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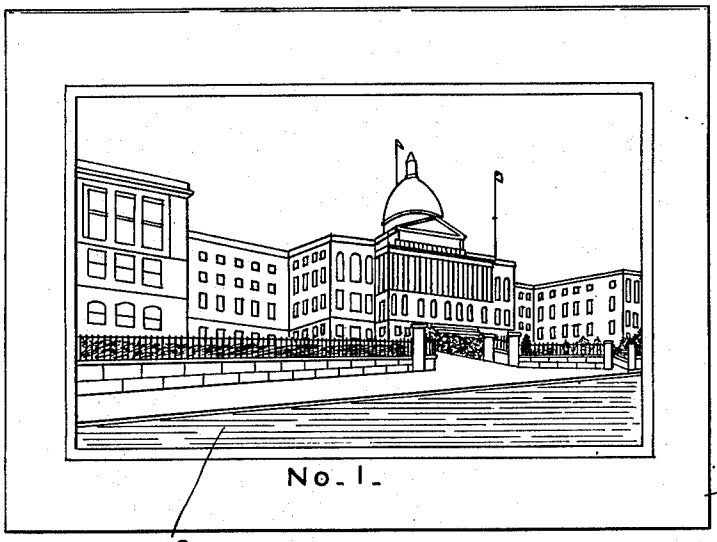

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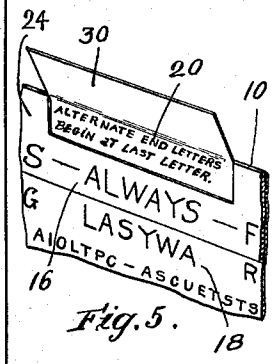

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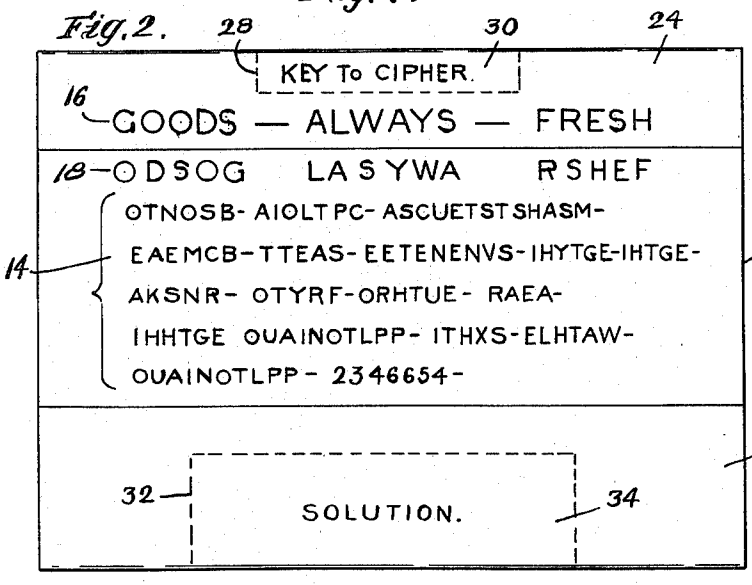

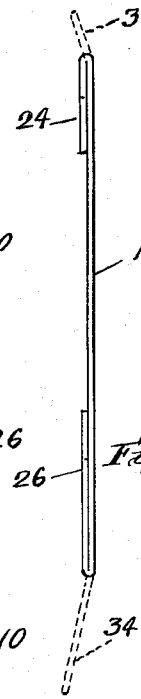

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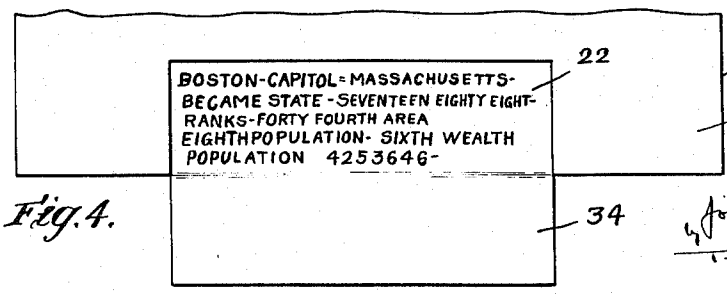

