

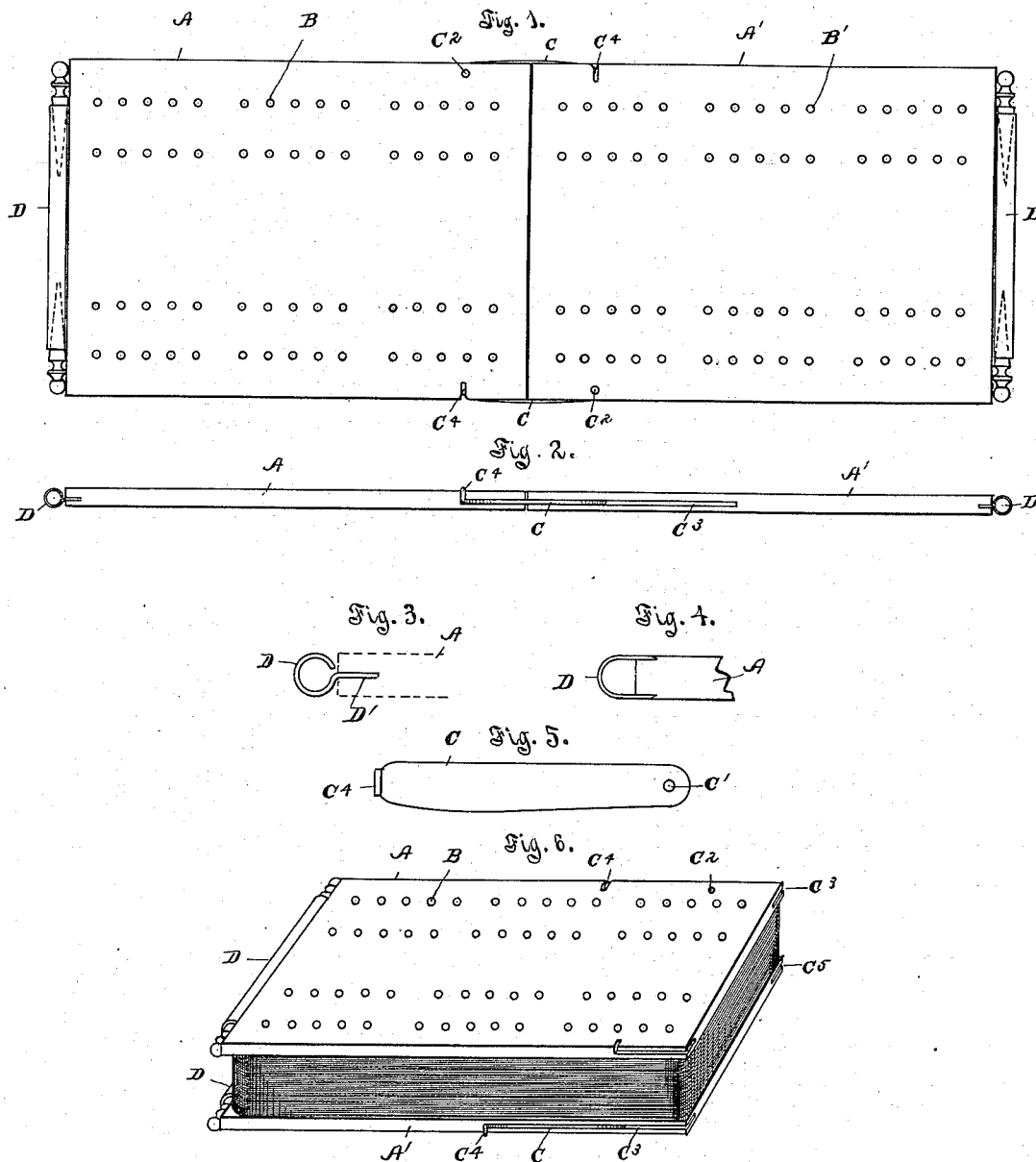
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## CRIBBAGE-BOARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RUSSELL WHITMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cribbage-Boards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of said invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it most nearly appertains to make, use, and practice the same.

This invention relates to improvements in games, and more particularly to cribbage-boards.

15 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a cribbage-board constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a side or edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the end of the holder for the counting-pegs with which the board is provided, the end of the board being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 4 is a similar view of an alternative construction. Fig. 5 is a plan view of one of the joining-strips for securing the sections of the completed board together. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a pack of cards, having a section of the board on each side of the pack, the whole being in position to receive the containing-case or retaining-band.

30 The objects of the present invention are to provide a cribbage-board so constructed to the size and general shape of a card that the two halves of such board are separated and used as a cover for the pack of cards; further, to provide a simple and efficient means of uniting the two halves to form a completed board which may not be drawn apart and which will preserve a level surface, and, further, to provide holders for the counters which are simple and efficient and do not increase the dimensions of thickness of the combined pack and board-sections when the same are assembled, as shown in Fig. 6 of the drawings.

