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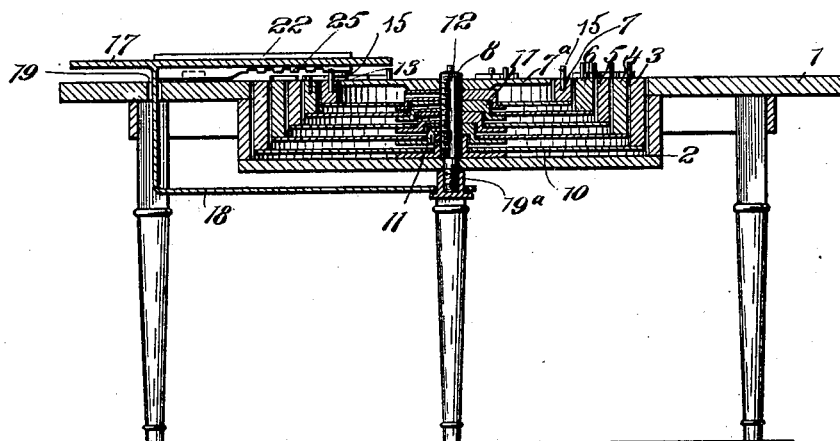
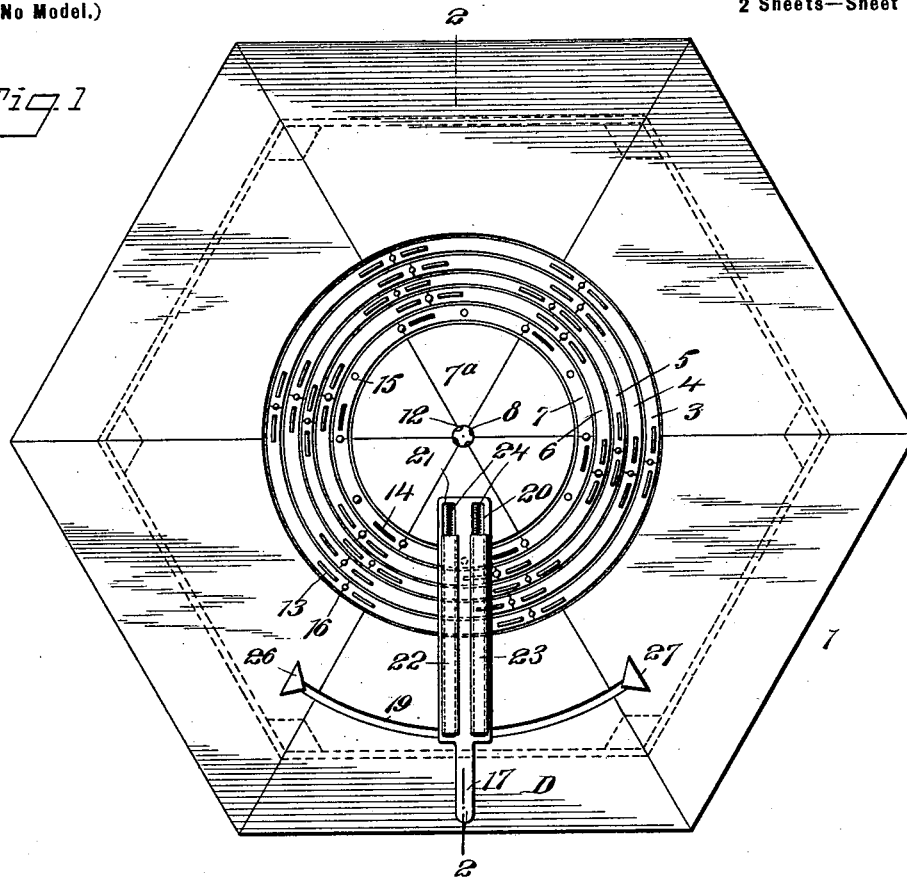
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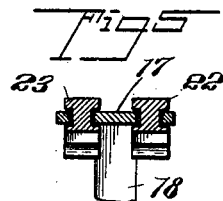
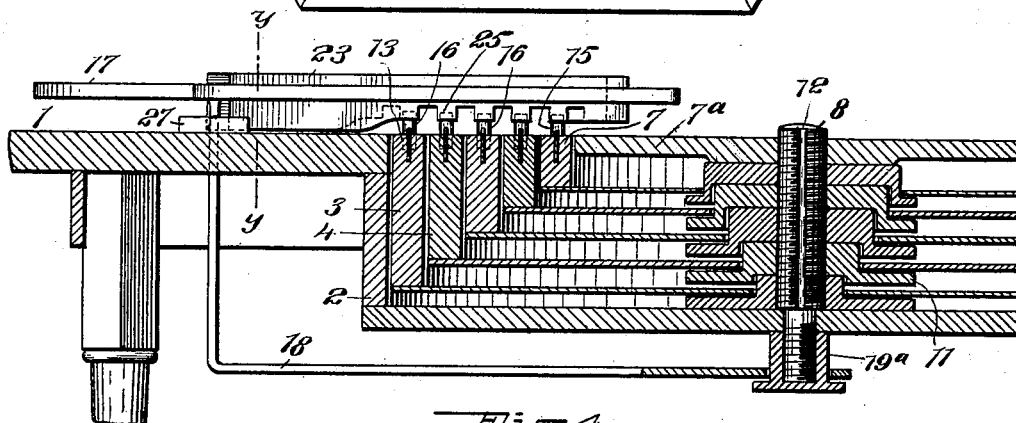
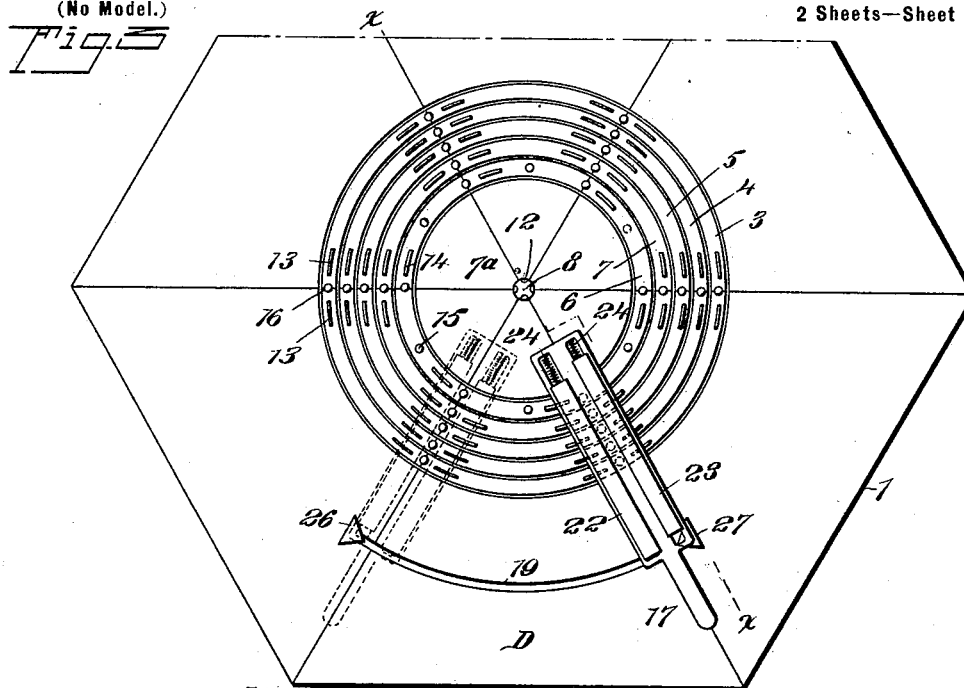
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GAME-TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES WILBER STROUD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Joplin, in the county of Jasper and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Game-Table, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in game-tables, particularly card-tables; and the object is to provide a table having rotary parts or carriers provided with pockets to receive cards designed to be distributed among players as their hands in a game and with which a fair distribution of the cards may be made.

