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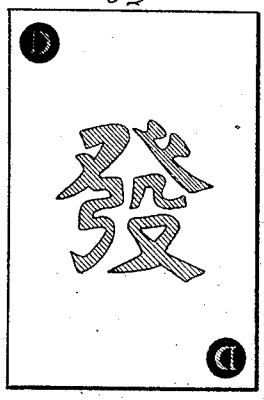


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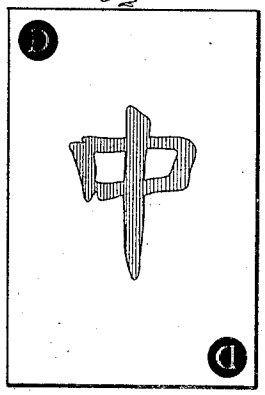


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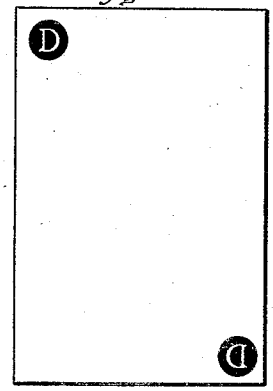


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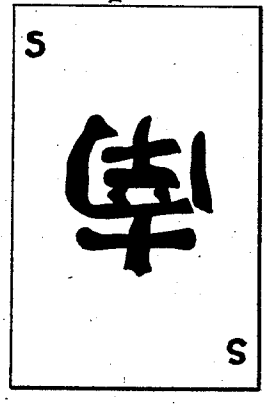


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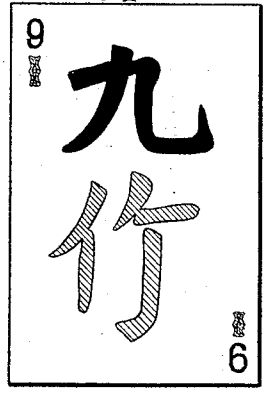
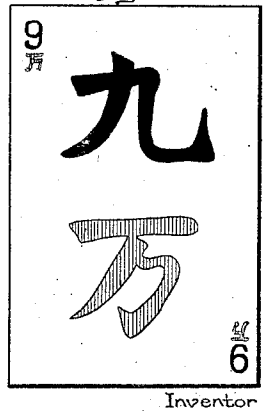


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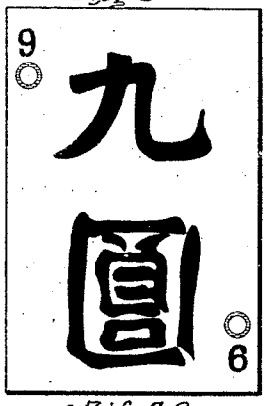


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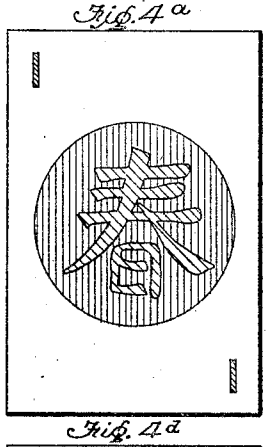


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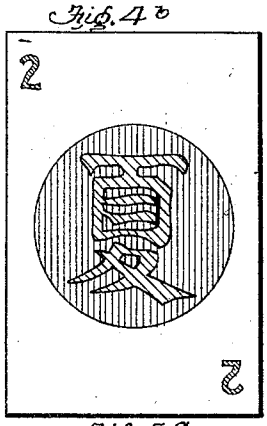


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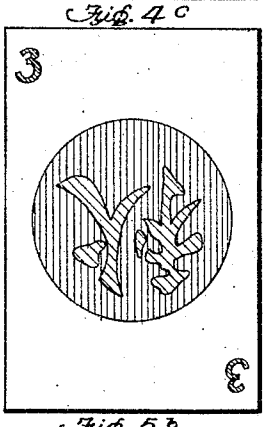


