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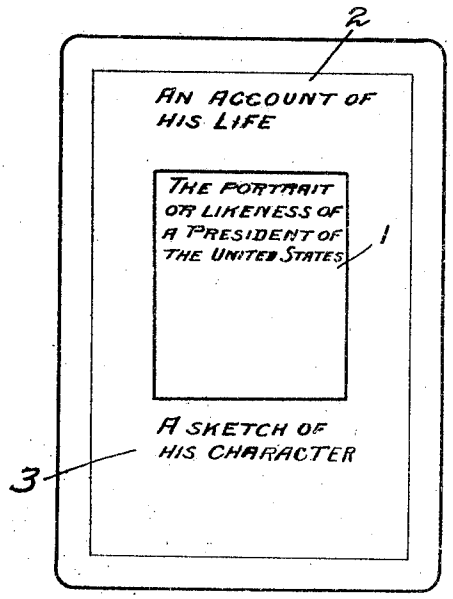


Fig. 1

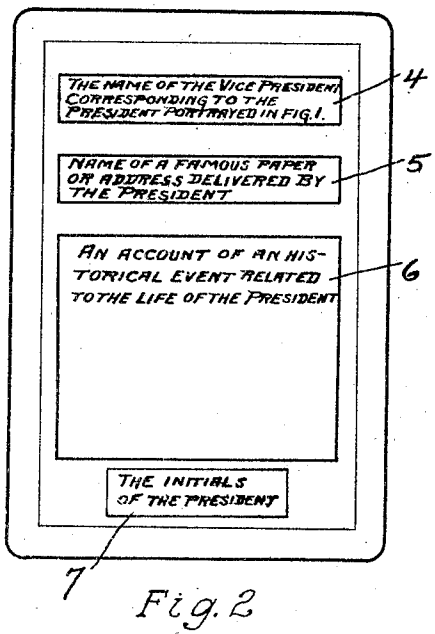


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN WILLIAM JOURDAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Las Cruces, in the county of Dona Ana and State of New Mexico, have invented a new and useful Game of Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a game consisting of a number of cards of paper, composition, celluloid, linen or the like, each card to be about the size of an ordinary playing card. The backs of the cards are to be plain or of some ornamental design. The faces of the cards shall be of such nature and design as to divide the whole number of cards into pairs. Dividing the cards into pairs is attained as follows: A certain card represented by Figure 1 of the accompanying drawing shall have impressed on its face, 1, the portrait or likeness of a President of the United States, 2, an account of his life, and 3, a sketch of his character; another card represented by Fig. 2 of the drawing and which it is desired to match with the card shown in Fig. 1 shall contain on its face, 4, the name of the Vice President corresponding to the President represented in Fig. 1, and the dates of his birth and death, 5, the name of a famous paper or address delivered by the President, 6, an account of an historical event related to the life of the President, and 7, very inconspicuously, the initials of the President, depicted in Fig. 1. Thus for every card represented by Fig. 1, and containing the portrait of a President, there shall be another card (see Fig. 2) so designed as to make of the two cards a pair. The total number of cards may be fifty-four or a greater or a lesser number.

The cards made up in the manner described will be the means of an entertaining and instructive game which may be played by one or more persons in various ways by following the movements of the average card game, such as dealing, calling for cards, playing the cards, capturing cards, counting points and so on. Following is described one way in which the cards may be played: Shuffle the cards and deal to the right six cards to each player. The first player on the dealer's right hand may now save from his own hand any pairs it may contain and may receive from the dealer a sufficient number of cards to replace those that were saved. When his hand contains six cards no two of which make a pair, the privilege to discard pairs and call for replacement cards passes to the right and around the table. Now each player, beginning with the player on the dealer's right may call on any one player for one card to pair with one in his hand. If the player on whom he calls has the card he must surrender it. If he has not the card, then the caller owes him a pair. So on, this play passes around the table. Now beginning with the player on the dealer's right hand, the cards are played one by one face up on the table, similar cards making successful plays. In all plays of the game, when the play has been made by the dealer, the cards are dealt so that each player holds six. The game is at an end when all cards have been played. Points are counted as follows: Cards, 5; George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, 3 each; the Presidents of greatest and least age at inauguration, 1 each; living Presidents, 1 each; two-term Presidents, except Washington and Lincoln, 1 each; soldier Presidents, 1 each; Presidents who had previously been Vice Presidents, 1 each. Methods of playing the game and counting points may vary.

I claim:

A game comprising a pack of cards made up of a number of pairs, each pair consisting of a primary card having thereon the portrait of a President of the United States, an account of his life, and a sketch of his character, and a secondary card having thereon the name of the corresponding Vice President, the name of an important address or paper delivered by the President, an account of an historical event related to the President, and the initials of the President; the indicia on each pair of cards to distinctly relate to the President and his Vice President in such manner as to identify one card with the other.

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