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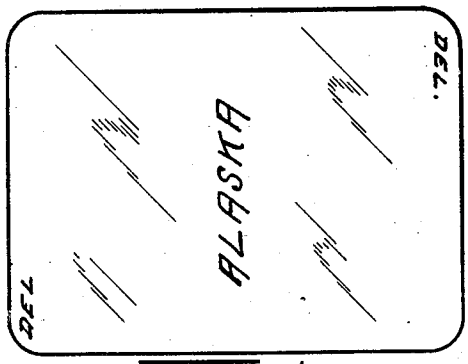


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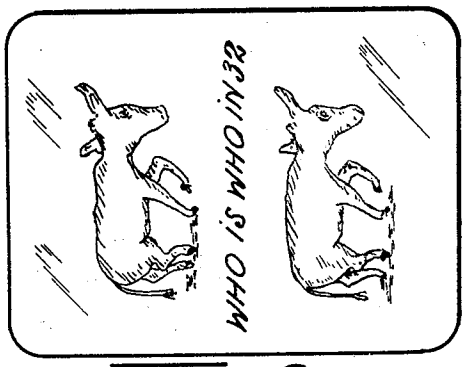


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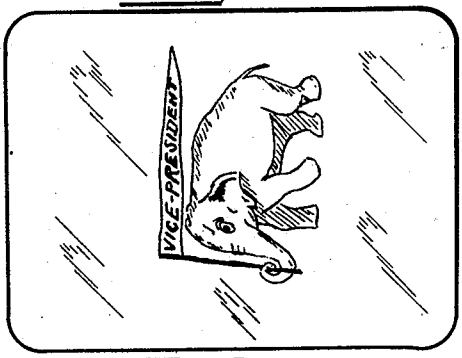


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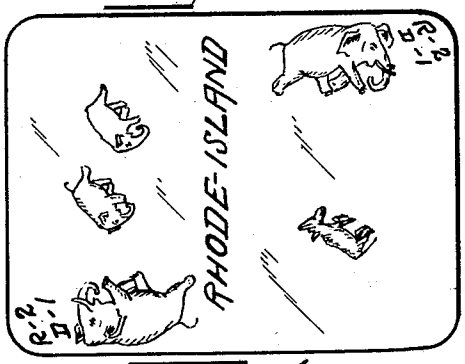


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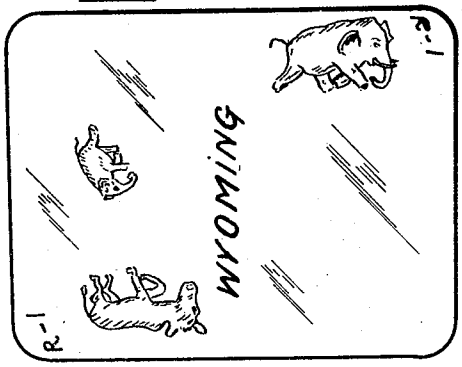


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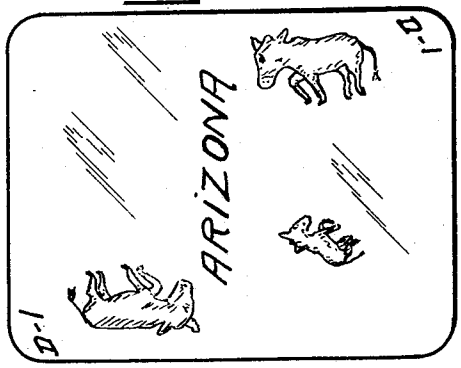


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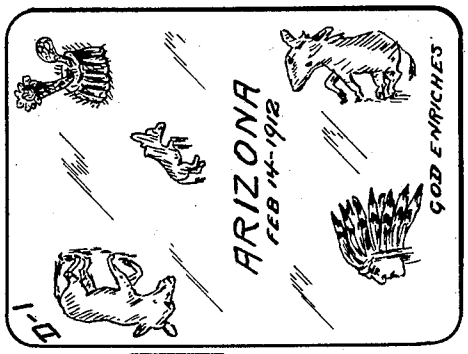


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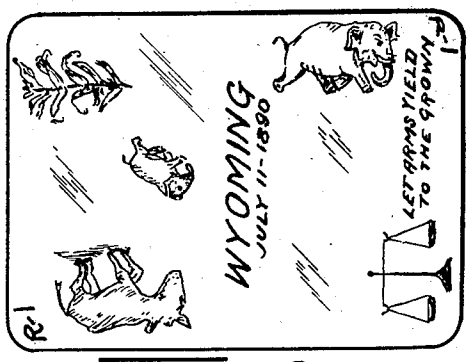


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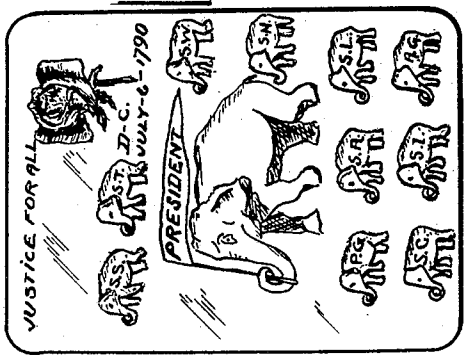


