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SCORE BOX FOR CARD GAMES. :
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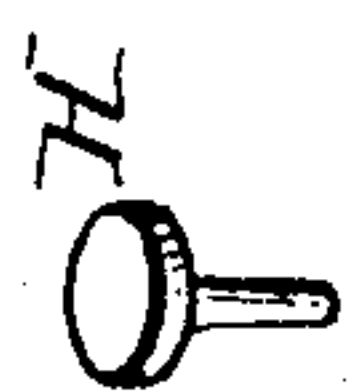
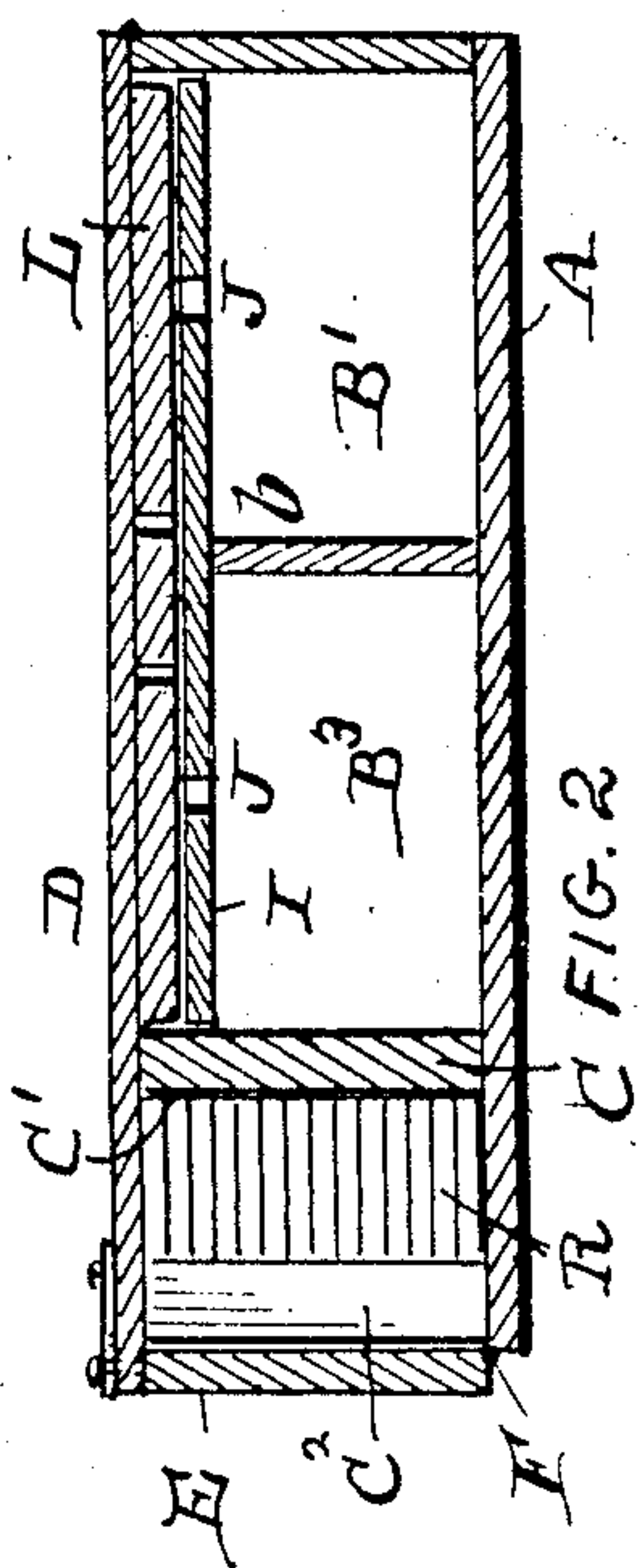
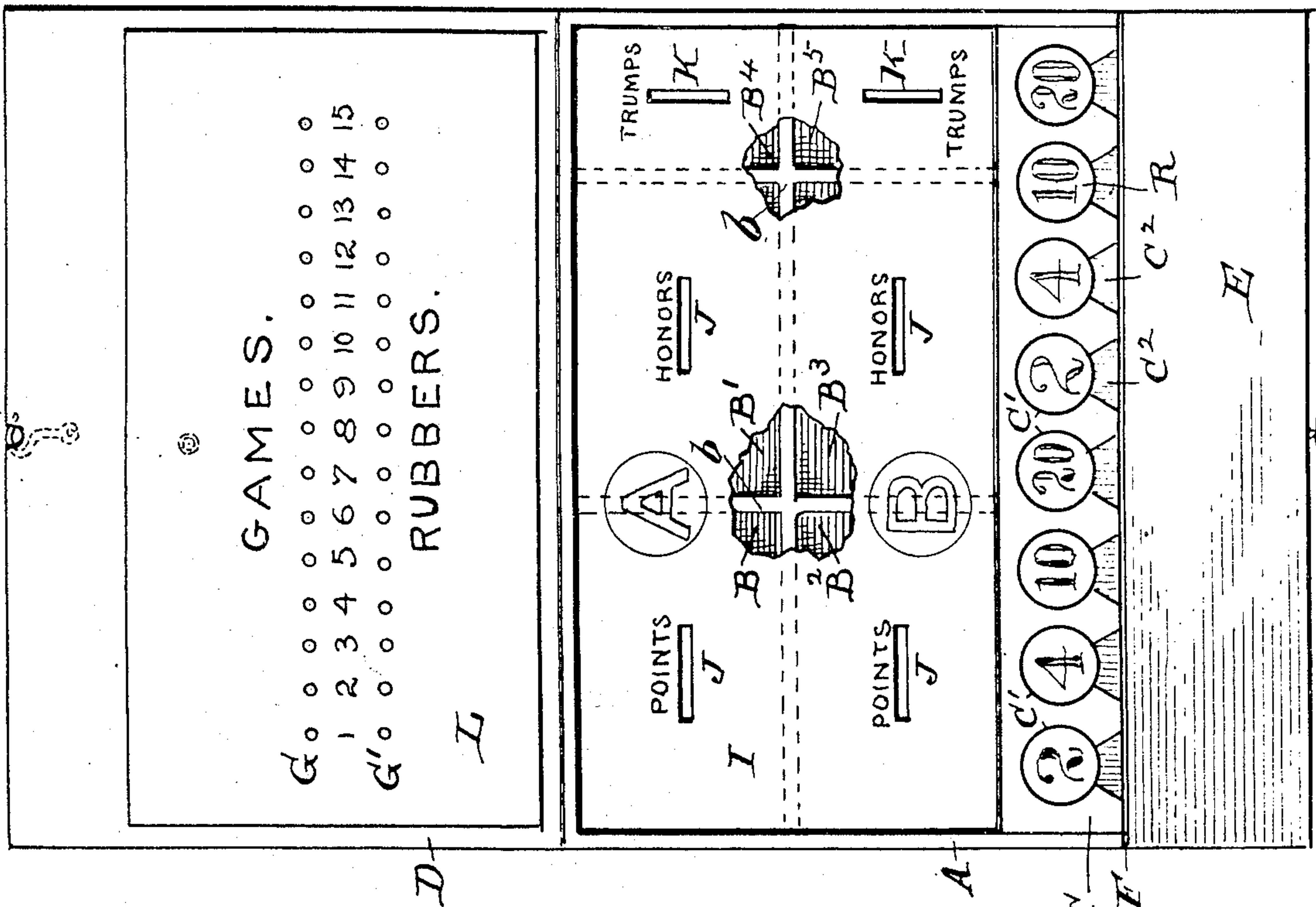


