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Fig. 1.

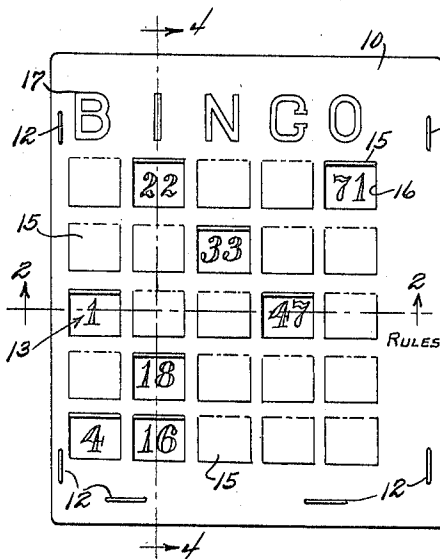


Fig. 3.

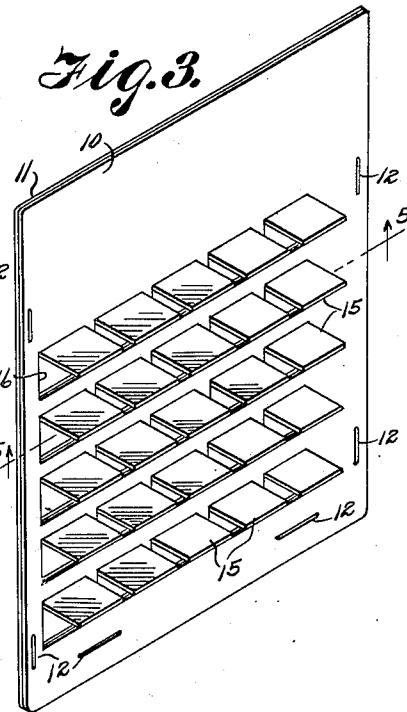


Fig. 2.

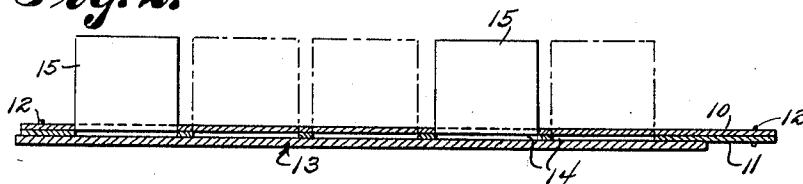


Fig. 5.

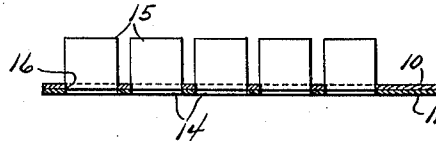
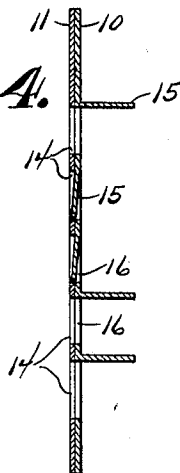


Fig. 4.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 116—130)

This invention relates to game devices and has for an object to provide a masking card adapted to be superposed on a standard bingo card or similar game card, the masking card having flaps which are normally open to expose the numerals on the bingo card, the flaps being pressed down to closed position by the player as the numbers are called, to mask the numbers, in lieu of the usual method of small blanks of cardboard, opaque glass, or other objects to mask the numbers on the bingo card.

A further object is to provide a masking card so constructed that when the flaps are pressed down they will be yieldably locked into position so as not to accidentally spring open again to confuse the player.

A further object is to provide a device of this character which will be formed of a few strong, simple and durable parts, which will be inexpensive to manufacture, and which will not easily get out of order.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts herein-after fully described and claimed, it being understood that various modifications may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claim without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a masking card constructed in accordance with the invention, with certain of the flaps closed to show "bingo" in one diagonal line of closed flaps.

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the masking card with all of the flaps open.

Figure 4 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1, showing a plurality of the flaps closed and yieldably locked in closed position.

Figure 5 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 3.

Referring now to the drawing in which like characters of reference designate similar parts in the various views, the masking card comprises a substantially rectangular front sheet 10 and a substantially rectangular back sheet 11, formed of cardboard or similar material, both sheets being secured together by staples 12 disposed along the sides and bottom edges. The front sheet is preferably formed of thinner gauge

material than the back sheet, as best shown in Figure 2, in which figure a standard bingo card 13 is shown upon which the masking card is superposed, as in actual use of the masking card.

5 The back sheet 11 has square cut out portions 14 arranged in rows longitudinally and transversely of the sheet and corresponding to the numbered squares on a standard bingo card. The front sheet has square portions cut out on their lower and side edges, corresponding to the numbered squares on a bingo card, the upper edges being uncut to provide hinges for the cut out tabs 15.

15 The hinged tabs 15 of the front sheet are normally swung open, in use of the card, and the card is then superposed upon the bingo card 13 with the numbered squares of the bingo card exposed through the cut out square portions 16 of the back sheet 11 and front sheet 10 of the masking card.

20 Displayed on the front sheet of the masking card is the word "bingo" as indicated at 17 in Figure 1, to correspond with the same word displayed on the conventional bingo card. As the operator of the chance device calls a letter and a number if the number exists on the player's bingo card, the player turns down the corresponding hinged tab 15 to mask the number in the column headed by the letter called by the operator. When the tab is turned down, it masks the number displayed by the bingo card underneath the tab and also the cut edge of the tab engages the edges of the cut out square of the back sheet and yieldably locks the tab in pressed down position, as best indicated by Figure 4, so that the tab cannot fly open and confuse the player. When a vertical row, a horizontal row, or a diagonal row of tabs have been pressed down, "bingo" is made by the player.

40 It will be pointed out that the right side of the masking card is of greater width than the left side. The purpose of this is to provide space for rules or instructions as to the use of the masking card, as above described.

45 From the above description it is thought that the construction and operation of the invention will be fully understood without further explanation.

What is claimed is:

55 A game device intended for use in connection with the game of bingo or similar games comprising, superposed sheets of cardboard secured together, one sheet having cut out squared portions corresponding to the numbered squares of

a conventional bingo card, and the other sheet having cut out portions providing hinged tabs in register with the openings in the first named sheet, said device being adapted to be superposed upon a bingo card with the numbered squares on the bingo card exposed through the cut out openings in both sheets, said tabs being

adapted to be selectively closed into engagement with the edges of the cut out openings in the first named sheet to be yieldably held closed when the chance letters and numbers are announced thus eliminating the use of separate masking pieces.

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