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Fig. 1.

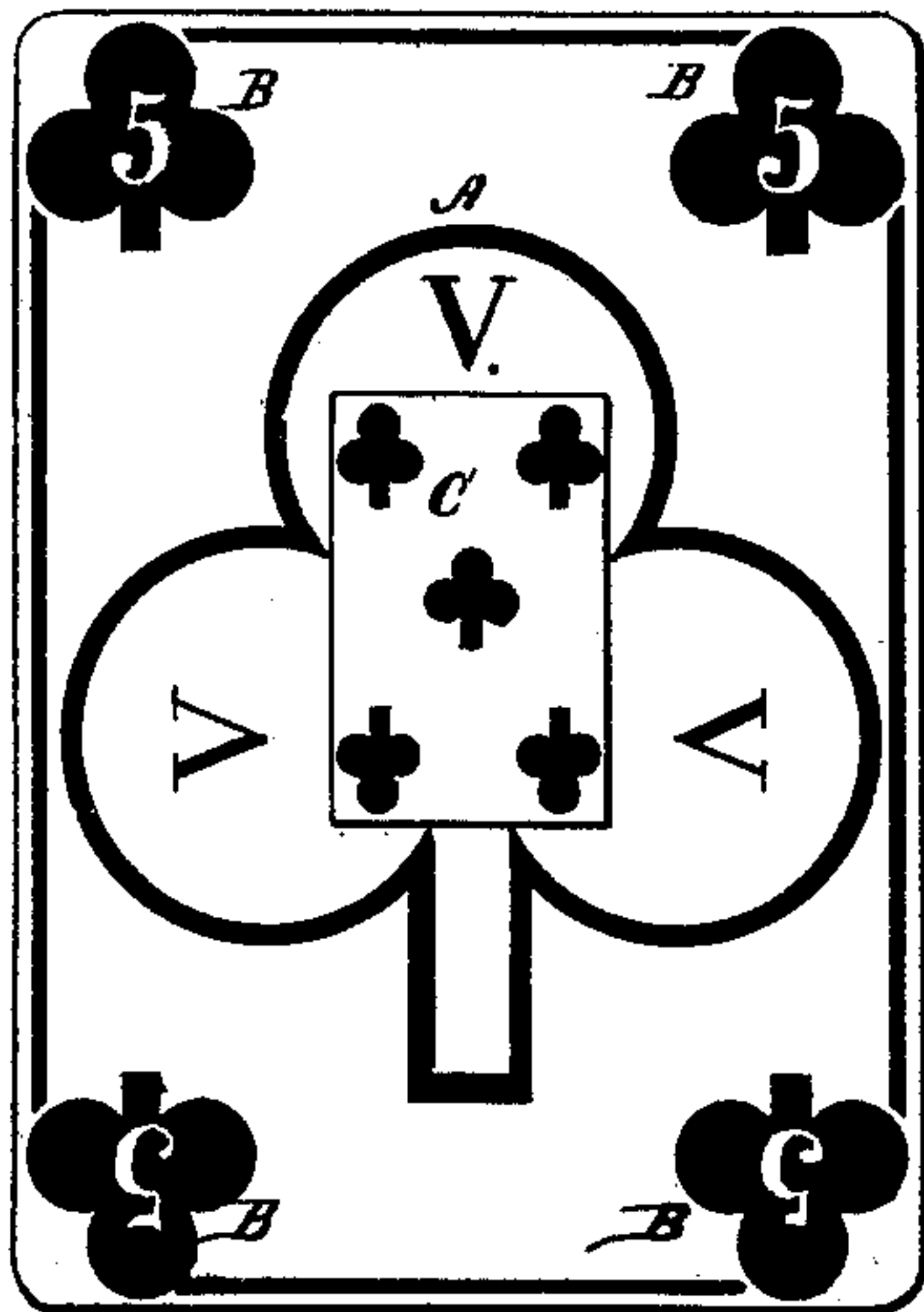


Fig. 2.

