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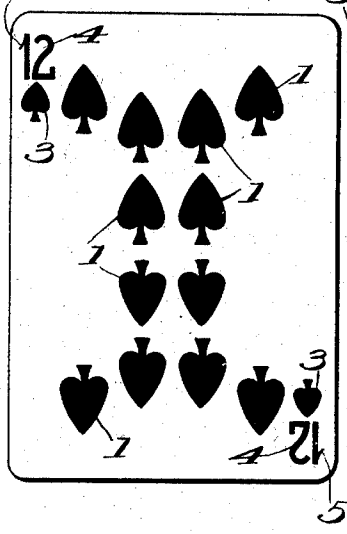


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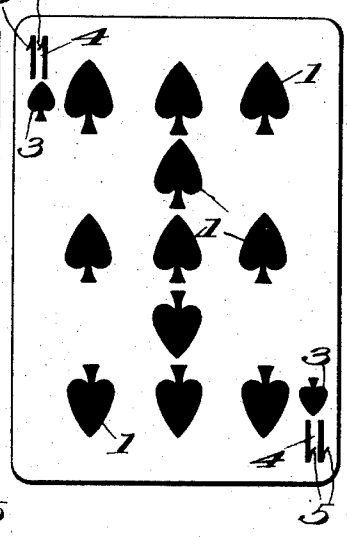


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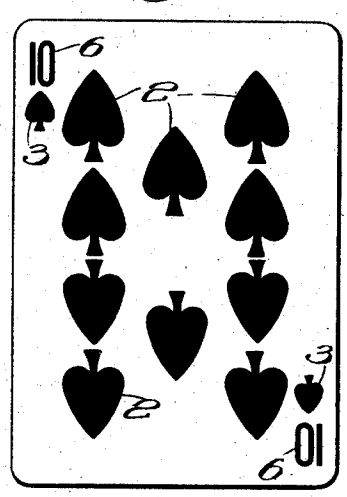
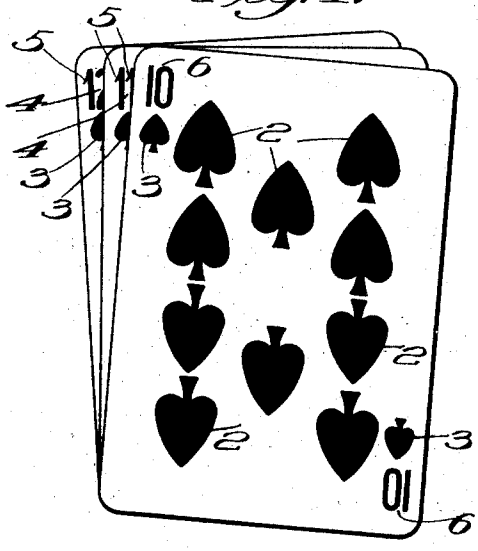


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STANLEY A. COHEN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Playing-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to playing-cards and is especially applicable to cards employed for playing the games of 500, eight-handed euchre and other eight-handed games.

The object of my invention is to provide eight playing cards in addition to the usual fifty-two cards in an ordinary deck, four of which shall display eleven spots and four of which shall display twelve spots. These additional cards embody features whereby they may be readily distinguished during the playing of the game from the nine and ten spots and other lower cards with which they might be confused were it not for the features of my improvement.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a view of the face of a twelve spot playing card. Fig. 2 is a view of an eleven spot. Fig. 3 is a view of a ten spot. Fig. 4 is a view of the three cards illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 arranged as they might be held by a player so that of the two rear cards only the indicating signs at the upper left hand corners are exposed to view.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates the spots on my new eleven and twelve spot cards.

2 indicates the spots on the ten spot card, illustrating the size of the spots on the cards displaying from two to ten spots.

3 are the small indicating symbols near the upper left hand and lower right hand corners of all the cards.

At 4 (Figs. 1, 2 and 4) are the corner numerals designating the value of the twelve and eleven spot cards, the figures 1 in each case being provided with serifs 5.

6 indicates the numerals in the corners of the ten spot cards, the same being of plain Gothic type without serifs.

It will be seen that my eleven and twelve spot cards may be distinguished from the cards of lower value by three distinctive features: the spots thereon are smaller than the spots on the cards of less value; the arrangement of the spots is distinctive and unusual as compared with the well-known arrangement of the spots on the cards of less value; and the figures 1 of the indicating corner numerals have serifs especially designed to attract the player's attention to the denomination of the cards as distinguished from the values of the lower cards. This last feature is of especial use when the cards are held together in fan-like arrangement with only the corner symbols displayed or partially displayed.

I use for my eleven and twelve spot cards spots smaller than those on the cards of lower value to avoid crowding the spots too closely and to attract attention to their value or denomination. The spots in my twelve spot card are arranged in two central rows of four each with a spot at each corner extending beyond the two central rows. The spots of my eleven spot card are arranged in three rows, the central row having five spots while the two outer rows each have three spots. This unusual collocation serves to attract the attention of the player and to lessen the confusion and liability of mistake due to the addition of eleven and twelve spot cards to the ordinary deck of fifty-two cards.

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

1. A pack of cards consisting of the ordinary deck of fifty-two cards divided into four suits, and, in addition, an eleven spot and a twelve spot card for each suit having suit spots smaller than the suit spots on the cards from two to ten inclusive, for the purposes set forth.

2. A pack of cards consisting of the ordinary deck of fifty-two cards divided into four suits, the cards from two to ten inclusive having corner numerals of value in plain figures, and, in addition, an eleven spot and a twelve spot card for each suit having corner numerals of value distinguishable from the first said numerals, for the purposes set forth.

3. A pack of cards consisting of the ordinary deck of fifty-two cards divided into four suits, the cards from two to ten inclusive having corner numerals of value in plain Gothic figures, and, in addition, an eleven spot and a twelve spot card for each suit having corner numerals of value with serifs extending from the figures 1 of such numerals, for the purposes set forth.

4. A pack of cards consisting of the ordinary deck of fifty-two cards divided into four suits, the cards from two to ten inclusive having corner numerals of value, and, in addition, an eleven spot and a twelve spot card

for each suit having corner numerals of value printed in a style different from the said first numerals, for the purposes set forth.

5. A pack of cards consisting of the ordinary deck of fifty-two cards divided into four suits, and, in addition, a twelve spot card for each suit having two central rows of four spots each and a spot adjacent to each corner, and an eleven spot card for each suit having a central row of five spots and two side rows of three spots each.

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