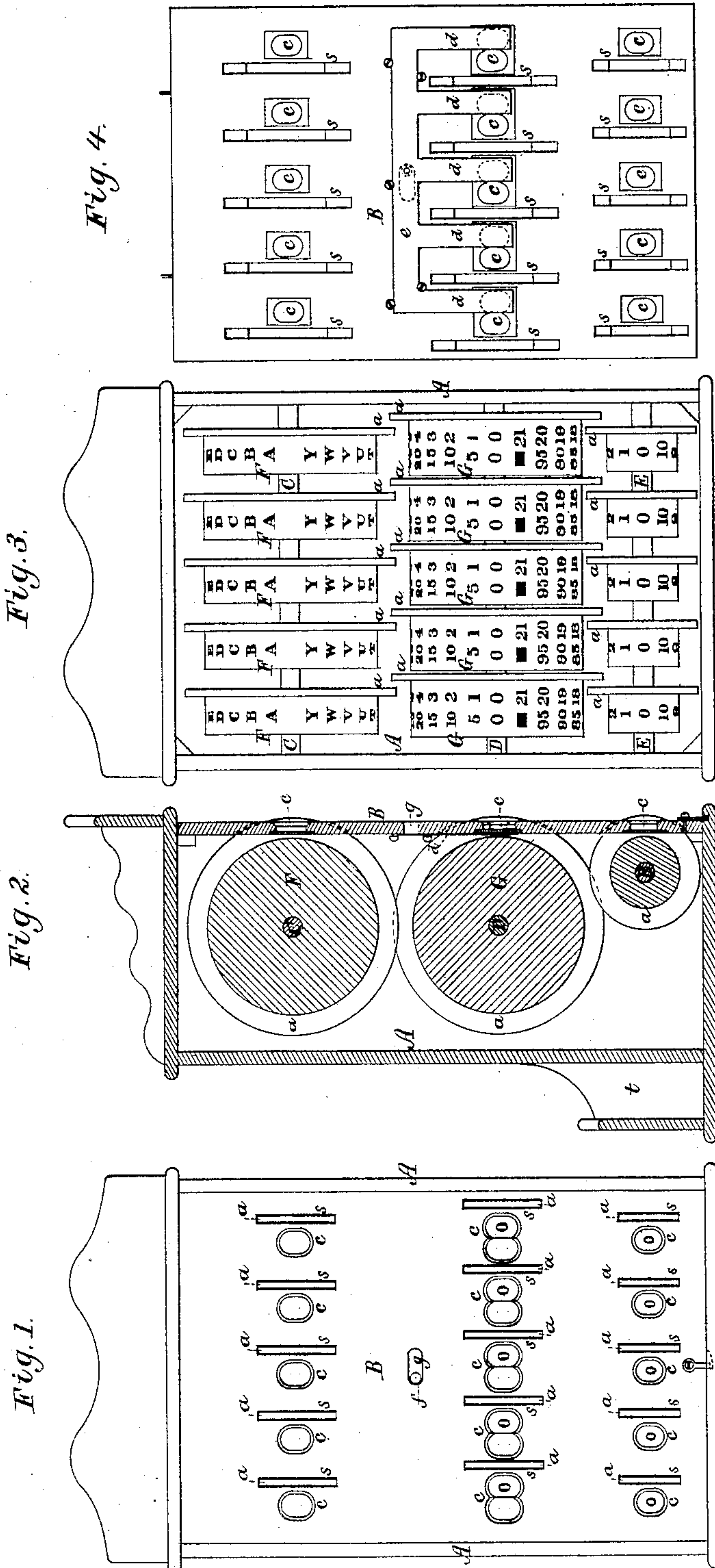


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT HENRY MARTIN, of Peterborough, in the county of Hillsborough, of the State of New Hampshire, have
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in Game Counters or Indicators; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

10 Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a transverse section, of an apparatus containing my invention, the nature of which is defined in the claims hereinafter presented. Fig. 3 is a front view of it as it appears without the
15 cover or front plate of its case. Fig. 4 is a rear view of the said front plate, with its movable gates, to be described.

The article shown by such drawings is intended for keeping tally in games with cards
20 or dominoes.

Within a suitable case, A, provided with a removable front or cover, B, are three parallel cylindrical and horizontal rods, C, D, and E, that extend across the case from side to side
25 thereof, each having upon and revolving freely on it a series of five wheels or narrow cylinders, each of which is provided at one end of it with a flange, a, that extends from and around its periphery. The upper row of these
30 wheels or cylinders (marked F) has arranged on the circumference of each the letters of the alphabet from A to Y, inclusive, disposed at equal distances apart, and having a blank space between the first and last of such letters. Each
35 wheel or cylinder of the middle row (marked G) is somewhat wider than either of those above and below it, and has marked upon its periphery two ranges of numbers, one of which is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
40 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, the other being 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, and a blank or colored space aside of the 21 of the right hand set, the zeros at the commencement of the two sets being op-
45 posite each other. The first range of the middle row of cylinders or wheels are to indicate the number of points made from time to time in a game of cards, the second range of such figures being for counting in a game of domi-

noes. In front of the flanged wheels or cyl- 50
inders of the middle row, as well as in front of each of the other wheels or cylinders, is a sight window or opening, c, in the cover B, each of the said openings of the middle row of wheels being wider than those of either of 55
the other rows. The middle row of sight-openings or windows is provided with a series of gates, d, extending downward from a slide, e, adapted to move lengthwise of it upon the rear side of the cover B, a knob or 60
handle, f, being extended from such slide through a slot, g, made transversely in the said cover. By taking hold of the knob and moving it to the right the gates may be caused to cover from view all the right-hand ranges 65
of figures of the wheels of the middle row. So, by moving the knob the opposite way the gates may be caused to uncover the said right-hand ranges, and to cover the left-hand ones of the wheels. Each wheel of the lowest set 70
has on its circumference, at equal distances apart, the figures 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. The lowest row is to indicate the number of games played, each wheel of it before commencing a game being turned so as to bring 75
its zero at the sight-opening directly in front of such wheel. The flange of each wheel extends, as shown, through a slot, s, in the cover, there being such a slot for each wheel. Each set of wheels is intended for from two to five 80
players, those of the uppermost set being to indicate the initial letter of the surnames of the players. Should there be two players only, two of the wheels should be turned so as to bring to their sight-openings the initial 85
letters of the surnames of the players, the other wheels being turned so as to show no letters at the sight-openings. The two wheels next below, indicative of the names, should next be set with their zero-points at the sight- 90
openings of the wheels, one wheel serving for one and the other for the other player. As the game may proceed each of such wheels is to be turned to indicate from time to time the points made by its player, those for cards 95
being shown by the right column and those for dominoes by the left column of figures. The case at its back is provided with a trough

or receptacle, *t*, for holding packs of cards or a set of dominoes.

I claim—

1. The game indicator or counter, substantially as described, consisting of the box or case and its set of revoluble flanged wheels or cylinders, formed and lettered as described, and of the cover provided with the sight-openings and flange-receiving slots, and with the series of gates to the sight-openings of the middle set of such wheels, all being arranged essentially and to operate as and for the purpose or purposes as set forth.

2. The game indicator or counter consist-

ing of the box or case provided with the card-
holding receptacle or trough, as set forth, and
with the set of revoluble flanged wheels or
cylinders, figured and lettered, as explained,
and of the cover having the sight-openings
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