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Fig. 1

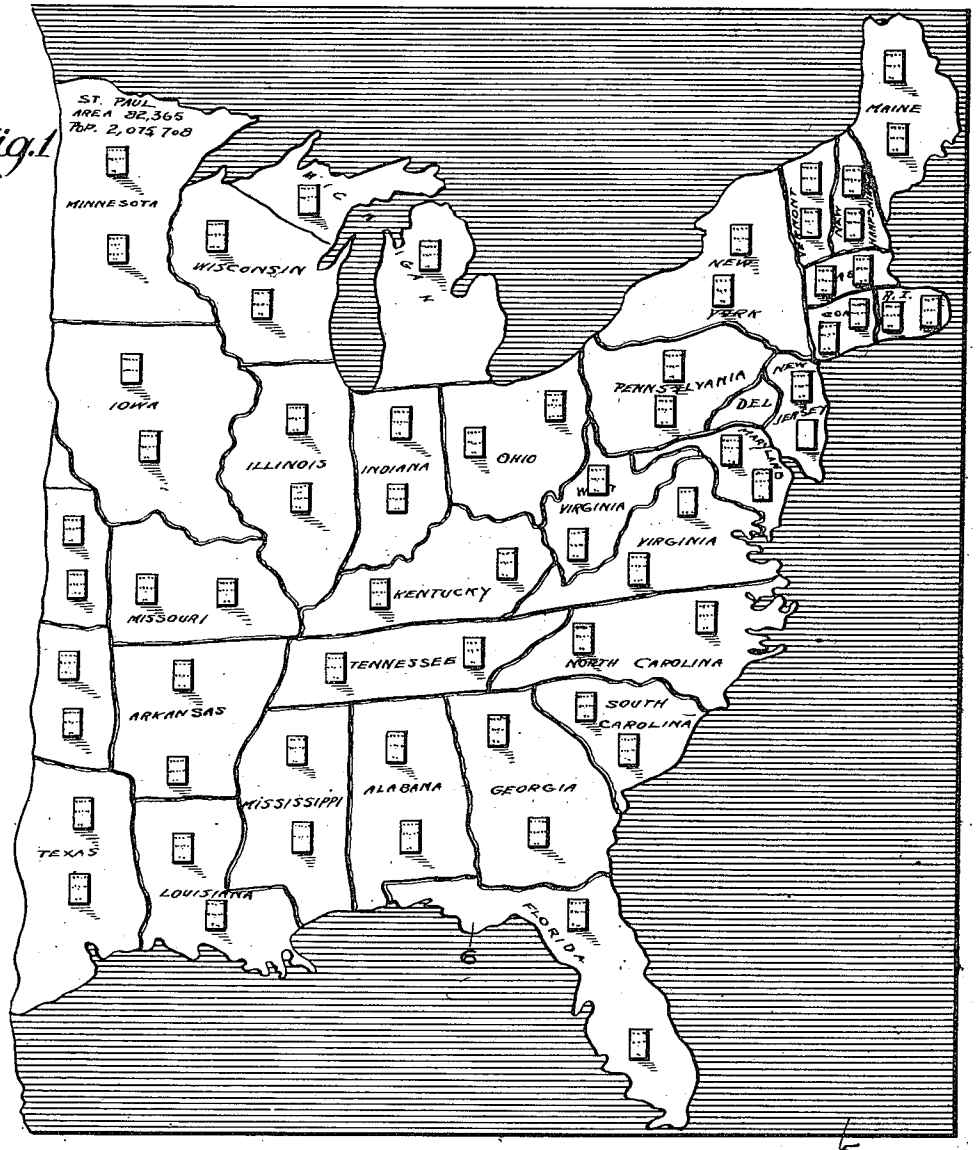


Fig. 2

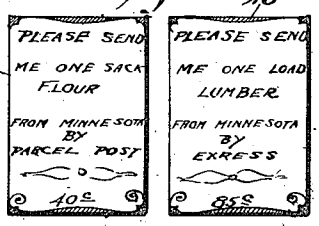
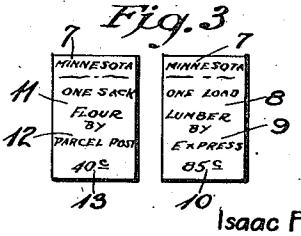


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC FRANKLIN STILL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Ossining, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention has for its object to provide an apparatus with which may be played a game which will not only interest the players, but which will instruct them as to geographic divisions and localities and the principal products which are produced in the said localities.

