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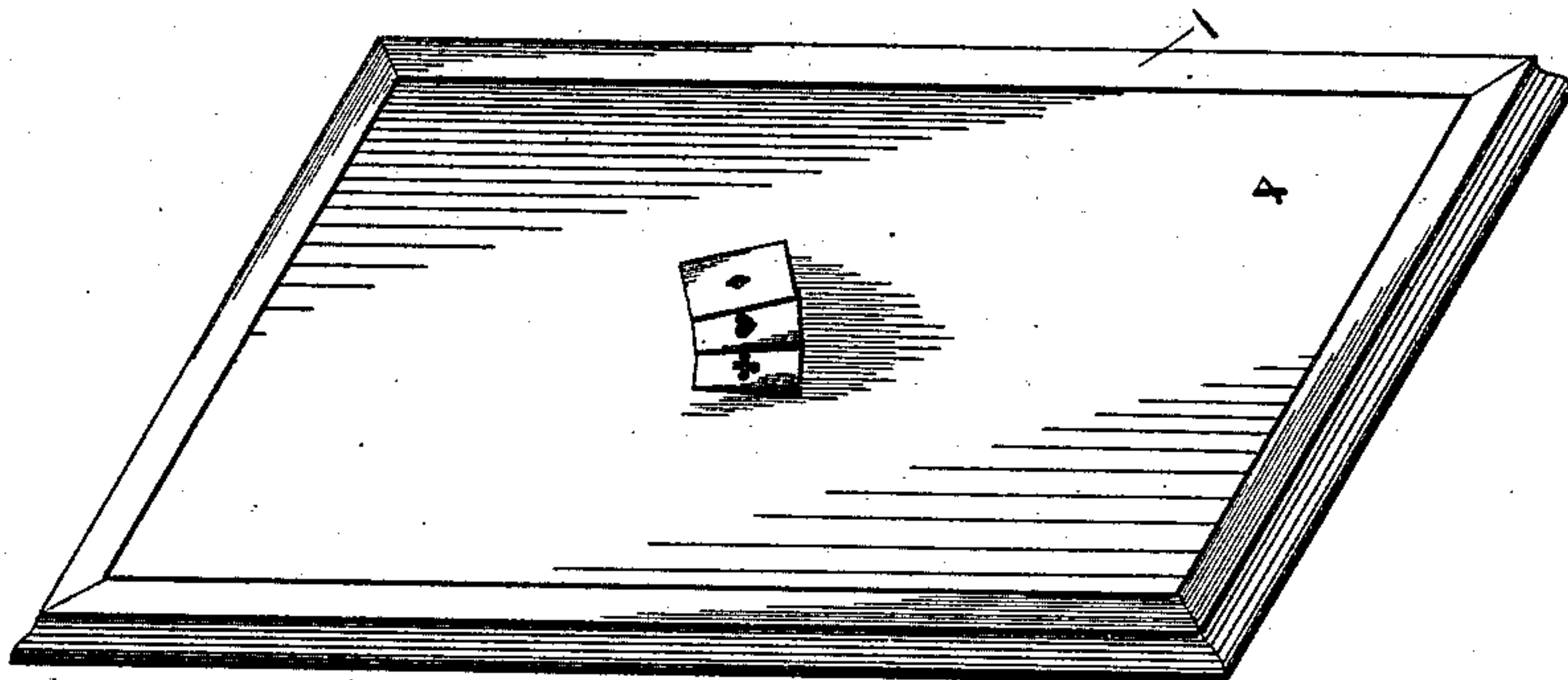


FIG 1

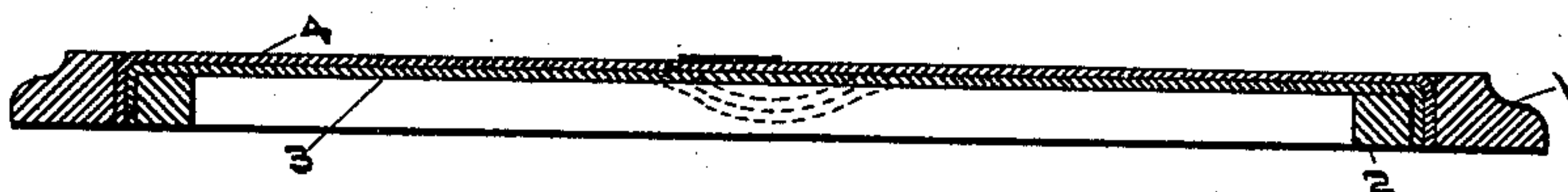


FIG 2

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRED M. PENNEY, of Waterville, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and  
5 useful Improvements in Playing-Card Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the  
10 same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to a card-board; and it consists in the mechanism hereinafter more  
15 fully pointed out and claimed.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved card-board. Fig. 2 represents a vertical central section of the same.

In using glazed playing-cards upon a smooth  
20 table great difficulty is experienced in picking up the cards from the surface of the table. I overcome this trouble by providing a card-board having a slightly flexible and elastic surface, which may be supported on the sur-  
25 face of any ordinary table, or the same may be supported on the laps of the players. In either case the cards can be gathered and taken from the board with much greater ease and rapidity than from the smooth surface of the table.

30 In constructing my improved card-board I provide frame 1, of suitable size, into which is fitted skeleton frame 2, Fig. 2. Over the upper surface of the skeleton-frame I stretch layer 3, consisting of canvas or duck, or any  
35 other fibrous material having slightly elastic and flexible qualities. This duck or its equivalent is drawn over the skeleton frame taut and tacked or otherwise held to the skeleton frame. I place over the duck or its equivalent flannel,  
40 4, of suitable color and thickness. This ma-

terial has, when stretched taut over the skeleton frame and duck, a slightly elastic and flexible surface. The two classes of material forming the surface of the board may be constructed of any woven fibrous material, or  
45 leather or their equivalent, so long as the surface of the card-board has a yielding flexible surface, without departing from the spirit of my invention. In Fig. 2 of the drawings the dotted lines indicate the vibration of depression produced on the surface of the card-board  
50 when the cards are taken therefrom.

Skeleton frame 2, with the flexible surface fastened thereon, is placed inside of frame 1, the upper surfaces of the two being brought  
55 to the same line, when skeleton frame 2 is fastened to the outer frame by screws, nails, or their equivalent.

The purpose of the construction hereby described is to provide a card-board having a  
60 slightly-flexible surface substantially flush with the upper edge of the frame, from which the cards may be easily picked or removed.

A table thus constructed is cheap, durable, and much preferred by card-players to a table  
65 having a hard smooth surface.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A playing-card board consisting of a frame having the surface covered with slightly-flexi-  
70 ble material in such manner as to form a taut flexible surface, the top side or edge of the frame being substantially flush with the flexible surface, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have affixed my signa-  
75 ture in presence of two witnesses.

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