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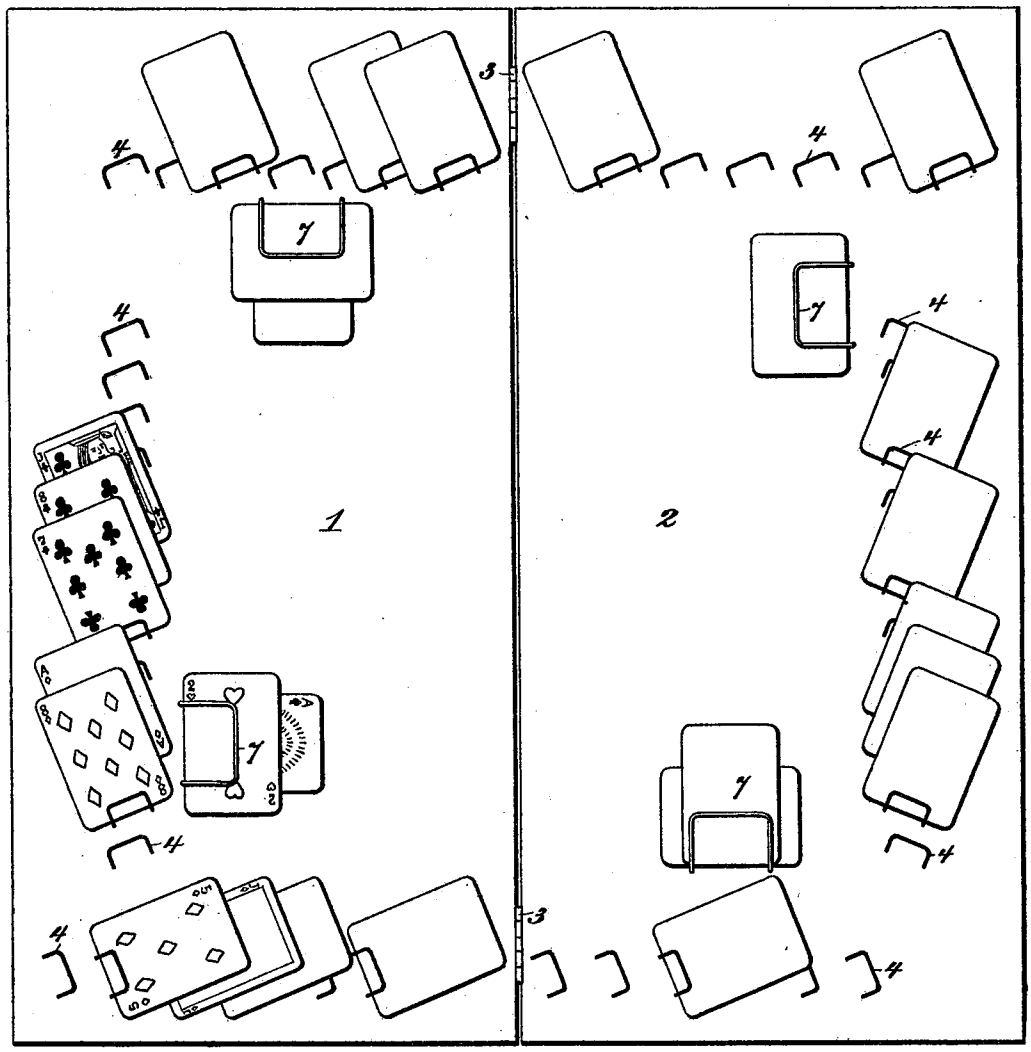
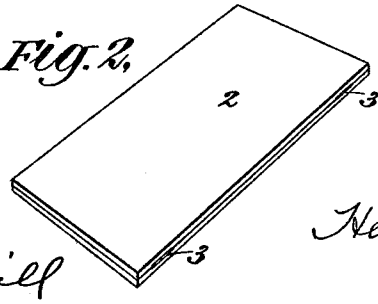


