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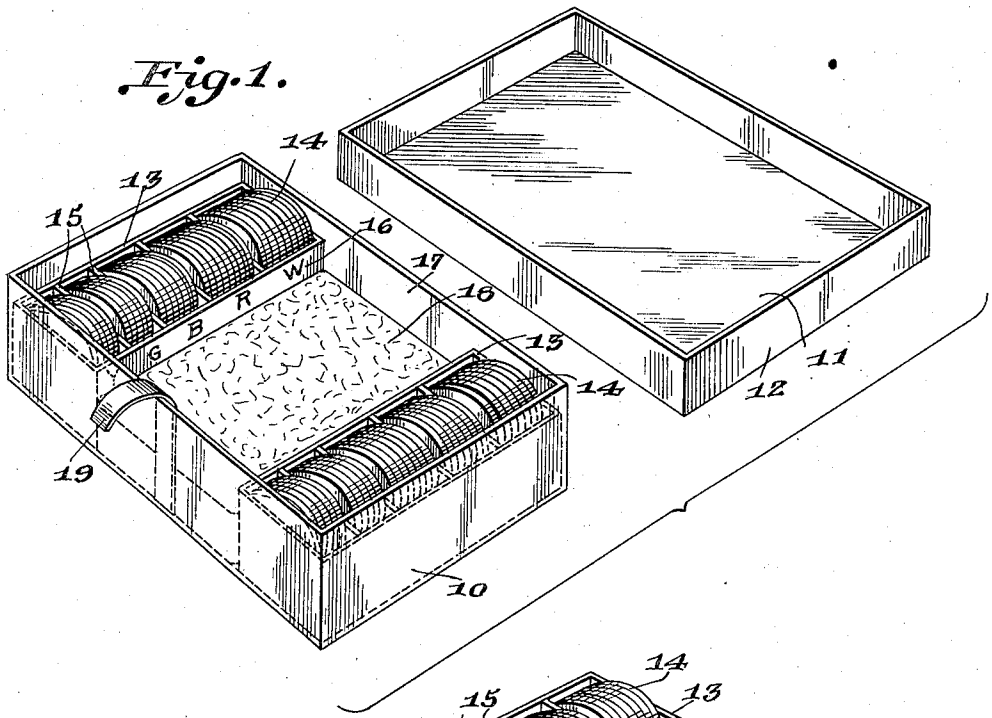
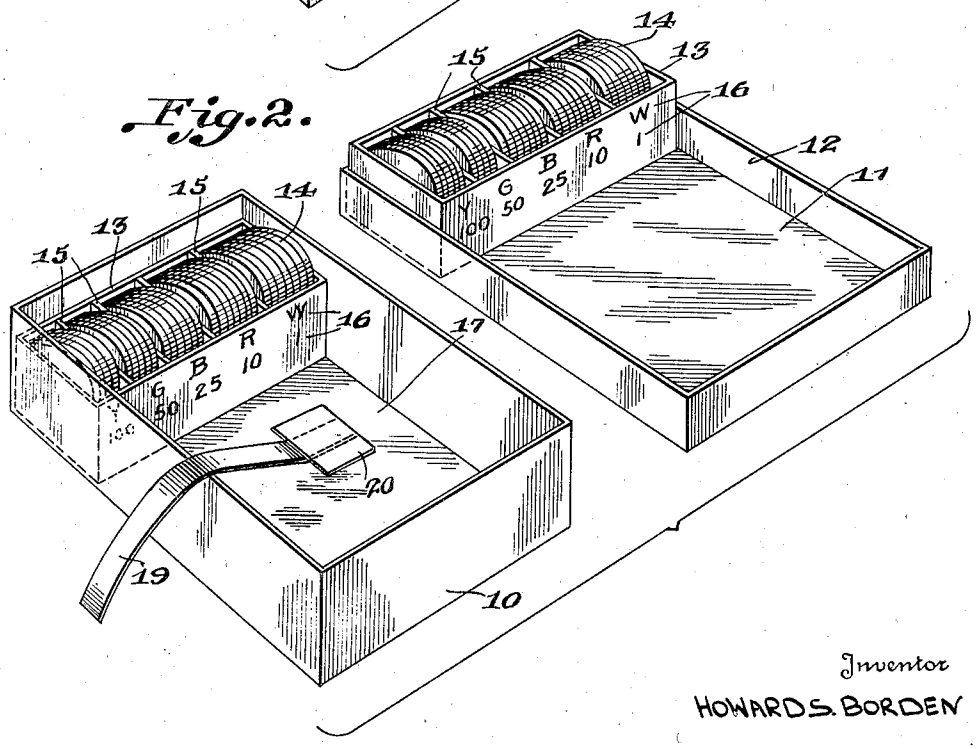


