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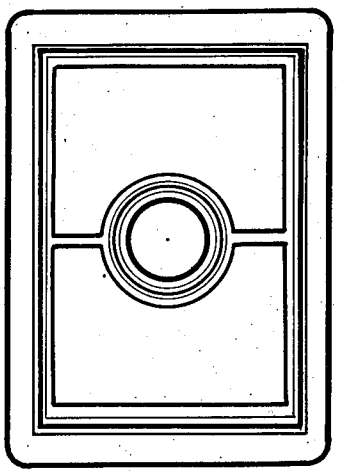
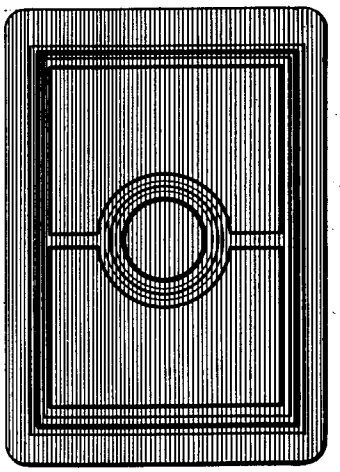


Fig. 1.



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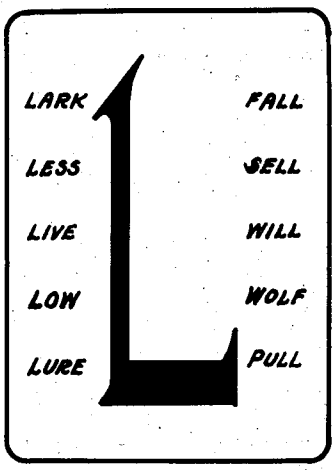

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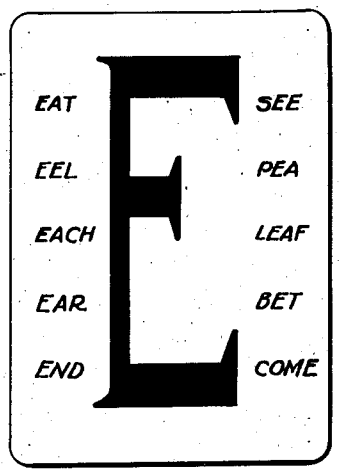

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SPELLING GAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AGNES L. JOYCE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bronx County, in the city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Spelling Game, of which the following is a complete specification.

My invention relates to card games and utilizes the fact that the alphabet is composed primarily of vowels and consonants, and that various combinations of these vowels and consonants form words of our language.

To this end I have made a set of 26 cards, all of like size, five of which are distinguishable on their obverse or design sides, from the remaining 21 because of variation in design or coloring or both. On the reverse sides of the five cards I place the five vowels, one on each card. On the reverse of each of the remaining 21 cards I place one consonant. On each side of the letter on each card I place common words utilizing this letter, whether vowel or consonant.

I have added an illustrative embodiment in which I show the obverse and reverse of such cards.

Fig. 1 shows the obverse or design side of one consonant card.

Fig. 2 shows the reverse side with the large letter in the center and the various words on each side.

Figure 3 shows the obverse side of a vowel card.

Figure 4 shows the reverse side of a vowel card.

Ordinarily I use one of each vowel cards, and one of each consonant cards. Thus this set would contain twenty-six cards. There is no reason except convenience in playing for so limiting the cards. Thus, two such decks might be shuffled together if more than five wanted to play.

Assume a game is played among five people, using a set of twenty-six cards. Then each player is dealt, obverse side showing, one vowel card and two consonant cards. Then these cards are placed, still with obverse side showing, in a line. The players then turn the cards up simultaneously. There are then, five players with five syllables. Each player in rotation solves his problem. Thus one says F-A-C plus T spells "fact." The players failing to solve their problems correctly are eliminated and omitted from subsequent dealings. The surviving player wins. The additional letter, "T" in this case, is simply pronounced verbally and not shown by a card.

This is but one method of using the cards.

Another suggested way of playing the game is to shuffle the cards with the obverse sides exposed. The vowel cards, being distinguishable, are laid out one behind the other in a line. In front of each vowel card and behind each vowel card is placed a consonant card. Thus fifteen cards in all are placed in five rows of three cards. These cards are turned over exposing the reverse sides and so presenting such words or syllables as lan, bes, rig, tom, vux, of which we can obviously complete by inspection the words lane, best and tomb, thus scoring three out of a possible five points. I have many other ways of scoring and many ways in which the game may be played but this simple illustration is given to explain the principle of operation of the cards. Obviously one or more sets of cards may be used.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and what I desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. In a game one set of cards containing two varieties of the same size but distinguishable on one side each from the other because of their colorations and designs; one variety having on its reverse side a consonant letter; the other having on its reverse side a vowel letter.

2. In a game, one set of cards containing two varieties of the same size but distinguishable on one side each from the other because of their colorations and designs; one variety having on its reverse side a consonant letter; the other having on its reverse side a vowel letter; said letter on each card being supplemented by words and syllables involving the said letter.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this tenth day of January, 1923.

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