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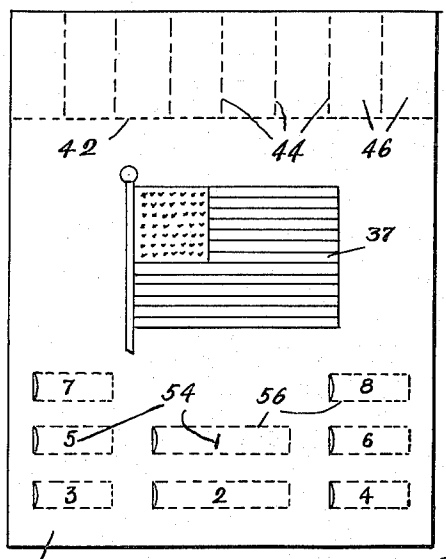

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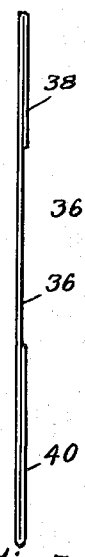

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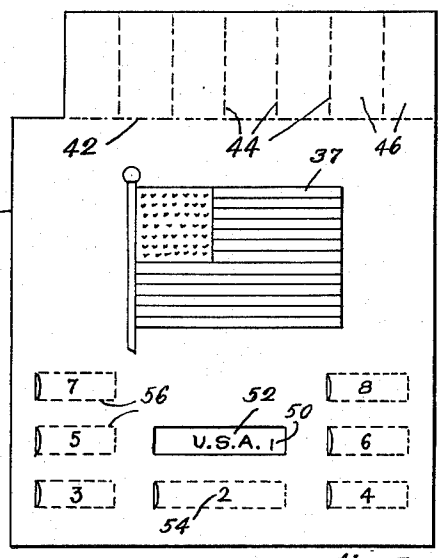

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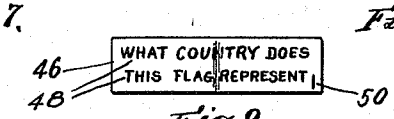

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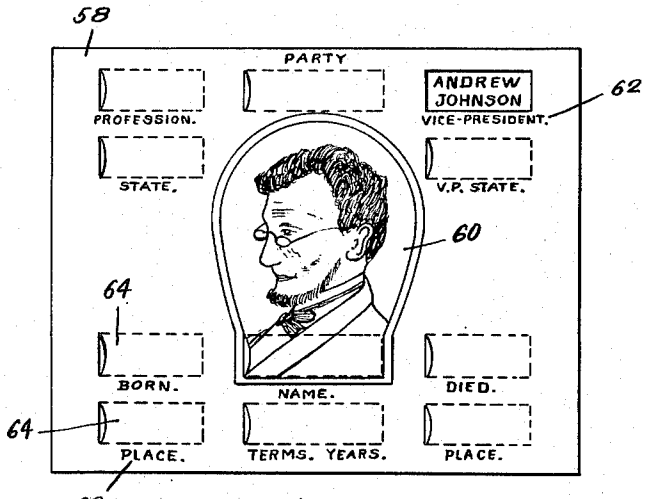

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This invention relates to games, the successful playing of which necessitates intelligence and knowledge.

An object of the invention is the provision of a game comprising a plate or card having certain matter as a message, picture, and the like, on a face thereof, and other matter having some relation or connection with the first matter, as a series of questions relative to certain facts respecting the message or picture, which questions are adapted to be answered by a player, and the questions having answers that are normally concealed or covered and are adapted to be exposed to prove or disprove the answer given by the player.

A further object is generally to provide a novel and entertaining form of game.

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the obverse face of a game card embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the reverse face of the card of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an end view of the card of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a view of the bottom portion of the card of Fig. 2 with a cover tab open.

Fig. 5 is a perspective detail of the top portion of the card of Fig. 2 with the cover tab thereof open.

Fig. 6 is a plan view of a modified form of card embodying the invention.

Fig. 7 is an end view of the card of Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a view of the card of Fig. 7 but with one of the question tabs thereof removed and one of the cover tabs also removed to expose the correct answer to the question contained on the question tab.

Fig. 9 is a plan view of a question tab.

Fig. 10 is a plan view of another type of card embodying the present invention.

