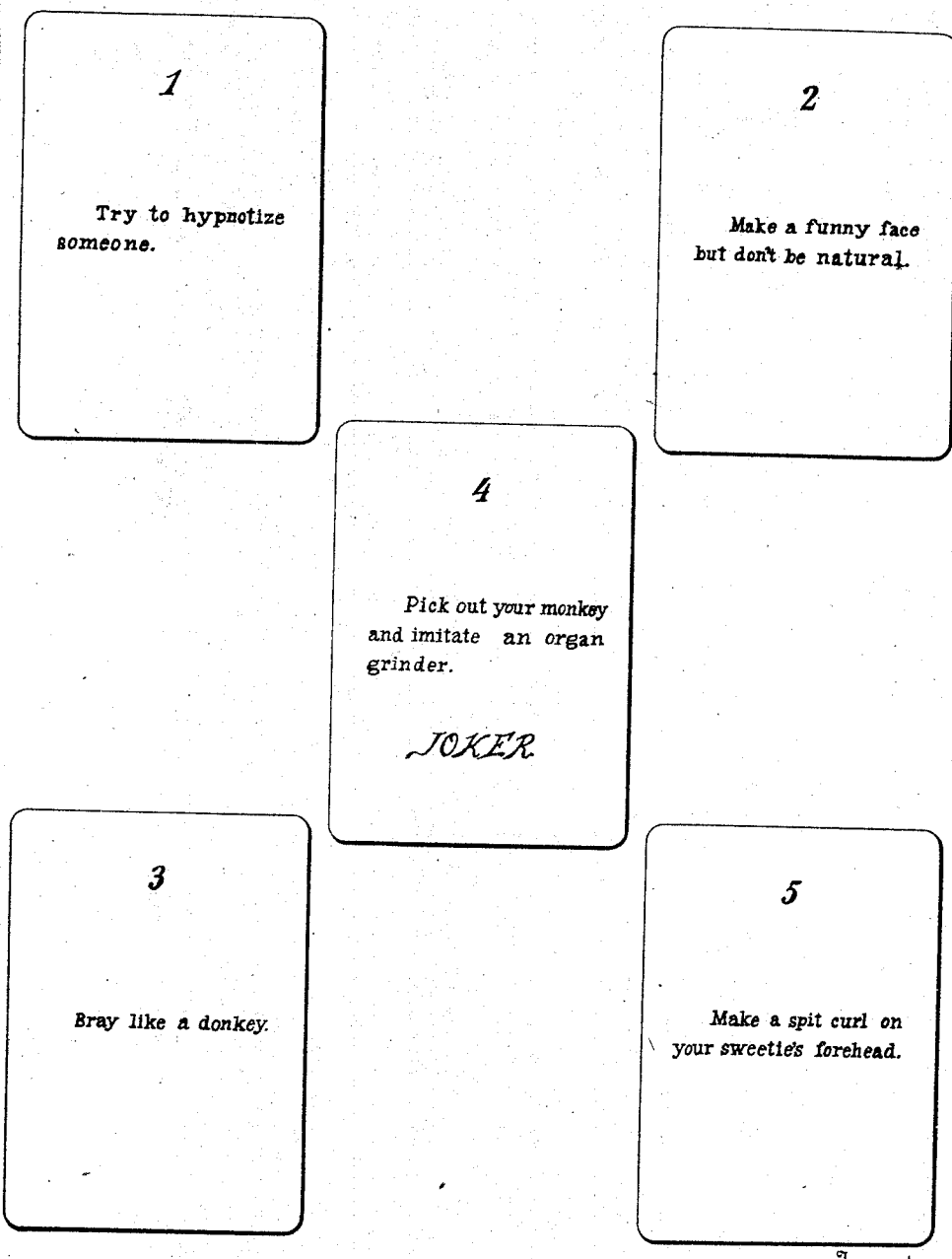
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VERTNER D. BRITTINGHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, the city and county of Denver, and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Playing Cards; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this application.

This invention relates to a deck of cards by means of which a number of people may entertain themselves and also provide amusement for spectators.

It is the object of this invention to produce a deck of cards that can be employed in entertaining and which do not require the players to learn any extensive set of rules or to acquire any special skill. The deck may consist of any number of cards but for the purpose of this description I have assumed that the deck shall contain twenty-five cards each of which is numbered consecutively from 1 to 25. Each card has printed on its face some "stunt" and one card out of the pack is marked "Joker".

In order to more clearly describe the game I shall have reference to the accompanying drawing on which I have illustrated five cards, one of which is the joker. As the cards differ from each other only in this, that the number and "stunt" are different, the five cards shown will be sufficient to illustrate the nature of the cards and to permit me to explain the manner in which they are employed.

The game is played as follows: The hostess, or some committee or person thereunto designated, will shuffle the deck and give each player a card or the player may be required to draw a card from the deck. Only one card may be given out or drawn at one time or the entire pack may be distributed. If only one card is given out at a time, the player will be required to do the "stunt" designated on the card. If all of the cards are distributed, then the players will be required to perform their stunts in the order indicated by the numbers on the cards. The efforts of the players to perform their "stunts" affords great amusement for all. If a player is unable or unwilling to perform his stunt within the time allotted to him, he becomes "cat's mew" and must take a seat reserved for these. After the first "cat's mew", each one that becomes "cat's mew" must be initiated into the dumb and awkward order of "cat's mews" by the former member or members. This is done by greeting the new member in any appropriate way and mewing him a sympathetic welcome to their humble band. After all have done the stunt called for on their cards or have become "cat's mews" the latter must stand together in the center of the circle of players. The others will then draw one or more cards at random from the deck and all of the "cat's mews" must do the "stunt" or "stunts" together. Whoever, during the game, draws the jocker must pick one of the players to be his monkey and while he imitates an organ grinder the monkey must pass the hat for tips. Each player is required to pay an amount equivalent to the number of the card held by him and all are required to sing "You have to pay the piper". The money collected by the person drawing the joker may be used for any purpose. This is found to be a good way to raise money for churches, schools or for any other worthy purpose. Where it is desirable to do so the person drawing the joker may be given a part of the money collected as a "commission" in order to stimulate interest and prizes may also be awarded to those whom the judges decide perform their "stunts" in the most perfect or entertaining manner.

From the above it will be seen that I have produced a deck of cards that can be employed for the purpose of producing amusement and as a means for raising money.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. A deck of playing cards comprising a plurality of cards numbered consecutively, each card having a separate "stunt" printed on its face and one of said cards being marked "Joker".

2. A deck of playing cards comprising a plurality of cards numbered consecutively, each card having a separate "stunt" printed on its face and one of said cards being marked "Joker", the card marked "Joker"

bearing the following printed directions on its face "Pick your monkey and imitate an organ grinder."

3. A deck of playing cards comprising a plurality of cards, each card having a separate "stunt" printed on its face and one of said cards being marked "Joker".

4. A deck of playing cards comprising a plurality of numbered cards, each card having a separate "stunt" printed on its face and one of said cards being marked "Joker".

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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