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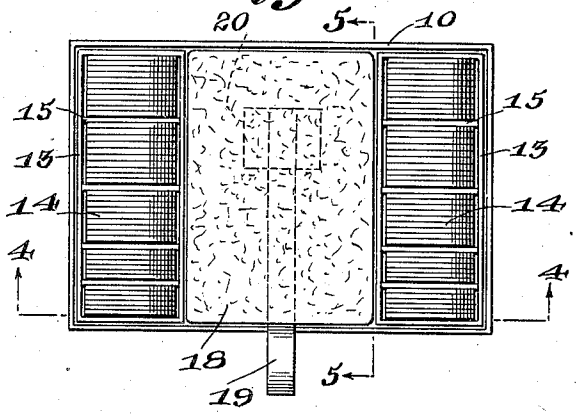


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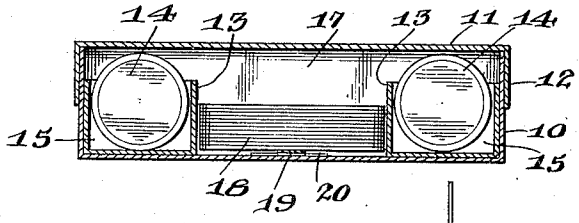


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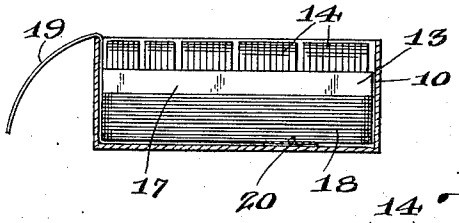


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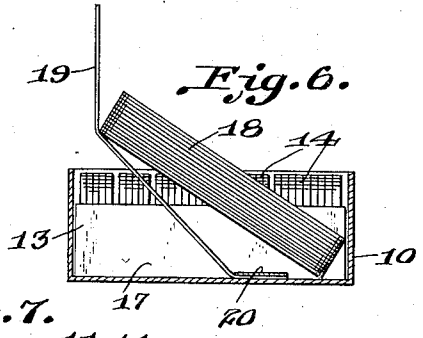


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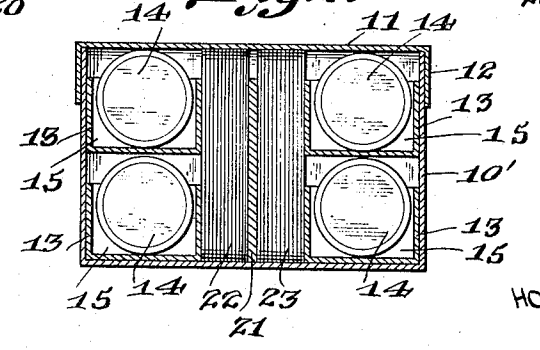
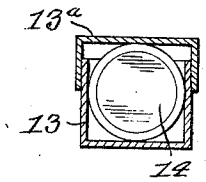


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The present invention relates to card games, and more particular to a set for cards and chips for playing poker and other card games.

An object of the invention is to provide a set of this character which has individual stake holders which may be removed from the set for easy access by the players, and which also has accommodation for cards, so that the set is compact, easy to carry and easily handled in traveling or the like.

