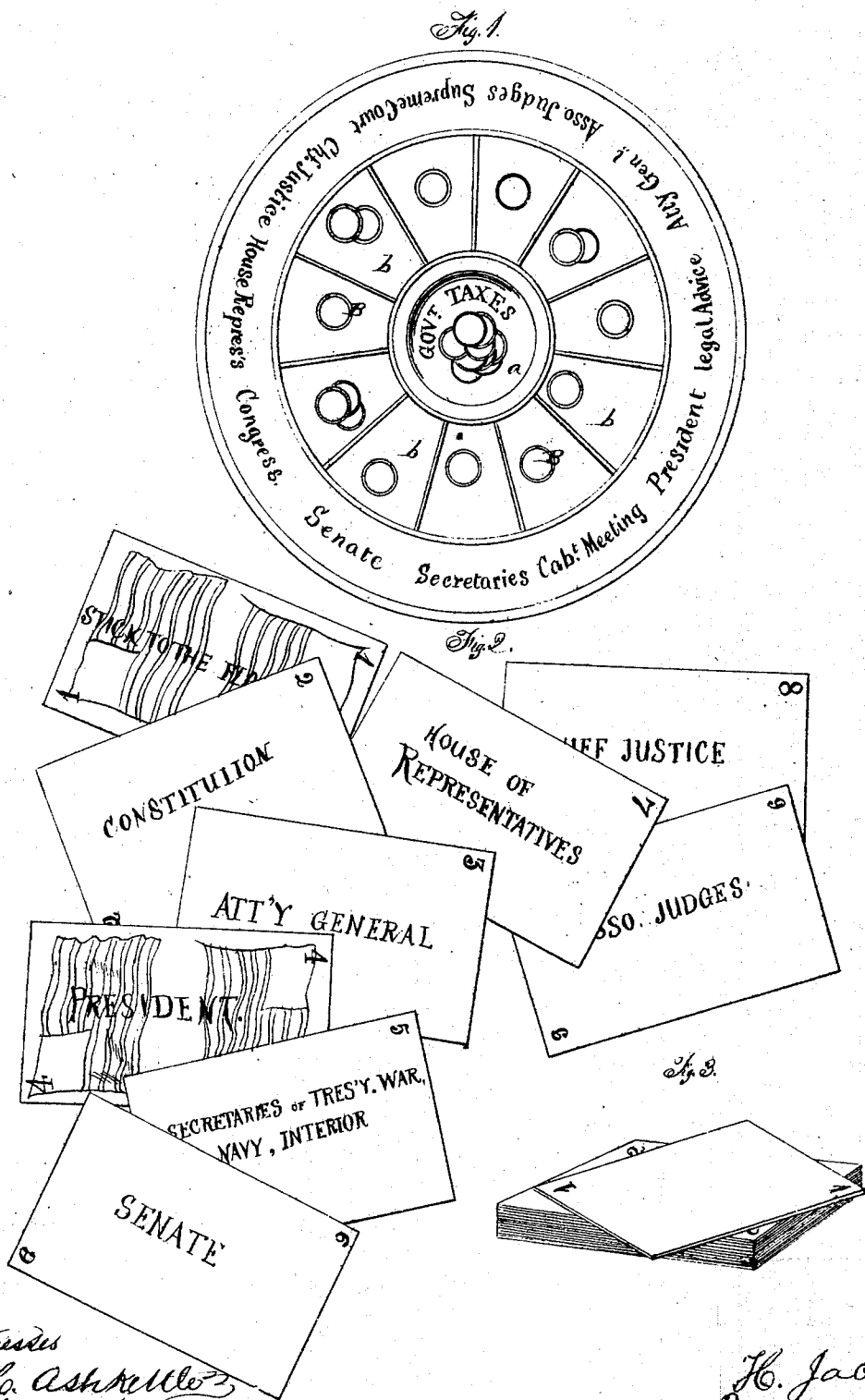


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, H. JACKSON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and diverting Game; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and diverting game, which I term the Game of the Government; and it consists of a box divided into a suitable number of compartments representing the Treasury and different Departments of the Government, and in using, in connection with said box, a series of counters and cards which are played as hereinafter fully described. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a plan or top view of the box or counter-receptacle.

