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PLAYING CARD HAND HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

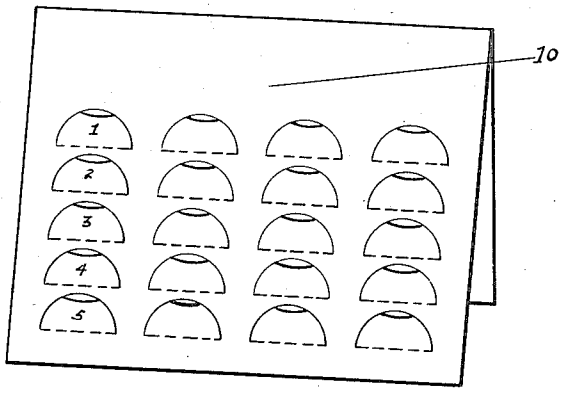


Fig. 2.

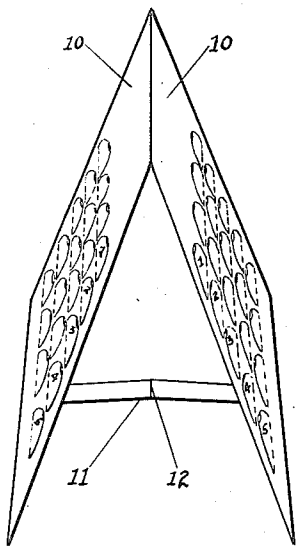


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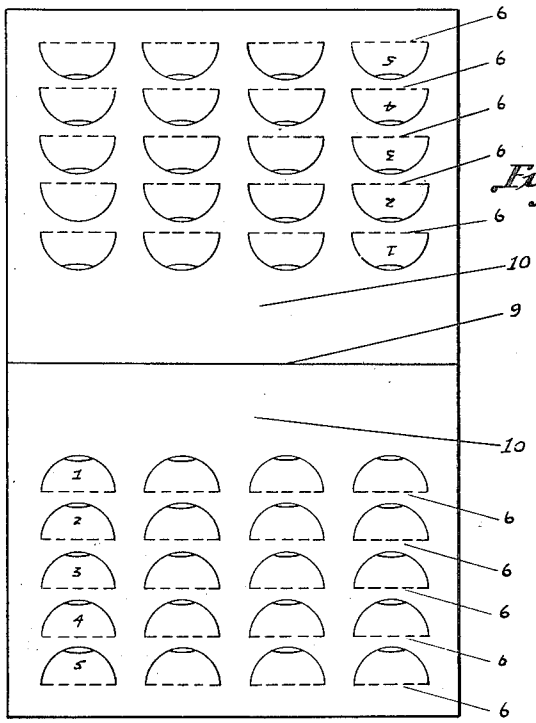
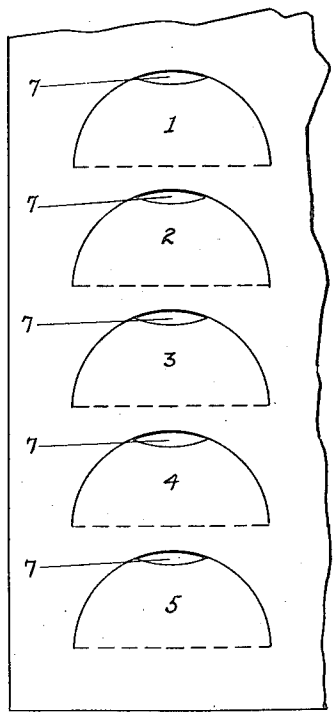


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUDE A. RITTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Playing-Card Hand Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to game boards, and has for its object to provide a playing card holder for two-handed card games for holding an extra or dummy "hand" in a convenient and easily visible manner for each of the two players, whereby the cards of each of these two dummy "hands" are arranged in rows and separated from each other by placing each card on end in spaces formed by a series of tongues which are an integral part of the holder.

A further object of this invention is to have each "hand" clearly visible to the player thereof without being visible to the opposing player.

A further object of this invention is to have the holder suitable to being placed adjacent to and convenient to both players, and a further object is to produce a holder that is simple and inexpensive.

These and further objects are pointed out in the description of the construction of the holder and the accompanying drawings, in which similar characters denote similar parts in all the views, in which—

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of one face of the holder in position for use. Fig. 2 is a vertical end view showing both faces of the holder in position for use. Fig. 3 shows both faces of the holder before being set up. Fig. 4 shows the formation of the tongues in which the playing cards are placed.

The holder shown in Fig. 3 is made of cardboard, all in one piece, in which the tongues (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) are cut, in the form of a curve or arc, with a score or crease-line (6) at the bottom of each tongue to permit of bending the tongues slightly forward without breaking the material. The tongues have a small aperture at top (7—Fig. 4) to permit of raising them slightly forward with the finger tip from the face of the holder.

Beginning approximately three-fourths of an inch from the bottom and side edges of the cardboard, the tongues are ranged one above the other in a series of five, leaving a space of approximately one and one-fourth inches between each tongue. There are four such rows across the width of each face of the holder, as shown in Fig. 3, each half of the holder (10—10) being a duplicate of the other. The number of these tongues is, of course immaterial, but twenty are herein shown for each face of the holder on account of being ample for ordinary purposes.

Laterally, across the width and at the center of the sheet of cardboard (9—Fig. 3) there is a score-line or crease at which line the sheet of cardboard is folded or bent backward into the position of an easel. One end of a "stay" (11—Fig. 2) is glued onto the inner surface of one of the faces of the holder, and the opposite end of this "stay" is glued to the inner surface of the other face of the holder. The "stay" (11—Fig. 2) is simply a strip of light cardboard with a score-line at center (12—Fig. 2) to permit of folding and laying the holder down flat when not in use. The purpose of this "stay" being merely to prevent the holder from spreading and to keep it at the proper angle when in use, it may be made of tape or any other material, attached in any practicable manner.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A playing-card-hand-holder of easel formation, for use of two persons playing a four-hand game of cards, made of one sheet of cardboard, containing two faces or exposed sides, each of which is a duplicate of the other; each face containing curved or arc-shaped tongues cut therein and separated from each other, and with apertures cut at the top thereof, the said tongues when pressed outward providing spaces into which playing cards can be placed and easily removed for playing a "dummy hand" at cards.

2. A playing-card-hand holder, for the purpose set forth, containing two faces or exposed sides each of which is a duplicate of the other, each face containing tongues cut therein and separated from each other, the said tongues when moved outwardly providing spaces into which playing cards can be placed and from which they can be removed easily for playing a "dummy hand" of cards.

3. A playing-card-hand holder, for the purpose set forth, containing two faces or exposed sides each of which is a duplicate of the other, each face containing tongues cut therein and separated from each other, said tongues having means for engagement by the

finger of a user, the said tongues when moved outwardly providing spaces into which playing cards can be placed and from which they can be removed easily for playing a "dummy hand"of cards.

4. A playing-card-hand holder for the use of two persons playing a four hand game of cards, containing two diverging faces or exposed sides, each face containing tongues cut therein and separated from each other, there being finger engaging means on each tongue to facilitate shifting of the tongue relative to the face of the holder, the tongues when pressed outwardly providing spaces into which playing cards can be placed and from which the cards can be easily removed for playing a "dummy hand" of cards.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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