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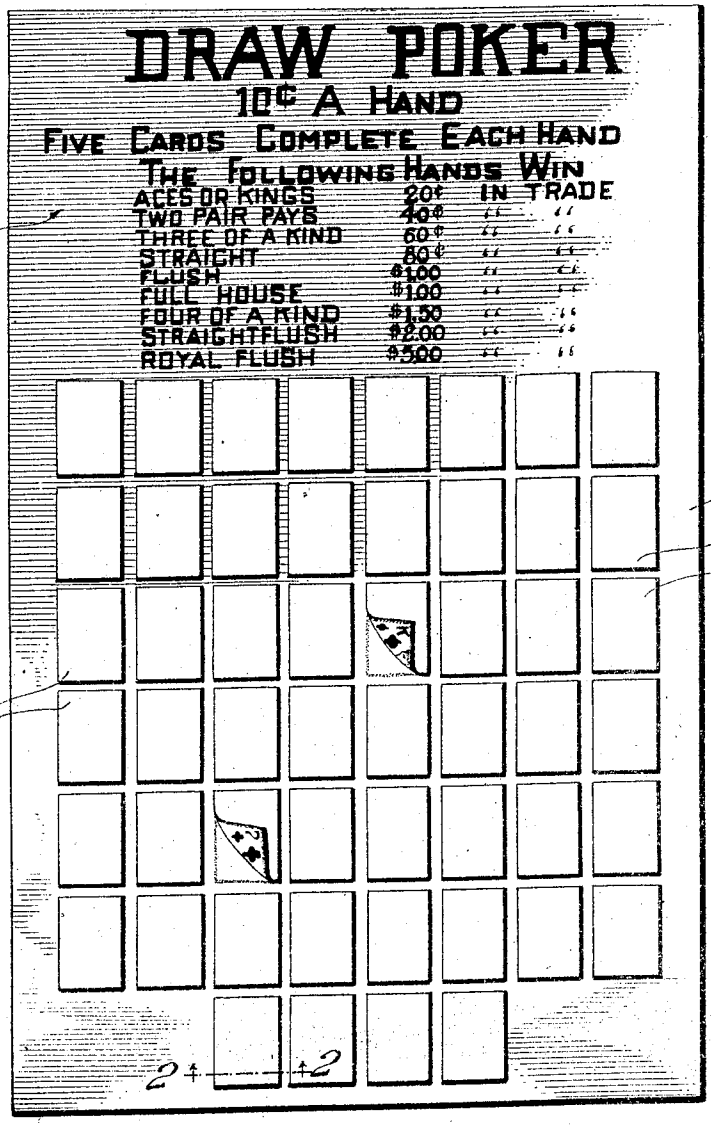
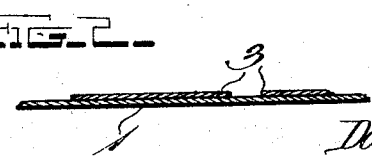


FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID GALE SIMONS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stockett, in the county of Cascade and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card Games; 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.

My invention relates to games in which the element of chance is the controlling factor and it relates more particularly to devices intended to promote trade at retail stores, the players being given certain prizes in merchandise if the "chances" which they purchase possess values which are previously set. Numerous games of this sort have been devised but it is the object of my invention to provide one embodying one or more decks of playing cards whose faces are removably secured against and obscured by a card or other back member, so that without seeing the faces of the cards, each player can pick and remove a hand (five cards for instance), the prize which he is to receive, if any, being determined by the values of the cards which he has picked.

With the foregoing in view, the invention resides in the novel subject matter hereinafter described and claimed, the description being supplemented by the accompanying drawing.

Figure 1 is a face view of the invention, certain of the cards being shown partially removed from the back member.

Figure 2 is a sectional view as indicated by the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

In the drawing above briefly described, the numeral 1 designates a back member which is preferably in the form of a rectangular piece of heavy cardboard, the upper portion 2 of said back member being reserved for displaying the name of the game, the manner in which it is to be played, the prizes given, etc. Upon the remainder of the back member 1, the cards 3 of one or more decks of playing cards are secured by glue or the like. The faces of the cards 3 are disposed next to the back member 1 and are obscured by the latter, so that no card can be identified until it is removed. The gluing is so performed however, that when any card is removed, it may be easily identified. This may well be accomplished by not applying any glue directly to the distinguishing symbols of the cards, although it may be applied in sufficiently close proximity thereto to prevent the corners of the cards from being sprung back and their values thus determined. If desired, the cards above referred to may be printed on thin paper and secured to the back member 1, by stickers.

Anyone wishing to play the game, is intended to purchase a hand of cards, which hand preferably consists of five cards. Then, he can choose his own hand and remove the cards from the back member. The value of the cards chosen determines the prize, if any, which the player is to receive, and this prize is preferably in the form of merchandise. As indicated in the space 2, if the player selects a pair of aces or kings, twenty cents in trade may be given; two pairs are equivalent to forty cents in trade; sixty cents in trade is given for three of a kind; etc. This is only illustrative of the manner of playing the game and the numerous cards and groups of cards may be given other values if desired.

I claim:

1. A game comprising a back member and playing cards of at least one deck secured against said back member and having their faces obscured, said cards being secured in a manner to permit them to be readily detached and identified, whereby each player can pick his own hand from the deck and the values of the cards of such hand can be clearly seen to determine what prize if any should be awarded to the player.

2. A game comprising a back member and playing cards of at least one deck secured face inward against said back member, said cards being secured in a manner to permit them to be readily detached and identified, whereby each player can pick his own hand from the deck and the values of the cards of such hand can be clearly seen to determine what prize if any should be awarded to the player.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

DAVID GALE SIMONS.