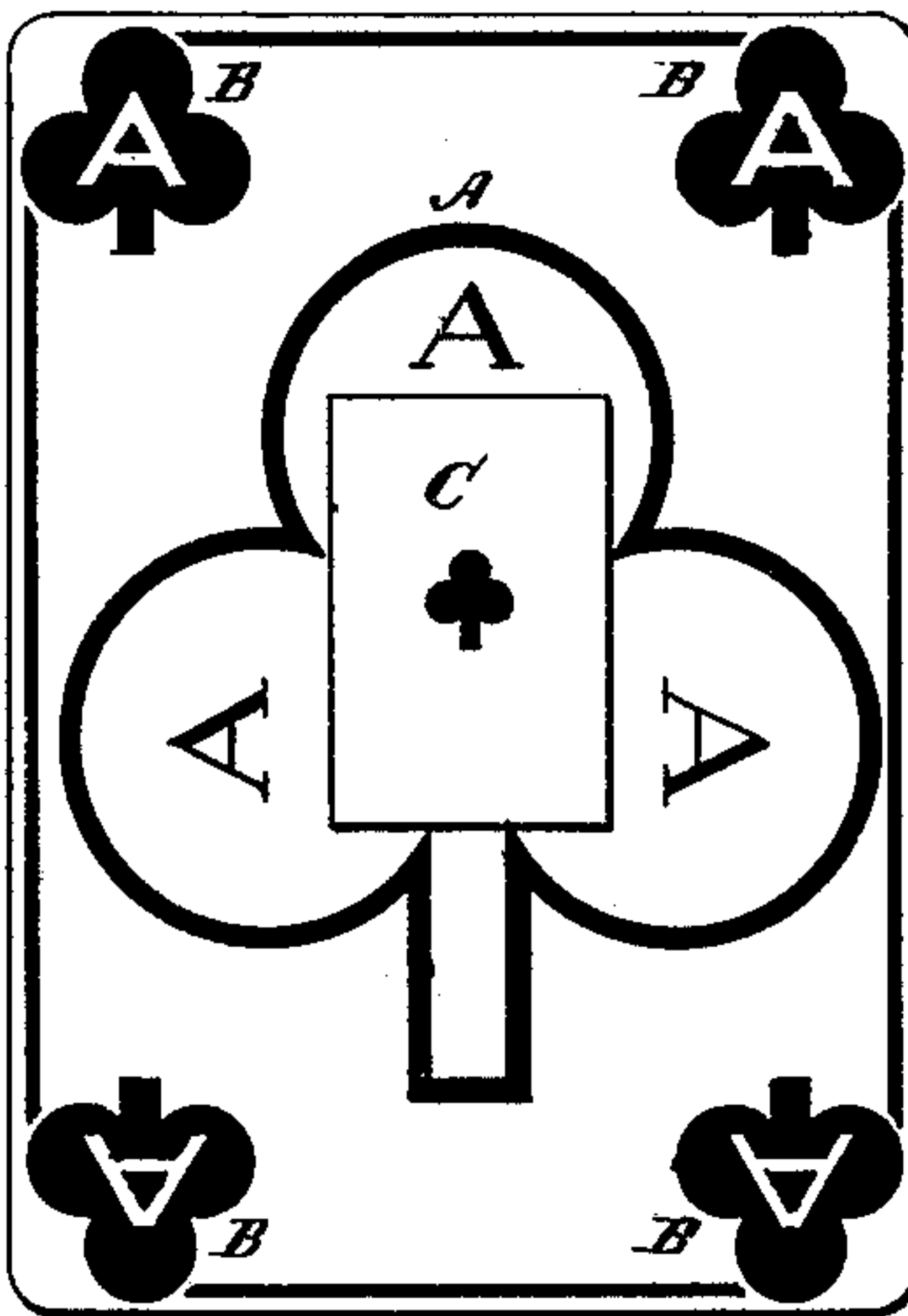


Fig. 3.

