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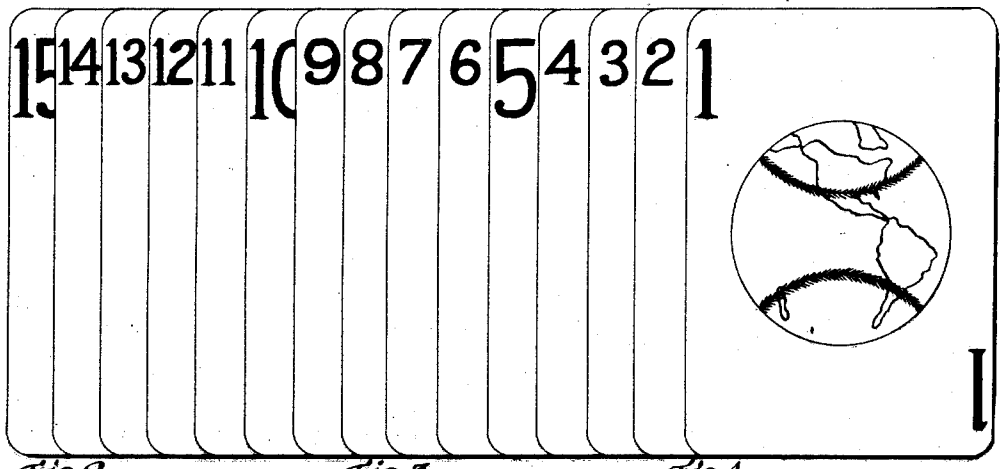
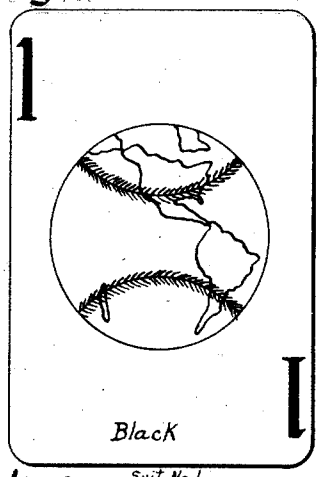
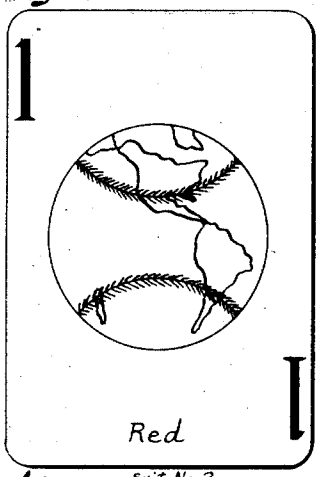


Fig. 2.



Suit No. 1.

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Suit No. 2.

Fig. 4.



Suit No. 3.

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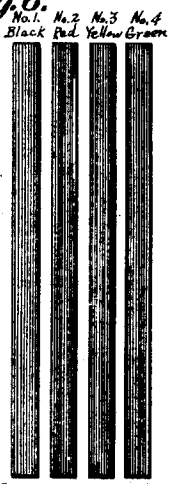
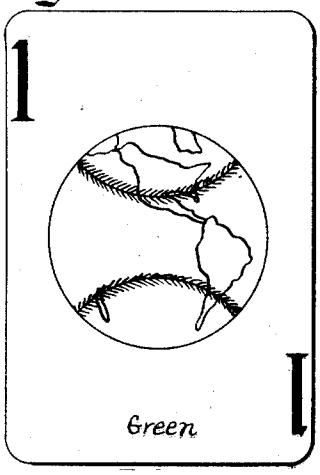
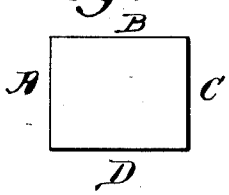


Fig. 5.



Suit No. 4.

Fig. 7.



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PLAYING CARDS.

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The invention is embodied in a deck of playing cards adapted to be played in various games, and particularly in a card game simulating a game of base ball, the cards being adapted to be so played as to reproduce, in effect, every play made in the actual game of base ball.

The deck is composed of four suits, each having the same number of cards, and the cards of each suit being serially numbered, and distinguished from the cards of the other suits by color on their faces.

Of the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification,—

Figure 1 shows in overlapped relation the cards of one suit.

Figures 2, 3, 4 and 5, show four cards, one of each suit, a suitable distinctive color being indicated on each card.

Figure 6 is an edge view of the deck, showing the four suits slightly spaced apart.

Figure 7 is a diagram showing the relative positions of four players at a card table.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the figures.

I will first describe the deck and the characteristics of the several cards thereof.

The deck is composed of four suits, each having the same number of cards, preferably fifteen, one of the suits being shown by Figure 1. The cards of each suit are serially numbered on their faces, the numbers in this instance including 1 to 15, and being at corner portions of the face sides.

The face sides of the cards of each suit are colored to distinguish each suit from the others, as indicated by the notations black, red, yellow and green, marked on Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5, each of the cards shown by these figures being the first card of one of the suits.

