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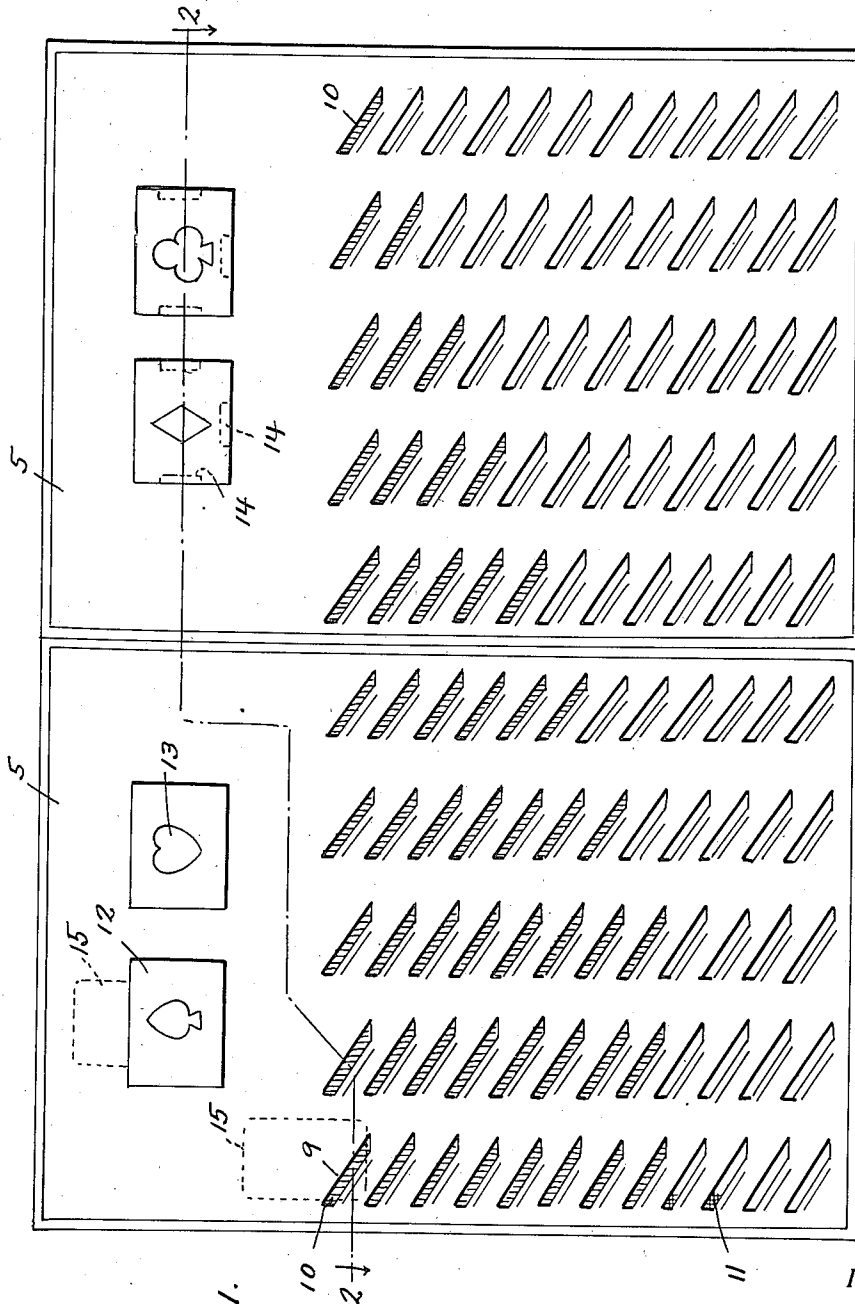


Fig. 1.

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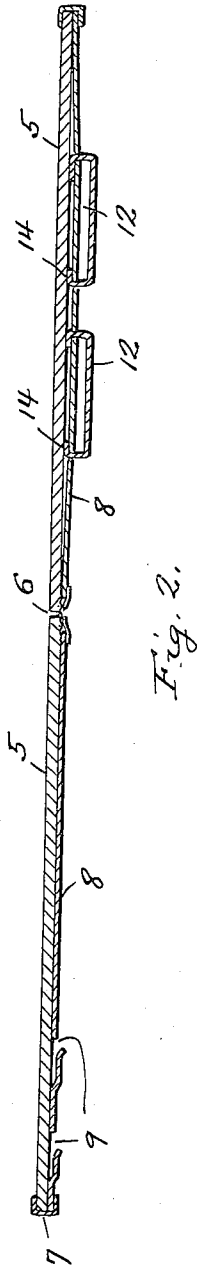


Fig. 2.