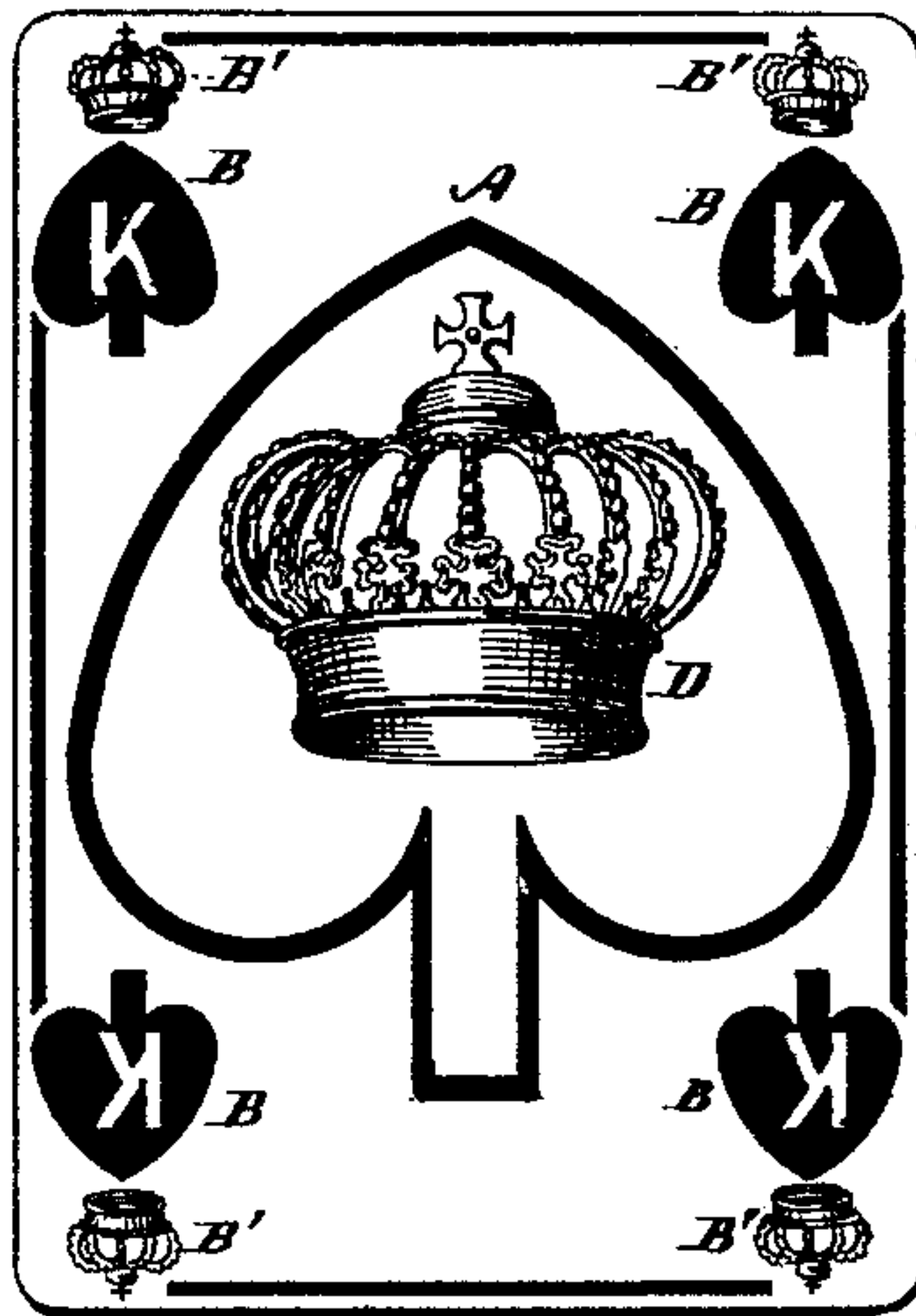


Fig. 4.

