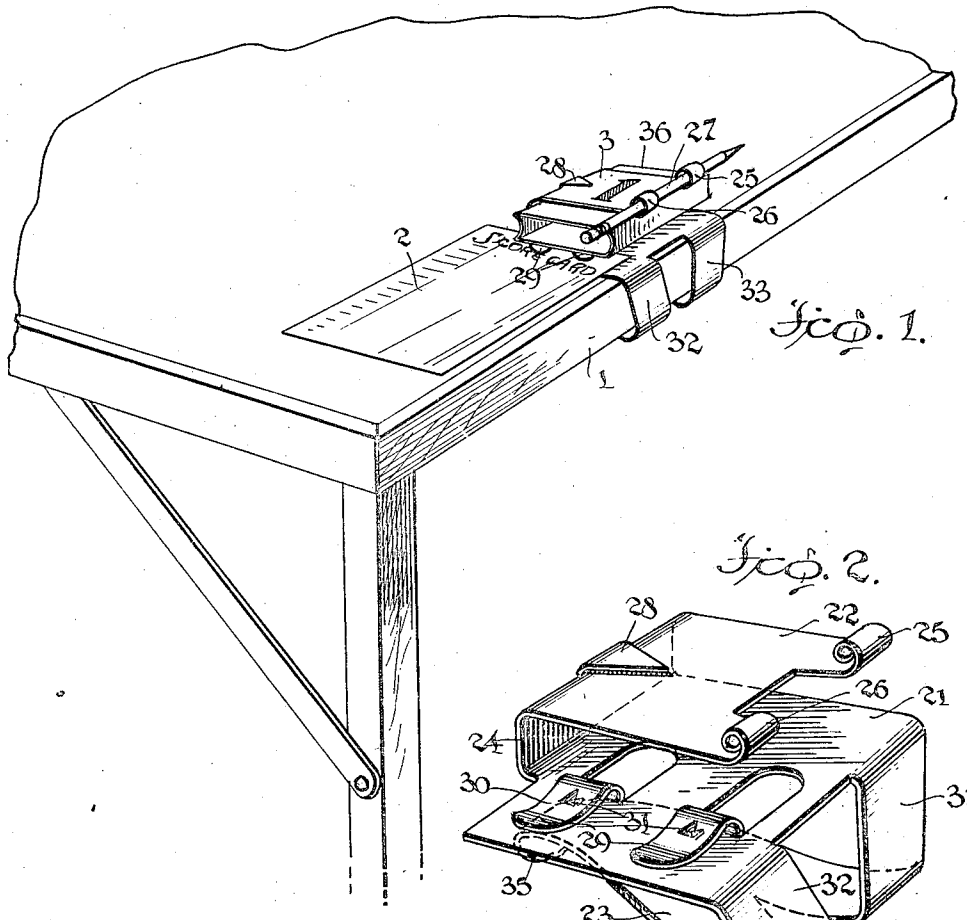

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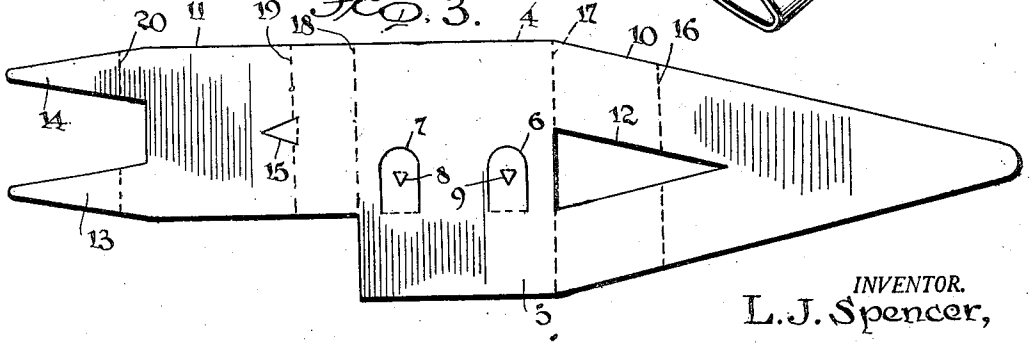

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LILLIAN JONES SPENCER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Eutaw, in the county of Greene and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holder for use when playing games of cards, but it is to be understood that a holder in accordance with this invention can be employed for any purposes for which it is found applicable, and the invention has for its object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a holder including means for detachably connecting therewith a table indicator, a score card, a marking implement and a card case or deck of cards, and further including means for detachably connecting it to a card table so as to retain the score card and marking implement in convenient place for use, as well as to display the table number or indicator visually when the table is in use and to position the deck of cards or card case in convenient access for the players.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a holder, in a manner as hereinafter set forth and for the purpose referred to, which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, compact, thoroughly efficient and convenient in its use, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary view, in perspective, of a card table and further illustrating a holder in acordance with this invention detachably connected therewith.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a holder in accordance with this invention.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the holder is made.

Referring to the drawings in detail, 1 denotes a card table, 2 a score card and 3 an indicator to set forth the number of the table.

