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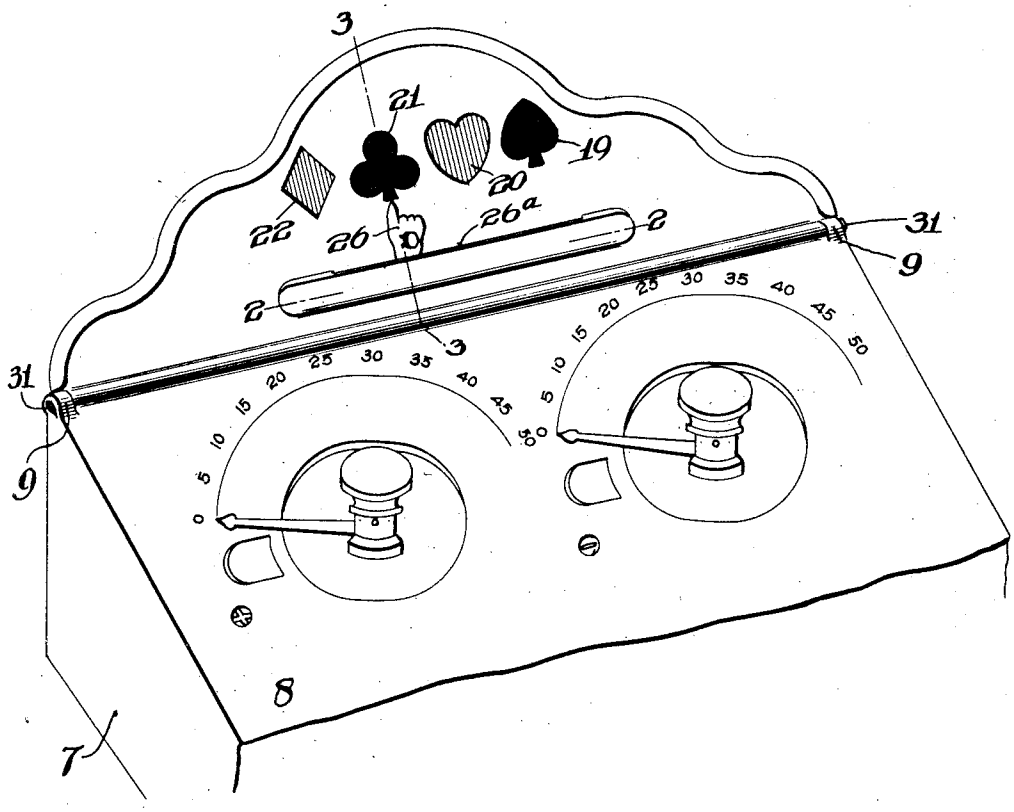
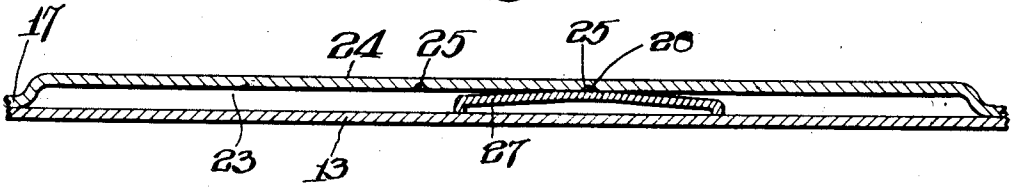


