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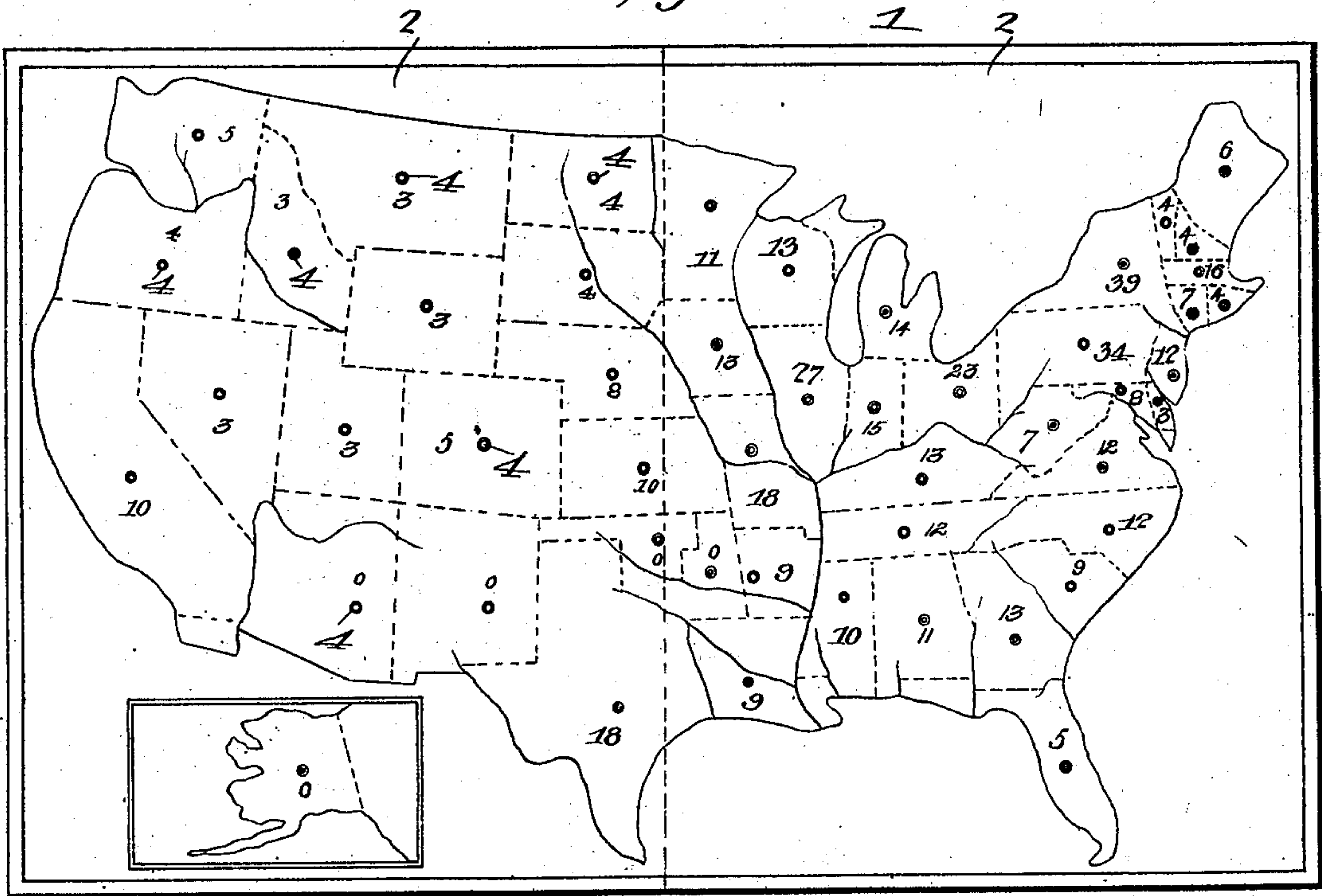
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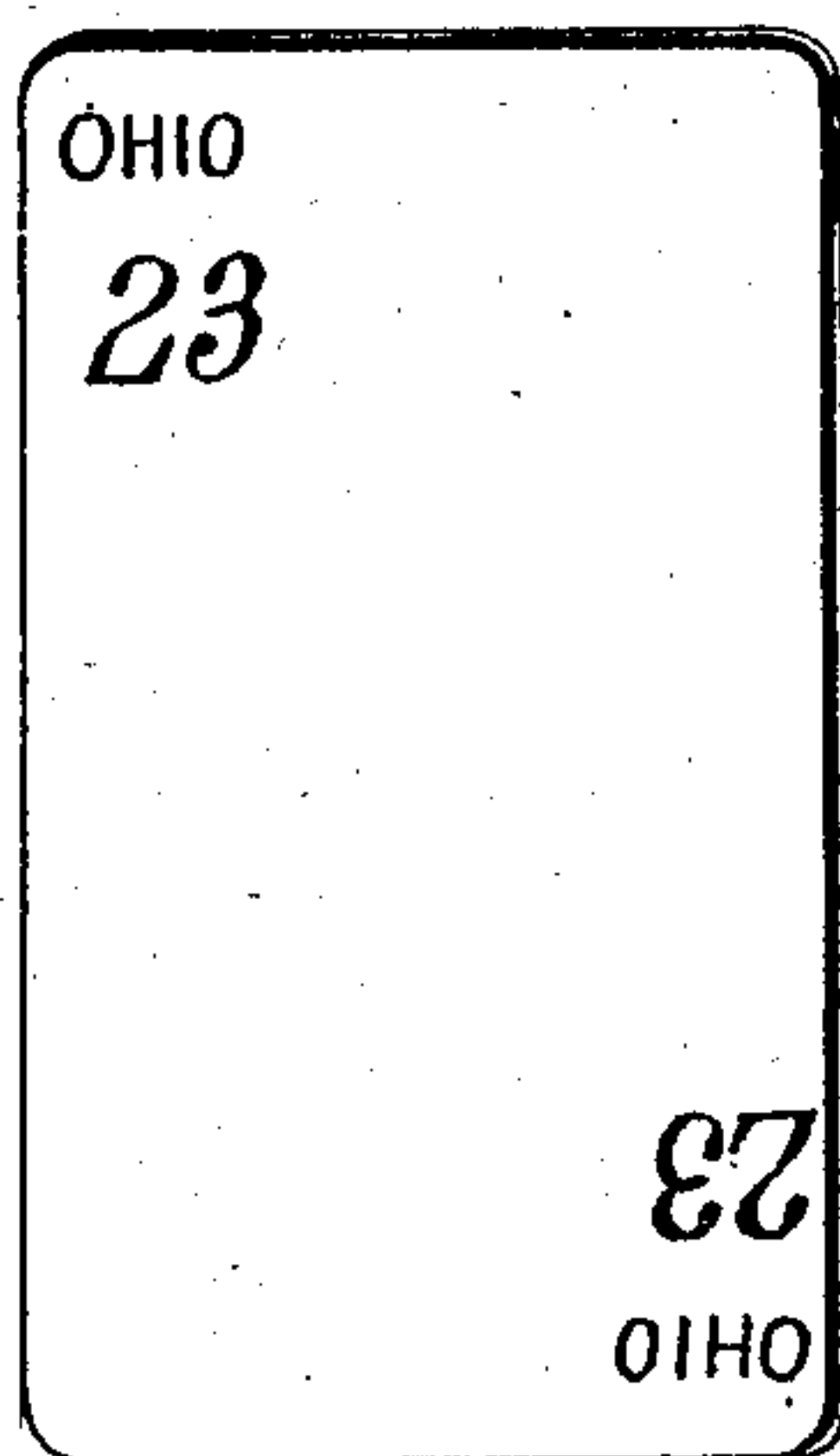
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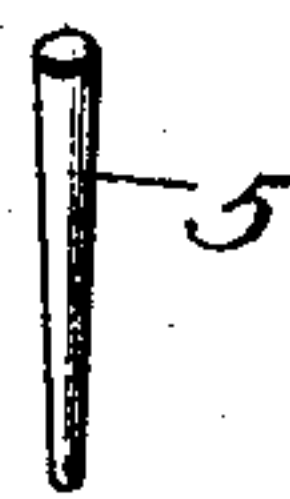
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## GAME APPARATUS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CENTENNIAL WYVILLE WING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bayard, in the county of Duval and State of Florida, have invented a new and useful Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to game apparatus; and the object thereof is to provide suitable apparatus for playing a game based upon the procedure followed in electing a President of the United States and adapted by the manner of playing the same to impress upon the minds of the players the relative locations of the several States of the union and the nature of their boundaries.