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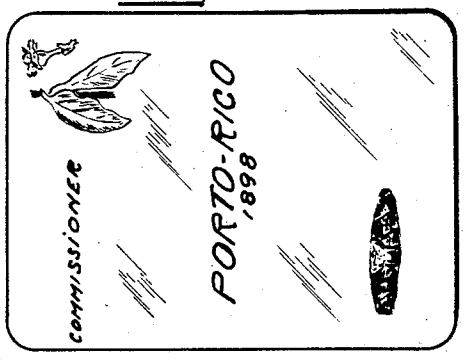


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The invention is for a game, and has particular reference to a card game having educational features whereby a two fold object is obtainable, the cards providing a game of skill, as also being particularly adapted to the teaching of the political, historical and other features of the various States, Territories and possessions of the United States of America.

The main object of the invention is to provide a card game which may be played as an ordinary game of skill, or may be used from an educational point of view.

Another object of the invention is to provide a game as described whereby the political aspects of the States are depicted as also historical features, mottoes, emblems, State flowers, where the cards are to be used for educational purposes.

With these and other objects in view, it will be noted that variations in arrangement of figures and forms may be made which are consistent with the appended claims, and that such variations will not detract from the advantages of the invention.

The game consists primarily of a series of forty eight cards representative of the forty eight States of the Union, four cards for the Territories and possessions, and three honor cards, making a total of fifty five cards. The State and Territory cards are provided with the name of the State, and either or both, figures of donkeys or elephants, depending on the political aspects of the particular State or Territory, the date of admission, the State flower, emblem and motto. In the case of Territories, the date of admission and other features are presented. Where the cards are to be used only as a game of skill, I prefer to supply only the name of the State together with the political aspects. In addition to the above there are three honor cards representative of the President and Cabinet, Vice President, and the doubtful issue of the following election.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which

Fig. 1 represents a Territory card;

Figs. 2 and 3 are honor cards;

Figs. 4, 5 and 6 are State cards;

Fig. 7 is the same as Fig. 6, with the addition of educational features;

Fig. 8 is the same as Fig. 5 with the addition of educational features;

Fig. 9 indicates the honor card of Fig. 3 with educational features added;

Fig. 10 is a State card with educational features;

Fig. 11 is a State card with new party affiliations;

Fig. 12 represents one of the dummy cards.

Referring to Fig. 1, the card is for the Territory of Alaska, and is provided with a designating value at opposite corners, the inscription "Del" referring to delegate.

Fig. 2 is an honor card and may be, according to conditions, the high honor or it may rank third.

The Vice President card, Fig. 3, is a second honor card in all cases, the elephant signifying the political status of the office.

The President card, Fig. 9, may be either high or second honor card according to conditions of the play, the large elephant signifying a Republican President and the small elephants Republican Cabinet Members.

The State cards, Figs. 4, 5 and 6, indicate the various political conditions, Fig. 4 of Rhode Island indicating a straight Republican Senate, the two large elephants, and a mixed House, the small elephants and donkey. Wyoming, Fig. 5 indicates a mixed Senate and a Republican House, while Arizona, Fig. 6, indicates a solid Democratic state. The educational features for Arizona are the indian head representative of the "Sunset Apache" emblem, the motto "God enriches", and the State flower, Sahuaro cactus, and the date admitted Feb. 14, 1912. The New Jersey card indicates a Republican Senate, the large

elephants, nine Republican Representatives, the small elephants, three Democratic Representatives the small mules, the State emblem "mosquito", the State flower "violet", the motto "Liberty and prosperity", the date admitted Dec. 18, 1787. All State cards are provided with value indicators at the upper left hand and lower right hand corners, and are printed in different colors for the various political conditions, each of the following classes providing a suit and printed in a different color:

Straight Senate and House of Representatives, Republican.

Straight Senate and House of Representatives, Democratic.

Straight Senate and mixed House of Representatives, Republican.

Straight Senate and mixed House of Representatives, Democratic.

Mixed Democratic and Republican Senate.

The five suits are divided as follows when based on the Seventy First Congress. Straight Senate and House of Representatives. Republican contains eleven cards, and includes the following State cards and values: Oregon 3, South Dakota 3, Vermont 2, Wisconsin 11, Idaho 2, Maine 4, Connecticut 5, Delaware 1, Michigan 13, New Hampshire 2, North Dakota 3, making a total of Senate 49, House 22.

Straight Senate and House of Representatives, Democratic, contains nine cards.

Straight Senate and Mixed House of Representatives, Republican, contains eleven cards.

Straight Senate and Mixed House of Representatives, Democratic, five cards.

Mixed Democratic and Republican Senate, twelve cards.

The dummy cards include Alaska, Hawaii, Philippines and Porto Rico.