A holder in accordance with this invention is constructed from a single blank 4 of any suitable material, preferably sheet metal of the desired gauge, and the blank consists of a rectangular intermediate portion 5 slitted, as at 6, 7, 8 and 9. The blank 4 further includes a pair of end portions 10 and 11. The end portion 10 is tapered and provided with a triangular-shaped cutaway portion 12. The end portion 11 is rectangular in contour and formed with a pair of spaced tapering extensions 13 and 14 and further is slitted, as at 15. The blank is scored, as at 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. The scores 17 and 18 are at the joint of the intermediate portion 5 with the end portions 10 and 11. The score 16 is arranged transversely of the end portion 11, at a point between its center and the intermediate portion 5. The score 19 extends transversely of the end portion 11 at a point between the center thereof and the intermediate portion 5. The score 20 extends transversely of the extensions 13 and 14.

The holder when set up from the blank 4 comprises a rectangular body portion 21, a resilient clamping arm 22 arranged in superposed relation with respect to the body portion 21, and a resilient attaching arm 23 which depends from one side of the body portion 21, then inwardly and upwardly and with the inward portion arranged below the body portion 21. Projecting upwardly from that side of the body portion 21 opposite the side from which depends the attaching arm 23, is a connecting portion 24 for the arm 22. The connecting portion 24 is of less length than the body portion 21 and the arm 22 is of less width than the length of the body portion 21. One edge of the arm 22 and connecting portion 24 is flush with one edge of the body portion 21.

The free end of the arm 22 is bent upon itself to form a pair of aligning barrels 25, 26, providing means for detachably connecting a pencil 27 therewith.

The material freed by the slit 15 is upset so as to provide a clamping member 28 for the indicator 3, which is positioned upon the arm 22 and inserted under the member 28 whereby the indicator 3 will be detachably connected to the holder. The arm 22 and connecting portion 24, as well as the member 28 and barrels 25 and 26 are formed from

the end portion 11 and the extensions 13 and 14.

Each of the slits 6 and 7 is semi-oval in contour and extends lengthwise with respect to the intermediate portion 4 of the blank, and the said intermediate portion 4 of the blank provides the body portion 21 of the holder. The material freed by the slits 6 and 7 is bent in a curvilinear manner upwardly and outwardly to extend upon the upper face of the body portion 21 and to provide a pair of curved clamping members 29, 30, for the purpose of detachably connecting the score card to the body portion 21.

The material freed by the slits 8 and 9 is depressed to form a pair of piercing barbs 31. Each of the barbs 31 is a part of a clamping member 29 or 30 and extends inwardly with respect to its member, and said barbs 31 constitute means to engage in the score card for the purpose of preventing the slipping thereof when marking thereon. The score card when mounted in position has the upper portion of its lower face arranged on the body portion 21 outwardly with respect to the connecting portion 24.

The resilient attaching member is constructed from the end portion 10 of the blank, and owing to the providing of said end portion 10 with the opening 12, the arm 23 is formed with a pair of angularly disposed portions 32, 33 and which depend from the body portion 21, and said arm is further formed with an inwardly and an upwardly inclined curved lower portion 34, bent upon itself at its free end, as at 35.

The clamping arm 22, in connection with the body portion 21, provides means for detachably connecting therewith a card case or a deck of cards, as illustrated in Figure 1, a card case 36.

The inwardly extending portion 34 of the arm 23 in connection with the body portion 21, as well as the portions 32, 33 of the arm 23, provides means for detachably connecting the holder to the card table 1 as when the holder is mounted in position the portion 34 of the arm 23 binds against the lower face of the table.

It is thought that the many advantages of a holder in accordance with this invention and for the purpose set forth can be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, yet it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction can be had which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:—

1. A holder for the purpose set forth comprising a body portion, means extended therefrom for detachably connecting said body portion in position, means integral with said body portion and arranged over the upper face thereof for detachably connecting a score card with said body portion, means connected with the body portion and arranged in superposed relation therewith for detachably connecting an article therewith, and said last mentioned means having as an integral part thereof a marking implement retainer and a table indicator clamp.

2. A holder for the purpose set forth comprising a body portion, a clamping arm connected with one side thereof and further arranged in superposed relation with respect thereto and provided with a clamping member and a marking implement retaining means, a pair of clamping members integral with said body portion and extending upon the upper face thereof, each of said clamping members formed with an inwardly extending piercing barb, and means depending from the other side of said body portion for detachably connecting it in position.

3. A holder for the purpose set forth comprising a body portion having an integral portion thereof constituting a clamping member over the upper face thereof, said member being curvilinear in contour and provided with an inwardly extending piercing barb, a clamping arm connected with one side of said body portion and further positioned in superposed relation with respect thereto and having integral portions thereof constituting a clamping member and a marking implement connecting means, and means depending from the other side of the body portion for detachably securing it in position.

4. A holder for the purpose set forth comprising a body portion, a clamping arm connected therewith and arranged in superposed relation with respect thereto, means connected with the body portion for detachably connecting it in position, said clamping member having inherent means to constitute a table indicator retainer and a marking implement retainer, and said body portion having integral means to constitute a score card clamp and a score card holder.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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