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FIG. I.

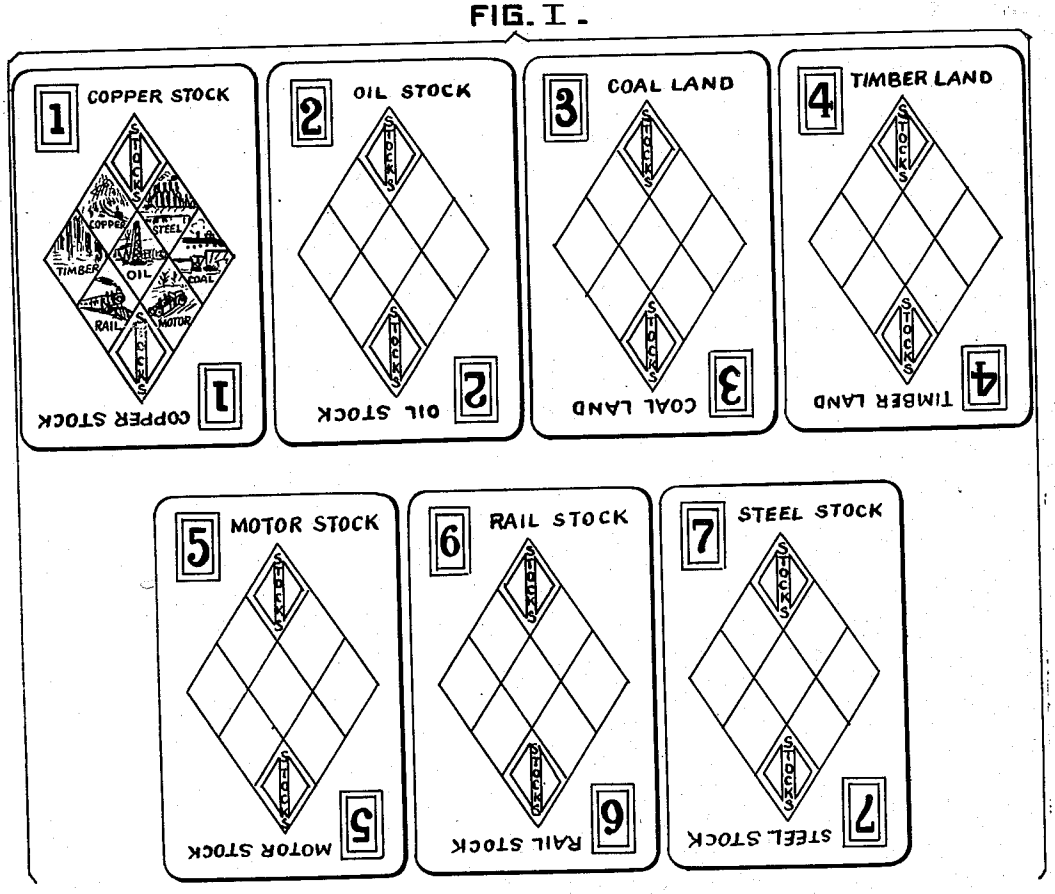


FIG. II.



FIG. III.

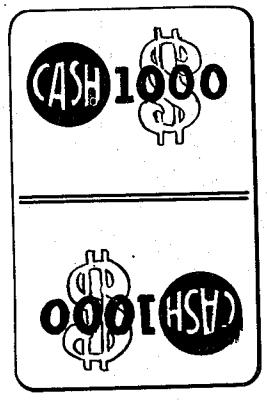
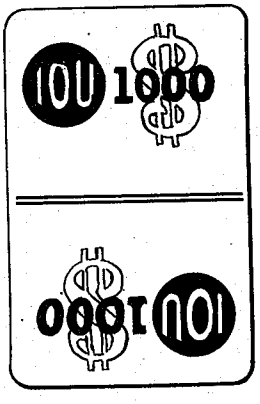


FIG. IV.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DWIGHT S. GALLATIN, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, a citizen of the United States, have invented or discovered certain new and useful Improvements in a Card Game, of which improvements the following is a specification.

My invention consists in a deck of cards, in the use of which an interesting and diverting game may be played.

The accompanying drawings which show individual cards will serve to illustrate the ensuing description.

A deck of cards for playing my game is made up of two parts. One part includes what I term Stock cards and Blue Sky cards; the other part includes Cash cards and I O U cards. There is in each deck a number of sets of Stock cards, the number of sets corresponding to the number of persons at play; that is to say, if four persons are engaged in a game, there will be four sets of Stock cards; if three persons, then three sets; if five, five, etc. The sets of Stock cards are duplicates; each set is made up of an arbitrarily fixed number of cards—in the instance chosen for illustration the number is seven. It might be another arbitrarily determined number. Each card of the set is distinctively marked. The set of seven cards is shown in Fig. I, and it will there be seen that the individual cards are distinctively marked in two ways: they bear the distinctive legends, Copper Stock, Oil Stock, Coal Land, etc., and they bear also serial numbers, 1 to 7. Either system of marking may be used alone, but I prefer to use both; and, of course, other distinguishing marks may be used in place of these.

