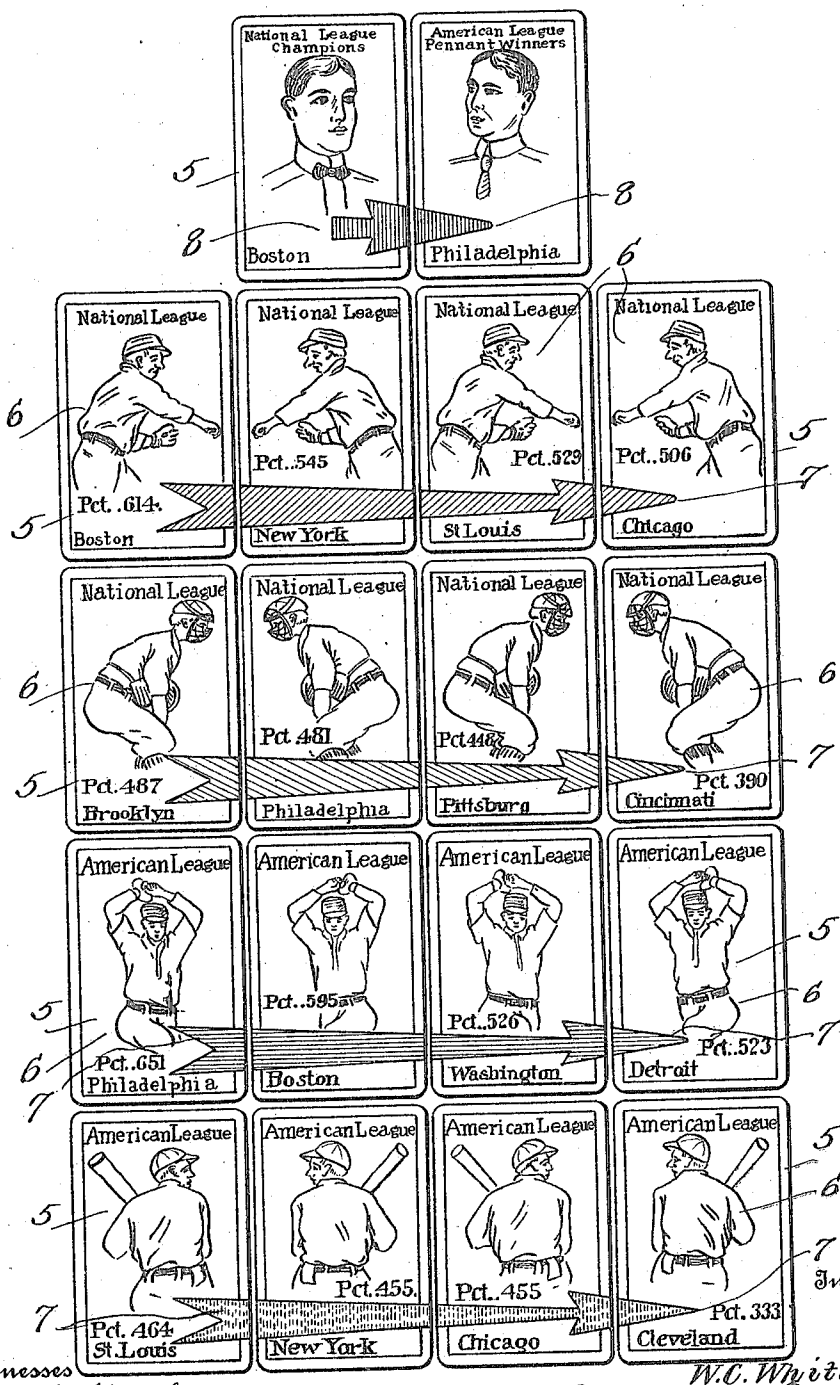
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. WHITESIDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Knoxville, in the county of Knox and State of Tennessee, have invented new and useful Improvements in Puzzles, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to puzzles embodying a pack of cards.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of cards wherein the same have indicia which enables the playing of the game of indoor baseball imitative of the national game according to the percentages attained on the established record of percentages for the previous year of the pennant race for the amusement and entertainment of a player.

Another object of the invention is the provision of cards wherein the indicia, representations and percentages thereon are arranged in sequence to enable the player in successfully arriving at the winning of a game of indoor baseball, the cards being manipulated in a particular manner to arrive at the result of the game.

A further object of the invention is the provision of cards of this character wherein the indicia thereon serves to attract the player, requiring undivided attention for arriving at the successful end of the game similative of indoor baseball, thus enabling the player to conclude the game with a particular team representative of either the National or American League of players of the national game of ball as a pennant winner.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawing:—

The view shows a plan view of the cards representing the pack and in order when the game has been won.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the cards each comprises a body 5 preferably made from Bristol board, although the same may be made from any other suitable material and is of a shape corresponding to the ordinary playing cards now in use. The deck of cards employed for the successful playing of the game of indoor baseball includes a total number of eighteen cards, each differing from the other in a manner as will be hereinafter fully described.

