

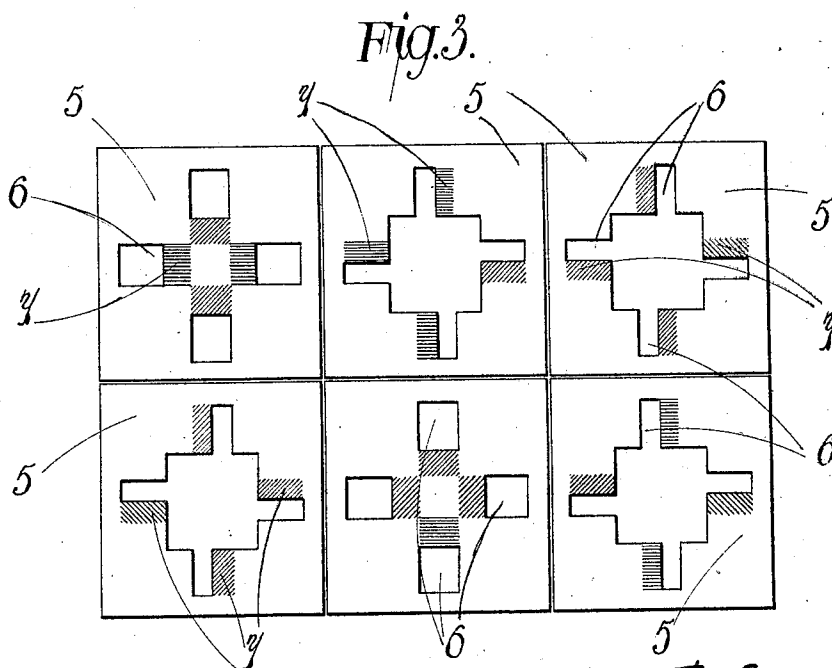
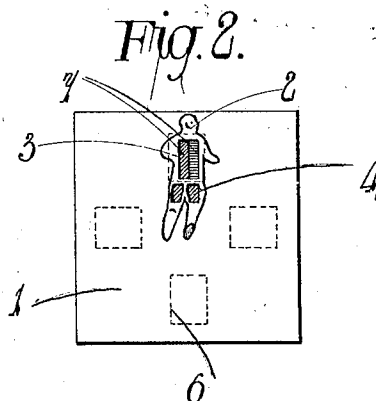
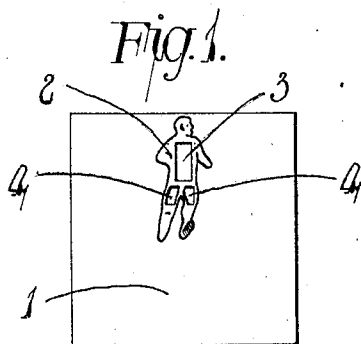
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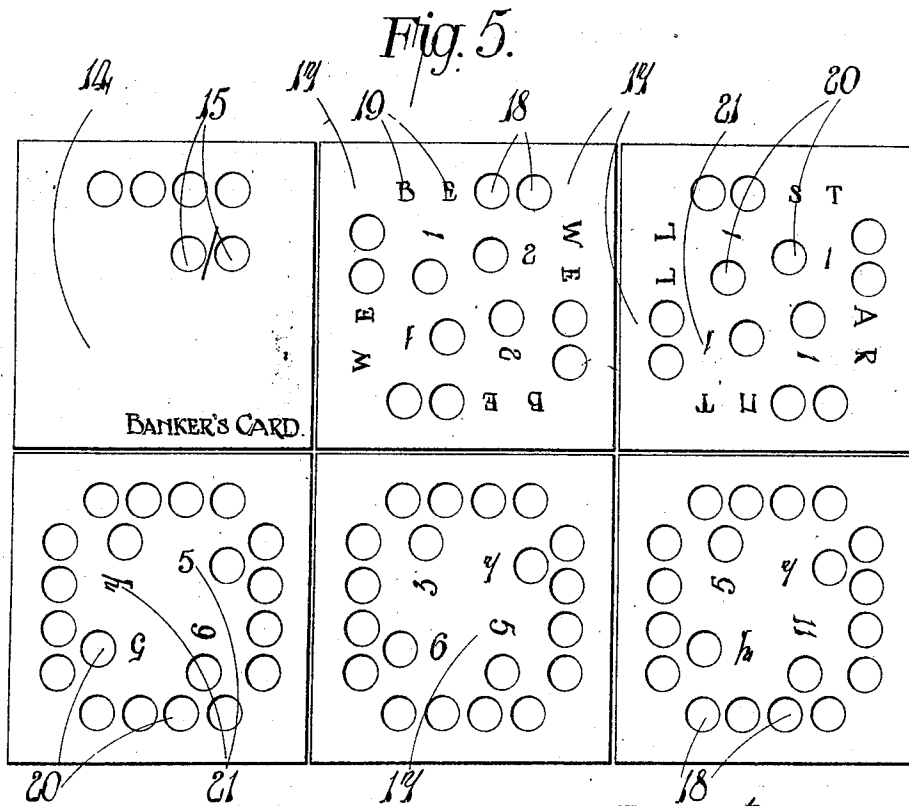
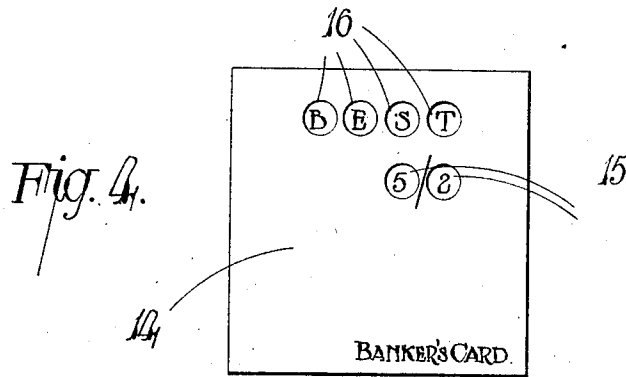
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ILLYD IDRIS MORGAN and GEORGE MADDOX, subjects of the King of Great Britain, residing at 119 Hagley Road, Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, England, and 22 Bessborough Street, London, S. W. 1., England, respectively, have invented new or Improved Apparatus for Playing Games; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention relates to an apparatus for playing games and the invention has for its object to provide a simple, interesting and inexpensive apparatus for this purpose.

