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Fig. 1

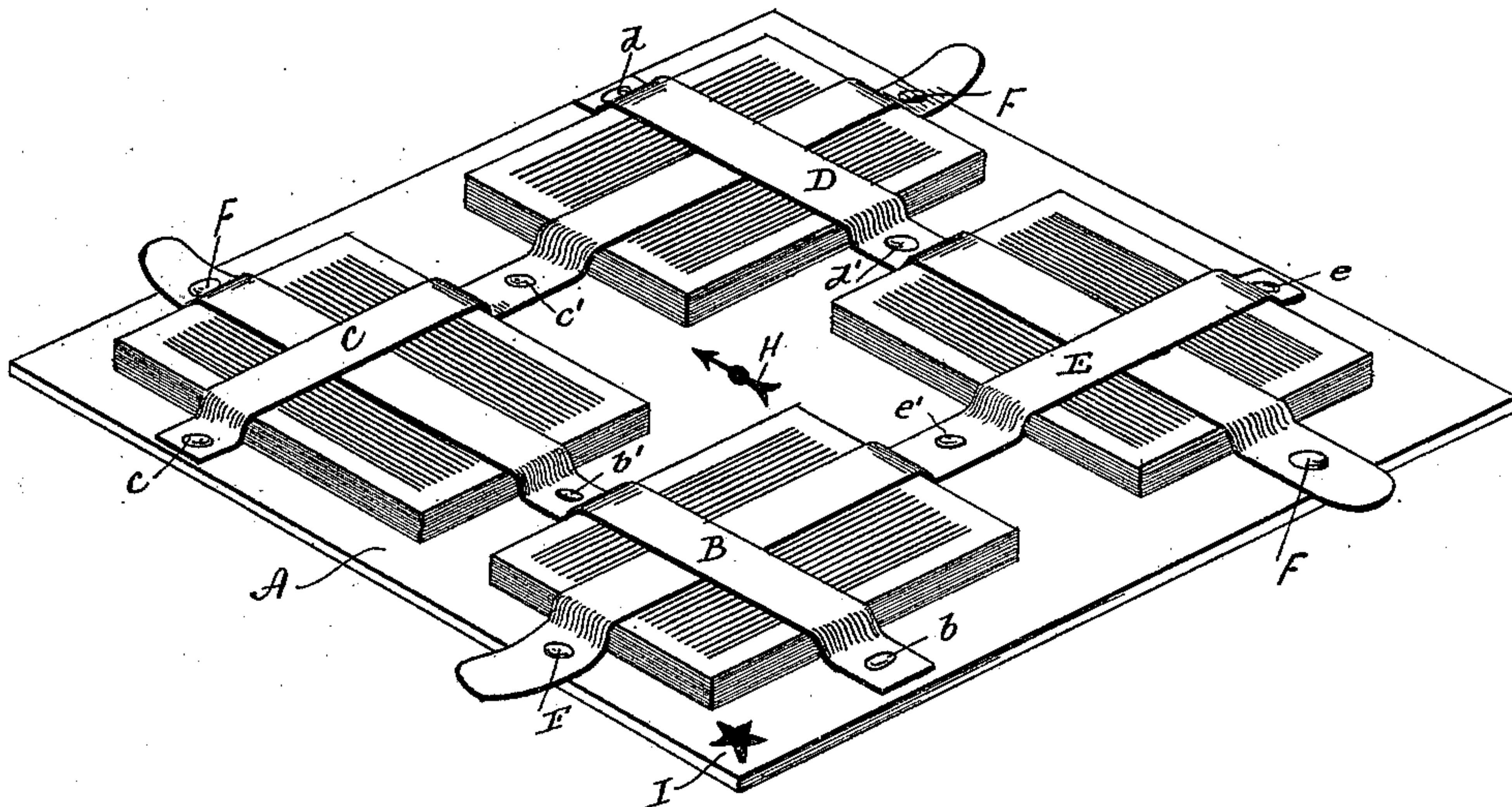
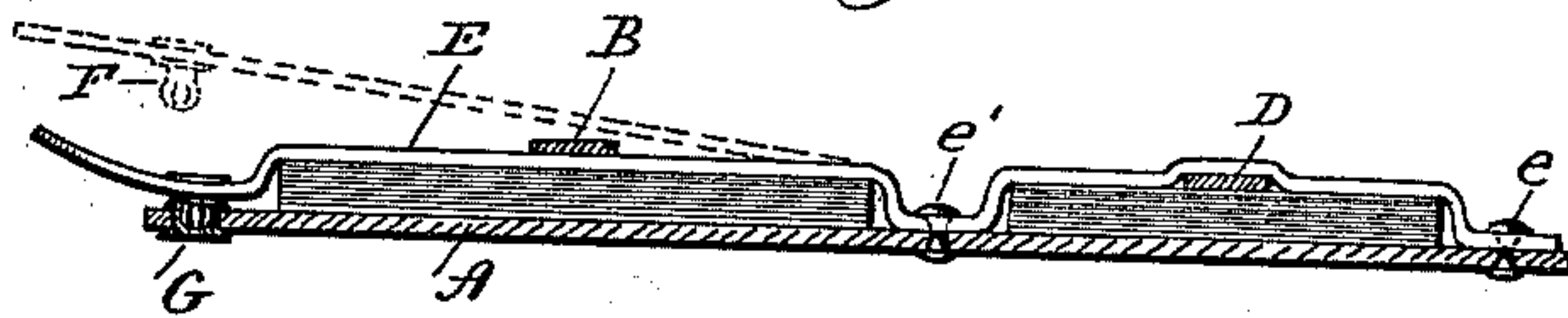


