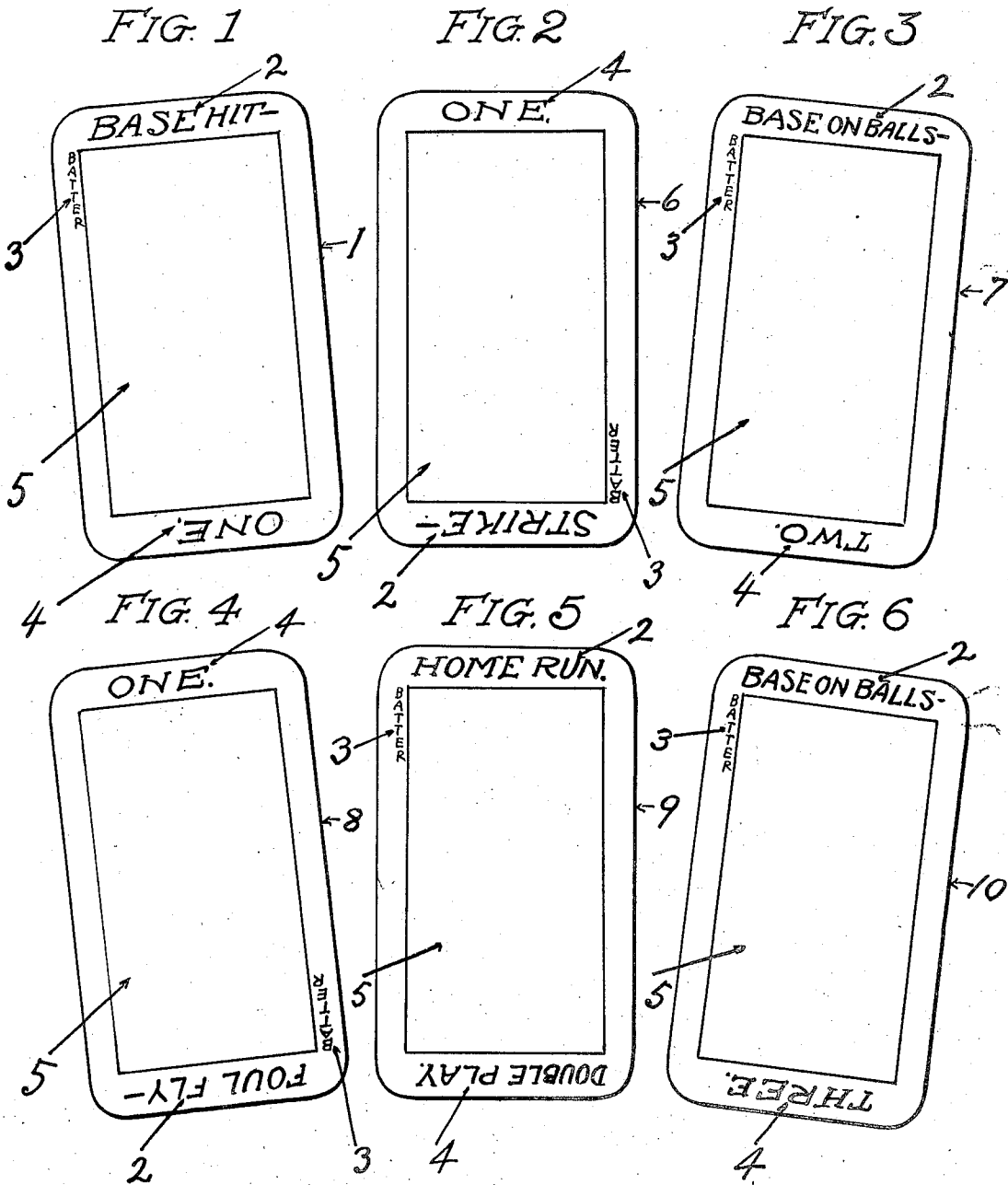


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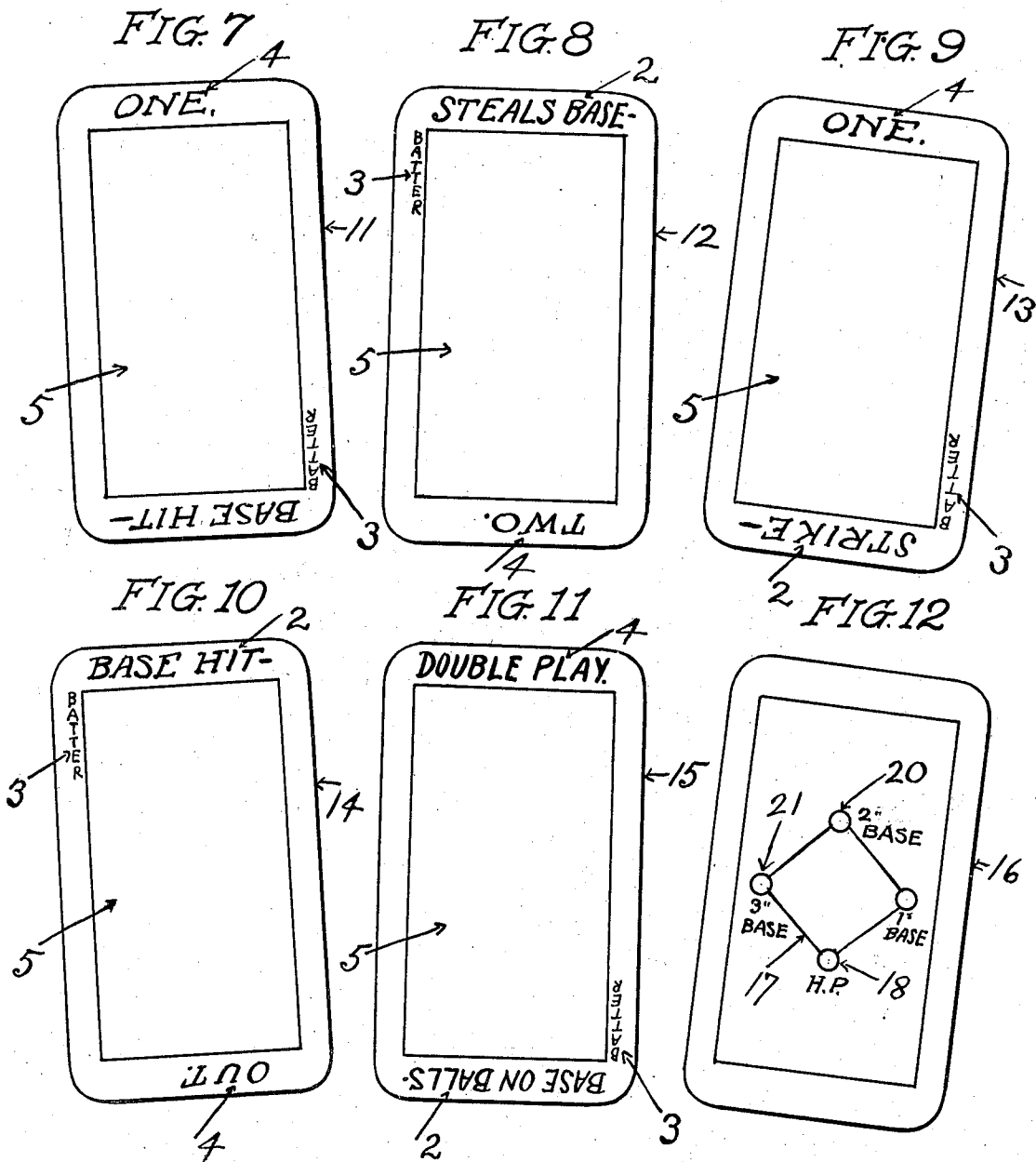
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS H. BARKER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in card games, in which certain novel improvements are combined to produce an interesting, instructive and entertaining game.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a game apparatus for playing an athletic game with a set of cards, which are divided into a plurality of groups of one or more cards, preferably varying in number, each of which cards in a given group bears a primary designation of a play made by the batter or other principal player, and it is provided also with a secondary designation of a play made by a player or players in the athletic game on the opposing side to the batter or other principal player.

Another object is to provide each card with a primary designation of a certain play in the athletic game common to all the cards in the same group, which in play is to be qualified by a secondary designation borne by another card.

Another object is to provide each card with an indicator which indicates the batter or other principal player in the athletic game being played and indicates also the primary designation on the card.

Another object is to so arrange the primary and secondary designations on the cards that there may be a possibility of the opposing player having a card with a secondary designation which will qualify the play indicated by the primary designation.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 shows one of a group of a set of cards. Fig. 2 shows one of the companion cards matched and alined with the card shown in Fig. 1. Figs. 3, 4 and 5 show the remainder of a series of cards as played in alternation to complete the play begun with the card shown in Fig. 1, in which the player playing the first card wins the hand. Figs. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 show a series of cards played in alternation to complete the play begun with the card shown in Fig. 6, in which the player playing the first card loses the hand. Fig. 12 shows a supplementary card having a diagram for following the several possible