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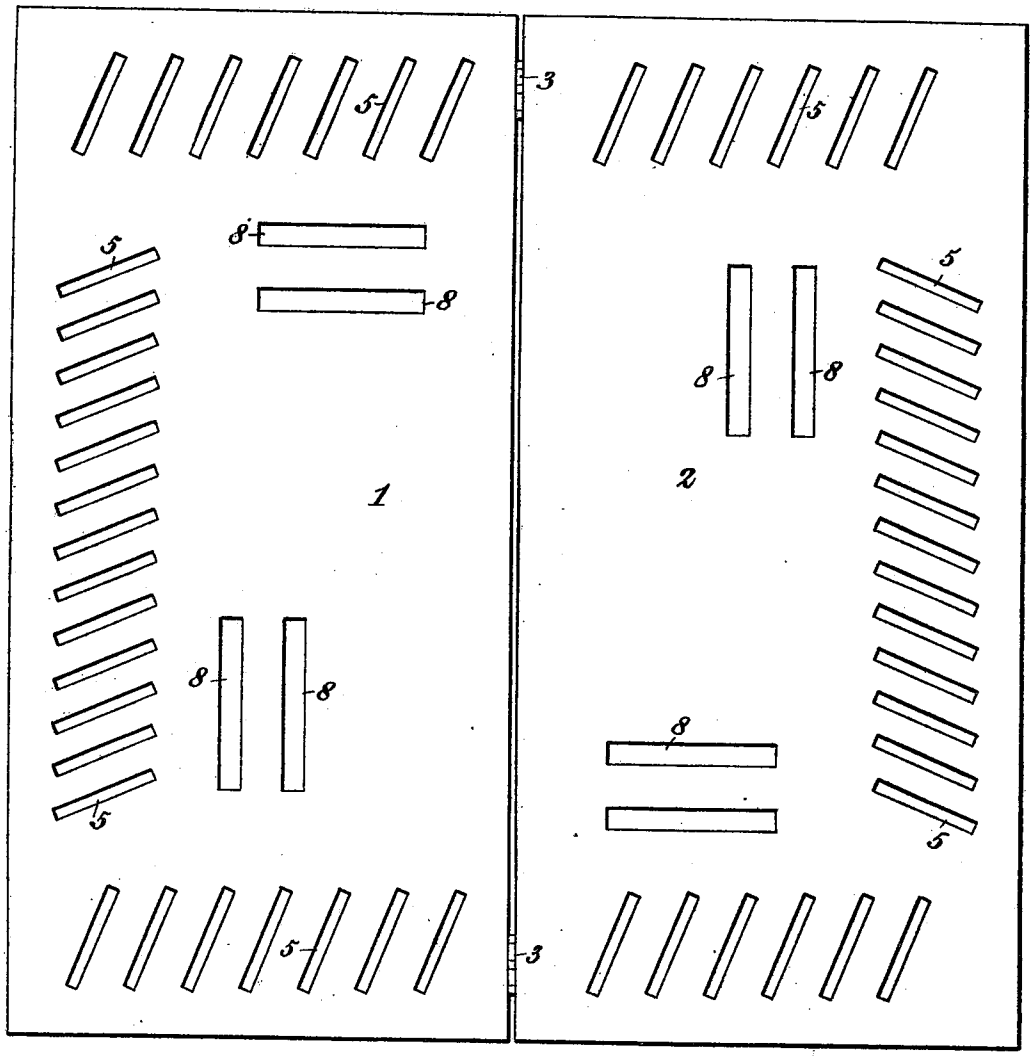
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. HYATT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof.

My invention relates to game-boards, and has for its objects to provide means for the playing of solitaire or by a single person of games of cards, and more particularly of whist, for self-instruction, and for the working out of problems, as well as for the amusement of the player. Means are provided for holding the several hands so as to simultaneously exhibit the cards and for holding the cards played so as to indicate the taking of tricks.

My invention will be readily understood from the following full description of the accompanying drawings, and is particularly pointed out in the claims.

The accompanying drawings illustrate embodiments of my invention.

Figure 1 is a face view of a game-board, showing the positions of cards at an intermediate stage of the game. Fig. 2 is a reduced perspective view of the game-board folded. Fig. 3 is a face view of a game-board of modified construction.

The game-board is constructed so that it may be folded up to smaller dimensions when not in use and, as shown, is composed of two flat sections 1 and 2, pivotally connected together by the hinges 3 3. These flat sections may be made of suitable material, such as wood or heavy cardboard. Card-holders are provided upon the faces of these sections which will be the inner faces when the board is folded, one set of card-holders being provided for the hands and another set of card-holders for the cards played or tricks. The hand-card holders are arranged about the margin of the board, and the trick-card holders are arranged some distance within such margin.

