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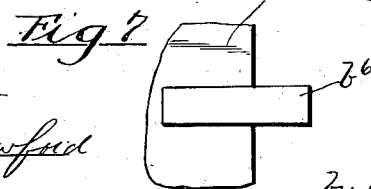
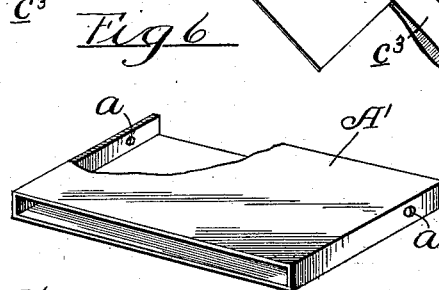
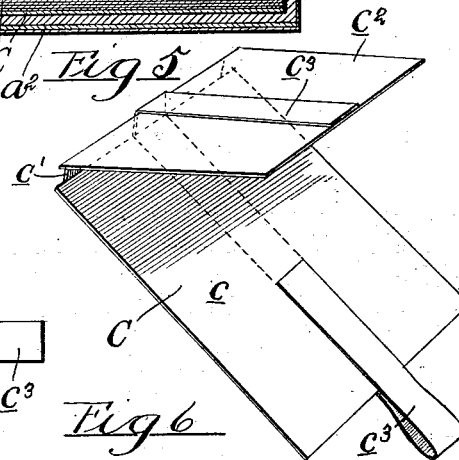
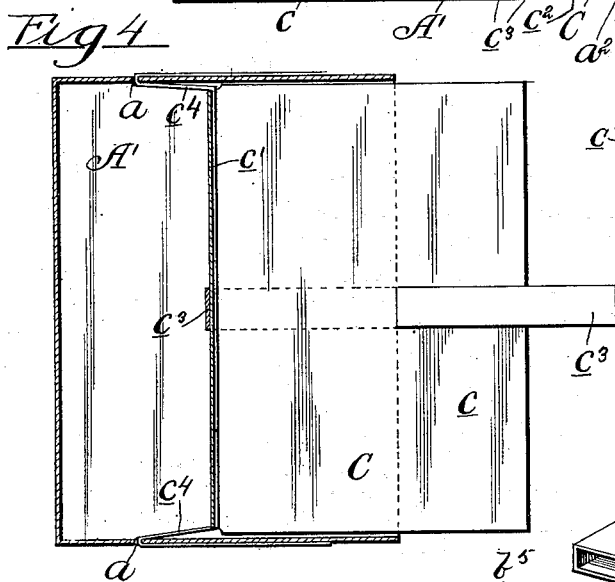
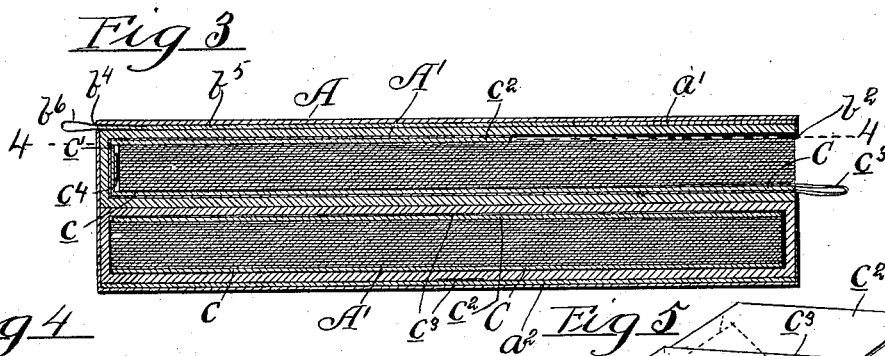
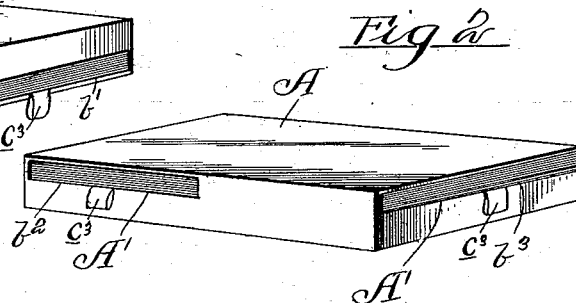
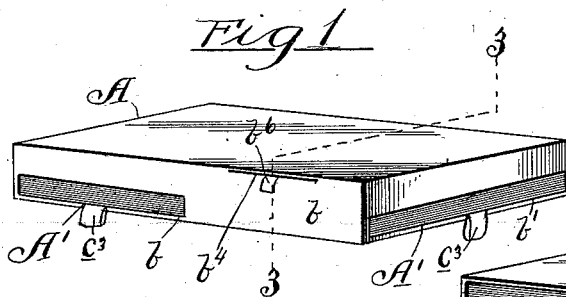
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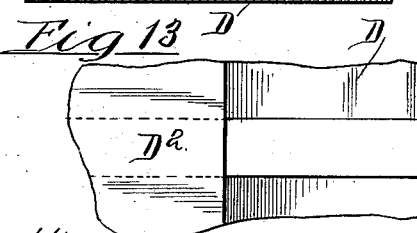
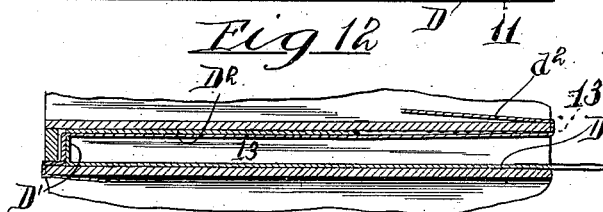
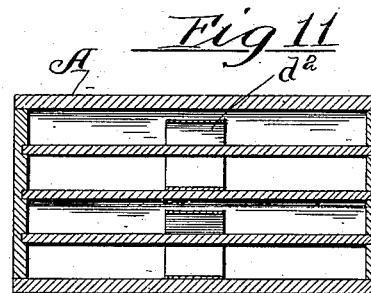
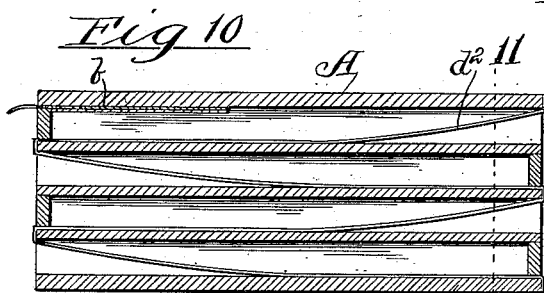
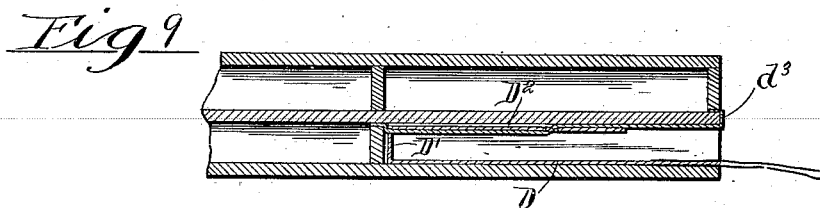
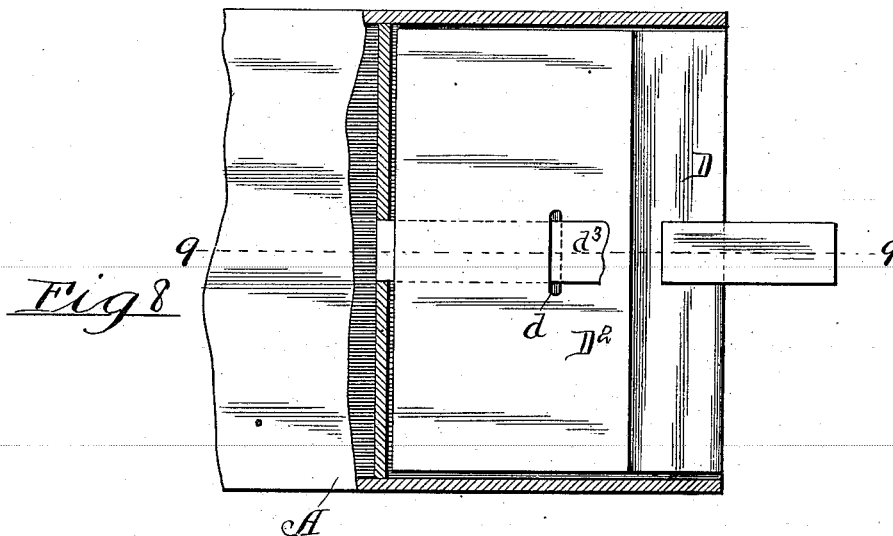
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CARD-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. MOTT, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Card-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form
10 a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in cases for holding the hands of cards designed to be used in the game of duplicate whist; and it consists of the matters more
15 fully set forth, and defined in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing one end and one side of the said case. Fig. 2 is a similar perspective view
20 showing the end and side not shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section taken on line 4 4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a card-carrier constituting a part of my invention. Fig. 6
25 is a perspective view of an inclosure forming an individual card-pocket as employed in my invention. Fig. 7 is a view, partly broken away, of a deal-card as employed in my invention. Fig. 8 is a plan view, partly in section,
30 illustrating a method of securing the card-carrier in the case. Fig. 9 is a section taken on line 9 9 of Fig. 8. Fig. 10 is a vertical section of a case embodying my invention. Fig. 11 is a section taken on line 11 11
35 of Fig. 10. Fig. 12 is a longitudinal vertical section of one of the compartments, showing the card-carrier at its innermost position. Fig. 13 is a section taken on line 13 13 of Fig. 12. Fig. 14 is a rear elevation of the card-carrier, other views of which are shown in
40 Figs. 8, 9, 12, and 13.