Another object is to provide chip holders which support and carry the chips in a row in edgewise relation and with the upper portions of the chips exposed for ready withdrawal as used in the game, and wherein the chips are grouped or segregated according to their representative values.

An important object of the invention is to provide a poker set with the stakes already made up and wherein the game may be proceeded without the usual delay in sorting out the chips and grouping the same according to their representative values and among the players.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention will be more fully described hereinafter, and will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto.

In the drawings, wherein like symbols refer to like or corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a poker set embodying the feature of this invention and with the cover of the box thereof removed and turned up for use as a tray if desired.

Figure 2 is a similar view with one of the stake holders transferred to the box cover so that the players may each have a stake holder, and with the cards removed from the box.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the poker set with the cover removed.

Figure 4 is a vertical longitudinal section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3 near one side of the set.

Figure 5 is a transverse section taken through the set on the line 5—5 of Figure 3.

Figure 6 is a like view but showing the pack of cards partly raised out of the box of the set.

Figure 7 is a longitudinal section similar to Figure 4 but showing a modified construction of the set having extra stake holders and decks of cards for use where more than two players are to play the game; and

Figure 8 is a section of a stake box having a cover, to enable the cover to be used for spare chips.

Referring now to the drawings, the set comprises a box body 10 of rectangular or other suitable construction and which has a cover or lid 11 having a marginal flange 12 adapted to overlap the walls of the box body 10 when the set is closed, as shown in Figure 4.

Within each end of the box body is placed a stake holder 13. The stake holder 13 is of deep tray construction and of sufficient width to receive therein, in vertical edgewise relation, a plurality of chips 14. The tray 13 is of less height than that of the chips 14 and the latter are exposed above the tray for easy grasping to withdraw the chips as used in the game. The holder 13 has transverse vertical partitions 15 suitably spaced apart longitudinally in the holder or tray 13 and providing compartments receiving therein the respective groups of the ships according to their representative values, and the side of the holder 13 may have corresponding indicia 16 showing the locations of the various segregated group of chips, the indicia being as shown to indicate the representative values and colors of the chips in the respective compartments.

The stake holders or trays are of like construction and are preferably of a length corresponding to the interior transverse dimensions of the box body 10 so that the holders fit snugly therein and are held from shifting when the set is packed and transported and handled. The box body 10 is of sufficient height to dispose its upper horizontal plane at least in the horizontal plane of the tops of the packed chips 14. The cover is adapted to be removably fitted over the top of the box to enclose the contents thereof and hold the chips 14 from displacement from the holders 13 when the set is turned over and otherwise jarred and moved.

The holders or trays 13 are of sufficient width, relatively to each other and to the length of the box body 10, to provide a card compartment 17 within the box body and between the holders 13, the compartment 17 having the desired depth, and sufficient width to receive a pack, or a desired number, of cards 18. The width of the box body 10 is slightly greater than the length of the cards 18 to hold the latter in place when the set is shifted. To facilitate the removal of the cards, as shown in Figure 6, a lifting tape 19 or the like may be anchored at one end in the bottom of the card compartment 17 by an adhesive strip 20, or other suitable means, and the tape 19 is of sufficient length to extend beneath the cards 18 to the side of the box 10 and upwardly beyond the cards with the free end of the tape 19 in po-

sition of easy access. As shown in Figure 6, when the tape end is pulled upwardly the stack of cards 18 is raised at one end sufficiently to be grasped in the fingers so that the entire pack of cards may quickly be lifted out of the box 10.

The poker set is in compact box form. When the game is to be played the cover 11 is removed from the box 10 and may be used as a tray by one of the players, the other player retaining the box 10. One of the made up stakes, the holder 13 with the chips 14 already grouped or sorted out therein, is lifted out of the box 10 and placed, if desired, in the cover 11 while the remaining made up stake remains in the box, both players then having their stakes or chips sorted and held in compact form ready for use. The chips 14 are thus stacked in individual groups according to their values in the compartments of the holders 13 so that the chips cannot roll or slide away and are easily accessible at all times. Before the stake holders 13 are disturbed the cards 18 may be quickly removed from the box 10 by means of the pull tape 19. The removal of the cards 18 admits easy access to the holders 13 so that either one of them may be readily lifted out for use by the other player. The purpose of the new set is to admit quick handling of the cards 18 and chips 14 so that the game may be started quickly without the delay of sorting chips and finding means for holding the sorted chips in independent stacks, particularly in travelling on trains, airplanes, busses and the like. The chips 14 are at all times held in their proper groups and the box 10 and lid 11 are so proportioned as to the size of the chips 14 and their holders 13 as to prevent mixing up of the chips when the set is closed and not in use.