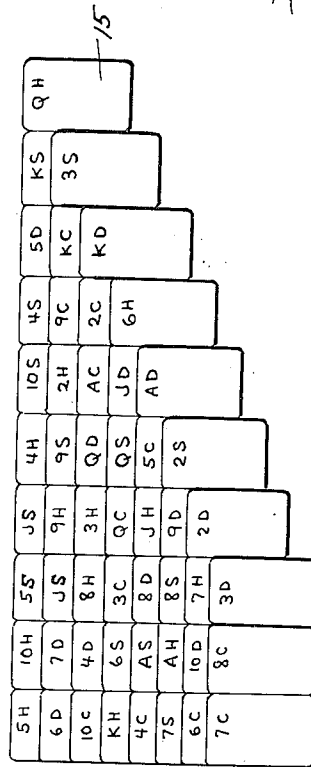


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1 Claim. (Cl. 273—148)

This invention relates to games and the object of the invention is to provide a novel form of card game and means to facilitate the playing of the game.

5 More particularly the invention also consists in the provision of a playing board for use in the playing of cards, and particularly for use in playing a card game in the form of solitaire played with ordinary playing cards and which for purposes of convenience may be called a "playing card puzzle" game.

The invention together with its objects and advantages will be best understood from a study of the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game board embodying the features of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, and

20 Figure 3 is a plan view showing the manner of initially arranging the cards for playing a game of solitaire having the features of the present invention.

Referring to the drawings by reference numerals it will be seen that in the preferred embodiment thereof the playing board comprises a pair of substantially rectangular sections 5—5 hinged at one edge as at 6 so as to readily fold upon one another when not in use.

30 In actual practice the sections 5—5 are placed flat in unfolded position upon a suitable support such as a table top or the like.

Further in accordance with the present invention the sections 5—5 of the playing board are formed from cardboard or other suitable material hinged as shown and provided with a suitable binding tape 7.

On one face thereof there is adhesively applied to the sections of the playing board a sheet 8 of relatively stiff paper.

Also the portion of the paper 8 for each section 5 is provided with a plurality of diagonal slits 9, there being for each section 5 five rows of slits with twelve slits 9 in each row.

45 Opposite certain of the slits 9 the face of the material from which the sections 5 are formed and to which the sheet 8 is applied are colored so as to appear through selected slits in the form of preferably red backgrounds indicated generally at 10. For the other of the slits the surfaces of the board sections 5 are colored so as to appear through the remaining slits as black backgrounds indicated by the reference numeral 11.

In all there are fifty-two red slots 10 and as shown in Figure 1 there are eight red slots 10 in the first three vertical rows at the extreme left and each succeeding row reading from left to right has one less red slot than the next preceding row and one more black slot than the next preceding row with the result that there is but one single red slot 10 in the row at the extreme right while there are eleven black slots 11 in the last mentioned row.

Also each board section 5 is provided with a pair of pockets 12 the outermost walls of which pockets bear a suitable designation 13 and each pocket is adapted to receive all the cards of one particular suit.

These pockets 12 are each formed through the medium of a rectangular sheet of paper or the like having at its respective opposite end edges and at its lower edge tongues 14 which are passed through slots suitably provided therefor in the sheet 8 and these tongues are adhesively secured to the cardboard of the sections 5.

In laying out the cards for starting a game the cards are placed in all of the red slots 10, a typical layout of the cards indicated by the reference numeral 15 being shown in Figure 2.

The object and purpose of the game is to get all the cards of each suit in the proper pocket 12 starting with the ace of each suit and ending with the king.

30 While any suitable rules may be provided according to the desire of the contestants or players a suggested manner of playing the game is to permit only one card at a time being moved from the bottom of each vertical row of cards. As shown the vertical rows build down in numerical order, red on black of next higher order, and black on red of next higher order as for example a red six on a black seven, a black ten on a red jack. When an ace is at the bottom of a vertical row the same may then be placed in the pocket 12 having an identifying mark 13 corresponding to the suit of that particular card. As other cards of like suit are uncovered, in order, they are placed in the proper pocket 12.

When all cards have been played from a vertical row it leaves a "vacancy". "Vacancies" are important factors in the solution of the game and the player can look ahead and playing following moves that will not sacrifice "vacancies".

Further it is suggested that a card once placed in a pocket 12 may not be returned to any one of the vertical rows of slots.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

5 A game board for playing games using a conventional deck of cards, said game board having a plurality of spaced rows of vertically spaced diagonal slits cut therein, said game board at the lower edge of each slit being offset outwardly to form a plurality of card receiving pockets, said

slits being adapted to be selectively used for receiving the corner portion of card for holding the card in predetermined position on said game board and a backing for the game board having portions exposed by certain of the slits of contrasting colors.

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