In the drawings, A indicates as a whole a card-case composed of four individual inclosures or pockets A', united each to each in
45 such manner as to provide a case with four openings b , b' , b^2 , and b^3 on opposite ends and sides. Each of the said individual card-pockets is provided with a card-carrier C, which is secured within the said pocket in a
50 manner to prevent its removal therefrom, but which admits of the same being partially withdrawn to receive the hand of cards when the

same are to be inserted into the case or to deliver the same when it is desired to withdraw them therefrom. The inclosures A' are of
55 equal size and constructed of pasteboard or other suitable material. The said inclosures are constructed with integral end and top and bottom walls, and each is of sufficient size to receive the one-fourth part of a pack of or-
60 dinary playing-cards. In the integral end walls of each inclosure is an aperture a , adapted to receive a check strap or tape or other suitable material, whereby a card-carrier is movably secured in each of the said
65 inclosures, as shown in Fig. 4. The said card-carriers C are constructed of a strip of manila-board or other suitable material, folded or bent to form a bottom part c , which is rectangular and similar in form to the
70 bottom or top of one of said inclosures and slightly smaller than the same, and a central or rear wall c' , which in height is slightly less than the walls of the said inclosures, and a top fold or wall c^2 , which is folded over and when
75 the carrier is inserted in the said inclosure or pocket is parallel to the bottom wall c . A tape or ribbon c^3 is pasted or otherwise secured longitudinally along the center of said carrier its entire length. The outer end of
80 said tape is looped to form a means whereby the same may be manually engaged to be withdrawn from the inclosure. The central wall c' of the said carrier, as shown in Figs. 4 and
85 5, is notched or cut away at each end, so as to be shorter than the width of either the top or bottom wall thereof, and check strap or tape
 c^4 , as herein shown, is secured to the front side of the said wall c' , and the ends thereof
90 are passed through the apertures $a a$ in the ends of the said inclosures and secured longitudinally upon the outer side thereof by pasting, cementing, or otherwise. The ends
95 of the said check-strap are sufficiently long within the said inclosures, however, to admit of the said carrier being pushed inwardly until its vertical wall comes in close contact with the inner wall of the case and to permit the outward movement of the said carrier to an
100 extent sufficient to permit the same to be withdrawn about half out of the case. The inclosures A', as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, are united in two groups of two each to form the case A. Each of the said groups consists of an

inclosure having integral end walls and one having integral side walls united side by side in the line of their greatest length, thus forming a group of two inclosures, the length thereof of equaling the length of one of said inclosures and having double the width thereof. One of the groups thus formed is placed upon the other and rigidly secured thereto, and a rigid plate a' laid above and a similar plate a^2 below said case, and an outer covering or binding of leather, cloth, or other material is secured about the case and the said plates in such a manner as to provide but one opening into each inclosure.

As a further improvement a slide-aperture b^4 is provided in said case, as shown in Fig. 1, and a deal-card b^5 , bearing the deal-number, is adapted to be inserted and concealed therein and provided with a tape or pull b^6 , whereby the same may be withdrawn therefrom.

As a modification of my invention the said case may be constructed of four separate compartments lying one above the other, and alternately opening on the opposite ends of the case, as shown in Figs. 10 and 11. The card-carrier may be secured therein, as shown in Figs. 8 to 14, inclusive, in which the said card-carriers are constructed as heretofore described, having a bottom wall D, a rear end wall D', and a top wall D². Slots d and d' are provided in the central part of the top wall D² and in the upper central part of the rear wall D', respectively, and a check-strap d^2 is attached by one of its ends to the central part of the ends of the top wall of said case and is passed through said slots in said carriers and longitudinally through each of the said compartments and is secured at its opposite end centrally to the middle part of the end of the bottom wall. The said check-strap is left sufficiently slack in each compartment to permit free movement of the card-carrier to an extent equal to that of the construction previously described. The said check-strap is also secured at each end of the case by the alternate end closures of the compartment, so that the same is thereby secured at each end of each compartment, as clearly shown in Fig. 10. Obviously the said check-strap d^2 need not be one continuous piece extending through all of said compartments; but separate pieces may be used, and such a construction is illustrated in Fig. 9 as applied to a card-case, two compartments high and two wide, in which the check-strap d^3 is shown secured to the front top wall of the compartment and between the rear and top wall of the same.