The set may of course be made larger to accommodate more than two players by providing space for more than two stake holders and more than one pack or deck of cards. One such modification is disclosed in Figure 7 wherein the box 10′ is of sufficient depth to accommodate two stake holders 13 in each end of the box with the upper stake holders 13 resting on the upper edges of the chips 14 in the lower stake holder. The box 10′ has a central vertical partition 21 and the box 10′ is shorter than the box 10 to support two packs or decks of cards 22 and 23, one at each side of the partition 21 and between the latter and the adjacent superposed stake holders 13. The packs of cards 22 and 23 are supported in vertical transverse positions and are held in place in the set by the cover 11. It will be observed from Figure 7 that the upper edges of the packs of cards 22 and 23 are exposed above the upper stake holders 13 so that the cards may be easily and quickly removed from the box. The stake holders 13 are maintained intact in the set and may now easily and quickly be distributed to the several players. The game may be started rapidly, without the usual delay, and the chips 14 are at all times held in their respective groups for each player against slipping or rolling and ready for instant access as the game proceeds.

The first and second player can use the box and its lid for surplus chips. Two other small boxes or covers can be readily provided for the use of the third and fourth players. In the preferred form shown in Figure 8, each stake box 13 is provided with a cover 13*a* to enable each player to have a cover for spare chips.

A preferred form is to have the cover of the box provided with a printed tabulation to show the value and number of chips in the box. For instance, the tabulation would read as follows:—

$20. Poker stakes—2 players

20	White	1¢	$ .20
18	Red	10¢	1.80
14	Blue	25¢	3.50
11	Green	50¢	5.50
9	Yellow	$1.00	9.00
			$20.00

Play full stake.

Settle on percentage basis.

It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made of the above specifically described embodiments of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A poker set, comprising a box having a cover, a plurality of transverse stakeholders adapted to be inserted in said box, said stakeholders each having a width to receive in edgewise relation rows of chips therein, and provided with spaced transverse vertical partitions to segregate the chips according to their representative values, the width of the stakeholders being substantially equal to the diameter of the chips, the depths of the stakeholders and of the partitions being less than the diameter of the chips, to enable the chips to protrude therefrom, the partitions in the stakeholders providing spaces between the protruding ends of the chips, dividing the segregated chips according to their representations, and a central partition in said box for a pack of cards at each side of said partition arranged vertically with their edges on the bottom of the box, a pair of the aforesaid stakeholders arranged so that the bottom of one stakeholder rests on the chips of the stakeholder therebeneath, and that the inner walls of each pair of stakeholders form a support for the ends of the packs.

2. A poker set, comprising a box having a cover, a plurality of transverse stakeholders adapted to be inserted in said box, said stakeholders each having a width to receive in edgewise and transverse relation rows of chips therein, and provided with spaced transverse vertical partitions to segregate the chips according to their representative values, the width of the stockholders being substantially equal to the diameter of the chips, the depths of the stakeholders and of the partitions being less than the diameter of the chips, to enable the chips to protrude therefrom, the partitions in the stakeholders providing spaces between the protruding ends of the chips, dividing the segregated chips according to their representations, a partition in the box in spaced relation to said stakeholders whereby to admit at least one deck of cards between said latter partition and the opposite or inner sides of staid stakeholders, a pair of the aforesaid stakeholders arranged so that the bottom of one stakeholder rests on the chips of the stakeholder therebeneath, and that the inner walls of each pair of stakeholders form a support for the cards.

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