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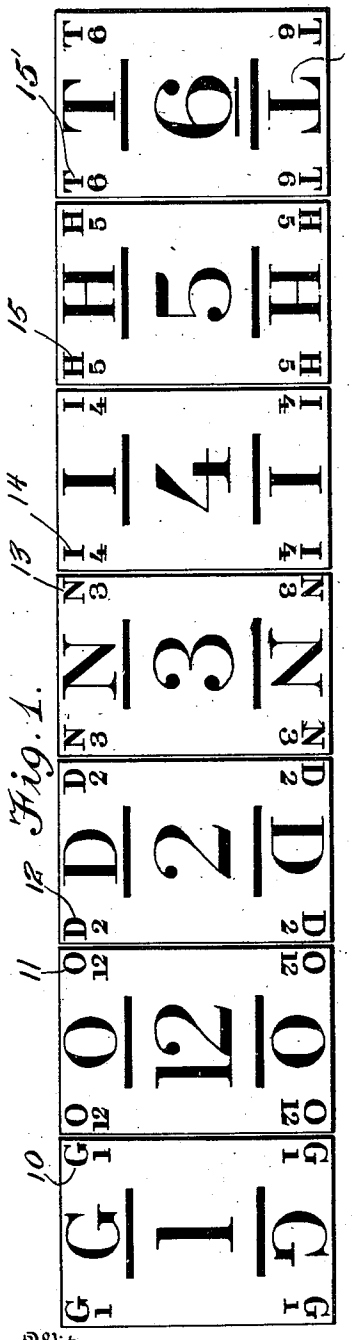


Fig. 1.

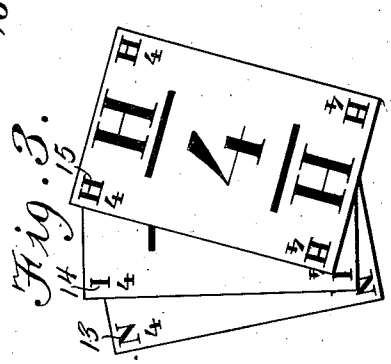


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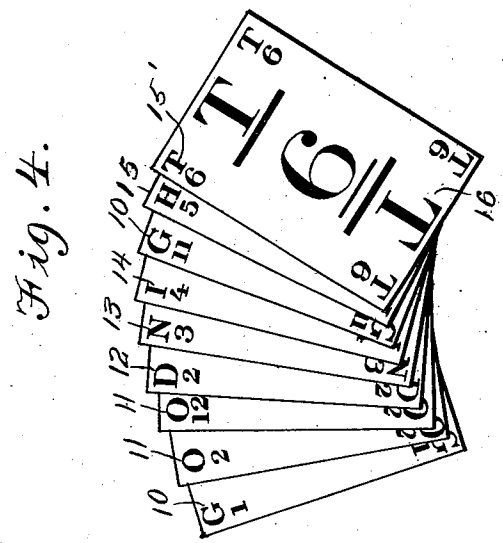


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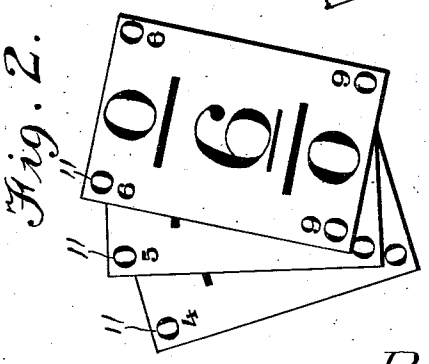


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REUBEN O. HARRISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Doran, in the county of Wilkin, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Playing-Cards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to playing cards.

The object of the invention resides in the provision of a pack of cards with which two novel and amusing games may be played.

A further object of the invention is the application to the cards of letters and numbers arranged in series and adapted to be assembled in a prescribed sequential relation to effect the termination of the game.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a plan view illustrating a card from each series of the pack; Fig. 2, is a plan view of a group of cards constituting what is known as a "live spread" in playing the game of "Imute;" Fig. 3, a plan view of a group of cards constituting what is known as a "dead spread" in playing the game of "Imute," and Fig. 4, a plan view showing the winning hand in playing the game of "Goodnight."

The pack is composed of fifty four cards divided into seven series. These series have applied thereto respectively at opposite ends the letters G, O, D, N, I, H, T as indicated in Fig. 1 at 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 15′, while corresponding letters are applied to the face of the cards of each series as at 16. The series to which the letter G is applied comprises twelve cards numbered from one to twelve inclusive, likewise the series to which the letter O is applied comprises twelve cards numbered from one to twelve inclusive. The remaining series comprise six cards each numbered from one to six inclusive.

With a pack of cards so constructed two games may be played, one game being called "Goodnight" and using only the letters on the cards, while the other game is called "Imute" (I'm out) and makes use of both the letters and numbers appearing on the cards.

In playing the game "Goodnight" it is preferable to have six players and when this number of participants are present in the game the dealer shuffles the cards and deals one card to each player until the entire pack is exhausted, in other words each player will hold nine cards which is sufficient to form the word "goodnight," the object of the game of course being to get the cards bearing the letters which, when properly arranged, spell the word "goodnight."

The play is started by the dealer who discards any three cards out of his hand. The player to his left then picks up these three cards and discards three from his hand. This method of play is continued until someone holds the cards upon which the letters when properly arranged will spell the word "goodnight" which wins the game. If less than six players are present a sequential hand must be discarded for each person less than six. If desirable the three cards bearing the letters G, H and T of one of the discarded hands may be left in the pack and when each player has received nine cards the three remaining cards are dealt face down in the center of the table and the players draw these and discard as before. Again, if preferred, the players may exchange four cards, three cards, etc., and this exchange of cards may be indulged in by the players at one time.

In playing the game of "Imute" three to seven players may be present. The cards are shuffled and five cards are dealt to each player one card at a time and one card is placed face up on the center of the table. The balance of the pack is placed beside this last named card face down. The card lying face up on the table is called the "discard pile," while cards face down on the table constitute the "Imute pile." The game is won when a player has disposed of all his cards. The player to the left of the dealer starts the game by drawing a card from either the "discard" or "Imute" piles. Such player can then dispose of his cards as follows: He can make a "live spread" of any three cards provided they bear the same letters and are numbered consecutively and such spread can be played on later. An example of such "live spread" is shown in Fig. 2. Such player can also make a "dead spread" (Fig. 3) of any three cards bearing the same number regardless of the letter thereon and this type of spread cannot be played upon at a subsequent time. A "live spread" can be played upon until it reaches the highest number of the series.

A player can only make one play each turn and each player must always draw one card and discard one card each turn. If the "Imute" pile runs out before the game is won the "discard" pile is turned over and the play proceeds as before. As soon as a player has gotten rid of all the cards in his hand the game is won.

What is claimed is:—

A pack of cards comprising a plurality of series, the cards of each series bearing the same letter in each corner and being numbered in each corner consecutively, the cards of each series also being delineated transversely to divide same into three spaces and bearing in the outer spaces the letter appearing in the corner and in the central space the number appearing in the corner, the letters on the cards of respective series being different and selected so that when the cards of the different series are properly arranged a predetermined word will be spelled.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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