FIG. 5

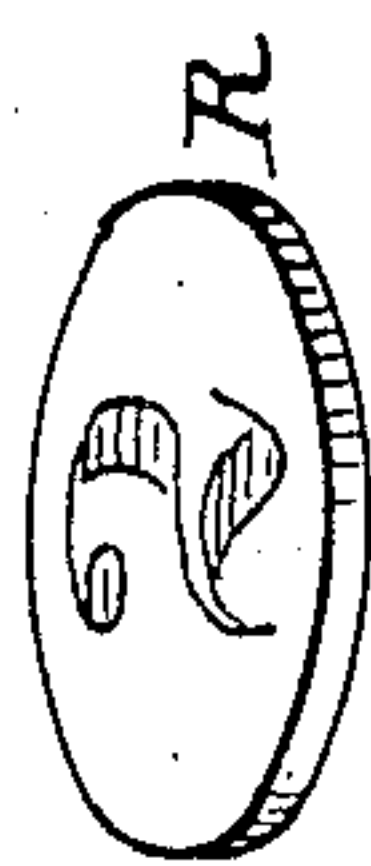


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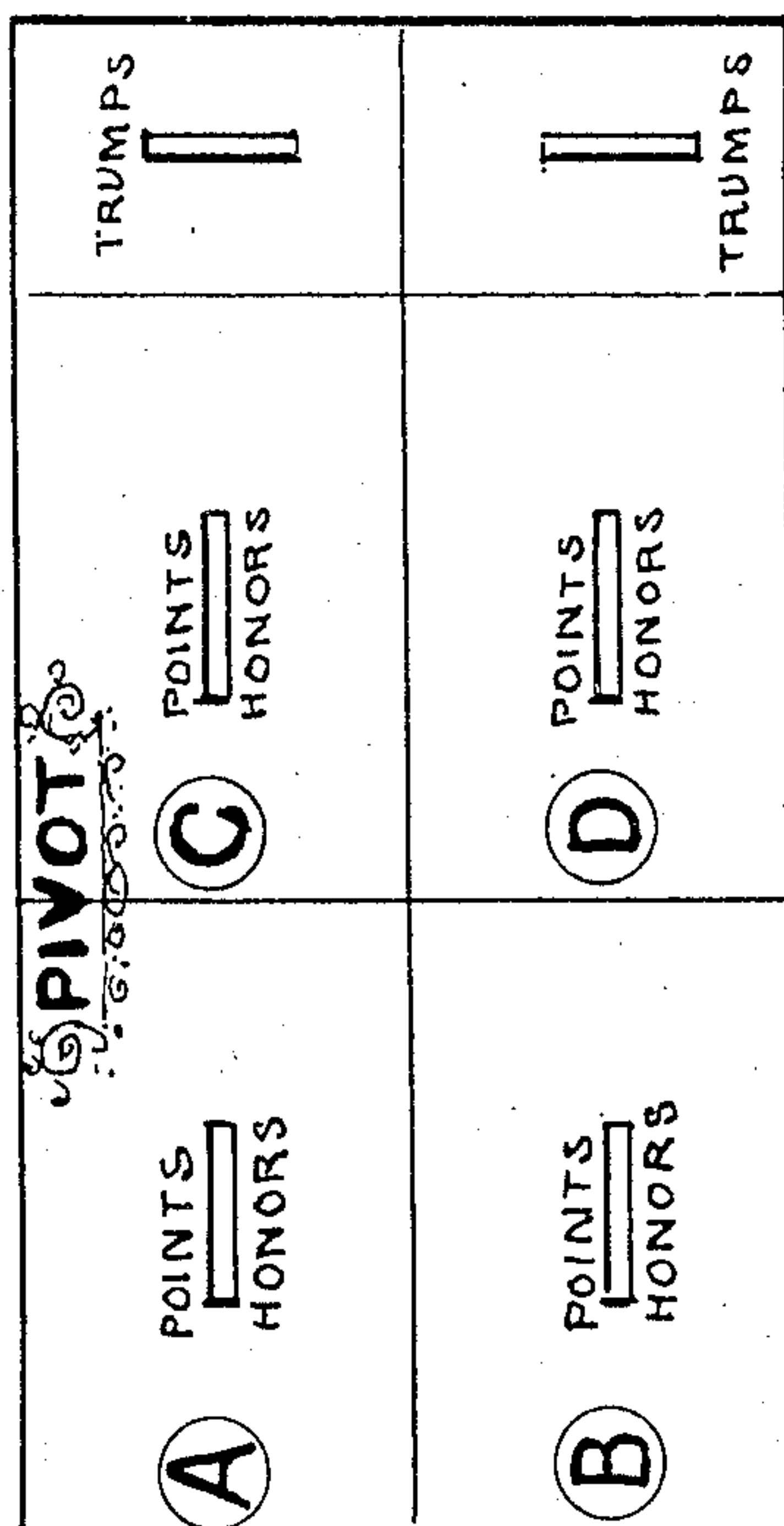


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HOLLIS, of the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Score-Boxes for Card Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to score-boxes for card games; and it consists of certain improvements, which are fully set forth in the following specification and shown in the accompanying drawings, which form a part thereof.

The object of my invention is to provide a mechanical score-record which may be easily operated and by which any one in the game may at a glance know the individual and relative scores of the parties who are playing.

My object is also to provide such form to the apparatus or box that it is excellently adapted to store and transport the several appliances or devices employed in keeping the score-record.

My improvements have special reference to means for mechanically keeping the score the card game known as "bridge," though the score-box may be employed for other games by suitable adaptation in handling the parts.

My improved score-box consists of a box containing a series of compartments, a chip-containing rack, and lid structures which close over or expose the compartments and rack and carry a scale adapted for use with adjustable devices for recording the games and rubbers.

My invention further comprises the above features, combined with a removable cover for the compartments and having slots over said compartments through which the chips representing "points" and "honors" may be deposited.

My invention also comprehends details of construction which, together with the features above specified, will be better understood by reference to the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the box in open condition. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the box in closed condition. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the removable cover for the compartments looking at the reverse side to that shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the chips, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the score-pegs.

A is the box-body and is divided into compartments B B' B² B³, and, if desired, into

compartments B⁴ B⁵, though these latter are not at all necessary. The body is further provided at the front with a chip-rack C, consisting of a series of vertical apertures C', having slots C² at their front portions through which to grasp the chips.

D is a lid which closes over the top of the body and covers the compartments and chip-rack, and a front lid E, hinged at F to the bottom, closes upward in front of the chip-rack C and may be connected with the lid D by any suitable fastener device or lock.