positions of the batter or other principal player as the game progresses.

Latitude is allowed herein as to details, since they may be varied or changed at will without departing from the spirit or scope of my invention.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the figures of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In the drawings 1 represents a certain card of a group provided with a primary designation 2, common to all the cards of the same group, which designates a play in the game of baseball or other athletic game to be played, made by the batter or other principal player. Adjacent to the primary designation 2 is an indicator 3, which indicates the batter or other principal player and which also indicates the primary designation 2 on the card. The card 1 is also provided with a secondary designation 4, which designates one of a number of different secondary designations borne by the cards of the same group, which designates a play made by a player or players in the athletic game on the opposing side to the batter or other principal player, and which in play is adapted to be reversed and alined with the primary designation 2 of a companion card so as to match it and thereby qualify the play made by the batter or other principal player as designated by the primary designation 2 of the card matched. Each card is provided with a portion adapted to contain an illustration, advertisement or descriptive matter, which refer preferably to the play designated by the primary or secondary designation on the card. A number of cards, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the two series shown have various primary and secondary designations, and show the method of matching the cards in play. A supplemental card 16 is provided with a diagram 17 having portions 18, 19, 20 and 21, which indicates the several possible positions of the batter or other principal player, which in conjunction with pins suitably marked and moved successively from the points 18, 19, 20 and 21 enable the players to follow the several possible positions of the batter or other principal player, as each card having a primary designation 2 is played and is matched by the secondary designation 4 of another card.

