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RUMMY BOARD.

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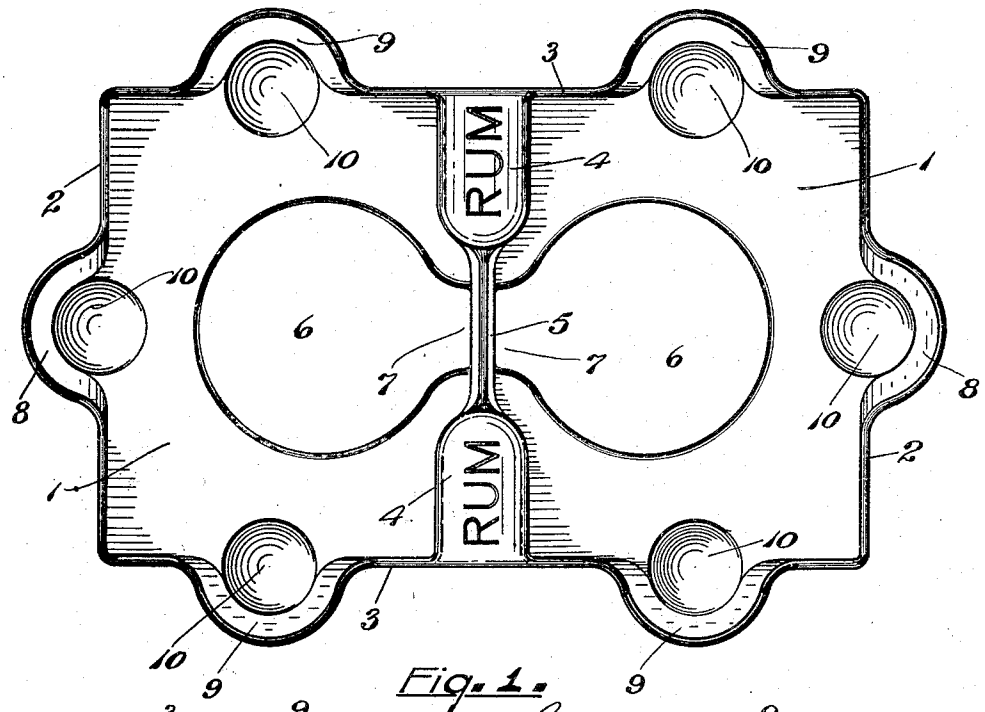


Fig. 1.

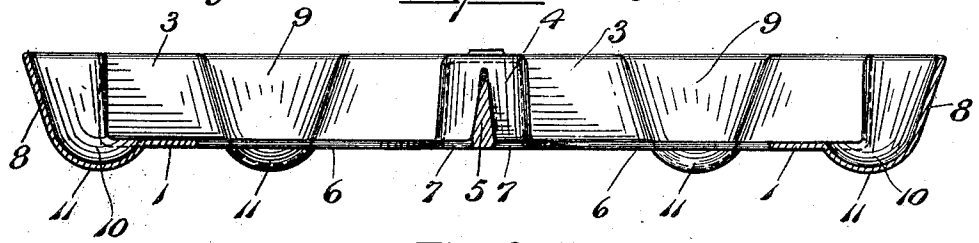


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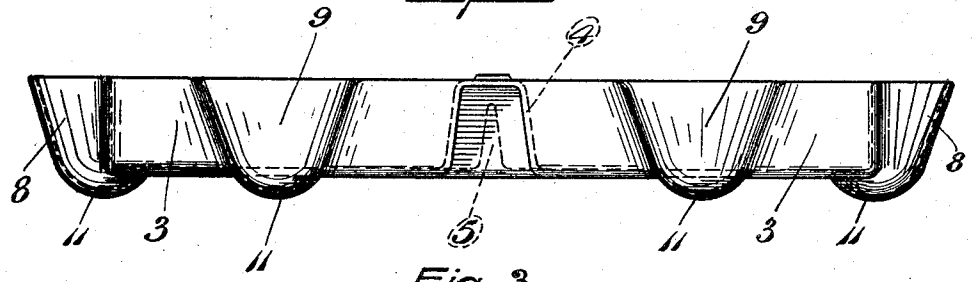


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM J. LEACH and CHARLES G. HARRINGTON, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rummy-Boards; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a board to be used in playing the well known card game of rum or rummy as it is variously known. In playing this game it is of considerable importance that the number of cards remaining in a deck with the progress of the game be kept in mind and if the edges of the deck can be readily seen a careless or indifferent player stands as good a chance as does one who keeps the diminution of the deck in mind so far as this feature of the number of cards remaining is concerned. Rum boards have been made heretofore in which the sides of the deck are exposed, this being necessary for the ready grasping and removal of a card from the deck by players in the progress of the game.

