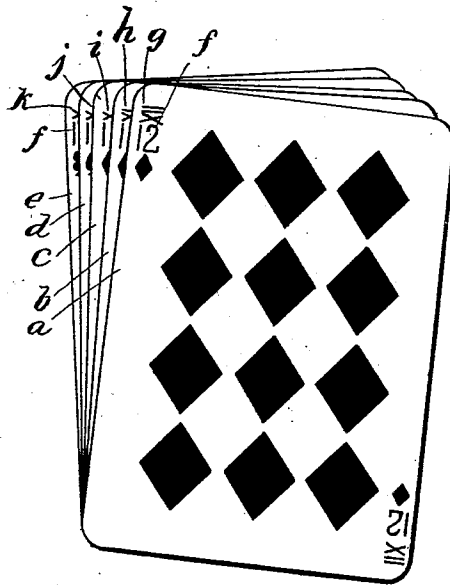


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN OMWAKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, Hamilton county, State of Ohio, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Playing-Cards, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein the figure illustrates a face view
10 of a series of cards embodying my invention.

My invention relates to playing-cards, and is more especially applicable to that character of cards employed for playing poker, wherein eleven and twelve spot cards of each
15 suit are employed, in addition to the ordinary deck of fifty-two cards.

Heretofore "squeezers," or cards which have representations of the denominations and suit indicated in the corners of the cards,
20 have been employed to ascertain the character or value of the card without the necessity of exposing the faces of the cards. However, where two numerals are employed to designate the denomination of the card, trouble
25 has been experienced because of the necessity of exposing both numerals and a considerable portion of the faces of the cards, in order to determine the character of all of the cards held in the hand.

30 The object of my invention is to obviate these difficulties heretofore found in playing-cards; and to this end my invention consists in employing signs, preferably numerical signs of different characters, as Arabic and
35 Roman numerals, at right angles or nearly right angles to each other on the corners of

the playing-cards and extending in a line substantially parallel to one edge of the card, to designate the value of the cards so marked.

The representation in the drawing designates the "hand" of five cards, *a, b, c, d,* and
40 *e*, each of which has a double Arabic numeral *f* to indicate the denomination of the cards. Above and at right angles, or at nearly right angles, to the Arabic numerals on each
45 of these cards are Roman numerals *g, h, i, j,* and *k*, of the same value, so that when the cards are "squeezed," in the manner indicated in the drawing, the denomination of the
50 cards can be determined from the Roman numerals, notwithstanding the fact that no determination of the value of the cards could be arrived at from the Arabic numerals. It
55 will be seen that these numerals and the suit-spot form a straight line at their outer edges.

Having described one form of my invention, and it being understood that I do not limit myself to the exact details shown and described, what I claim, and desire to secure by
60 Letters Patent, is—

A playing-card, carrying near one corner a designation of value expressed by two or more Arabic numerals and in close proximity thereto the designation of the like value expressed
65 by Roman numerals, that are at right angles to the Arabic numerals, substantially as described.

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