Figures 2 and 3, views of the cards which are used in connection with the box or counter-receptacle.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a box, which may be of any desired form, but a circular shape would probably be preferable. This box is divided into a series of compartments, a central one, *a*, which I term the Treasury, or the receptacle for Government taxes, and a series of radial compartments, *b*, eleven in all, which represent respectively the President, Legal Advice, Attorney General, Associate Judges, Supreme Court, Chief Justice, House of Representatives, Congress, Senate, Secretaries, and Cabinet Meeting, all of which are shown clearly in fig. 1.

A pack of cards is used, consisting of two kinds, one of which, (see fig. 2,) I term prize cards, nine in number, and which may be embellished in any proper manner. These cards are numbered from 1 to 9, and from 8 to 9 have the names of the compartments *b* printed upon them, Nos. 1 and 2 having "Stick to the Flag" and "Constitution" printed respectively upon them, (see fig. 2.) The other cards of the pack, (see fig. 3,) are simply numbered from 10 upwards, say to 50, no definite number being required.

The game is played as follows: No definite number of players is required; from four to six would probably form the most agreeable number. The cards, both kinds, are well shuffled together, and each player draws a card, the one drawing the lowest number having the deal. Counters *B*, small disks of bone or other material, are dealt around to each player in equal numbers, and each player deposits a counter, *B*, into the centre compartment *a*, Government taxes, while the player at the left of the dealer, in addition to his tax-counter, deposits a counter into each of the eleven compartments *b*, paying his respects to the several heads of the Departments of the Government. The cards are again shuffled by the dealer, and from six to ten cards thrown off from the top of the pack, and the cards thus thrown out I term "stops," the use or object of which will be presently seen. The other cards are then dealt back uppermost around to the players, each player having an equal number. To insure this, care must be taken to discard the requisite number of "stops" that will admit of an equal distribution of the cards. The player at the left of the dealer, the one who deposited the counters in *b*, and who has the succeeding deal, plays first, and if he holds any single one of the embellished cards, from 2 to 9 inclusive, they are first played, for they admit of the counters being taken from the compartments corresponding to their names; for instance, if he hold No. 3, "Attorney General," he can take the counters from that compartment in the box, and so on. If he should hold No. 2, "Constitution," he is entitled to the counters in the Treasury—Government taxes. No. 1 however, "Stick to the Flag," draws no prize, but simply exonerates the holder from paying forfeit, as hereinafter explained. Besides this drawing of counters by the possession of single cards, combinations may be effected to draw more; for instance, if the player should hold No. 4, "President," and No. 3, "Attorney General," he is entitled to the counters in "Legal Advice," in addition to those contained in the compartments corresponding to the names of cards Nos. 3 and 4, for the President goes to the Attorney for legal advice, and cards No. 4, "President," and No. 5, "Secretaries," played together, is a Cabinet meeting, and entitles the player to the counters in those three compartments. Cards No. 6, "Senate," and No. 7, "House of Representatives," played together, is a meeting of Congress, and entitles the player to the counters in those compartments. Cards No. 8, "Chief Justice," and No. 9, "Associate Judges," played together, is a term of the Supreme Court, and entitles the player to the counters in those three compartments. These cards, it will be understood, must be played in order to take the prizes; it will not do to hold them. In

the event of a player holding none of the cards above specified, he must play the plain numbered ones, and is entitled to play simultaneously all the consecutive numbers he holds. The next player is the one who has the consecutive number of the card last played, and if the succeeding number is not held by any of the players, it is among the "stops," and the last player, the one who played the last card, takes the lead. This is the object of the "stops;" they continually change the lead among the players in each game, and thereby serve to equalize the chances of winning the game, which consists in getting rid of all the cards, the first player who plays his last card being the winner, and all the others giving the winner a counter for each card held by them, except the holder of No. 1, "Stick to the Flag."

Any desired number of games may be thus played, and the diversion is concluded as follows: The cards are shuffled and dealt around, face up to each player, the players taking the counters from the compartments in the box according to the embellished cards received by them. Should one player receive the "Attorney General," and another the "President," the counters in "Legal Advice" must be equally divided between the two, and the same rule applies to the other combinations. The board being cleared of counters, the player having the greatest number is supposed to be President, and the five next in order to constitute his Cabinet.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A game, consisting of a box divided into compartments, representing the different Departments of the Government, in connection with counters B, and a pack of cards composed of two kinds, one kind being simply numbered, and the other numbered and named, as designated, in accordance with the compartments in the box, all arranged or devised substantially as herein shown and described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 31st day of December, 1867.

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