In utilizing the cards for playing an athletic game with cards, a pack of cards is provided, which is divided into a number of groups of cards, preferably varying in number, each of which cards in a group is provided with a certain primary designation 2 common to all the cards in the same group and a secondary designation 4 and an indicator 3. The cards are shuffled and cut in the usual manner, after which the cards are dealt out to each player, one card at a time, until each player has received six cards. The player at the left of the dealer starts the game by placing face up a card with some primary designation 2, with which it is proper to begin the play. The dealer or other opposing player then plays a card having some secondary designation 4, which he deems advantageous to play, which he places beside the first card with its position reversed, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, so that the secondary designation 4 is alined with and matches the primary designation 2 of the other card. The object of the first player is to play a card having a primary designation 2 indicating a play in the game which will advance the player, designated by the indicator 3, toward scoring a point in the game, while the object of the dealer or opposing player is to play a card to match the primary designation 2 of the first card, having a secondary designation 4 which will qualify the play designated by the primary designation 2 of the first card. The cards are thus played in alternation, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, following the various plays as far as possible in the athletic game being played, until either a card is played having a primary designation 2 of a play which would permit the batter or principal player designated by the indicator 3 in the first card played, to score as shown in Fig. 5, when the hand is completed and the first player wins the hand and two points, or the cards are played for example as shown in Figs. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, when the first player loses and fails to win a point.

If so desired, provision may be made for either player to draw from the pack a sufficient number of cards to complete a hand of six cards, in case either player, after several cards have been played, has no card with a proper primary or secondary designation to match the card played last.

At the conclusion of each hand the cards are again shuffled and dealt by the next player on the opposing side to the dealer and the game proceeds until some player or group of players have won a certain number of points, which number may be varied according to the athletic game being played.

Various rules may be adopted to vary the method of playing the cards without making any change in the cards, which constitute the apparatus for playing the game.

Any number of persons in multiples of two may play the game and the total number of cards or the number of cards in each group may be varied as desired, but a pack of fifty-two cards, exclusive of the supplemental card, divided into groups as specified herein, is preferable. If so desired, the cards may be provided with the primary and secondary designations in positions on the cards different from those shown in the drawings, such for example as one designation on one side of the card and the other designation on the other side, while numerical or other indicators may be substituted for the indicators described herein.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A game apparatus for playing baseball with cards comprising a pack of cards divided into a plurality of groups, each card in a group bearing a primary designation common to all the cards in the group and designating a play made by the batter or other principal player, and bearing also a secondary designation of a play made by a player in the game on the opposing side to the batter or other principal player, the said secondary designation being adapted to qualify the play designated by the primary designation on the companion card in play.

2. A game apparatus for playing baseball with cards comprising a pack of cards divided into a plurality of groups, each card in a group bearing a primary designation common to all the cards in the group and designating a play made by the batter or other principal player, bearing also a secondary designation of a play made by a player in the game on the opposing side to the batter or other principal player and having an indicator, the word "Batter," locating and indicating the playing end of each card and designating the primary designation on the card, the said secondary designation being also adapted to qualify the play designated by the primary designation on the companion card in play.

3. A game apparatus for playing baseball with cards comprising a pack of cards divided into a plurality of groups, each card in a group bearing a primary designation common to all the cards in the group and designating a play made by the batter or other principal player, and bearing also a secondary designation of a play made by a player in the game on the opposing side to the batter or other principal player, the said secondary designation being adapted in play to be reversed so that the secondary designation will be alined and matched with the primary designation on the companion card in play, the said secondary designation being also adapted to qualify the play designated by the primary designation on the companion card in play.

4. A game apparatus for playing baseball with cards comprising a pack of cards divided into a plurality of groups, each card in a group bearing a primary designation common to all the cards in the group and designating a play made by the batter or other principal player, and bearing also a secondary designation of a play made by a player in the game on the opposing side to the batter or other principal player, the said secondary designation being adapted to qualify the play designated by the primary designation on the companion card in play, and having a portion adapted to contain matter or an illustration pertaining to the play designated by the primary or secondary designation.

5. The method of playing baseball with cards, which consists in providing a pack of cards divided into a plurality of groups, each card bearing a primary designation of a play made by the batter or other principal

player, bearing also a secondary designation of a play made by a player in the game on the opposing side to the batter or other principal player and adapted in play to qualify the play made by the said batter or other principal player and designated in the primary designation of the companion card, each of the said cards having an indicator, the word "Batter," locating and indicating the playing end of each card and designating the primary designation on the card, and playing the said cards in alternation so that a primary designation on one card will be alined and matched with a secondary designation on another companion card in play. In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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