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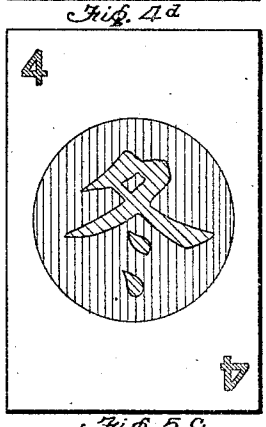


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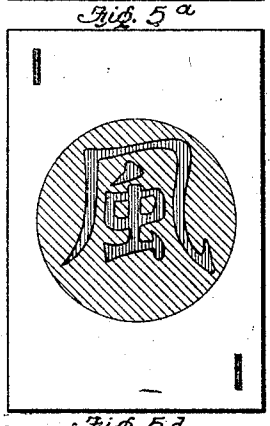


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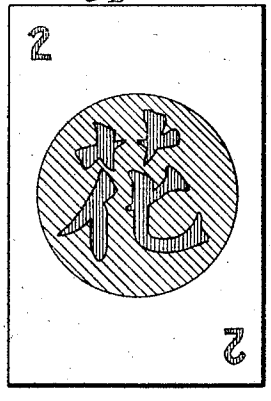


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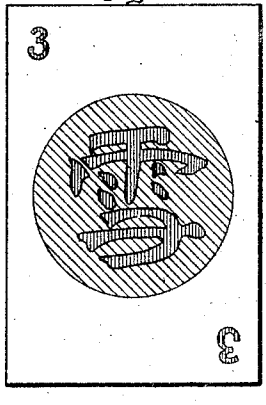
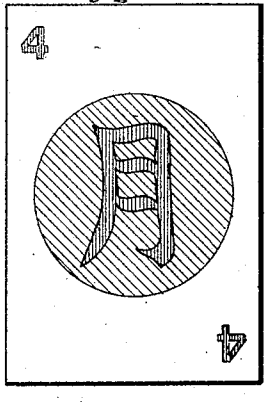


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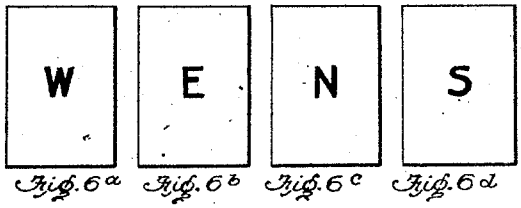


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CATHERINE McLAEN NEW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My said invention relates to a card game and it is an object of the same to provide a set of playing cards having novel features by means of which a game may be played somewhat resembling certain Chinese games, which game I have designated by the name Sun Chang.

Referring to the accompanying drawings which are made a part hereof,

Figures 1^a to 2^d and 4^a to 5^d represent honor cards of various sets,

Figures 3^a to 3^c represent individual cards of sequences, and

Figures 6^a to 6^d represent indicator cards.

In a preferred method of use the game called Mah jongg, Pung chow, Diplomat and many other games may be played with the deck of cards constituting my invention with the advantage that I do away with the tiles of ivory and bamboo and other clumsy and expensive paraphernalia used by the Chinese and substitute therefor relatively simple and inexpensive cards which have the further advantage of being easily transported in that they are light and take up little room.

The deck of cards includes 144 playing cards which have backs with any conventional or preferred design, the faces of these cards being marked as shown in the figures. There are for example 36 cards in each of the sub-packs commonly referred to as bamboos, dots and characters, each sub-pack being divided into four groups of nine cards numbered in sequence from 1 to 9. Figure 3^a represents card No. 9 of one of the sequences in the "bamboo" sub-pack; Figure 3^b, card No. 9 in one of the sequences of the "character" sub-pack; and Figure 3^c card No. 9 in one of the sequences of the "circle" or "dot" sub-pack. There are also four cards for each of the four winds and Figures 2^a to 2^d show the make up of one card for each wind. There are four green dragon cards (Fig. 1^a), four red dragon cards (Fig. 1^b) and four white dragon cards (Fig. 1^c). There are also two cards for each of the four seasons, (Figs. 4^a to 5^d) and these cards are divided into two sets, one consisting of "red" seasons (Figs. 4^a to 4^d) each card of which has a red or pink circle with green markings thereon and the other set of "green" seasons with green circles and red markings on the circles.

