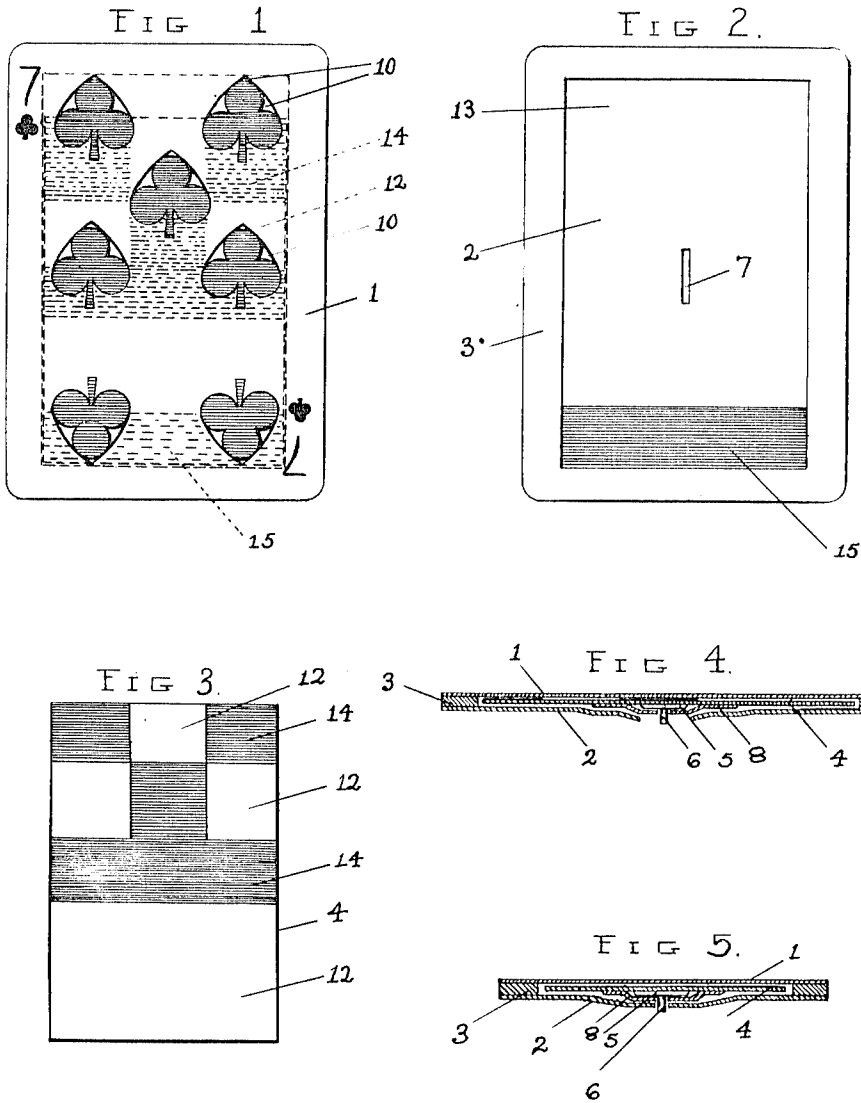


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To all whom it may concern

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. WALTER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trick-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to playing cards or trick cards with which a person can perform slight of hand tricks for the amusement and mystification of others.

The object of the invention is to provide a playing card which can be caused to change from a card of one suit to a similar card of a different suit in a mysterious manner, while in the full view of the spectators, and without any apparent manipulation. To this end, I have provided a playing card of ordinary appearance having marked in a dark shade thereon usual symbols, a portion of the card adjacent to said symbol being cut away, the cut away portion and the dark portion together outlining a second different symbol. Under this cut away part I provide a slidable card having a dark portion and a light portion. When the light portion is moved into register with the cut-away part, the cut away part takes on the light shade of the ground of the playing card and the original symbol marked on the playing card appears; while if the dark portion be placed under the cut away part, the cut away part takes the color of the original symbol and being added thereto forms the second symbol. At a short distance the cut away portion cannot be seen.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates by way of example, a card embodying my invention, Figure 1 is a face view of the trick card; Fig. 2 is an inside view of the back card forming part of the trick card; Fig. 3 is a front view of the slidable card; Fig. 4 is a central longitudinal sectional view of the trick card, and, Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view of the same.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the trick card is shown comprising a face card 1 and a back card 2, held spaced from the face card by a narrow rectangularly arranged strip or strips of cardboard 3 or the like glued or otherwise suitably secured to the edges of the face card and the back card, thus forming a small rectangular

closed space between said cards. In this space is placed a card or screen 4 which is shorter than said space and is therefore adapted to slide toward or from either end of said space.

To the back face of the sliding card 4 is secured a button 5 having a shank 6 projecting through a slot 7 in the back card 2. By holding the trick card face forward, between the thumb and the index finger, the shank 6 may be easily engaged by the first finger and the sliding card moved either up or down.

The button may be held in place by means of a wafer 8 glued to the back face of the sliding card and over the base of the button. Any suitable means may be secured in lieu of this button.

The front face of the face card has marked thereon symbols 9 indicating the denomination of the card. For convenience I have selected "clubs." The clubs are marked on in the ordinary way. Adjacent to the clubs I have formed openings 10 of such a shape that these openings when added to the club, give the outline of "spades." However if the sliding card 4 is in the position shown by the dotted lines of Fig. 1, the material immediately under the openings 10 will be the white parts 12 of the sliding card and the white exposed lower parts 13 of the back card 2. These white parts thus placed under the openings 10 will, at a short distance, appear to be homogeneous with, and a part of, the white ground of the face card 1, and the symbols on the face card will be "clubs."

On the other hand, if the sliding card 4 be moved to the position shown in Fig. 4, the dark parts 14 of the sliding card and the dark part 15 at the upper part of the back card 2 will appear under the openings 10, and said openings will appear the same color as, and a part of, the clubs thus forming "spades."

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A trick card comprising a face card bearing a symbol and having an opening near said symbol and a back card having different shades thereon, said cards being movable one relative to the other.

2. A trick card comprising a face card bearing a symbol and having openings ad-

5 jacent to said symbol forming with said symbol the outline of a different symbol, and a sliding card having a part of the same shade as said first named symbol and a part the same shade as the ground of the face card, either of which parts are adapted to be placed in register with said openings.

10 3. A trick card comprising a face card having clubs marked thereon and openings adjacent to the clubs and forming with the clubs the outline of spades, a sliding card having portions thereon the same shade as the clubs, and other portions thereon the same shade as the ground of the face card, 15 either of said portions being adapted to be placed in register with said openings.

20 4. A trick card comprising a face card having clubs marked thereon and having openings adjacent to the clubs and forming therewith the outlines of spades, a back card secured at its edges to the edges of said face card, and a sliding card between the face card and the back card and having dark parts and light parts either of which is 25 adapted to the place in register with the openings, said back card being provided with, at its upper part, a dark portion and

at its lower part with a light portion adapted to register with the openings at the upper and lower ends of the face card respectively, said upper and lower parts being adapted to be covered or uncovered by the sliding card. 30

5. A trick card comprising a face card bearing clubs marked thereon and having 35 openings adjacent to the clubs and forming therewith the outlines of spades, a back card secured at its edges to the edges of said face card, and a sliding card between the face card and the back card and having dark 40 parts and light parts either of which are adapted to be placed in register with certain of said openings, the upper part of the back card being provided with a dark portion and the lower part of the back card being 45 provided with a light portion adjacent respectively to certain of said openings, said upper part and said lower part being adapted to be covered or uncovered by the respective ends of said sliding card.

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