The invention is susceptible to a variety of modifications and three modifications are herein disclosed to illustrate the nature and scope of the invention.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 through 5 the game comprises a card 10, preferably but not necessarily of paper or paper board, having on the obverse face thereof certain matter, herein shown as a picture 12, representing a State capitol building. The reverse face of the card bears other data as the message 14 which has some relation to the picture 12 and herein is descriptive of the State of which the picture represents the capitol building. The message herein is in the form of a cryptogram or cipher and it is intended that the player shall exercise his knowledge and intelligence in, and derive entertainment from, deciphering the cryptogram. Preferably, although not necessarily, the player is given a certain amount of aid in determining the solution of the cipher by an understandable message 16 and the same message coded as at 18 in the same manner as the cipher 14. The message 16 may, for instance, be an advertisement of some merchandisable article, as cigarettes, and need not have any relation to the picture 12 or the message 14 except that it provides means which aids the player in determining the solution of the message 14. The card also bears a key 20 to the cipher and a translation or solution 22 thereof located on the card at some convenient place as respectively above and below the cipher 14 and printed or appearing on the same face of the card so that the player can decode the cipher if he fails unaided to do so during the time he gives to the puzzle and also so that the player can prove or disprove his translation of the cipher. Both the key and the solution are normally covered or concealed from view so that they are not available except by a deliberate action on the part of the player. To this end the marginal portions 24 and 26 of the card that are located respectively above and below the key and the solution are reflexed or folded over and upon the card over the key and the solution and the edges of the folds are adherently or otherwise affixed to the body of the card. The fold 24 has a line of scoring 28 that defines a cover or tab 30 that overlies the key 20 and the fold 26 has a line of scoring 32 that defines a cover or tab 34 that overlies the solution 22. Both folds may be broken along the score lines to detach the three sides of the cover from the folds, so that the cover can be raised as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 to expose the key and the solution to view when the player so desires, for the purpose of proving or disproving his solution of the cipher 14.

In the modification illustrated in Figs. 6 through 9, the card 36 is or can be of paper or paper board and has data 37 as the representation of the flag of some country printed on the obverse face thereof. The upper and lower marginal portions 38 and 40 of the card are reflexed or folded over upon the reverse face of the card and the edges of the folds are adherently or otherwise affixed to the body of the card. The upper margin of the folded card has a transverse line of scoring or the like 42 which is located above the affixed edge of the fold 38 and also has a plurality of parallel score lines 44 that are at right angles to and extend to the score line 42, thereby providing a series of folded tabs 46 each

of which can be detached from the body of the card and unfolded, as in Fig. 9. The tabs bear different data 48, as questions relating to the data, or flag 37 or the country it represents, and which questions are intended to be answered by a player, or several players. Each tab on its inner face also bears a separate number 50 or other question-identifying means. The fold 40 bears data 52, as the covered answers to the various questions carried by the tabs and also, preferably, a number or other identification 54 corresponding to that of its associated tab. The data 52 is covered by the body of the card, and the card has a plurality of score lines 56 that define detachable covers that overlie the questions 52 and have associated therewith numbers or other identifying means each associated with a separate tab. After a certain tab has been detached from the card and the question thereon answered by a player, the cover over the correct answer to the question is detached and the answer is thus exposed to view, to prove or disprove the answer given by the player.

In the modification illustrated in Fig. 10 the card 58 has data, as the picture 60 of a president of the United States and certain other data 62 relating to the picture, as the name of the president, place of birth, etc. The card can have end folds, like the card of Fig. 7, and the folds have thereon the answers to the questions 62 normally concealed by the body of the card, the body, however, having detachable covers or tabs 64 that can be detached to expose the covered answer to the question and to prove and disprove the answer given by the player.

I claim:

1. A game comprising a card having a plurality of folded tabs the ends of which are detachably connected with the body of the card whereby the tabs are retained normally in folded condition and separately detachable from the card, indicia on the card, other indicia relating to said first indicia appearing on the inner faces of said tabs, additional indicia on said card relating to said other indicia, and removable covers for said additional indicia which normally conceal said indicia from view.

2. A game comprising a card having two marginal portions folded over against the body of and connected in part with the body of said card, said card at said marginal portions having lines of weakness which define tabs that can be detached at least in part from the body of the card to expose a concealed face of the folded marginal portions, exposed indicia carried by the body of said card, and other indicia relating to said exposed indicia carried by the folded marginal portions under and adapted to be exposed by raising said tabs.

3. A game comprising a card having two marginal portions folded over against the body of and connected in part with the body of said card, said card and one of said marginal portions having a plurality of lines of weakness which define a consecutive series of folded tabs arranged along the margin of the card and adapted to be detached completely therefrom, said card over the other folded portion having a series of detached lines of weakness defining a plurality of separate tabs that lie within the border of the card and can be detached therefrom to expose a surface of the underlying folded portion, said folded tabs bearing questions, and said other folded margin bearing answers to said questions under said separate tabs.

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