Our invention refers more particularly to apparatus comprising a number of cards or the like having gaps or perforations and/or distinguishing marks such as numbers, letters, or colours, which are adapted, when the cards are arranged one behind the other, to display through openings, in a top card or cover, an intelligible or significant combination of the distinguishing marks.

In game apparatus of this kind as at present constructed it has been the custom to shape the cards or their equivalents similar to ordinary playing cards, i. e., rectangular with two sides longer than the other two. With such apparatus each card or equivalent has two alternative positions in relation to the other cards so that each card provides two variations of numbers, letters, colours or other distinguishing marks.

According to the present invention the back cards or their equivalent are each of regular polygonal shape and have a gap or set of gaps or distinguishing marks corresponding with each edge so that each back card has as many alternative positions as it has edges, each position bringing into use a fresh gap or distinguishing mark or a fresh set of gaps or distinguishing marks.

Referring to the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view showing the face or top card employed with one of those forms of the apparatus which is employed for playing a game of chance.

Figure 2 is a view showing the face or top card with the back cards assembled behind it.

Figure 3 is a view showing by way of example a number of the back cards that can be used with a top or face card as shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 4 is a view showing the face or top card of another form of the apparatus as used for playing a game of chance.

Figure 5 is a view showing the front sides of the back cards.

In the construction shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3 the face card 1 is provided with a representation 2 of a player such as a footballer and in the appropriate places it is also provided with an opening 3 and two openings 4.

The purpose of the back cards is to provide a means for determining the colours of the shirt and knickers of the players. The back cards are designed to provide for a large number of combinations of colour.

The back cards 5 are square as shown in Figure 3 and it will be seen that they are provided with gaps 6 and with coloured portions 7. In these back cards the shapes of the openings 6 vary as shown and some of the coloured portions are so placed that they will show through the openings 4 of the card 1 whereas others of the coloured portions will show through the opening 3 of the card 1.

All the cards are square so that each of the back cards has four alternative positions. The cards however, may be of any regular polygonal shape and have as many alternative positions as they have sides.

The game is played by displaying a list of the possible combinations of colour obtainable. To each combination may be appended the name of a well known football club using the colours in question. The players in the game may stake counters or other articles upon the chances of any particular team and one player may act as a banker and may state what odds he is prepared to accept in respect of any particular football club or combination of colours or distinguishing marks.

When all the stakes have been arranged the back cards are assembled at random and placed behind the front card. The winning player is the one whose selected colours are shown through the openings in the front card.

The apparatus shown in Figures 4 and 5 is intended for use in playing a game of chance and the apparatus comprises a front card 14 having openings 15 and a set of openings 16.

With this card we use a number of square back cards 17 which are shown in Figure

8. All the cards are preferably square so that each has four alternative positions.

The cards 17 are provided with openings 18 and letters or distinguishing marks 19. 5 These openings and distinguishing marks 18 and 19 are adapted to register with the openings 16. In addition the cards 17 are provided with openings 20 and distinguishing marks 21, these openings and distinguishing marks being adapted to register with the openings 15. 10

The apparatus is used in a very similar manner to that described with reference to Figures 1 to 3, there being a number of 15 players and one player acting as a banker.

The banker displays a sheet upon which are printed the words or combinations of distinguishing marks which it is possible to get with each arrangement of the cards and stakes are placed upon the words selected by the players. 20

When all the stakes have been arranged the back cards are assembled at random and placed behind the front card 14 which 25 then displays through the opening 16 the combination of distinguishing marks which denotes the winner and also displays through the opening 15 the odds at which the stakes are to be reckoned.

30 It will be understood that in either form of the present invention the openings or aperture may be covered with sheets of transparent material if desired.

What we claim then is:—

35 1. Apparatus for playing a game comprising a regular polygonal shaped front card having at least one opening therein, and a plurality of regular polygonal shaped back cards, each having as many alternative positions relatively to the front card as 40 it has edges and each having at least one

opening therein, corresponding with each edge, and at least one distinguishing mark to show through the openings in the back and front cards, corresponding with each 45 edge, each position of the back card disclosing a fresh opening or a fresh distinguishing mark.

2. Apparatus for playing a game comprising a regular polygonal shaped front card 50 having a plurality of openings adjacent one edge, and a plurality of regular polygonal shaped back cards, each having as many alternative positions relatively to the front card as it has edges and each having at least 55 one opening therein, corresponding with each edge and at least one distinguishing mark to show through the openings in the back and front cards, corresponding with each edge, each position of the back card 60 disclosing a fresh opening or a fresh distinguishing mark.

3. Apparatus for playing a game comprising a regular polygonal shaped front card; two rows of openings adjacent one 65 edge; and a plurality of regular polygonal shaped back cards, each having as many alternative positions relatively to the front card as it has edges and each having openings therein and distinguishing marks, said 70 openings and distinguishing marks being disposed adjacent each edge of the back cards in corresponding positions to the openings in the front card, so that the distinguishing marks can show through said open- 75 ings; each position of the back card disclosing a fresh opening or a fresh distinguishing mark.

In witness whereof we affix our signatures.

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