I will describe a game-table embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a top view of a game-table embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top view showing the parts in a different position from that shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section on the line *x x* of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a section on the line *y y* of Fig. 4.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the table-top, which is here shown as divided into six divisions. In other words, it is designed to accommodate six players, one of whom may be the dealer, or to accommodate five players and a person acting as a dealer for the five. The top 1 has a central opening, and depending downward therefrom is a casing 2 of circular form. Mounted to rotate in this casing, one independently of another, is a series of carriers, here shown as five in number and consisting of the concentric rings 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and within the carrier 7 is a disk 7^a. The upper surfaces of these several carriers and the disk are flush with the upper surface of the top 1, so that, in effect, a continuous smooth top is provided, not interfering with the movement of cards pushed over the same.

Extended upward from the bottom of the casing 1 is a threaded post 8, around which the carriers are designed to rotate. The several ring-like carriers are each attached to a

ring-shaped plate 10, mounted loosely on spacing-washers 11, having screw-threaded engagement with the post 8 and of course one above another. As the several parts must move very easily around the post or on their bearings, I provide the said post with longitudinal channels 12, through which oil may pass and out through openings in the washers 11.

Each ring-like carrier 3, 4, 5, and 6 is provided with pockets 13, arranged in pairs suitably spaced apart, so that they will aline—that is, each ring-like carrier will have six pairs of pockets. Each pocket will be of a depth to receive a card, the card projecting slightly above the plane of the carrier, so that the card may be readily grasped by a person's fingers to withdraw the same; but the denomination of the card will of course be hidden. The center carrier 7 has but six single pockets 14, suitably spaced apart so that they will aline with any series of pockets of the other carriers. It will be noted that there are fifty-four pockets in all, and therefore to put a card in each pocket, and as an ordinary pack of cards contains but fifty-two cards, in playing some games it will be necessary to take two cards from another pack—say a deuce and a tray—and give them a certain value, such as honors, or a special pack of fifty-four cards may be provided.