The hand-card holders are so arranged that the cards held thereby will be separately exhibited to the player, their faces being sufficiently exposed to enable the player to readily recognize each card and so that any card may be conveniently separately taken hold of and removed. These card-holders are arranged about the board in the positions which would be assumed by the four different players in an ordinary game. In the construction shown in Fig. 1 the separate card-receivers or means for holding the separate cards of a hand comprise spring-clips, shown as wire clips 4, the ends of which may be driven into or otherwise held in the material of the board, and these clips are arranged in four rows of thirteen clips each, one row in proximity to each of the four marginal lines of the board and each clip set obliquely, so that the cards, the lower ends of which are inserted under the clips, will be obliquely held and portions of their faces sufficient for identification exhibited to the player, while they may be readily separately removed as is desirable in playing the game.

In the construction shown in Fig. 3 each hand-card holder comprises a series of individual-card receivers comprising slits or slots 5 5, formed in an upper layer or covering of the board, which upper layer or cover may be of cloth or parchment or strong paper and is secured to the backing, except in proximity to the said slots, preferably about the margin outside of the card-receivers and in the middle portions of the board, so that pockets are formed beneath this cover to receive the lower ends of the cards. The cards will be held in these pockets in substantially the same positions as the cards shown in Fig. 1.

The trick-card holders are shown in Fig. 1 as made up of spring-clips 7 7, considerably larger than those employed in the hand-card holders, and one of these clips 7 is provided for each hand, each clip 7 being adapted to receive thereunder the full thirteen cards of the hand. The taking of tricks may be indicated by the manner in which the cards are placed under these trick-clips 7, the cards which do not take tricks being arranged with their sides parallel to the hand and the cards which take tricks arranged with their sides at right angles to the hand, as shown in Fig. 1. Thus the cards are so held that the tricks taken in any hand may be readily counted. The trick-clips 7 have considerable elasticity, so that they will hold a single card or the en-

tire hand with sufficient firmness to prevent the card or the several cards from slipping out from beneath the clips.

In the construction shown in Fig. 3 the trick-card holders consist of slits or slots 8, larger than those provided for the cards of the hands, and I preferably employ two slots 8 for each hand. These trick-card holders 8 are designed to receive the sides of the cards which do not take tricks and the ends of the cards which takes tricks, and seven cards may be placed in one of these holders 8 and six in the other. The upper layer or cover is not secured to the backing in proximity to these slots, and thus pockets are provided for the sides and ends of the cards.

In the use of my improved game-board the hands may be first dealt upon the board and then each separately arranged with the cards of the same suit together, as usual, and then the cards are inserted separately—as, for example, in placing the cards in the hand-card holders shown in Fig. 1. The lower ends of the cards are separately pushed under the respective clips 4, commencing at the top for the hands shown at the right and left, and at the left for the hand shown at the top, and at the right for the hand shown at the bottom. This operation is exceedingly simple and readily performed, and at its conclusion the hands are securely held with all the cards exhibited. All the usual formalities of the game as to turning of trump, lead, &c., or otherwise may be followed. The cards are played by removing them from the hand-card holders and placing them under the trick-card holders, the cards of each hand being all placed under the trick-holder of that hand in the manner above indicated. It will be observed that at the conclusion of the game the separate hands are preserved intact, so that the same player or another player could play another game or other games with the same hands, and thus the game may be duplicated.

In some instances I may omit the lower hand-card holder or any one of the hand-card holders, as the player may hold one of the hands in the usual manner; but I usually prefer to provide a holder for each hand, as thereby all cards are held by the board. It is evident that various modifications may be made in construction within the purview of my invention.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A game-board for solitaire card-playing provided with separate rows of single-card receivers arranged about the margin thereof, each separate row being constructed to hold a hand and the single-card receivers of each row being spaced so as to simultaneously exhibit the several cards held thereby, and with trick-card holders arranged in proximity to the hand-card holders but nearer the center of the board, substantially as set forth.

2. A game-board for solitaire card-playing provided with hand-card holders, each hand-card holder comprising a row of single-card receivers obliquely arranged and spaced so as to simultaneously exhibit the several cards held thereby, and each card-receiver being adapted to receive the lower part of a card, and said game-board being provided with trick-card holders arranged in proximity to the hand-card holders, one trick-card holder for each hand, each trick-card holder being adapted to hold all of the cards of the hand and consisting of one or more card-receivers each adapted to receive a number of cards, substantially as set forth.

3. A game-board for solitaire card-playing provided with hand-card holders arranged about the margin thereof, each hand-card holder comprising a row of obliquely-arranged spring-clips, each of such spring-clips adapted to receive and hold the lower part of a single card, and said game-board being provided with trick-card holders arranged in proximity to the hand-card holders, each trick-card holder comprising one or more spring-clips adapted to collectively hold all the cards of a hand, substantially as set forth.

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