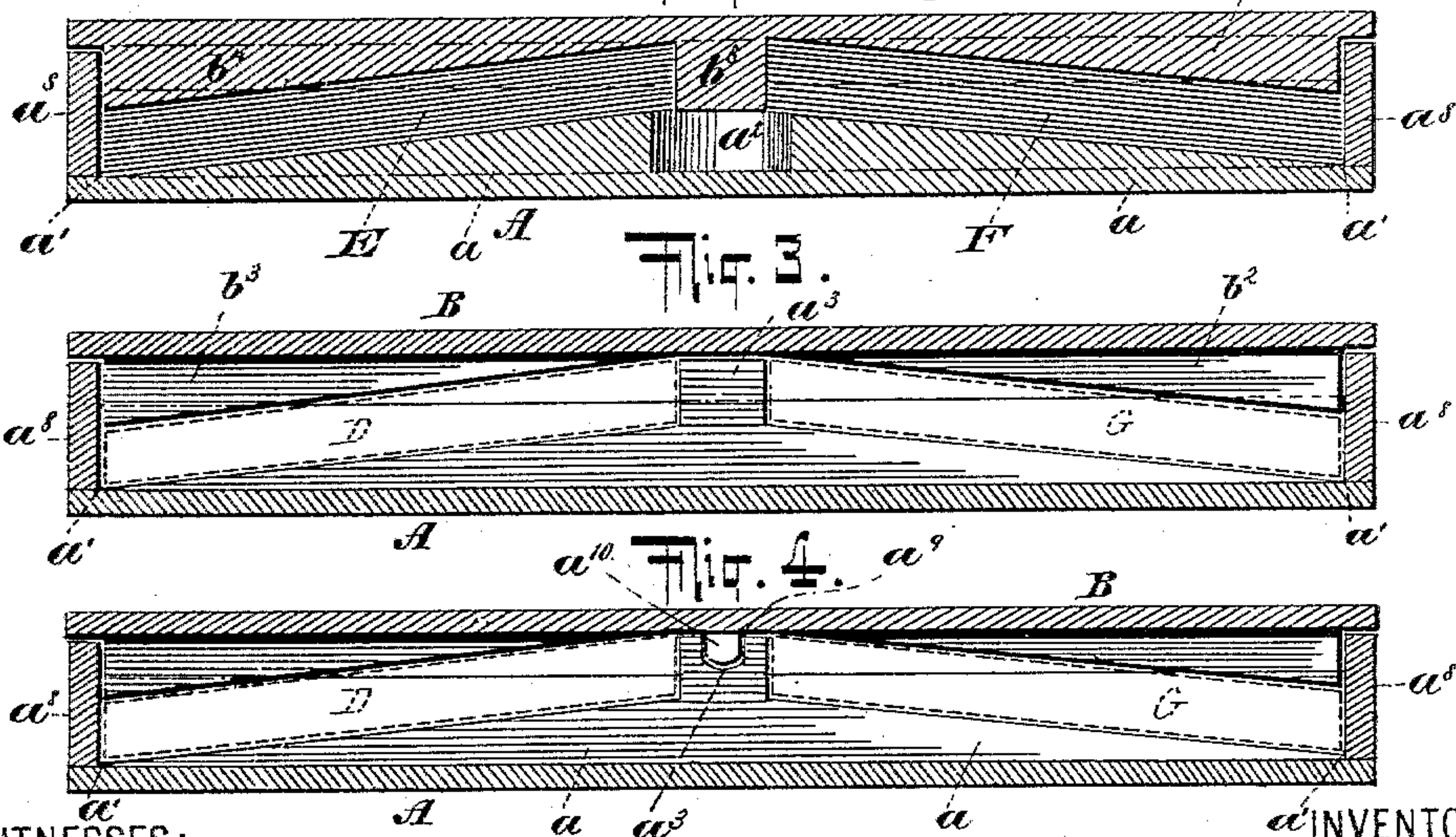
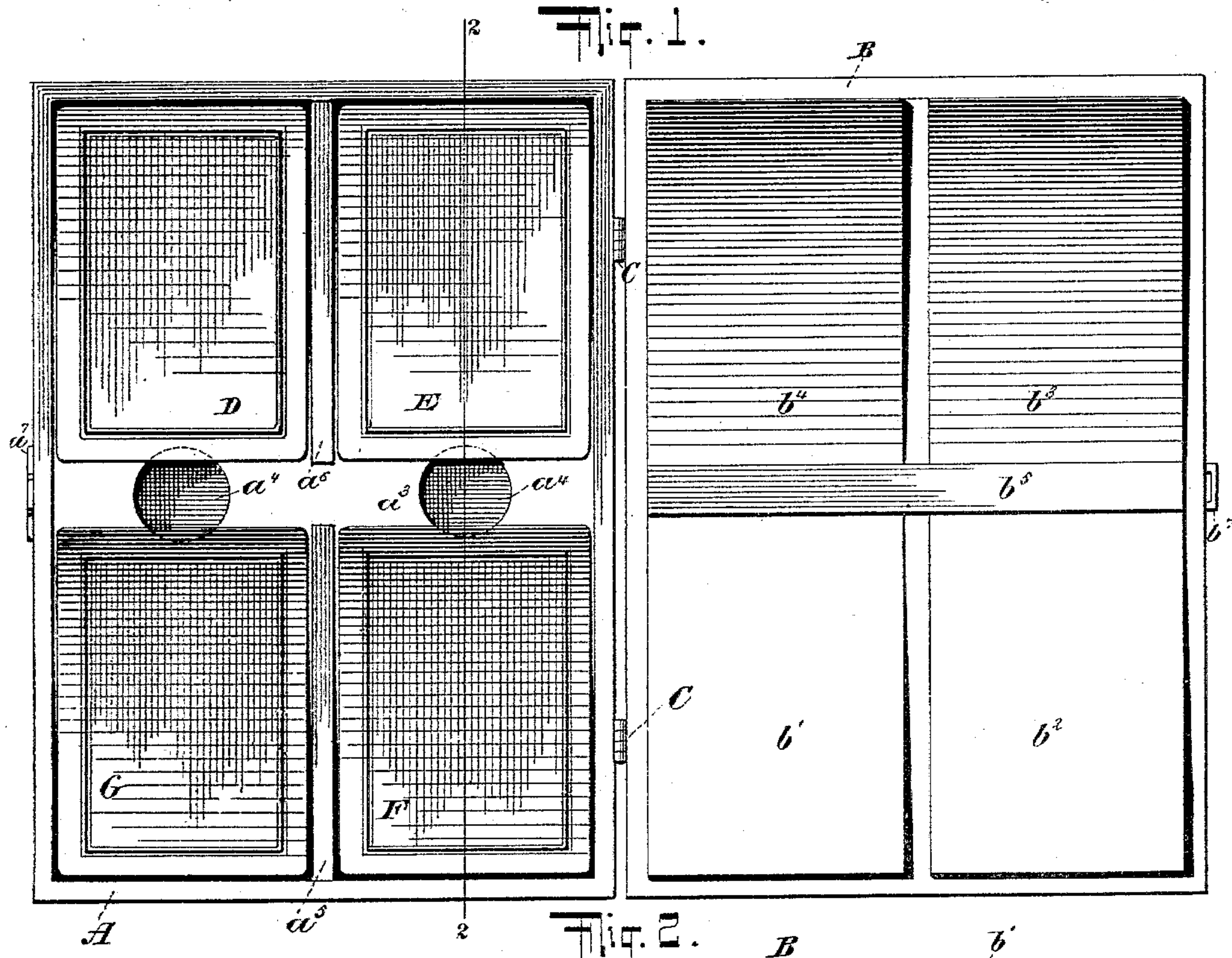