The apparatus comprises a board bearing on the surface thereof a map of the United States, a pack of game-cards bearing suitable legends, and a plurality of pins or other devices for indicating upon the board the cards that have been retired.

In describing the invention reference will be had to the accompanying drawings, in which are exhibited the various parts of the apparatus.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the board upon which the progress of the game is indicated by pegs. Fig. 2 is a view of a card of the type used in the game. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the pegs, and Fig. 4 is a detail view showing the way in which the eyelets reinforcing the edges of the holes in the board are secured in position.

Referring now to the drawings, in which corresponding parts are designated by the same characters of reference, 1 designates the game-board formed, preferably, in sections 2 and bearing on the surface thereof a map of the United States, as shown. Each of the States indicated in the map has imprinted thereon a number corresponding to number of electoral votes to which that State is entitled in the election of a President of the United States, and in each State, as indicated on the map, there is provided a small opening 4, preferably formed by securing a small metallic eyelet in the board. The openings 4 are of suitable size to receive small pins 5, which are preferably made of

wood and are supplied in sufficient number to fill all of the openings shown on the map.

The pack of cards used in the game is composed of fifty cards, each one of which represents a State or Territory of the United States and bears upon the front surface thereof the name of the State represented by the card and the number of votes for President of the United States to which the State represented is entitled in the electoral college. One of the cards is illustrated in Fig. 2 and shows the preferred mode of arranging the name of the State and the number of its electoral votes upon the surface of the card. It is of course to be understood, however, that the name of the State and the number of its electoral votes may be placed upon the card in any other preferred manner.