I is a cover which fits down in the body A and rests upon the partition-boards b of the compartments B to B⁵, and this lid is provided with slots J and K, the former being over the compartments B, B', B², and B³ and the latter over the compartments B⁴ and B⁵. These slots are divided into two sets by a transverse line, those above the line being designated by the letter A and those below by the letter B or other suitable distinguishing designation. One of the slots J in each set is marked with the word "Points," and the other of said slots J of each set is marked with the word "Honors."

It is evident that if desired the cover I may be dispensed with and the chips deposited directly into the compartments.

The remaining slots K, if employed, may be marked with the word "Trumps."

The lid D is provided with a thickened portion L, having two rows of holes or apertures G and G', (numbered consecutively from "1" to "15,"), one of which rows is designated "Games" and the other "Rubbers," and with these holes are employed pegs H, those for one party to the game being of one color and those for the other party being of another color. Thus red and blue pegs may be employed.

The compartments B to B³ may be used during transportation or storage for holding the cards and pegs and such chips as may be employed with the designation of the trump, such as the spot of clubs, diamonds, spades, or hearts.

When, however, the score is being kept during the progress of the games, these compartments B and B² receive the chips corresponding to the points made by the respective parties to the game, and likewise the compartments B' and B³ receive the chips of the respective parties which correspond to the honors won. The compartments B⁴ and B⁵ receive the chips corresponding to the

trumps of the respective deals of the parties to the game; but both these compartments and chips may be dispensed with, if desired.

The thickened portion L of the lid is preferably so proportioned that it fits down upon the cover I and holds it snugly in position when the lid D is closed. The chips R are preferably of two colors, and each set of one color has numbers of "2," "4," "10," and "20" or other suitable numbers which are multiples of two. For this reason I prefer to have four holes C' for four stacks of red chips and four holes C' for four stacks of blue chips, the said colors designating the chips belonging, respectively, to the points and honors.

I do not confine myself to any particular number of stacks of chips, but have found that four stacks of the denominations "2," "4," "10," and "20" answer for all requirements.

In those cases where it is desired to employ my score apparatus for what is known as "pivot bridge" I reverse the cover I, and on the reverse side the marking is as shown in Fig. 3, in which there are four divisions, as "A," "B," "C," and "D," corresponding to the slots J for the four compartments B B' B² B³, and adjacent to these slots may be the words "Points" and "Honors," indicating that in this case both the point and honor chips are deposited into the same compartment. They may, however, be distinguished by having different colors, if so desired. Any other means of recording the score of games and rubbers may be provided in place of the holes and pegs. It is also evident that the chips may have any other numbers desired.

While my apparatus is specially designed for the game of bridge, it may be readily adapted to keeping score in other games.

It will be readily understood that while I have shown the construction as I have found it best adapted for the purposes of my invention I do not limit myself to the details of construction, as these may be modified without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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

1. In a score-box for card games, the combination of a box having its body divided into a series of compartments in one plane and provided with a chip-rack at one side of greater height than the compartments, with a removable cover fitting within the box over the compartments only and having separate slots opening into the respective compartments through which the chips of the differ-

ent players may be deposited and kept separate, and an inclosing part or parts attached to the body of the box for covering both the chip-rack and cover of the compartments.

2. In a score-box for card games, the combination of a box having its body divided into a series of compartments and provided with a chip-rack at one side, with a removable cover fitting over the compartments and having slots opening into the compartments through which the chips may be deposited and arranged at a lower level than the top of the chip-rack, a lid for the box having the thickened portion L adapted to fit down into the box above the removable cover and provided with scoring-holes adapted for removable pegs the increased thickness of the lid enabling the scoring-holes to have the requisite depth without thickening the lid at the rim of the box and above the chip-rack.

3. In a score-box for card games, the box-body divided into compartments by divisions which do not extend up to the top of the box and having a chip-rack on one side with slots opening to the front, combined with a lid adapted to fit over the box and chip-rack and having a thickened portion fitting down into the box above the compartments provided with score-holes.

4. A score-box for card games consisting of a box divided into a series of compartments to receive chips the divisions between the compartments being of less height than the depth of the box, combined with a lid hinged to the box and having a thickened or reinforced portion L of less area than the area of the lid and adapted to fit down into the box above the compartments and provided with a series of score-holes for recording the play.

5. In a score-box for card games, the combination of a box having its body divided into a series of compartments and provided with a chip-rack at one side, with a removable cover fitting over the compartments and having slots opening into the compartments through which the chips may be deposited, an inclosing part or parts attached to the body of the box for covering the chip-rack and having a thickened or reinforced portion fitting immediately over the removable cover and compartments and provided with devices for recording the scores.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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