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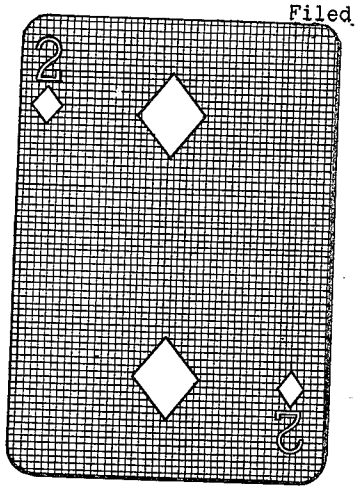


Fig. 1.

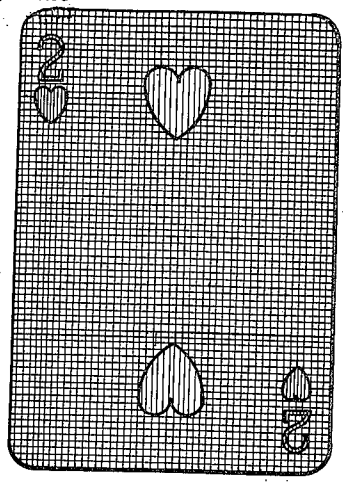


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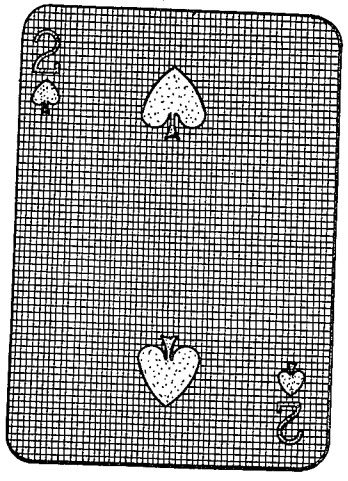


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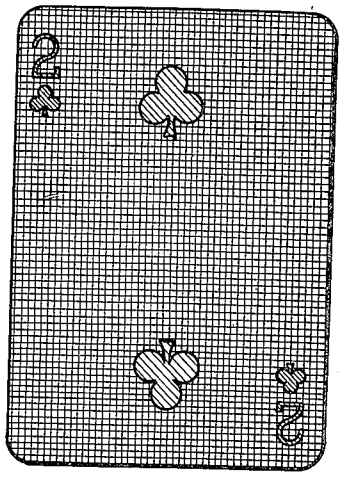


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to improvements in playing cards. The main object of the invention is to provide means whereby the different suits of so-called monarchial playing cards can be readily distinguished from each other than at present. Further objects will be apparent from the following description and the scope of the invention will be defined in the appended claims. According to my invention I provide a pack of fifty-two cards or four suits of the usual whist cards, but I display the pips on a black background which is the same for each suit, and I further provide means to distinguish the various suits, additional to the present differences in external shape.

In a preferred form of the invention, I make the pips of each suit of different colours.

Figures 1-4 of the accompanying drawing illustrate one form of the invention, in which I provide a black background and I mark spades in yellow (Fig. 3) diamonds in white (Fig. 1) clubs in green (Fig. 4) and hearts in red (Fig. 2) though, of course, these colours may be varied. For this purpose I refer to white as a colour.

In another modification of the invention I provide a black background and I make the pips of triangular, square, starlike or circular form, each being of a different colour.

In a further modification of the invention the additional means of distinction are provided by making the hearts and diamonds red, but with white spots in the centre of the hearts and small black diamonds over the large red diamonds, while making the clubs and spades black, but with red and white spots respectively in the centres thereof.

Any of these arrangements considerably reduce the liability to revoke, since each suit pip is distinguished from all others by color as well as by shape. The color distinction is much clearer when using a black than with a white background. The dark background shows up the different colors, and is also of great importance from the point of view of economy and use, as the black background does not appear soiled so soon as the white background. Further, by the provision of the black background, an extra choice of color is afforded, and four colors may be picked as noted which are readily distinguishable in all lights, even with a yellow gas light (white being considered a color for this purpose). The black background further affords a greater contrast without a dazzling effect on the eye, since a light spot on a dark background is more easily distinguished than a dark spot on a light background with the same relative illumination.

I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A pack of whist cards in which the pips are displayed on a black background which is the same for each suit and are so coloured that the pips of each suit can be distinguished from the pips of any other suit by means other than external shape.

2. A pack of whist cards in which each card has a black background of the same colour displaying the pips so that the pips of each suit differ in colour from the pips of each other suit.

3. A pack of whist cards in which the pips of each suit of the usual shape are displayed on a black background and are of different colours from the pips of each other suit.

4. A pack of monarchial cards in which all cards of all suits have a black background with characteristically-shaped pips thereon to distinguish the suits, said pips of each suit being of a color contrasting with said background and differing from the colors for the other suits, so that the several suits are distinguished from each other by shape and color.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name this 12th day of Nov., 1925.

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