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Fig. 1

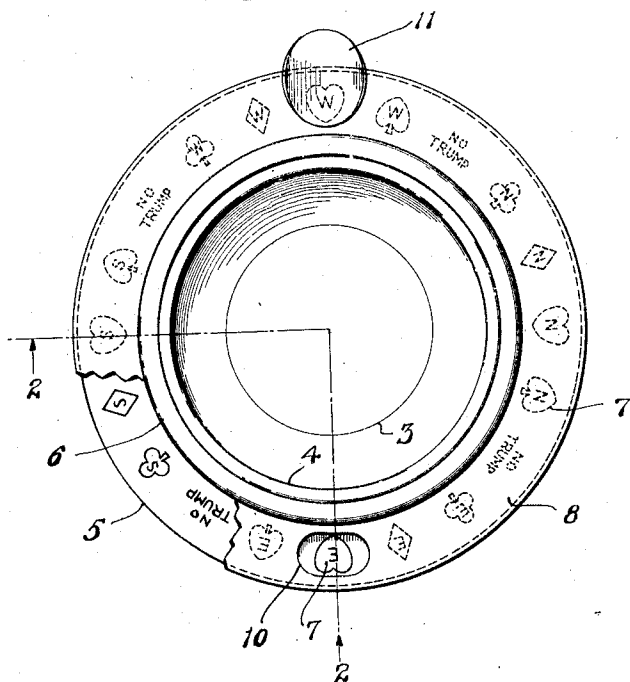
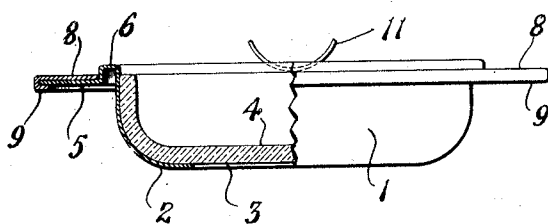


Fig. 2



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## ASH TRAY

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This invention relates to certain improvements in ash trays, particularly those for use during card games and the like.

It is the especial object of the present invention to provide an ash tray having certain indicia relating to the games being played, so that by manipulating the tray the progress of the game may be accurately kept and be accessible to the players.

It is a further object of the invention to provide an ash tray of simple construction, so that it can be economically made and assembled, and can be readily manipulated to provide the desired indications of the game in progress.

With these and other objects not specifically referred to, the invention consists in certain novel parts, arrangements and combinations which will be described in connection with the accompanying drawings and the novel features pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In these drawings—

Figure 1 is a top view, partly broken away of the improved tray; and

Figure 2 is a central sectional view, taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Referring now to these drawings, the ash tray selected to illustrate the invention includes a bowl marked generally 1. This bowl may be of any suitable character, but preferably will be formed so that the ash receiving part is removable for the purposes of cleaning. As shown, the bowl includes a metal part 2 having an opening 3 in the bottom, and a glass container or dish 4 which may be pushed out of the metal part from below. The metal member 2 is provided with an outwardly extending flange or rim 5 preferably integrally therewith, and the inner side of this rim is formed with a stop in the form of a shoulder or bead 6.

In accordance with the invention, this rim is provided with indicia shown in the form of a series of characters, denoting the dealer and the trump in the game of bridge whist, this indicia being marked 7. While the characters used in a bridge game have been shown as illustrative of the invention, it will

be understood that any other desired characters may be used for other games.

Cooperating with the rim is a cover for covering the indicia which it is desired shall not be seen, and this cover is rotatively associated with the rim, and is provided with a viewing opening through which the indicia on the rim are visible. While the construction of this cover may vary, as shown it is in the form of a flat ring of metal 8, and is secured in place by turning its outer edge 9 in under the rim 5, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. This cover is provided with a viewing opening 10 through which the indicia 7 may be seen, as shown in Fig. 1. When a cover in the form of a ring is used, the indicia are preferably painted or etched on the rim, so as not to impede the free turning movement of the cover on the rim.

If desired, the cover may be provided with a holder 11 for a cigar or cigarette, but this is not essential to the invention, and may be omitted, if desired. While the invention has been shown and described in its preferred form, it will be understood that changes and variations may be made in the form and arrangement of the parts and in the games indicia without departing from the invention as described in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

In a device of the character described a suitable body for resting upon a support such as a table and the like, a peripheral rim carrying certain indicia thereon extending outwardly from the body and formed with an inner shoulder, said rim being spaced above the support by the body, and an annular cover ring over the rim the inner edge of the cover abutting the shoulder and rotatable thereabout and its outer edge turned in under the rim to rotatably associated the cover and rim and to secure the cover on the rim, said cover having an opening through which the indicia may be viewed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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