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Fig. 1.

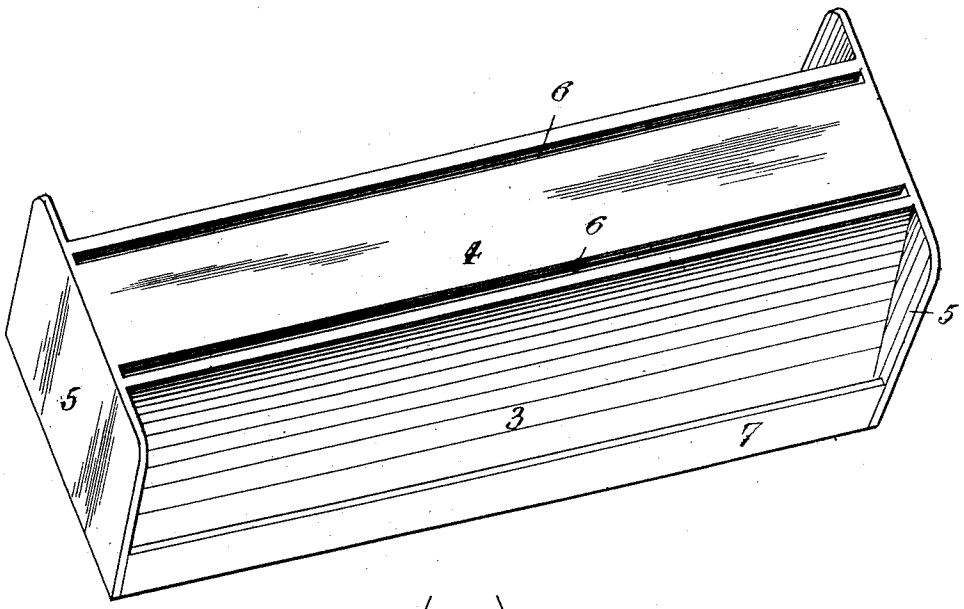
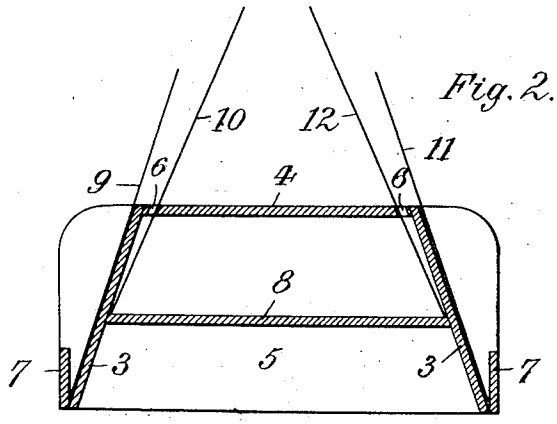


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISE HEALY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stands for Playing-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a stand for supporting two hands or deals of playing-cards back to back.

The invention is designed for playing whist and other games with two dummies, the stand permitting each player to see his own dummy hand, but concealing from him the dummy hand of his opponent.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved stand; and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same, showing the cards in position.

The stand comprises two inclined sides 3, that diverge from top to bottom and are connected by a top plate 4 and by end plates 5. The horizontal top plate 4 is provided along each edge with a longitudinal slot 6. The end plates 5 project beyond the sides 3 to form abutments that prevent the cards from slipping off the ends of the stand. From the base of each side 3 extends upwardly a rail 7 to form a longitudinal pocket or trough along the lower edge of each side. A raised bottom plate 8 connects sides 3 at a distance below top plate 4.

Part 9 of the cards of one dummy hand is placed against one side 3 to be supported by rail 7, while the other part 10 of the same dummy hand is passed through the slot 6 back of said side 3, so as to rest on false bottom 8. In like manner the two parts 11 and 12 of the other dummy hand are arranged along the front and back of the other side 3. Thus it will be seen that the two parts of each dummy hand are arranged in two tiers, of which the rear tier projects above the front tier, so as to be plainly visible. The cards are removed from the stand by grasping their upper ends, which project above the top plate 4.

If the stand is placed upon a table between two players, each player will be faced by his own dummy hand, while the dummy hand of his opponent will be entirely concealed.

What I claim is—

1. A stand for playing-cards comprising a pair of diverging sides, an upper connecting-plate having a pair of longitudinal slots, and an elevated bottom plate, substantially as specified.

2. A stand for playing-cards, comprising a pair of diverging sides, a top plate, a rail at the bottom of each side, and a pair of end plates extending beyond the sides, substantially as specified.

3. A stand for playing-cards, comprising a pair of diverging sides, a slotted top plate, a pair of bottom rails, a pair of end plates, and a raised bottom, substantially as specified.

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