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN OMWAKE, a resident of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, State of Ohio, have invented an Improved Duplicate-Whist Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to duplicate-whist apparatus, and has for its object to produce a handy effective device for preserving the hands in proper shape for the duplicate play.

To this end my invention consists in the construction hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of an apparatus embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a section on line 2 2 thereof. Fig. 3 is a similar section of a modification, and Fig. 4 is likewise a similar section of a modification.

Referring to the drawings, it will be noted that the device comprises two parts, a box A and a cover B, hinged together edge to edge by hinges C. The box A has a bottom a , which, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, slopes upward from the ends a' of the box to the middle a^2 . At the middle of the said box, at the highest point of the bottom, the said bottom has a flat upper surface which shows in the form of a rib a^3 . This rib a^3 is recessed with finger-holes a^4 , so that the fingers may be inserted below the edges of the cards. Each of the inclined sides of the bottom is divided in the middle by a rib $a^5 a^6$, so that the rib a^3 and the ribs $a^5 a^6$ divide the box into four compartments having inclined bottoms, as clearly seen in Fig. 2, wherein the hands D, E, F, and G may be received. Each of these compartments is of sufficient size to receive a plurality of playing-cards, which are prevented from lateral movement by the walls of the compartments. The cover B is provided with inclined or wedge-shaped blocks $b' b^2 b^3 b^4$, which are adapted to enter the compartments containing the hands when the box-lid is closed. These blocks may be either hollow or solid, as shown, and so also may the inclined bottom. The top is likewise provided with a rib b^5 , which enters between the hands in the box, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, and preferably rests upon the highest part a^3 of the inclined bottom of the box. The apparatus is likewise provided with cooperating fastening devices $a^7 b^7$, which cooperate

with each other to fasten the free edges of the box and lid together. The top of the box fits down snugly upon the sides a^8 and the blocks carried by the top snugly fit the compartments containing the hands.

The modification shown in Fig. 3 is very similar to that shown in Fig. 1, with the exception that the central rib a^3 of the inclined bottom is prolonged upward, as shown, and the rib b^5 is omitted, being now unnecessary.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 a combination of devices shown in Figs. 2 and 3 is exhibited. In this figure the rib a^3 is extended upward, but is grooved, as at a^9 , and a tongue a^{10} is provided on the lower face of the top of the box to enter this groove.

I have found that the device is a very efficient one for the purpose named and securely holds the hands separate until the time for the duplicate play.

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

1. In a duplicate-whist apparatus, the combination of a box having a plurality of compartments each provided with a stationary inclined bottom, means for maintaining cards against lateral movement in said compartments, and a cover contacting with the cards and cooperating with said box to maintain the cards in their proper relative position and against displacement therein, substantially as described.

2. In a duplicate-whist apparatus, the combination of a box having one or more compartments each of which is of sufficient size to receive a plurality of playing-cards which are prevented from lateral movement by the walls of said compartments, stationary inclined bottoms in each of said compartments, and a cover having inclined blocks adapted to enter the compartments to secure the hands in place.

3. In a duplicate-whist apparatus, the combination of a box having a plurality of compartments with inclined bottoms sloping downward away from the middle portion of the box, each of said compartments being of sufficient size to receive a plurality of playing-cards and maintain the same against lateral movement, finger-recesses between compartments and a cover.

4. In a duplicate-whist apparatus, the combination of a box having a plurality of compartments with inclined bottoms sloping downward from the middle portion of the box, divisions between the compartments and a cover provided with inclined blocks for entering the said compartments and a rib as *b*⁵

arranged to come opposite the highest portion of the bottom of the box, substantially as described.

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