The game may be played with or without the Territory and possession cards which constitute dummy cards, and cannot take a trick but may be used as discards. When playing with fifty one cards, each player is dealt twelve cards, and when playing with fifty five cards, each player is dealt thirteen cards, the remaining three cards in either case going into the widow. The player gaining the bid is entitled to the widow in order to complete his suit discarding again to the number of cards dealt.

Dummy cards may be used as call cards for any suit and as discards.

In bidding, a straight suit always takes the bid from a mixed vote. A straight Democratic or Republican Vote takes the bid or vote providing the vote is in the same number bid. If a veto is bid, further bidding is suspended, the partner of the one making the veto does not play, the play resting in three hands. In case a double veto is called, all four hands are played. If the veto is not completed, all tricks lost are added to the score of the opposing side. In the veto, the President is the lowest card followed by the dummy cards, and does not have to follow suit. No other honor cards play, but may be used as discards in case the player is out of the suit played. A vote placed for passage may be challenged by the opposing player. If the challenger wins, the bidder loses his original book plus the extra points lost.

A bid constitutes tricks tried above a book, which is six tricks and equal to the number of Senators and Representatives in the suit bid and voted on. Bids may range from one to seven. All tricks over a book are counted as extra points and are numbered on a chart. All tricks over one are multiplied by the numbers appearing with the suit. When a non-partisan bid is made the honors according to their symbol go straight Democratic or Republican. If these suits are not held, then the honor cards may serve as high trumps in any suit. When a straight Republican and Democratic Senate bid is made and voting takes place, suit must be followed, unless straight suits are not held in which case the straight Senate and mixed House may serve as trumps.

The bids are charted as follows:

Straight Senate and House of Representatives

Democrat, Senate 18, House 75, extra points Senate 2, House 6.

Republican, Senate 22, House 49.

Extra points Senate 1, House 9.

Straight Senate and mixed House of Representatives

Republican, Senate 22, House 146

Extra points, Senate 1, House 3

Democratic, Senate 10, House 75,

Extra points Senate 3, House 6

Mixed Democratic and Republican Senate

Republican ——— Senate 12, House 66

Democratic ——— Senate 11, House 21,

Farm Labor ——— Senate 1, House 1,

Total ——— Senate 24, House 88

Extra points Senate 1, House 5.

Nonpartisan or no trump hand

Senate 15, House 75, extra points Senate 2, House 6

Straight Democratic or Republican Senate and mixed House or combined straight Senate and mixed House

Republican ——— Senate 22, House 146

Democratic ——— Senate 10, House 75

Totals ——— Senate 32, House 221

Extra points, Senate 1, House 2

Veto, Senate 20, House 100

Double veto, Senate 40, House 200

If the veto is lost, then the following points per trick lost by the bidder are added to the opposing side. In case of a double veto each

trick in points is doubled and added. Senate 2, House 5.

The rank of bids is as follows:

First: Straight Democratic or Republican

Second: Straight Senate and mixed House, either Democratic or Republican

Third: Mixed Senate

Fourth: Nonpartisan

Fifth: Straight Democratic or Republican Senate

Sixth: Combined straight Democratic or Republican Senate and mixed House

Seventh: Veto

If the bid of one straight Republican Senate and mixed House is made, a one bid of straight Republican or Democratic takes the bid.

I claim:

1. A game comprising a card for each of the States of the Union, the cards having indicated thereon the comparative strength of the political parties of the States as represented in the National Congress.

2. A game comprising a card for each of the States of the United States having the name of the State indicated thereon, and the comparative strength of the political parties of the State as represented in the United States Congress indicated thereon for computing the score of the game.

3. A game comprising cards, one for each of the States of the United States and one for each of the Territories and possessions of the United States, including a plurality of honor cards and a plurality of dummy cards, each of the State cards having the name of the State indicated thereon and the comparative strength of the political parties of the State and one for each of the Territories with the comparative political strength of the Territory together with the name of the Territory indicated thereon as indicated in the United States Congress, the political strength indicated on the cards being for the purpose of computing the score of the game.

4. A game comprising cards, one for each of the States of the United States and one for each of the Territories and possessions of the United States, including a plurality of honor cards and a plurality of dummy cards, each of the State cards having the name of the State indicated thereon and the comparative strength of the political parties of the State and the political strength of the Territory together with the name of the Territory indicated on other cards, as indicated in the United States Congress, the political strength being for the purpose of computing the score of the game, the honor cards having value according to their play in the game and the dummy cards being provided for discard at the option of the player.

5. A game comprising a plurality of cards, each representing a State and having the strength of the State's political party or parties as represented in the United States Congress indicated thereon, said political representations being for the purpose of computing the score of the game.

6. A game comprising a card for each of the States of the Union, the cards having indicated thereon the comparative strength of the political parties of the States according to their representation in the National Congress, the cards being divided into a plurality of suits, the cards of each suit being of a different color than the cards of the other of the suits.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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