The colors named are used illustratively, and not in a limiting sense.

The suit shown by Figure 1, may be either of the suits shown by Figure 6, in which the suits are represented as separated from each other, this figure being accompanied by notations which, for convenience, indicate that the black cards constitute suit number one, the red cards suit number two, the yellow cards suit number three, and the green cards suit number four. The serial numbers of certain cards in each suit preferably have characteristics distinguishing them from the serial numbers of the other cards of that suit, so that the cards are grouped by their serial numbers. Figure 1 shows the numerals 1, 5, 10 and 15, distinguished by the fact that they are considerably larger than the other numerals.

The players of one side may represent batters, and those of the opposing side fielders. the rules may provide for the dealing by a fielder of fifteen cards to each player, when there are four players, each two playing as partners and representing a ball team of nine men.

The game may be played by innings, any number being agreed upon before starting the game.

To emphasize the fact that the deck is adapted to be played to simulate a game of base ball, the face of each card may be provided with a design representing a base ball, as shown by Figures 1 to 5, the design preferably including an outline map of the Western Hemisphere.

A similar design may be applied to the back of each card, and may be accompanied by an outline map of the Eastern Hemisphere.

A dummy card on which the rules of the game are printed, may be added to the deck, this card being of the same size as the playing cards of the deck.

The following description of the manner of using the cards in playing an inning of a base ball game will be sufficient to give an understanding of the invention, it being understood that the rules accompanying the deck provide for all other contingencies or plays of a base ball game.

Although an inning may be played accomplishing much different results from other innings of the game, yet the following is an illustration of one possible way. For instance, A and C (Figure 7) are playing partners and represent a ball team of nine men, say Boston Americans, while B and D are playing partners and represent another ball team of nine men, say Detroit Americans.

The Bostons being at the bat first, are termed the batters, while the Detroits are the fielders. With these cards the fielders, or say B, deals out 15 cards to each player, using the entire deck. The players are now seated at a table in the usual order of any card game, as indicated by Figure 7. C leads black card number 5, D plays black number 4, giving C a one base hit. A leads red 14, while B plays another 14, say black, and fouls

A's play crediting him with 1 strike. C leads yellow 11 and D plays yellow 12, crediting C with 1 strike. A leads green 14, and B plays green 15, crediting A with 1 strike, making the Boston batters 1 out and one man on 1st base. C leads yellow 9, and D plays yellow 10, designating a foul fly (caught), crediting C with 1 out. A leads black 15, and B plays black 11, crediting A with a three base hit, forcing C home, who has been on first base.

The game now stands 1 run, 2 out, and one man A on 3rd base. C tries for a home run by leading red 1, D plays number 13 (any suit) designating a fly (caught) and crediting 1 out to C, making a total of three outs for Boston, with the score standing at one to nothing. The cards are now all gathered, shuffled, and dealt out by C, 15 cards to each, and so on the game progresses until the number of innings agreed upon have been played.

I may add that the reason for having the numerals 1, 5, 10 and 15 larger than the remaining numerals in each suit is, first, the number 1 is the commanding card in the deck, being the only one capable of making a home run. The number 5 is the highest card in a group allowing a 1st base hit. The number 10 is the highest card in a group allowing a 2 base hit. The number 15 is the highest card in a group allowing a 3 base hit. So that 5, 10 and 15 indicate the group of cards possible of making the different base hits.

Aside of the 1 being a home run card, it also designates a fly (caught) making 1 out when played over any other card in its suit. The number 10 is also commanding, in the same sense that it fouls any card in its suit and designates a foul fly (caught) when played over a card of less numerical value, except the number 1, in which event, it is only a foul ball.

The following chart summarizes the sequence of plays above described:

One run.
- C— 5 black, D— 4 black = 1 base hit.
- A—14 red, B—14 black = foul ball—1 strike.
- C—11 yellow, D—12 yellow = 1 strike.
- A—14 green, B—15 green = 1 strike.

} One out

- C— 9 yellow, D—10 yellow = foul fly caught = one out.
- A—15 black, B—11 black = 3 base hit, also forcing one run.
- C— 1 red, D—13 any suit = fly caught or one out.

Score—3 outs with 1 run.

I claim:

A deck of cards for playing a game, representing baseball, composed of sixty cards divided into four suits of fifteen cards each, all of the cards in each suit being serially numbered consecutively from one to fifteen and distinctively colored on their faces, the serial numbers being duplicated in all the suits and the distinctive color of each suit being different from that of the others, the numbers of the terminal cards and two of the intermediate cards of each suit having characteristics distinguishing them from the other cards of the suit, and making said cards what are termed "commanding" cards, that divide each suit into three groups, each including one of said "commanding" cards, and a plurality of the other cards, all the cards of each said groups representing one of a plurality of certain definite plays in the game, e. g., a single base hit, or a two base hit or a three base hit, and certain of said "commanding" cards of each suit indicating different plays determined by the card which is played immediately preceding the playing of said "commanding" card.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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