Cribbage Board and Card Pack Holder

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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in cribbage board and card pack holder.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a combined cribbage board and card pack holder wherein the cribbage board that is provided with groups of sockets has pegs associated therewith, used as counters with a set of sockets at one end of the cribbage in which the pegs are retained against displacement when the board is out of use.

A further and important object of the invention is to provide a cribbage board of the foregoing character that is equipped at one end thereof with a holder for a pack of playing cards with the connection between the holder and cribbage board being of a resilient character whereby the normally loosely assembled pack of cards is retained in the holder against accidental displacement of any one or all of the cards.

With the above and other objects in view that will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a cribbage board constructed in accordance with the present invention, a holder for a pack of cards being arranged at one end of the cribbage board at the upper side thereof;

Figure 2 is a side edge elevational view of the cribbage board;

Figure 3 is a side edge elevational view, similar to Figure 2, showing the cribbage board moved relative to the card pack holder to permit easy removal of a pack of cards from the holder;

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1, showing the resilient connection between the cribbage board and card pack holder;

Figure 5 is a detail sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 1, showing the interlocking or screw connection between one of the counter pegs and the retaining socket therefor when the cribbage board is out of use; and

Figure 6 is a side elevational view of another form of bolt connecting the card pack holder to the cribbage board.

Referring more in detail to the accompanying drawing, the reference character 10 designates a cribbage board of the usual elongated rectangular formation in plan view and is provided over the top surface thereof with a plurality of sets of sockets 11 into which the counter pegs 12 are successively placed during the playing of a card game.

To prevent displacement or loss of the pegs 12 from the board 10 when the latter is out of use, the upper face of the board 10 adjacent the end 13 thereof is provided with a number of sockets corresponding to the number of pegs 12 to be used with the board, four of such sockets being shown in Figure 1 and as illustrated in detail in Figure 5, each of these sockets 14 has a ferrule 15 set therein with a flange 16 at its upper end overlying the top surface of the board 10. The peg 12 intermediate its ends is provided with an annularly enlarged threaded portion 17 that is received in and engaged with corresponding threads on the inner face of the ferrule 15 at the upper end thereof, the lower end 12a of the peg 12 freely extending downwardly into the ferrule 15 as shown in Figure 5. To use the peg 12, the same is disengaged from the ferrule 15 by counterclockwise rotation thereof and the lower end 12a of said peg is selectively placed in the proper socket 11 upon the cribbage board 10.

The end 18 of the board 10 opposite the end 13 is provided on the upper surface thereof with a holder designated in general by the reference character 19 for a pack of playing cards 20 so that the cards may be carried by the board without loss of any of the cards of the pack, the pack of cards always being carried by the board and ready for use. The holder 19 for the pack of cards 20 comprises a top wall 21, depending side walls 22 and one closed end wall 23, the holder 19 being open at its bottom with the open end 24 thereof being disposed adjacent the end 18 of the board 10 and preferably slightly spaced from said end as shown in Figures 1 to 3, the end 24 of the top wall 21 having a finger notch 25 therein that overlies a slightly larger finger notch 26 in the end 18 of the board 10 for ready grasping of the pack of cards 20 for removal of the pack from the holder 19. As shown in Figure 4, the upper face of the cribbage board 10 within the card pack holder 19 is provided with an upstanding block portion 27 forming a seat for the pack of cards 20.

The connection between the card holder 19 and the cribbage board 10 is of a resilient character and includes a pair of diametrically opposite outwardly projecting blocks 28 carried by the side walls 22 of the holder intermediate the ends thereof and the board 10 beneath said blocks 28 is provided with a pair of relatively large bottom opening recesses 29 closed at their upper ends by
top walls 30. A threaded bolt 31 passes upwardly through each recess 29 and through an opening in the top wall 30 of the recess for threaded engagement as at 32 in a socket in the lower side of each block 28, the lower end of the bolt 31 projecting below the lower face of the cribbage board 10 and being provided with a rubber or cushioned head 33. A coil spring 34 surrounds each bolt 31 between the cushioned head 29 thereof and the top wall 30 of the recess 29 and acts to hold the card pack holder 19 tightly engaged with the upper face of the cribbage board 10 with the cushioned heads of the bolts 31 projecting below the lower face of the board. The lower face of the board 10 adjacent the end 13 thereof carries depending rubber blocks 35 constituting feet that cooperate with the cushioned heads 33 on the bolts 31 for maintaining the cribbage board in a normally level position upon a table or other support.

The side walls 22 of the card pack holder 19 are of a depth whereby a pack of cards 20 placed in the holder between the top wall 21 thereof and the block support 27 is clamped therein by means of the tensioned bolts 31 against accidental displacement or loss of any one or a number of the cards. When it is desired to use the pack of cards 20, downward pressure is exerted on the board 10 or with the end feet 35 constituting pivot points for leverage movement of the board, the end 18 of the board being lowered against the tension of the springs 34 which spaces the top wall 21 of the holder 19 from the block support 27. The exposed ends of the pack of cards 20 through the finger notches 25 and 26 may be readily grasped for removing the pack of cards from the holder. In lieu of the bolts 31 provided with cushioned heads 33 as shown in Figures 1 to 5, an all-metal bolt may be employed, such as illustrated in Figure 6, the bolt 31a having a threaded end 31b and a rounded head 33c that when assembled with the cribbage board 10 projects below the lower face of the board.

From the above detailed description of the invention, it is thought that the construction and use thereof will at once be apparent, and while there are herein shown and described the preferred embodiments of the invention, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. In a card pack holder, an elongated board having supporting feet at one end, an end opening card pack holder on the upper side of the board at the other end thereof, and a tensioned connection between the holder and board secured to the holder and slidable extending downwardly through the board whereby downward pressure on the board adjacent the holder separates the board and holder for the ready removal of a pack of cards from the holder.

2. In a card pack holder, an elongated board having supporting feet at one end, a card pack holder carried by the upper side of the other end of the board including a top, one end and side walls and open at its bottom and one end and with the open bottom facing the board, and resilient connections between the holder and board whereby downward pressure is exerted on the board, the latter moves away from the holder for the ready removal of a pack of cards from the holder.

3. In a card pack holder, an elongated board having supporting feet at one end, a card pack holder carried by the upper side of the other end of the board including a top, one end and side walls and open at its bottom and one end and with the open bottom facing the board, and resilient connections between the holder and board whereby downward pressure is exerted on the board, the latter moves away from the holder for the ready removal of a pack of cards from the holder, the resilient connections including tensioned bolts secured to the holder and slidable downwardly through the board with the lower ends forming supporting feet.

4. In a card pack holder, an elongated board having supporting feet at one end, a card pack holder carried by the upper side of the other end of the board including a top, one end and side walls and open at its bottom and one end and with the open bottom facing the board, and resilient connections between the holder and board whereby downward pressure is exerted on the board, the latter moves away from the holder for the ready removal of a pack of cards from the holder, the resilient connections including a block on each side wall, screw bolts slidably passing upwardly through the board and anchored in said blocks, and coil springs associated with said bolts for normally positioning the lower ends thereof below the board to form feet and rubber cushions on the lower ends of said bolts.

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