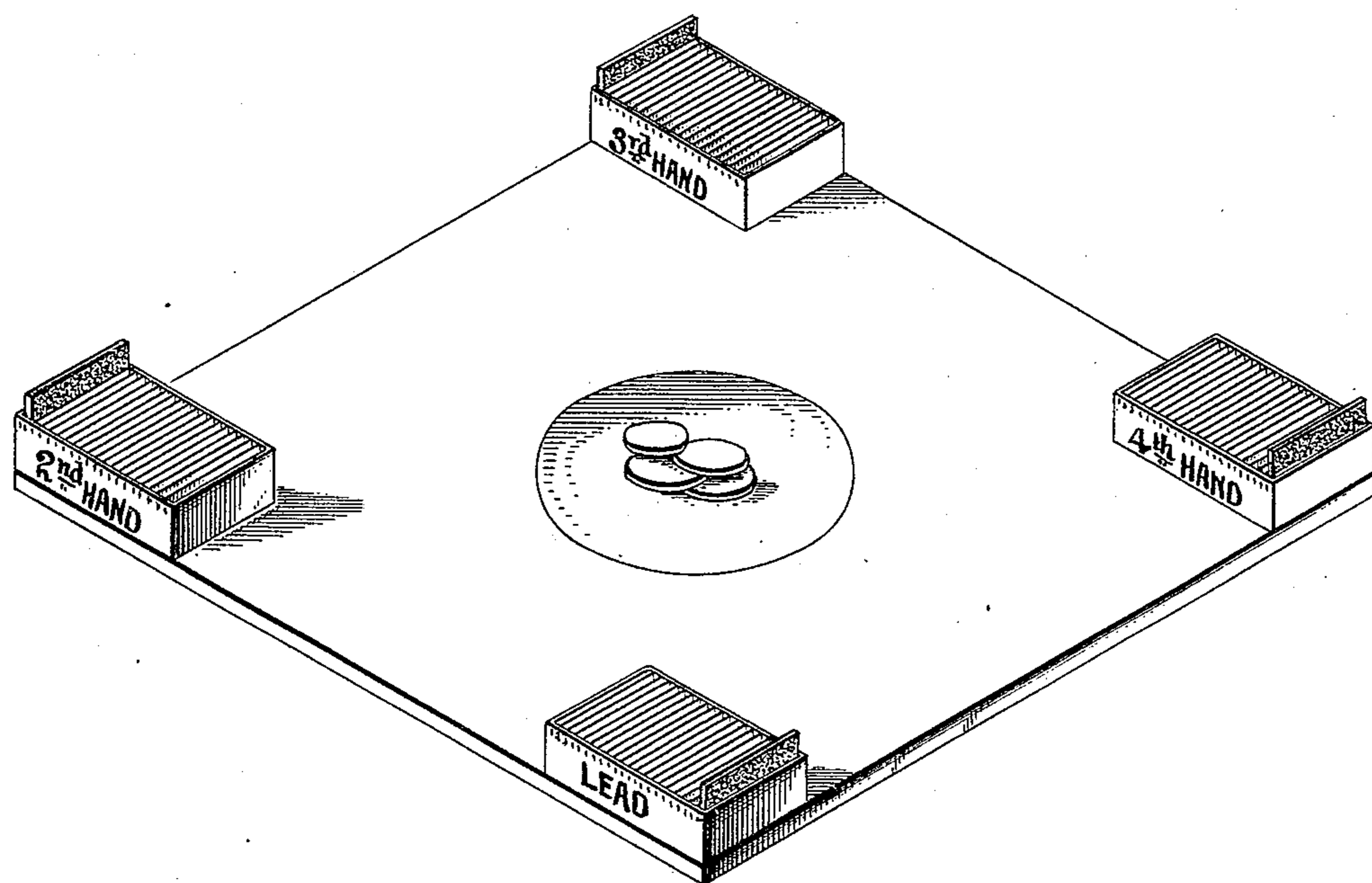


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILTON C. WORK, of the city of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Apparatus for Duplicate Whist; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention has relation to duplicate whist; and it consists in an improved device or apparatus for retaining all the hands played in the game in four subdivided compartments, each of the subdivisions of each compartment being numbered or marked to correspond with the numbers or markings of the subdivisions of the other compartments. Each compartment is preferably subdivided into twenty subdivisions for twenty hands, though a greater or less number of subdivisions may be employed. I preferably mark one compartment to contain all the "lead-hands," another for the second hands, another for the third hands, and another for the fourth hands, so that all the hands of the same play may be contained together in a separate subdivided compartment, though each compartment, if desired, may be marked and appropriated by each player to contain all the hands of each respective player. Lids are preferably provided for the compartments, which allow the hands to be carried, as when traveling, in a compact form in the order played without liability to disturbance.

I am aware that subdivided boxes with compartments for stationery, tickets, &c., are well known and in common use, and do not claim, broadly, such construction, my invention being limited to the construction described of the four divisions or compartments, each marked or respectively designated and each subdivided into a series of compartments in the game of duplicate whist, for the purposes described.

I will describe my invention with reference to the preferable arrangement and play.

In the accompanying drawing the figure is a perspective view representing a card table or board with the four subdivided compartments of my improved apparatus, one provided in each respective corner of the table and having a few of the chips—such as are

usually employed in the game of duplicate whist—represented in the center.

As the game of duplicate whist is now well known and understood it is unnecessary here to describe the details of the game.

With my improved system of subdivided compartments after the hand has been played in the usual manner of duplicate whist the leader's hand is placed separately in one of the subdivisions of compartments marked "Lead." The hand of the second player is placed in the similarly-designated subdivision of compartment marked "Second hand." The hand of the third player is placed in the similarly-designated subdivision of compartment marked "Third hand," and the hand of the fourth player is placed in a similarly-designated subdivision of compartment marked "Fourth hand." The player to the left of the original leader now leads, and his hand is placed in a subdivision of compartment marked "Lead," and so on through each play all the lead-hands are placed in the lead-compartment in a separately-marked subdivision, all the second hands in compartment marked "Second hand," all the third hands in compartment marked "Third hand," and all the fourth hands in compartment marked "Fourth hand." As before stated, I preferably provide in each of the four compartments twenty subdivisions for twenty hands properly marked, though each compartment may be constructed with a greater or less number of subdivisions.

I am aware that devices have heretofore been invented for retaining the respective hands separately in the game of duplicate whist, in which the four hands of each round played are separately provided on a separate board or in separate pocket-cases requiring as many separate boards or separate pocket-cases as there are rounds played, making the apparatus not only expensive but bulky and inconvenient to carry, while in my device I provide a neat compact readily-portable apparatus, in which all the hands of a like play may be contained in separate subdivided compartments and properly marked to designate the particular hands.

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

1. In duplicate-whist apparatus, a series of four subdivided compartments, each subdivision of each of the four compartments similarly marked to designate the respective hands
5 played and each compartment marked to respectively designate it, substantially as described.

2. In duplicate-whist apparatus, a series of four subdivided compartments, each compartment
10 marked, respectively, to designate the lead-hand, second hand, third hand, and fourth

hand and each subdivision marked to designate the order in which the respective hands to be contained therein were played, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand this 27th day of May, A. D. 1892.

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