The operation of my case is as follows: The case constructed as herein described is provided in each of its pockets with one of the card-carriers hereinbefore described. When it is desired to fill the said case, the card-carrier is partially withdrawn and the desired hand of cards placed between the upper and lower walls thereof, and the carrier, with the cards, is pushed back into the case. The size

of the inclosure and the elasticity of the carrier is such as to provide pressure on the inner margin of the said hand of cards, and thereby hold the same within the said pocket until the same are desired to be withdrawn. A plurality of cases thus formed and each having a different deal-number and with the pockets thus filled and each case differently numbered are used in the same game. When the hands have been played from the said case, they are returned thereto, as before, thereby effectually concealing the cards and protecting not only from observation, but from dust and dirt as well.

I claim as my invention—

1. A card-case for the game of rotative whist comprising a plurality of individual card-receptacles each provided with an opening, said receptacles being united in such manner that the openings are oppositely directed and a slide-aperture in said case, a deal-card adapted to be inserted and concealed in said slide-aperture and means for withdrawing said deal-card consisting of a part extending beyond the case and adapted to be manually engaged.

2. A card-case for the game of rotative whist consisting of a plurality of individual card-receptacles opening oppositely to each other a card-carrier in each receptacle, said card-carrier being provided with top and bottom walls, a rear end wall integral therewith, said card-carrier having limited movement with respect to the receptacle in which the same is contained.

3. A card-case for the game of rotative whist comprising a plurality of card-receptacles each provided with one opening, a card-carrier in each of said receptacles having top and bottom walls, a rear wall integral therewith and a check-strap movably securing each of said carriers to the walls of its receptacles and acting to limit the movement thereof with respect to the same.

4. A card-case for the game of rotative whist said case having a plurality of oppositely-opening card-pockets, each of said pockets being provided with a card-carrier, means for limiting the movement of said card-carrier with respect to the case comprising a check-strap connecting the same with the wall of the pocket in which the same is inserted and means whereby the said carriers may be partially withdrawn from said pockets.

5. A card-case for the game of rotative whist, said case consisting of a plurality of card-pockets, a card-carrier in each of said card-pockets, adapted to receive a hand of cards, said card-carrier being provided with integral top, bottom and rear end walls, apertures through one of said walls and the rear end wall and means for movably securing said carrier in said pockets, consisting of a check-strap inserted through said apertures and having its ends secured to the walls of said case.

6. A card-case for the game of rotative whist consisting of a plurality of card-pockets one above the other, card-carriers movably se-

cured in the receptacles each of said card-carriers consisting of integral top, bottom and rear end walls, apertures in one of said walls and the rear end wall, and a check-strap inserted through said apertures in the carriers and having its ends secured to the walls of the case and a deal-card adapted to be concealed in said case and adapted to receive the number of the deal.

10 7. A card-carrier adapted to receive one of the hands in the game of rotative whist, said card-carrier having integral top, bottom and rear end walls, said rear end wall being relatively shorter than the width of said top and 15 bottom walls, of a strip of non-elastic material secured longitudinally of said card-carrier and having a free end adapted for manual engagement, and a check-strap having its middle part secured to the said carrier and 20 its end portions adapted to be secured in the walls of the receptacle into which said carrier may be inserted.

8. A skeleton card-pocket adapted to receive one of the hands of cards in the game

of rotative whist, said card-pocket having top 25 and bottom walls, integral end walls connecting the same, apertures in said end walls, a card-carrier adapted to be movably secured in said skeleton card-pocket said card-carrier comprising top and bottom walls a rear end 30 wall integral therewith, said rear end wall being notched on each side of said carrier, a check-strap secured at its middle part to the rear end wall and having its free end extending through said apertures of the end walls 35 of said card-pockets and secured on the outer side of said end walls, said check-strap being of sufficient length to admit the said card-carrier being partly withdrawn from the said pocket. 40

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 22d day of April, A. D. 1899.

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