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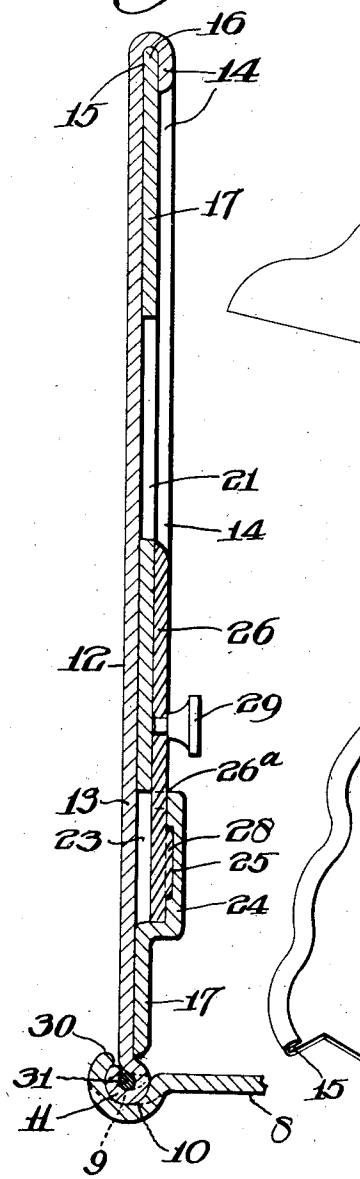


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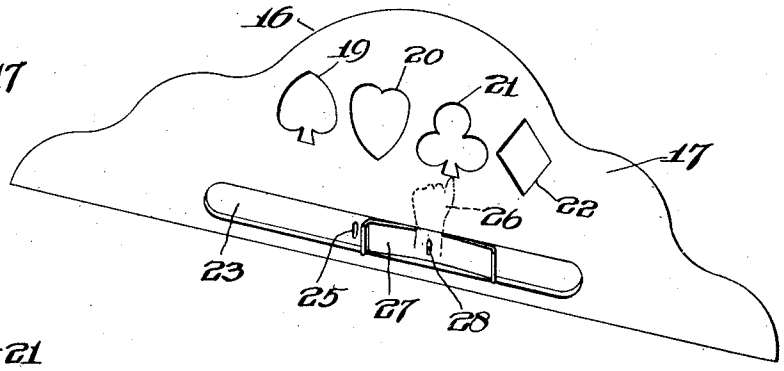


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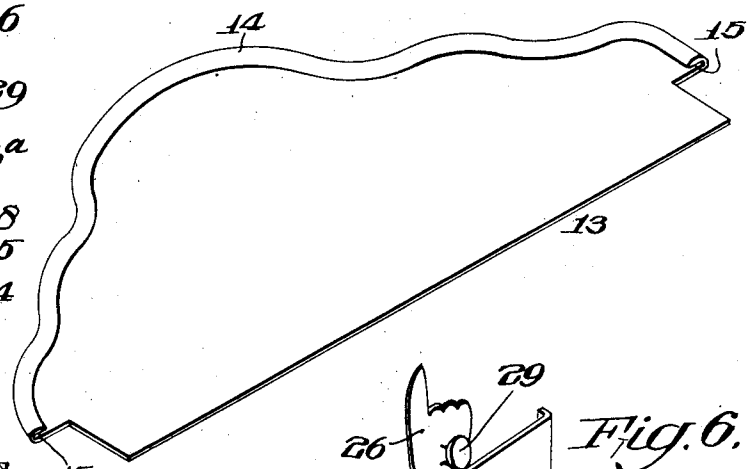
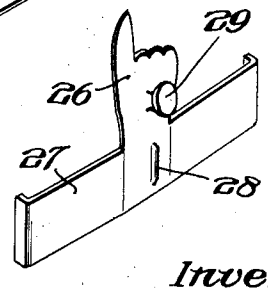


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD STEIGERWALD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trump-Indicating Devices, of which the following is a specification.

One object of my invention is to provide an improved device for indicating trump during card games and which is particularly adapted for use in connection with the score keeping apparatus, forming a part of my United States Patent No. 1,327,177 of January 6, 1920.

Another object is to so construct my improved trump indicating device that the indicating member thereof can be easily and quickly moved so as to indicate the trump and which will be so constructed that it cannot be accidentally displaced.

Another object is to make my invention of a strong, durable and simple construction and so that it will be neat in appearance.

