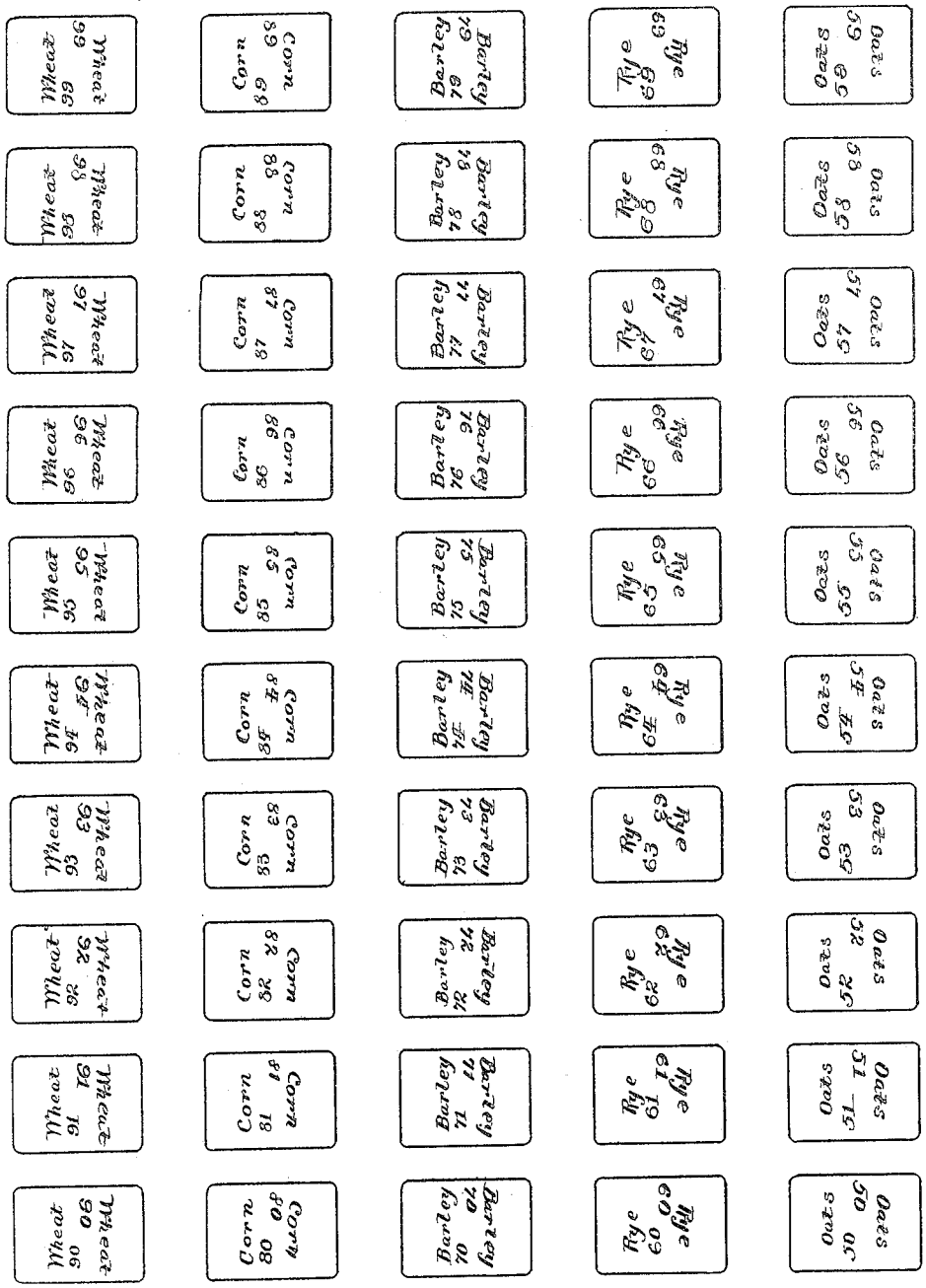
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEAN G. A. FORTIER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in card games, and has for its object a game that is novel, amusing, and which possesses the various features to be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing is illustrated a pack of cards embodying my invention and arranged in groups or suits of any suitable number such as ten in each group and face up, as shown.

The cards of each group bear upon their faces a name or designation, such as "Wheat," "Corn," "Barley," "Rye," or "Oats." Each name or designation is distinctive of the cards of one group and differs from the names or designations of the cards of all the other groups. Numbers or characters disposed upon the face of all the cards of each group indicate the permanent value of that group. The numerals on the faces of each group of cards differ in that the units run consecutively from "0" to "9," inclusive, while the tens are all alike. The tens of each group are different from the tens of all the other groups.

In playing the game the number of groups of cards used is the same as the number of players. The cards are dealt equally around among the players. Each player then draws a card from his or her left-hand neighbor, the cards thus drawn being the ruling-figures of the first game. Preferably the ruling-card is below the permanent figure "6"—viz., below "56," "66," "76," "86," or "96." In case a player gets one over these numbers he has the right to draw from his neighbor until he gets any of said numbers or below. The player having the highest ruling-figure card is the first dealer. Each player then receives five cards, each a card in rotation, the dealer having the privilege to deal the cards to right or left to suit himself and also to compel his right or left player to draw one to three cards of his own, so as to change his standing, all cards being drawn face downward. The next player will also discard in the same manner, and so on until all the players have done so. Each player then compares his cards with his ruling-figure in such game and tallies on a record-board loss or gain accordingly. The cards are then put back in a pack and dealt around in the same manner until a number of points are recorded, forty-five points being the winning score. The first player reaching that number becomes the record-winner. The record-winner then draws one card from the remaining cards in the pack to decide his own luck. If said card is of his own ruling-card, he wins the game, (or all chips.) If this card is other than his ruling-card, then the bearer of said card gets one-half of the chips. The record-winner also has the option to offer each player a certain part of his chips in case he prefers not to risk losing one-half of them on the draw. The game can be changed in its number of points according to the desire of the players, and it is obvious that the number of cards and designations or the characters on the suits can be changed without departing from the spirit of this invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

Game apparatus, comprising a deck of cards, all of said cards being numbered consecutively and necessary to complete a series and divided into groups, each group comprising an equal number of cards, each card bearing upon its face a name common to all the cards of such group, such name on the cards of one group differing from the names on the cards of all the other groups, said numbers indicating the individual value of each card as distinguished from every other card in the entire deck and having units and tens, said units differentiating the cards of each group and said tens indicating the permanent value of the group.

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

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