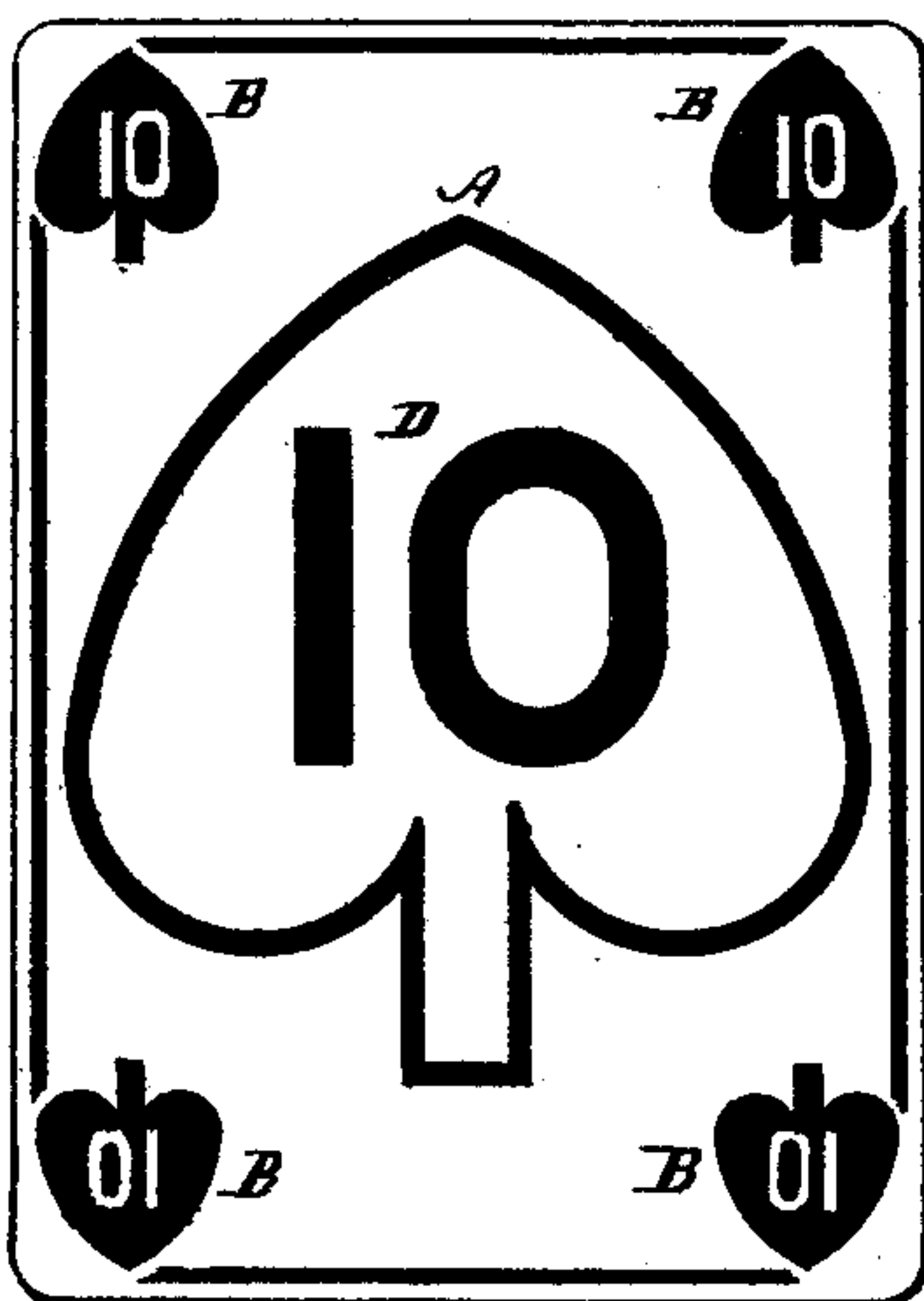


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN PLAYING-CARDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CYRUS W. SALADEE, of Washington city, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain Improvements in Playing-Cards, of which the following is a specification embodying my said invention.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I herewith submit the following general description.

