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TURNTABLE TRAY FOR CARD GAMES

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The present invention relates to a tray for use in conjunction with a card game, and it has for its principal object the provision of a rotatable turntable, made preferably of a single piece, which is provided with a plurality of depressed token receiving cups and depressed and divided panels and play indicating panels.

One of the main advantages of the present device is that it is made up into a single member, though it may have plural parts, and is rotatable, upon a card table, on its central token receiving cup so that during card play, that portion of the turntable away from the player may be brought around to the player, thus obviating the necessity of the player reaching across the card table or the turntable.

The present turntable is especially adapted to act as a playing adjunct to the game of Michigan rummy.

The foregoing features, and other advantages, will appear as herein described proceeds, and it is obvious that modifications may be made in the herein structure without departing from the spirit hereof or the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawing,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the present improvement;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2, Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view, taken on the line 1—1, Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows; and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary sectional view of one of the cups showing a modified form of construction.

As in Fig. 1 the turntable comprises a circular disc, generally denoted by A the plane surface of which forms the main plane of the turntable, and from which plane surface all other depressions and beads are developed. The turntable is preferably made of sheet metal, blanked and stamped to desired form.

The turntable has a centrally disposed circular depression 4 therein, as viewed in Figs. 1 and 2, and the depression or cup 4 is surrounded by an adjacent upraised, endless bead 5.

The turntable at its outer perimeter is provided with an integral down turned flange 2, and on the plane 1, adjacent the flange 2, the turntable is provided with an upraised circular bead 3.

The circular bead 3 is connected to inner circular bead 5 by four radially and equally spaced, upraised beads 4—4—4—4.

As thus described the upraised beading 3, 4 and 5 act to create a plurality of four divided, primary depressed panels, of which the plane surface 1 forms the bottom. There is provided a second set of secondary depressed panels such as 6—6—6—6, one for each of the four primary depressed panels, these panels 6 being depressed slightly below plane 1, and the bottom thereof being parallel to the plane surface, as in Fig. 3. These panels 6 are preferably of elongate rectangular formation, of about the dimensions of a standard playing card. These panels may be omitted and instead may be substituted by imprinted facsimiles of playing cards as noted below.

The panels 6 are preferably imprinted with a symbol or facsimile representation of a playing card, not shown, but understood, a different card being shown in each panel 6. For instance as viewed in Fig. 1, the upper left hand panel 6 may have the representation of the queen of clubs, the panel 6 to the right thereof may have the representation of the ace of diamonds, the lower right hand panel 6 may have the representation of the ace of spades and the lower left hand panel 6 may have the representation of king of hearts.

Further, each of the facsimile cards may have imprinted external thereto but adjacent the lower right hand side as at a, b, c, d, Fig. 1, the symbol of such cards, as above enumerated. The card symbols are so positioned that when the turntable is in play on the card table, the facsimile card 6 in front of each of the four players seated at the table and its adjacent symbol are in readable position, the length of the card, and its panel, being parallel to the beads 4, all of the panels 6 being equally spaced about the center of the turntable in symmetrical position.

In each of the four primary panels, and symmetrically located with reference to each other are located four preferably circularly formed depressions 7, 8, 9 and 10, these forming a third set of depressed portions, in the form of cups. These cups are formed as shown and described to permit the easy manual removal of tokens or markers therefrom, during play.

The bottoms of the cups 5, 7, 8 and 9 and the bottom edge of the flange 2 are all arranged to terminate in a single bottom plane, as indicated by the dotted line 12, Fig. 2.

The central depressed circular cup 11, also so formed for the purposes set out for cups 7, 8, 9 and 10, is deeper drawn than the other four cups and accordingly, the apex 14 of its curved bottom extends slightly below plane 12, as at 13, Fig. 2.
and thus acts as a peg or spinning point upon which the turntable A may be rotated upon the card table top by the player, from time to time, as the play proceeds, so that the desired section of the turntable is made conveniently accessible to any player without undue reaching.

As the card play proceeds tokens are placed in the various cups, or extracted therefrom, depending on the run of cards held by each player.

Fig. 4 illustrates a modified form of cup construction. While it is preferably intended to make the herein turntable of suitable thickness of sheet material such as tin, sheet iron, aluminum and the like, which may be drawn up in one piece, as in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, other forms of material such as fibre board or even sheet metal, may be used and the plane surface 1 of the turntable blanked with holes at the cup positions with a slightly angled circular flange 15 thereabout, and a separately formed, flanged cup 16 set into the flange 15 and suitably affixed thereto, by known means.

By the construction herein, tokens such as may be used with the game of Michigan rummy are segregated in their proper, related positions to the card players, without loss and intermixing, until taken up by the players, thus insuring facility of play and increased pleasure in playing.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

1. A turntable game tray, comprising a table, a token receiving cup in the center of said table, a plurality of token receiving cups circumferentially arranged about said central cup, and means provided upon said central cut to act as a pivotal point upon which to rotate said turntable.

2. A turntable game tray comprising a table divided into plural panels, a token receiving cup in the center of said table, a plurality of token receiving cups circumferentially arranged about said central cup, and means provided upon said central cut to act as a pivotal point upon which to horizontally rotate said turntable.

3. A turntable game tray comprising a table divided into plural panels, a token receiving cup in the center of said table and a plurality of token receiving cups arranged one in each panel and about said central cup, the central cup being larger than the cups in said panels whereby it may act as a pivotal point upon which to horizontally rotate said turntable.

4. A turntable game tray comprising a table divided into plural panels by upraised beads, a token receiving cup in the center of said table, and a plurality of token receiving cups circumferentially arranged about said central cup, one cup for each panel, said cups being smaller than the central cup, whereby said central cup may act as a pivotal point upon which to horizontally rotate said turntable.

5. A turntable game tray comprising a flanged table, having upraised beading on its upper surface, dividing said surface into a plurality of equally spaced panels and a central portion, depressed cups in said panel and a depressed cup in said central portion, said cups in said central portion being deeper than the said cups and forming a central point upon which to horizontally rotate said turntable.

6. A turntable game tray comprising a flanged, circular disc, having upraised, merged straight and circular beading on its upper surface, dividing said surface into a plurality of equally spaced panels and a central circular portion, depressed cups in said panels, one for each panel, symmetrically arranged with reference to one another and a depressed cup in said circular portion, said cup in said circular portion being larger than said cups and forming a central point upon which to horizontally rotate said turntable.

7. A turntable game tray comprising a flanged table, having upraised beading on its upper surface, dividing said surface into a plurality of equally spaced panels and a central portion, depressed cups in said panels, one for each panel, a depressed cup in said central portion, said cup in said central portion forming a central point upon which to horizontally rotate said turntable, and a plurality of facsimile playing cards imprinted, one each adjacent each panelled cup.

8. A turntable game tray comprising a flanged table, having upraised beading on its upper surface, dividing said surface into a plurality of equally spaced panels and a central portion, depressed cups in said panels, one for each panel, a depressed cup in said central portion, said cup in said central portion forming a central point upon which to horizontally rotate said turntable, a rectangular panel adjacent each panelled cup and an imprint of a game card in each said rectangular panel.

9. A turntable game tray comprising a table of stamped sheet metal having depressed panel surfaces dividing the table top into a plurality of equal areas, depressed cups in said panels, one cup for each panel, a depressed cup in the central portion of said table, a depressed rectangular panel in each panel surface adjacent each panelled cup and an imprint of a game card in each said rectangular panel, said central cup being deeper than the panelled cups to form an extended rotating apex for the table.

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