The object of the game is to secure cards representing States entitled to a larger number of electoral votes than those represented by the cards of any other player, and the player who succeeds in securing the cards representative of the largest number of electoral votes is declared to have won the game and to be elected president of the game.

In playing the game the board bearing the chart of the United States will be placed in the middle of a table, with the pins or pegs at one side thereof. Then the cards will be dealt, four to each player, the remainder of the pack being placed upon the table with the face downward. The deal having been completed, the first player will begin the game by calling upon any of the other players for a card representing a State adjoining a State represented by one of the cards in his own hand. If the player called upon has the card demanded, he must surrender it, and the first player will then have another opportunity of calling, and as long as he is successful in obtaining the cards called for the first player will continue to play. If when a player is called upon for a card he finds that the card is not in his hand, the player making the demand will then draw the top card from the pack on the table, and if the card so drawn proves to be the card wanted the play will be counted successful and the player will be entitled to another call just as if the card drawn from the top of the



pack had been obtained from one of the play-  
 ers. If a player on drawing a card from the  
 top of the pack finds that it is not the card  
 wanted, he adds the card so drawn to his hand  
 5 and the play passes to the next player. The  
 object of each play is to secure a card repre-  
 senting a State adjoining one of the States  
 represented by cards in the hand of the player  
 making the play in order that cards repre-  
 10 senting four adjoining States or Territories  
 and constituting what is called in the game a  
 "section" may be obtained. When a player  
 obtains cards forming a section; the cards form-  
 ing the section will be laid aside and the States  
 15 and Territories represented by the cards will  
 be indicated upon the chart by placing pegs  
 in the holes provided therefor in the States,  
 as shown on the chart. The pegs serve to in-  
 20 dicate to all the players what cards have been  
 taken out of the game and will prevent mis-  
 takes in asking for cards. If at any time dur-  
 ing the game a section is formed by one of the  
 players in such way that it leaves less than  
 25 four States so divided off and separated from  
 the other States that a section of four embrac-  
 ing States so divided off cannot be formed,  
 the cards representing the States thus divided  
 off will be said to make a "small section," and  
 30 the cards may be retired as a section by the  
 player obtaining them. If at any time the  
 hand of a player becomes empty, either from  
 surrendering the last card therein to a de-  
 mander or from laying down the cards form-  
 ing a section, the top card of the pack is con-  
 35 sidered to become a part of the player's hand  
 at the instant that it becomes empty. When  
 a player's hand is empty and there are no  
 cards left in the pack to draw from, he will  
 stop playing. The game is finished as soon  
 40 as the cards are all gone from the pack and  
 there are only two players left with cards in  
 their hands. These cards are then retired by  
 their holders and each player adds together  
 the number on the cards retired by him dur-  
 45 ing the game. The player who finds that the  
 total obtained from the cards retired by him  
 during the game is largest is declared the  
 president of the game and will be the leader  
 of the next game, with the players following  
 50 in order of the totals obtained by adding the  
 numbers on the cards obtained by them. As  
 Territories have no electoral votes, the cards  
 representing them will not add anything to  
 the score of the player obtaining them, but

by completing sections will enable a player to 55  
 retire cards representing States, and so place  
 them out of the reach of the other players. As  
 the Territory of Alaska does not adjoin upon  
 any of the other States or Territories and has  
 no electoral vote, the card representing it 60  
 counts for nothing and is a small section by  
 itself. When the hand of a player becomes  
 empty and he is forced to draw from the pack,  
 so as to have a card in his hand, he will not  
 be entitled to make a call upon any other 65  
 player based upon that card until his next  
 turn to play.

Having thus described the nature and man-  
 ner of using my invention, what I claim as new,  
 and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 70

1. A game apparatus comprising a board  
 having on the surface thereof a chart or map  
 of the United States, each State shown on the  
 map having marked thereon the number of  
 electoral votes for President to which that 75  
 State is entitled, a pack of cards comprising  
 one for each State and Territory, each card  
 bearing on its surface the name of the State  
 or Territory represented and the number of  
 its electoral votes, and a set of markers com- 80  
 prising a marker for each State to show on  
 the map the States represented by cards that  
 have been retired from the game.

2. A game apparatus comprising a board 85  
 having on the surface thereof a map or chart  
 of the United States, each State and Territory  
 having marked thereon the number of elec-  
 toral votes for President to which it is entitled  
 and being provided with a single aperture for  
 the reception of a marking-pin, a pack of 90  
 cards comprising a card for each State and  
 Territory, each card bearing the name of the  
 State or Territory represented and the num-  
 ber of electoral votes to which said State or  
 Territory is entitled, and a plurality of mark- 95  
 ing pins or pegs adapted for insertion into  
 the openings provided in the board to show  
 on the map the States represented by the cards  
 that have been retired from the game during  
 the play. 100

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in  
 the presence two witnesses.

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