Our invention has for its object and purpose the construction of a device in which all of the cards from the first to the last one in the deck may be quickly and easily grasped for removal but at the same time the edges of the deck be practically concealed so that the number of cards left will have to be a matter of memory with the players rather than observation from looking at the deck.

A further object of the invention consists in the provision of many details of structure for attaining this end together with others not named but which will appear as the description of the preferred embodiment of our invention progresses, this embodiment being disclosed in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the rum board. Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken lengthwise and centrally of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the device shown in Fig. 1.

Like reference characters refer to like parts throughout the several views of the drawing.

In the construction of the board a rectangular base 1 is provided from the ends and sides of which project upwardly ends and sides 2 and 3 to a height substantially the thickness of a deck of cards. The tray thus formed is divided centrally by a partition interposed between the sides and consisting of widened end sections 4 connected by a narrow central section 5 as shown dividing the tray into two compartments, each of which is of proper dimension to receive a deck of cards. The base is provided with a central longitudinal opening which at each end may be substantially circular in outline as shown at 6 but narrowed between the ends or at the point where the partition 5 crosses it as shown at 7. A deck of cards placed in either compartment or a partial deck in either compartment may have the cards readily removed therefrom as it is apparent that the edges of the cards lie against the wider sections 4 leaving a space for the insertion of the fingers between the narrow section 5 and the edges of the card; and the last card will be as easily removed as the first by reason of the fact that the fingers may be passed through the openings 7 below the last card or if necessary a pressure on the central portion of the card above the opening 6 will cause an elevation of the side edges of the card so that it may be readily grasped for removal.

Centrally positioned in each end 2 of the device is an outwardly projecting offset 8 while, similarly centrally located in the side of each compartment is an outwardly projecting offset 9, both of said offsets in height being equal to the height of the sides and ends of the tray. Furthermore the base at each of these offsets is formed with a depression 10 causing a downward projection of the base at such points as indicated at 11, this making a plurality of spaced apart feet for supporting the device and elevating the base a short distance above any supporting surface on which it has been placed.

In the playing of the game a deck of cards is placed in one compartment and they are taken therefrom one at a time and either discarded to the opposite compartment or retained in the hand of the player in which case a card is discarded from said player's hand. With a board of this construction irrespective of how it is placed on a support or how the players are grouped around the board, it is easy for any player to remove a card from the board by inserting the fingers either in the offset portions 8 and 9 or between the central section 5 of the

partition and the edges of the card. By reason of the depression at 10 the cards may be removed as readily when there remain but few in the deck as when the deck was complete. Furthermore by reason of the absence of any openings in the side and ends of the compartments, the edges of the deck are practically covered and it is very hard for a player by observation to find out how many cards are left in the deck. Furthermore by reason of the absence of these openings in the sides and ends of the compartment the cards are more readily retained in the compartment, this being especially true with a full deck of cards after it has been long used and has become much thicker than when it was new.

We claim:—

1. In a device of the character described, a base provided with a longitudinal opening, sides and ends extending upwardly from the base, a partition having thickened end sections and a narrow center section lying between the sides, said center section passing across the opening dividing the device into two compartments, an offset section at each end of the device and at each side of each compartment, a depression being formed in the base at each offset section thereby forming a plurality of spaced apart feet supporting the device and elevating the base above the surface on which the device is placed, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the character described, a base provided with a longitudinal opening, sides and ends extending upwardly from the base, a partition having thickened end sections and a narrow center section located between the sides and dividing the device into two compartments, and an offset section centrally located in each end of the device, and in each side of each compartment the height thereof being the same as the height of the sides and ends of said device, there being a depression formed in the base at each offset portion, substantially as described.

3. In a device of the character described, a base, sides and ends extending upwardly from the base, a partition having thickened end sections and a narrow central section located between the sides dividing the device into two compartments and an offset section centrally positioned in each end of the device and in each side of each compartment, substantially as described.

4. In a device of the character described, a base, sides and ends extending upwardly from the base, a partition between the sides dividing said device into two compartments, and an offset section centrally positioned in each end of said device and in each side of each compartment, substantially as described.

5. In a device of the character described, a tray having a base and sides and ends, means interposed between the sides dividing the tray into two compartments each adapted to receive a pack of cards, and outwardly extending offset sections in the ends of the tray permitting the insertion of the fingers between the edges of cards and said offset sections, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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