Additional objects of the invention will appear in the following specification in which the preferred form of my invention is disclosed.

In the drawings similar reference characters refer to similar parts in all the views in which—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary plan view of the board which is used in playing the game and showing the positions of the cards representing the commodities; Fig. 2 is a plan view showing two of the playing cards; and Fig. 3 is a plan view showing two of the cards representing the commodities.

By referring to the drawings it will be seen that for playing my game, I provide a board 5 having a map 6 printed thereon. The map shown is that of the United States with the divisions of the States clearly indicated. A pack of cards which are referred to as the commodity cards, are placed in position as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. Each of these cards which are shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings has printed thereon the name of a State or locality, the name of a commodity which the card represents and the words indicating the best method of shipping the commodity and the cost of the shipment. I prefer to provide a pack of ninety-six of these cards, the name of each State being printed on two of the cards, and of each two cards having a name of a State printed thereon, one is referred to as the express package card, and the other is referred to as the parcel post package card; for instance, the two cards shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings have the name of the State Minnesota printed at their top at 7. One of these cards has printed thereon "One load of lumber" at 8 and below these words there are printed the words "By express" at 9 indicating that the load of lumber is to be sent by express. Below at 10 there are figures printed to indicate that the cost of the shipment by express, will be 85¢. On the other card the commodity referred to at 11 is "One sack of flour" underneath which there are printed the words "By parcel post" at 12 to indicate that the sack of flour is to be shipped by parcel post, under which there is printed the cost "40¢," at 13. This will indicate that the cost of the shipment will be 40¢. In a similar way the other cards in the commodity pack of cards are printed, two being used for each State and one an express card and the other a parcel post card.

There is a second pack of cards, two of the cards of this second pack being shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. These cards are referred to as the playing cards, and each has an order for one of the products or commodities referred to on the cards which are normally placed on the States as referred to and shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. There are ninety-six playing cards in all, two for each State. In Fig. 2 of the drawings I show the two playing cards having the State Minnesota indicated thereon. One of these cards 14 has printed thereon an order for one sack of flour to be shipped from Minnesota, and underneath there is printed the method of shipment, which is parcel post. Below there are figures to indicate the cost of the shipment which is 40¢. The other card 15 has printed thereon an order for one load of lumber from Minnesota, underneath which there is printed the words "By express," indicating the method of shipment and under this there are printed figures to indicate the cost of the shipment which is 85¢.

When the cards in the first pack have been placed over the States or localities of the map 6 in the manner described, the second pack of cards is dealt out, the dealer dealing two or three cards at a time until each player has six. The player to the left of the dealer then calls for a product or commodity of any State which is referred to in any playing card which he may hold, the player at the same time being careful to state the method of shipment which is also indicated on the card which he holds. The player to the left of the player who has or-

dered the commodity, takes the commodity card from the map which has been referred to by the first player who has ordered the commodity and hands it to the player who has given the order, receiving in return the card held by the player giving the order which refers to the commodity. At the end of each hand each player adds up the amount indicated on the cards which he has paid for the packages received, and at the end of the game the player who has received his packages for the least money is the winner.

Having thus described my invention I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

In a game apparatus, a map having marks thereon indicating localities, a pack of cards, each card having marks thereon indicating the name of a locality shown on the map at which it is normally disposed, the name of a product of that locality together with marks indicating the best method and the cost of shipping the commodity, and a second pack of cards, each card of the second pack having indicated thereon an order for a product referred to on one of the cards of the first pack with the name of the locality where it may be obtained and the best method and cost of shipment.

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

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