Instead of providing the same indications as are used on the tiles I place on the face of each card a large Chinese ideograph or word-sign indicating the name, as "bamboo" or "circle" with the Chinese character above the same for the numeral in the sequence if the card is one of a sequence. The ideographs on the sub-packs differ in color, the bamboo being green, the circle blue, and the character red. At the upper left-hand corner and the lower right-hand corner of each card I place the pictorial representation of the bamboo or circle, etc. (the circle being indicated by an annulus) together with the Arabic numeral of the card in its sequence. On the cards indicating dragons I place attention-attracting spot with the Latin character "D" which is the initial of the English word "dragon" of the proper color and the Chinese character representing the word dragon on each of the cards in its appropriate color excepting the white dragon cards, which of course are left blank as white dragons are presumed to be invisible.

The cards representing the seasons, in accordance with the numerals in their corners, are made in two sets as above explained and those of one set carry the Chinese word for the specific season in red while at the diagonally opposite corners of the card the numeral for the particular season appears in the same color as the word, i. e. red, while the other set has the ideograph indicating the season in green.

Similarly with the cards representing the winds the appropriate name appears in Chinese at the center of the card in an attention-attracting spot while the initial letter of the English word appears at the corner of the card.

In addition to the deck of 144 playing cards there are four indicator cards marked E, S, W and N, respectively. These indicator cards differ from the other cards in some essential and obvious respect, e. g. they may have red backs or they may be of larger size than the other cards so as to be readily distinguishable from the playing cards. They are not shuffled or dealt with the rest of the deck but are kept separate, being used

in place of the dice of the Chinese game to determine who shall be East Wind (or banker) and who shall break the wall.

In addition to the use of the cards for playing games it will readily be seen that they have an educational value in that persons using them become familar with some of the more commonly used ideographs of the Chinese language, and since the cards also bear indications denoting the meaning of such ideographs either in the form of pictures or initials of English words, it is made comparatively easy to learn the ideographs and their meaning. For such a purpose also the number of cards could be increased and the inscriptions varied.

The cards may be used for playing other games and may be changed in various respects, all without departing from the spirit of my invention, and therefore I do not limit myself to the precise embodiment of the invention shown in the drawings and described in the specification but only as indicated in the appended claim.

Having thus fully described my said invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

In a card game adapted to be played by a number of persons to whom are assigned definite playing positions, special indicator cards for assigning such playing positions consisting of a special card for each position, a plurality of distinct sequentially numbered groups of cards, the cards of each group forming a continuous series and having means thereon for indicating the position of each card in the series and group, said means comprising Arabic numerals from one to nine and suite indica in opposite diagonals and readable from either end, the suite indicia of each group being of a different color, and having Chinese phraseology in the central portions thereof, said phraseology being a translation of the English indicia thereon, two groups of non-numbered cards, each group being unrelated to the other, the non-numbered cards of one group having differently colored English suite indicia in attention-attracting spots in diagonally opposite corners some of these cards having a Chinese translation thereof in the center thereof, the cards of the other non-numbered group having English suite indicia in opposite corners, the cards of the latter group having Chinese phraseology in the center thereof, and two groups of differently colored "season" cards, each group having progressive indicia thereon, said indicia comprising Arabic numerals from one to four placed in opposite corners of the cards of this group, and also having Chinese phraseology in attention-attracting colored spots in the center thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Washington, District of Columbia, this 25th day of May, A. D., nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

CATHERINE McLAEN NEW. [L. S.]