45 With these objects in view the invention consists in constructing from thin wood or othersuitable material the half-sections A A'. Each section is provided with one-half the necessary cribbage-counting perforations B B', as shown at Figs. 1 and 6. Each section is constructed to the size and form of the cards constituting the pack, for which the board is intended to serve as a cover. The sections

are united by the joining-strips C. These strips are constructed of metal and are perforated at C' to receive a pin C<sup>2</sup>, which is driven through the board, as shown in Fig. 1. The strips C are mounted in slots C<sup>3</sup>, formed by saw-cuts in the edge of the sections, and are of sufficient length to permit the strips to be folded back and rest entirely within the slot, as shown at Figs. 2 and 6. When thus folded, the straight edge with which the strip is provided rests flush with the edge of the sections. At the end of the slot there is provided in either the upper or lower wall of the slot a recess to receive the hook-like extension C<sup>4</sup>, with which the strip is provided for the purpose of preventing the separation of the sections in a linear direction. The extensions C<sup>4</sup> also extend slightly above the board to afford a handle by which the strips C may be thrown outward from the containing-slots. For convenience each section is provided with one of the strips C, and each section is provided with a short slot C<sup>5</sup> in the opposite edge of sufficient length to receive the strip C when the same is thrown forward to join the sections A A'. In this position of the strips C the extensions C<sup>4</sup> rest in recesses provided in the ends of the slots C<sup>3</sup>, as shown at Fig. 1. In this position also the outer edge of the strip extends slightly beyond the edge of the board to permit the strips to be pressed firmly in position. When thus united, the sections A and A' are held perfectly level by reason of the straight strips C lying snugly in the aligned slots C<sup>3</sup> and C<sup>5</sup>. The sections are prevented from becoming disunited by the extensions C<sup>4</sup>. Each section is provided with a peg-holder D at the outer end thereof. This consists of a round receptacle slightly shorter than the width of the sections A A', into which the pegs are inserted and held. In the form shown in Fig. 3 the holder is constructed from metal, which is rolled on itself to form the cylinder D, one edge of which is free to produce a spring-pressure on the peg when the same is forced into the end, as shown at Fig. 1. The cylinder is provided with the extension D', which is inserted into a fine saw-cut slot in the end of the sections, and thereby held on the board. This for many reasons is the preferred construction; but I do not wish to limit myself to such construc-

tion, as any receptacle added to the end of the sections would serve the purpose for which this is intended. In some instances I construct the holders from leather or fabric in the form shown at Fig. 4, where the material is illustrated as lapped over the end of the section, which is rabbeted to receive it, to form the receptacle or holder D. In some instances the sections are constructed so thin as to necessitate that the holder shall be of larger dimensions than the thickness of the sections to hold the pegs. In these instances the holder is attached to the section in such manner as to throw the holder beyond the inner side of the section, although said holder remains flush with the outer side or face of the section. By this means the sections may be placed on the pack of cards E, with the holders D overhanging the end of the pack, as shown at Fig. 6, to avoid increasing the dimension in thickness of the assembled pack and sections.

The assembled cards and sections may be held together by an elastic band or placed in a containing-case similar to the present card-case. If bound by the elastic band, the sections A and A' serve to protect the cards as a cover.

It is found that cribbage-boards constructed as described are desirable, particularly to travelers who desire to economize space. Also by thus combining the sections to cover the cards the pack may be reserved for this special game.

Having thus described this invention, what is claimed is—

1. In a cribbage-board the combination with two thin half-sections provided with perforations arranged for cribbage-counting and provided with slots in the edge to receive a joining-strip; of joining-strips pivotally mounted in the slot in one section and adapted to extend into the slot in the adjoining section and having a hook-like extension to prevent the

separation of the sections by engaging the second said slot; substantially as described.

2. In a cribbage-board the combination with two thin half-sections constructed to the size of a playing-card and provided with perforations arranged for cribbage-counting and provided with slots in the edge to receive a joining-strip; of joining-strips pivotally mounted in the slot in one section and adapted to extend into the slot in the adjoining section and having a hook-like extension to prevent the separation of the sections by engaging the second said slot; substantially as described.

3. In a cribbage-board the combination with two thin half-sections constructed to the size of a playing-card and provided with perforations arranged for cribbage-counting and having slots in the edge to receive a joining-strip; of joining-strips pivotally mounted in the slot in one section and adapted to extend into the slot in the adjoining section; and open-ended cylinder-like receptacles for the pegs attached to the end of the sections; substantially as described.

4. In a cribbage-board the combination with two thin half-sections constructed to the size of a playing-card and provided with perforations arranged for cribbage-counting and having slots in the edge to receive a joining-strip; of joining-strips pivotally mounted in the slot in one section and adapted to extend into the slot in the adjoining section; and open-ended cylinder-like receptacles for the pegs attached to the ends of the sections and adapted to extend beyond the inner side thereof and to remain flush with the outer side, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of June, 1899.

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