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RECORDING SLIP.

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East and West.														Hand and Feet													
No.	vs. No.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	0	May	on									
No. of Table																side to on											
No. of Hand																back to on											

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<i>A</i>				<i>B</i>			
East and West							
No.	vs. No.			0	1	2	3
No. of Table.				4	5	6	7
No. of Hand.				8			

North and South						
No. _____ vs. No. _____	0	1	2	3	4	5
No. of Table _____						
No. of Hand _____						

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RECORDING-SLIP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WARREN A. HAWLEY, of the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Recording-Slips, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to recording slips or cards, and is fully set forth in the following specification and is shown in the accompanying drawings.

My improved recording slips or cards are particularly designed for recording and preserving the scores of whist, but may be used for other games also.

Heretofore more or less difficulty has been met in properly recording and preserving whist-scores, especially in the modern progressive tournaments. It has been customary to write the result of each hand upon a score-card, giving the number of tricks made by the "north and south" and by the "east and west" players. Owing to the carelessness of the players in properly writing down the scores or in making additions or subtractions, much confusion and error have arisen, entailing considerable labor upon the managers in making up the complete scores of the evening's play.

My improved recording-slips, when used for the purpose of recording whist-scores, will enable the score of any hand to be recorded with ease and certainty and without the necessity of the players writing down the number of tricks taken.

I shall now refer to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved recording-slip applied to recording whist-scores. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the opposite side of the same. Figs. 3 and 4 are views of the two pieces into which the slip is divided to record the score of the hand.

As shown, the slips consists of a strip A, of paper, cardboard, or other suitable material, having printed upon it two series of numbers running in opposite directions and each representing the total number of tricks or things to be recorded. In whist the total number of tricks in each hand is thirteen, and each series consists of the numbers "0" to "13." The two series of numbers are preferably arranged on opposite sides of the slip. As illus-

trated in Figs. 1 and 2, one series of numbers is printed on one side of the slip and the other series of numbers is printed on the other side of the slip, and the two series run in opposite directions. "0" on one side is opposite a blank space on the other side. The number "1" is opposite the number "13" on the other, the number "2" opposite the number "12," and so on throughout the series, as shown in Fig. 1.

One series of numbers is appropriated to one pair of players and the other series to the other. When a hand is played, the strip is divided on a line immediately beyond the number indicating the number of tricks taken by the pair of players to whom that series of the score-strip belongs. This will indicate their score, and the other portion of the strip will end with the complementary number in the other series of numbers, thus indicating the exact score made by the other players. Thus, in the example illustrated in the drawings, suppose the "east and west" players had taken a total of eight tricks and the "north and south" players a total of five. The strip A would be divided on the line *xx*, Fig. 1, between the numbers "8" and "9" on the side of the strip indicating the east and west hands. The strip B, Fig. 3, terminating with the number "8," would be taken by the "east and west" players, and the remainder C of the strip, Fig. 4, which terminates with the number "5" in the other series of numbers on the opposite side appropriated to the "north and south" players, would be handed to the "north and south" pair. Thus the result of each hand may be accurately recorded, and the players may be relieved entirely of the trouble and annoyance of writing the scores upon the score-cards. The slips are handed to the managers, by whom the final scores are made up. To facilitate the distinguishment of the two series of numbers, they may be printed in different colors. In using my recording-slips for recording the scores in whist I have usually printed the series of numbers appropriated to the "north and south" side in black and the series appropriated to the "east and west" side in red.

To facilitate the division of the slips, they may be perforated or indented, as indicated, on lines between successive numbers.

The slips may have printed at their ends suitable distinguishing-marks. I have shown the whist-slips provided with the words "North and south" at one end, corresponding with the series appropriated to the "north and south" players, and with the words "East and west" at the other end adjacent to the series appropriated to the "east and west" pair of players. To identify the players, the number of the table at which the hand is played, and number of hands in the series, suitable identifying-marks on the ends may also be employed.

The details of construction shown may be varied without departing from the invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A recording-strip for recording whist-scores consisting of a slip containing two series of numbers from "0" to "13" arranged upon opposite sides and in opposite directions, so that when the strip is divided between any two numbers the last number in one series upon one side of one piece will be the complement of the last number in the other series upon the opposite side, each side of the strip adjacent to the "0" of the series of numbers being provided with suitable identifying-marks.

In testimony of which invention I have hereunto set my hand.

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