There is one set of Blue Sky cards in each deck, and the number of Blue Sky cards corresponds to the number of Stock cards in a set. In this instance there are accordingly seven Blue Sky cards. They are duplicates, and they are illustrated in Fig. II of the drawings.

The other part of the deck of cards is, as has been said, made up of Cash cards and I O U cards. There are duplicate sets of each of these, each set consisting of a series of cards of varying denominations. Fig. III shows a Cash card and Fig. IV an I O U card. They are properly designated, one by the word Cash, the other by the letters I O U. A set of either is made up of a number of cards of various face values. The number of cards to a set is arbitrarily fixed and the values determined on are arbitrarily fixed. In the deck here being described there are five cards to a set, ranging in value from $1,000 to $5,000, and there are ten such sets. I find it advantageous, through it is not necessarily the case, that there be correspondence between Cash cards and I O U cards, in number and in value,—fifty cards of each sort in a deck.

When a game is to be played the deck is made up of the cards named, with as many sets of Stock cards as there are players. The cards are shuffled and dealt face down, a fixed number to each player. In the deck chosen for illustration, there being seven Stock cards to the set, it will be found best to deal ten cards to each player. The remainder of the deck is placed face down in the center of the table. Immediately each player withdraws from the hand dealt to him three cards. He will not so withdraw from his hand Stock cards nor Blue Sky cards, so long as he has Cash cards and I O U cards to withdraw. The cards withdrawn he lays on the table before him, Cash and I O U cards face up, Stock and Blue Sky cards (if any) face down. He then holds the remaining seven cards in his hand.

The players play in turn. In playing the player first draws a card from the pack in the middle of the table and places it in his hand. The ultimate object of the individual player is, by sale and purchase, to bring together in his hand a full set of Stock cards and to dispose of all his I O U cards. The player who first achieves this wins the game.

When the player has drawn a card and now holds eight cards in his hand he may, first, offer for sale one of his cards. It may be one of the eight cards in his hand (a duplicate Stock card or a Blue Sky card) or it may be a Stock card or a Blue Sky card previously laid face down before him. If he desires so to sell, he says, "Stock for sale" but he is careful, not to name what stock it is. The other players then bid for the stock so offered, using severally as the basis of bidding the Cash cards faced before them. The other players bid freely, without waiting to take turns. The bidders in bidding may combine two or more cash cards. The card is sold to the highest bidder. The seller has

not named the card offered; it may be a Stock card or it may be a Blue Sky card. If it be a Stock card he delivers it to the successful bidder face down; if it be a Blue Sky card he delivers it face up. If it be a Stock card the puchaser receives it into his hand and immediately discards, so as to keep the total number of cards in his hand seven. If the card purchased be a Blue Sky card it remains face up on the table; it cannot be sold again. The vendor lays the purchase cards on the table before him.

When the player has sold a card, or if he does not desire to sell, he may begin an I O U pile; or, if an I O U pile already exists, he may, if he has the proper cards, play on that pile. If no I O U pile has been started and the player whose play it is has an I O U card he may start an I O U pile by placing that card beside the pack in the middle of the table. When this has been done, no other I O U card can be placed on the I O U pile until this I O U card has first been covered by a Cash card of equal value. But when this has been done, an I O U card of any value may then be laid on the I O U pile, to be covered in its turn by a Cash card of equal value. The player who so plays out an I O U card may cover it if he can and will, or he may leave it, to be covered, if at all, by another player. Having covered one I O U card, the player may immediately place another on the I O U pile if he can and will.

It is one of the points of the game for a player on completion of his play to leave on the top of the I O U pile if possible an I O U card which (as he can see by observing the cards faced) his adversaries cannot cover.

When the player has had its right to sell a card (he may sell one but no more than one in a single play) and has also played so far as he can and will from the cards faced before him to the I O U pile, he withdraws one card from his hand and lays it on the table. If the discard be a Cash card or an I O U card he faces it; if it be a Stock card or a Blue Sky card he lays it face down. The right to play then goes to the next player in turn.

If before a game is won the pack of cards in the middle of the table be exhausted, one Blue Sky card for each player is added to the I O U pile from the quantity of these cards which lie faced on the table and otherwise elminated from the game. Whatever Stock cards remain lying face down are added. The I O U pile so added to is now shuffled and (playing being renewed) is used as a new pack from which to draw. There is now no I O U pile, and a new I O U pile may be begun as before.

I claim as my invention:

1. A deck of cards made up of two parts, one part including a plurality of sets of cards of one category and a single set of cards of another category, each set made up of an equal number of cards and the cards of each set in the first category being distinguished individually, the same distinguishing marks being employed in each set in the first category, the other part including a plurality of sets of cards bearing varying and positive valuations and a plurality of sets of cards bearing varying and negative valuations, substantially as described.

2. A deck of cards made up of two parts, one part including a plurality of duplicate sets of individually distinguished Stock cards and a single set of an equal number of undistinguished Blue Sky cards; the other part composed of one hundred cards; fifty of these consisting of ten sets of five Cash cards of graded and positive face value, the other fifty consisting of I O U cards of corresponding negative values, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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