Fig. 2



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DUPLICATE-WHIST BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK H. LEWIS, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new
5 Improvement in Duplicate - Whist Boards; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact descrip-
10 tion of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of a duplicate-whist board constructed in accordance with
15 my invention; Fig. 2, a transverse sectional view of the same.

This invention relates to an improvement in duplicate-whist boards, the object being a simple arrangement whereby the cards form-
20 ing the four hands may be readily retained in place and conveniently removed from the board for playing; and it consists in the construction as will be hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claim.

25 As herein shown, the device consists of a board A, formed from wood, pasteboard, or other suitable material of the proper thickness. With this board four straps B, C, D, and E are employed, and one of these straps
30 is riveted to each side of the board to a point at the right of the center of each side. Thus the strap B is riveted at *b*, the strap C at *c*, the strap D at *d*, and the strap E at *e*. These straps extend toward the opposite side of the
35 board, and intermediate of the ends of the strap they are also riveted to the board, as at *b'* *c'* *d'* *e'*, the distance between the rivets in each strap being slightly greater than the width of the cards employed and so that one
40 hand may be inserted beneath each strap. The free end of each strap extends beneath the loop thus formed in the next adjacent strap, and these free ends are preferably of sufficient length to extend slightly beyond the
45 edges of the board and are provided at their outer ends with a ball member F of a ball-and-socket fastener, the socket G being secured to the board in proper position to be engaged

by the ball F in the ends of the straps, the free ends of which extend lengthwise of the
50 cards. These sockets G are arranged so nearly flush with the surface of the board as not to interfere with the withdrawal of the cards from the loops, and the said ball and
55 sockets may be of any approved construction.

The board thus formed may be suitably ornamented, and preferably has an indicating-
60 arrow H and indicating-star I, as usual with duplicate-whist boards. By disengaging the free ends of the straps from the board the hands after dealing or playing may be insert-
65 ed beneath the fixed loops and the free ends of the straps engaged with the board, so as to securely hold each hand in place, and yet permit them to be readily withdrawn when re-
70 quired for use by simply disengaging the free ends of the straps from the board.

I am aware, of course, that duplicate-whist boards providing for the holding of cards for the four hands have been employed and also
75 that a duplicate-whist board having a strap extending longitudinally across it to form loops to retain hands of cards is old, and therefore do not wish to be understood as claiming, broadly, such as my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

A duplicate-whist board comprising a board combined with four flexible straps each rivet-
80 ed to the board at two points so as to form a loop at one side of the center of each side of the board, and beneath each of which a hand of cards may be inserted, the free ends of each strap extending across the adjacent loop to the opposite side of the board, and the free
85 end of each strap adapted to be connected to the face of the board whereby the hands may be secured beneath the loops, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
90 specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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