The cards of the deck or pack have printed or otherwise impressed on one face of each the picture of a player, as at 6, representative of a particular position held on a team of base ball players either in the American or National League, for example, the position of a "Pitcher," "Batsman," "Fielder," "Baseman" or "Catcher." The cards of the deck or pack are divided into independent series including eight cards in two of the series, and two cards in the remaining series, the cards in the said two series being printed or otherwise marked with the titles "American" and "National League," respectively, while the two cards of the remaining series are likewise marked respectively with the title "American" and "National League," and additionally with the data "Pennant Winners," "Champions," these two cards being distinctive from the other cards of the pack or deck by the representation or pictures of managers of the respective teams of the American and National League, in contradistinction to the pictures of the respective players in the team representative of both leagues.

The parts of the two series have printed or otherwise impressed thereon sections, as at 7, which when matched are indicative of a complete arrow, each being colored on sets of four cards of each of the series so that the arrows on the respective sets of four cards each are readily distinguishable from each other by the variance or difference of the colors of the arrows when completed by the matching of the cards of the respective sets. These arrows serve to guide the player of the game to avoid misplacement of the cards in the handling thereof for accomplishing the end of the game or the winning thereof. The remaining series of the two cards have printed or otherwise impressed thereon the sections 8 indicative of an arrow head when matched, and these sections are correspondingly colored differently from the colors of the arrows on the sets of four cards each to permit the distinguishing of the series of two cards therefrom.

The cards of the two series indicative of the American and National Leagues have thereon the respective names of teams represented in both the American and National Leagues, so that the player of the game can

become readily familiarized with the nomenclature and the names of the players, teams, and leagues of the national game of baseball.

Each card bearing the sections 7, which when matched make up the arrows thereon in the two series of cards, have indicated thereon the percentage based upon the established record for the previous year of the pennant race in both the American and National Leagues, and such percentages control in the finish or winning of the game, as the teams in both leagues having the highest percentage each is a winner in that particular league, and accordingly the game is completed and won in this particular order when the cards are played.

The game is designed to be played by a single player who shuffles the pack or deck with the cards face downwardly and thereafter these cards are dealt from the pack or deck singly, face upwardly, upon a table or other support, in rows of four cards to each row in the order in which the cards are taken from the pack or deck. Should the cards of the series of two appear in the dealing thereof the same are laid in the row or rows in the natural order as taken from the deck just the same as all other cards thereof. After the lowest percentage card in both leagues is laid aside the remaining seventeen cards are to be worked to their respective positions by the player, either in moving the same up and down singly in the respective rows or moving the said cards from right to left or vice versa. It is possible that the cards of the series of two may appear in the bottom row or one in one row and the other in another row, and in this event it is incumbent upon the player to work the cards off the top row which do not properly belong therein to bring the said cards into their proper positions while the other cards are worked into the row in which they properly belong, and in the continued playing of the game the respective rows are worked in this manner to bring the proper cards in their respective correct positions. The vacant space caused by picking up and laying aside of the lowest percentage card will allow all the cards in the rows to be moved one at a time, and when the seventeen cards are in their correct positions the card the player has laid aside, namely, the lowest percentage card, will fit in the lower right hand corner and thereby complete the game. It is of course understood that the only card laid aside is the one with the lowest percentage in both leagues, and this is done to create a vacant space which may occur in any one of the rows by reason of the order in which the cards are dealt from the pack or deck when placing the cards upon the table or other support after shuffling the same in commencing the game. After the cards have been shuffled and are held face downwardly they are placed upon the table face upwardly. In dealing, the game is commenced by placing, in the first row, two cards; the second, four cards; the third, four cards; the fourth, four cards, and the fifth row, four cards. Now the player picks up the lowest percentage card irrespective of the position thereof upon the table or support, thus creating a vacant space which will allow of the moves in the progress of the game. When the player has positioned the seventeen cards in their correct places the card picked up and laid aside will fit in the lower right hand corner of the layout of the cards, thus completing the game. The respective rows are assembled accordingly with respect to the respresentative percentages in the standing of the respective teams in both leagues and after the cards have been worked out in this manner it will show the standing of the respective teams in both the American and National Leagues, with the sections of the arrows properly matched to form the complete arrows in each row, as will be clearly apparent.

The manipulation of the cards makes the game very difficult and gives entertainment to the player because the respective moves require skill to master the game.

What is claimed is:

A puzzle embodying a deck of cards divided into two series of eight cards each representing the National and American Leagues respectively, the cards of each series representing a team and its percentage in its particular league and adapted to be arranged in a row of four cards, a third series of two cards representing the champions of the respective leagues and adapted to be arranged to occupy a position above said rows of four cards in solving the puzzle, and each of said series of eight cards being subdivided into series of four each having sections thereon to complete an arrow when assembled in the same row, and the sections of one complete arrow being distinguishable in color from the sections of the other arrow.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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