Arranged at opposite sides of each pocket 14 of the center carrier are pins 15, which project upward, and arranged between each pair of pockets of the ring-like carriers is an upwardly-projecting pin 16. Movable over the top of the table at one section thereof is a propelling and stopping device comprising a plate or lever 17, which projects over the several carriers, as clearly indicated in the drawings. This arm or lever 17 is supported on a bracket 18, which has a vertical portion extended through an arc slot 19 in the fixed top of the table, and a horizontal portion mounted to rotate on a thimble 19^a, attached to the lower extended end of the post 8. This arm or plate 17 is provided with two parallel slots 20 21, and movable, respectively, in these slots and lengthwise thereof are bars 22 and 23, these bars being normally forced outward by means of springs 24. Each bar has on its lower side downward comb-like

projections or teeth 25, which are designed at a certain time to engage with the pins extended upward from the carriers and to be moved at certain times to permit said pins to pass between the projections or teeth.

In operation after distributing the cards one in each pocket the dealer, sitting at the place D, will swing the propelling device or liner to the left, and the outer end of the bar 22 will engage against the inclined inner surface of a block 26, which will force said bar 22 inward against the resistance of its spring, thus moving the teeth of said bar 22 out of the line of movement of the pins on the carriers. After this preparation the dealer then turns by hand each of several carriers to the right or to the left, or some to the right and some to the left, which movement constitutes the shuffling or mixing of the cards. When all the carriers have stopped turning, the dealer then swings the liner 17 from block 26 to block 27. In this movement when the bar 22 is disengaged from block 26 it springs back in the line of movement of the pins on the carriers and pushes them across and aligns them at block 27, as shown in Fig. 3. In this movement and when the bar 23 engages upon the block 27 it is drawn in line of movement of the pins, preventing them from going farther than desired. When the pockets on the carriers are properly aligned, there will be nine slots in front of each player. The player then draws the cards from the five aligned slots, and with these five cards he makes up his hand; but should he wish to discard three cards he lays the three discards to one side, where they may be seen throughout the play, and then he withdraws three cards in their place from the other series of four pockets.

While the above description as to the method of drawing cards may not be material, it is only given as an illustration of the operation of playing one game of cards. Obviously other games may be played by other methods of drawing the hands or cards.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a game-table, a fixed top section, and a series of concentric carriers having pockets and mounted to rotate one independently of another, substantially as specified.

2. In a game-table, a fixed top section, and a series of concentric carriers having pockets and mounted to rotate one independently of another, the top surface of said carriers being flush with the top surface of the fixed top section, substantially as specified.

3. A game-table, comprising a fixed top section, a series of concentric carriers arranged within the fixed top, each of said carriers having pockets for receiving cards, the said carriers being mounted to rotate, and means for

starting the several carriers in rotary motion, substantially as specified.

4. A game-table, comprising a fixed top section, a series of concentric carriers mounted to rotate within said top section, each of said carriers having a series of pockets for receiving cards, pins extended upward from the carriers, a lever or plate mounted to swing over the table, and devices carried by said lever or plate for engaging with the pins, substantially as specified.

5. A game-table, comprising a fixed top, a series of concentric rotary carriers arranged within the fixed top, each of said carriers having a series of pockets, a center-post around which said carriers rotate and having an oil-channel through which oil may be distributed to bearings for the carriers, and means for imparting rotary motion to the carriers, substantially as specified.

6. A game-table, comprising a fixed top section having a central opening, a casing, a center-post extended upward in said casing, a series of concentric ring-like carriers supported by and adapted to rotate around the post, a disk-like center-piece mounted on said post, each of said carriers having pockets, and means for imparting rotary motion to the carriers, substantially as specified.

7. A game-table, comprising a fixed top, a series of concentric carriers mounted to rotate therein and having pockets, pins extended upward from the carriers, a lever or plate mounted to move horizontally over the table, spring-pressed bars movable longitudinally on said lever or plate and having projections on their under side for engaging with pins of the carriers, and blocks on the table for forcing said bars inward against the resistance of their springs, substantially as specified.

8. A game-table, comprising a fixed top, a series of carriers mounted concentrically to rotate in said fixed top, pins extended upward from the carriers, a plate or lever carrying projections for engaging with said pins, a bracket or arm connected to said plate and extended through an arc slot in the fixed top, and a device upon which said arm is mounted to have a rotary motion, substantially as specified.

9. A game-table, comprising a fixed top having a central opening, a series of ring-like concentric carriers mounted to rotate in said opening, certain of said ring-like carriers having a series of pockets arranged in pairs, and the center carrier having a series of single pockets, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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