The first part of my invention consists in imprinting upon the face of the card an enlarged emblem, A, representing a spot of the class to which it belongs, and the same combined with a reduced figure, B, of the enlarged spot placed in one or all of the corners of the card, and in which corner-spots is represented the numeral indicating the class and value of the card, as seen in Figure 1.

A modification of my invention, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, consists in imprinting upon the face of the card an enlarged representative emblem, A, showing a spot of the class to which it belongs, and inclosing within its outline a complete representation of a miniature card, C, of the class to which the enlarged spot A belongs, and the same, combined with a spot or device, B, in the corner, indicating the class and value of the card; but, if preferred, the space inclosed by the outline of the enlarged emblem A may be filled up with any desired and appropriate design which the fancy of the manufacturer may suggest.

Another modification of my invention, as seen in Figs. 3 and 4, consists in imprinting or otherwise providing upon the face of the card an enlarged representative emblem, A, showing a spot of the class to which it belongs, and inclosing within its outline a numeral or an emblem, D, indicating its value, and the same, combined with a spot or device, B, in the corner, showing the class and value of the card.

The second part of my invention consists in a modification, wherein I substitute for the enlarged emblem A (seen in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4) an enlarged and appropriately-designed numeral, H, Figs. 5 and 6, of the value of the card and the same, in combination with a device in the corner or corners of the card, indicating its class and value.

A modification of the second part of my invention consists of a combination device printed

on the card, and the same being composed of two representative spots, E E, Figs. 5 and 6, the numeral F, which may be placed in one or all of the corners of the card, and the enlarged numeral H in the center, whereby to indicate the class and value of the card; and this combination may be used upon any and every style of playing-cards, as it is equally applicable and valuable in connection with any of the well-known styles of cards now in general use.

The third and last part of my invention consists in imprinting upon the face edge of the card a continuous border, consisting of alternate representative spots and numerals, (see Fig. 5,) indicating the class and value of the card, as clearly shown in this figure.

Having thus fully described the nature and object of my invention, I may add that, upon the plan of the improvements herein shown and described, a class of playing-cards is produced which not only possess the desirable advantage of permitting the player to correctly note the class and value of each card in his hand without exposing the entire face of the card, but, at the same time, imparting thereto a pleasing novelty, both as to utility and embellishment.

I claim—

1. In playing-cards, an enlarged representation of the spot, pip, or other suit-symbol, located in the center, combined with a numbered spot, or spot and number, in one or more of the corners, indicating both the class or suit and the value of the card.

2. In playing-cards, an enlarged representation of the spot, pip, or other suit-symbol, located in the center, inclosing within its outline a complete representation of a miniature card, in combination with a numbered spot, or spot and number, or device in the corner indicating the class and value of the card.

3. In playing-cards, an enlarged representation of the spot, pip, or other suit-symbol, located in the center, inclosing within its outline a numeral or figure indicating its value, in combination with a numbered spot, or spot and number, or a device in the corner showing the class and value of the card.

4. The combination, in playing-cards, of an enlarged numeral, centrally located, with a device in one or all the corners, consisting of two



representative spots and a numeral, arranged as shown, to indicate the class and value of the card in different positions.

5. The combination, in a playing-card having the enlarged representation of the suit-spot centrally located, of a crown or other emblem of rank imprinted within said spot, and a reduced crown or analogous emblem, suit-spot, and initial letter, located in one or more corners of the card to indicate its class and value, substantially as described.

6. In playing-cards, a continuous border around the edge of the face, consisting of alternate representative spots and numerals, representing the class and value of the card.

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