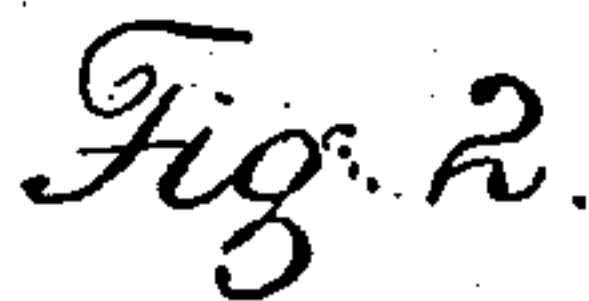


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE W. McGEORGE, residing at Breckenridge, county of Summit, and WILLIAM C. BANKS, residing at Elbert, Elbert county, State of Colorado, both citizens of the United States of America, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Playing-Cards; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to an improved game having for its object both instruction and amusement. It is to be called the National Game as it is played with cards having the names of all the states and territories of a certain country printed thereon together with the area in square miles, the population, the number of counties, while on the margin is printed the names of all the adjoining or contiguous states, or those which bound the state whose name is on the body of the card.

This specification and the accompanying drawings are prepared with special reference to a pack of cards having the names and other information of all the States and Territories of the United States, printed thereon. It will, however, be readily understood that the cards may be prepared with special reference to any other country as well as the United States without departing from the principle of the invention, which consists further of the features hereinafter described and claimed all of which will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawings in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a number of the cards arranged after the customary manner of holding cards in the hand during the progress of a game. In this view the face of one card is fully exposed to view while the faces of the other cards are more or less concealed; Fig. 2 illustrates the manner of arranging the cards with reference to the boundaries.

As all the matter printed on all the cards

is arranged on the same principle the description of one card will suffice to make all fully understood. The face of the card representing California being fully exposed in Fig. 1, this card will be described and from this description all the other cards will be understood. Within the margin of this card and near the top the name of the State is printed and below this the number of counties, the name of the capital city, the people by whom the State was originally settled, date of admission into the Union, the chief productions, the rank of the State with reference to and its area in square miles and its population and rank in this respect. Upon the margin of one side is printed the name Oregon as this is considered the top of the card from a map standpoint. Hence Oregon being the northern boundary of the State its name is printed on this margin, while on the right hand margin are the names Nevada and Arizona since these bound California on the east. And for the same reason we find the name Lower California printed on the bottom margin, and Pacific Ocean on the margin at the left.

A number of games may be played by the use of these cards. The particular game, however, which we have in mind and which we consider preferable may be explained as follows:—The cards are first shuffled and an equal number dealt to each player until the pack is exhausted or until the cards are reduced to a number less than the number of players. These are called odd cards and are to be counted for the dealer. The District of Columbia card counts one for the person playing it, and will take any other card or any trick. The Rhode Island card counts one for the person playing it, as is also the case with the Alaska card unless it is taken with the District of Columbia card, and in this event it counts for the person taking the trick. Excepting the District of Columbia card the one representing the State having greatest area as designated in square miles on its face, takes the trick. Each card representing one of the original thirteen States counts one for the person having it in a trick during the progress of the game. Each trick taken also counts one for the game. After the cards are

all played each one writes down in separate columns the number of square miles, the number of the population and the number of the counties of the States represented by the cards he has taken and the largest aggregate of each column counts five for the person holding the cards represented by the items of the column. Then each player examines his cards with reference to the boundaries of the States represented thereby and as indicated in the margins of the cards and each of all the cards that join in this respect counts one for the holder. For instance the person holding all the cards represented in the group shown in Fig. 2 would for this reason alone count six points for the game. The game is played for a certain number of points and the person getting this number first, wins.

The cards may be printed in any desired colors and may be made as neat and attractive in appearance as desired. Each pack of cards should be accompanied by a suitable number of score cards, one for each player, having the rules of the game printed on one side and columns with suitable headings as "Area" "Population" "Counties" formed on the opposite side. This feature will add interest to the game and greatly facilitate the writing down and computation of the items. These score cards should be formed of some material which will permit the erasure of the

marks so that the same score card may be used repeatedly.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

1. A pack of cards representing the divisions of a country and having the names of the divisions respectively printed on the faces of the cards, and the names of the boundary divisions on the margins of these faces, substantially as described. 35 40

2. A pack of cards representing the divisions of a country and having the names of the divisions respectively printed on the faces of the cards together with other information as the area, population, &c., the names of the boundary divisions being printed on the margins and arranged with reference to the geographical location of the respective stations, substantially as described. 45 50

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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