These objects, and other advantageous ends which will be described hereinafter, I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the trump indicating device attached to an apparatus such, for example, as is disclosed in my above mentioned patent,

Fig. 2 is an enlarged section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and

Figs. 4, 5 and 6 are perspective views showing certain of the elements of my invention.

Referring to the drawings, 7 represents a box or cabinet having a top plate 8. In the present instance this plate 8 supports a score keeping apparatus such as above mentioned and to the rear thereof the plate 8 has eyelets or looped portions 9 struck up therefrom.

Between the eyelets 9 the plate 8 is depressed to form a gutter 10 to receive and form a bearing for a bent hinge loop 11 on the back 12 of a frame 13. The frame 13 is made in the form shown in Fig. 5 and has its edge 14 turned or bent to provide a socket 15 for the upper edge 16 of an inserted plate 17. The upper edges of the frame 13 and inserted plate 17 are in the present instance scalloped so as to be ornamental in appearance and at the same time avoid unnecessary material, and the plate 17 is adapted to be slid, during its inserting movement, so that its edge 16 enters the socket 15. The hinge loop 11 of the frame 13 can then be bent into form and, as clearly shown in Fig. 3 retains the plate 17 in its inserted position. The plate 17 in the present instance has a number of apertures 19, 20, 21 and 22 made respectively in the form of a spade, heart, club and diamond. The back 12 of the frame 13 can be colored at places registering with the apertures above noted so that the colors will be clearly visible through the apertures. The inserted plate 17 is recessed at 23, said recess being preferably formed by stamping the frame 13 so as to provide a bulged portion 24. The inner surface of the bulged portion has notches 25 which are located in line with the apertures 20 and 21. A slot 26^a is formed at the top of the bulged portion 24 and a hand 26 or other indicator has a resilient extension 27 which fits within the recess 23. The extension 27 is bowed and has a projection 28 adapted to snap or spring within the notches 25 as the indicator 26 is moved lengthwise of the recess 23 so as to hold the indicator in alinement with either of the intermediate apertures 20 and 21 and guard against accidental displacement. The indicator 26 is preferably provided with a knob or handle 29 to facilitate the sliding action of the indicator.

The outer edge portion 30 of the plate 8 is preferably made to form a stop to limit the swinging action of the frame 13 and its connective parts, and pivot or hinge pins 31 are inserted through the respective eyelets 9 into the loop 11 of the frame 13; thus hinging the frame to the plate 8. When the frame 13 and its connected parts are not desired for use they can be swung downwardly so as to rest substantially flat on the plate 8 as is obvious from the above construction.

With the above device, during a game of cards, the indicator 26 is moved into alinement with the aperture indicating the symbol which is "Trump" and the same is visible at all times during the playing of the "hand." Also by including the frame 13 and inserted plate 17, as above disclosed,

the same can be readily connected together and hinged to a supporting structure such as the top plate 8 of the box or cabinet 7.

While I have described my invention as taking a particular form, it will be understood that the various parts of my invention may be changed without departing from the spirit thereof, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise construction set forth, but consider that I am at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly come within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A device of the character described including a plate having symbol representations on its outer surface and a recess in its back; and an indicator having a resilient portion frictionally slidable within said recess, said plate having a slot communicating with said recess and leading to the outer surface of said plate and out of which the indicator projects; substantially as described.

2. A device of the character described including a plate having symbol representations thereon and a recess; and an indicator having a resilient portion slidable within said recess, said plate having a slot communicating with said recess and out of which the indicator projects, said plate and indicator respectively being provided with a projection and notches whereby the resilient action of the extension will cause engagement between the projection and notches when in alinement with said symbols; substantially as described.

3. A device of the character described including a supporting structure having eyelets; a frame including a back plate having a turned edge providing a recess; symbols on said plate; an indicator having a portion slidable within said recess, said bulged portion having a slot through which the indicator projects; and means for hinging said frame and plate to said eyelets of the supporting structure; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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