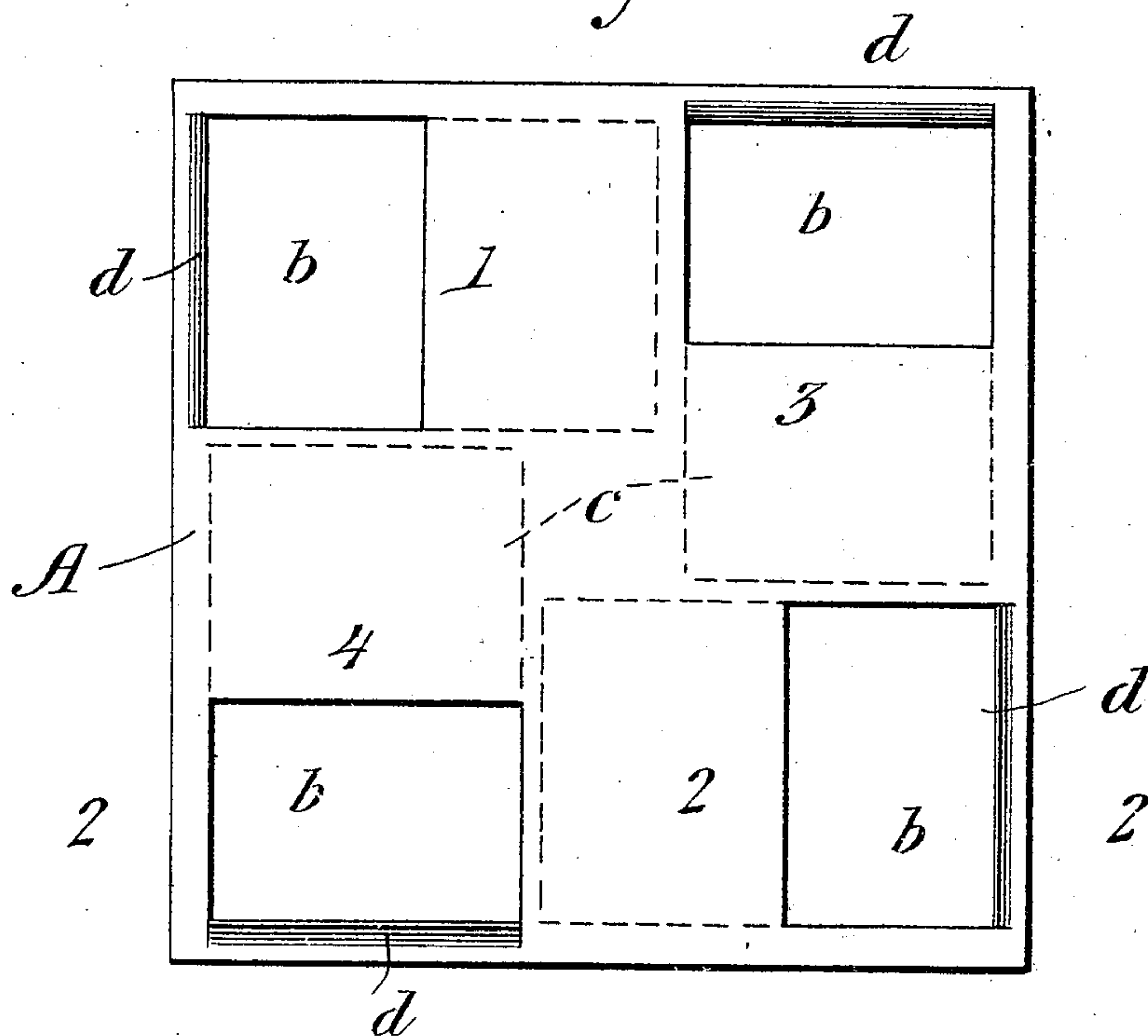


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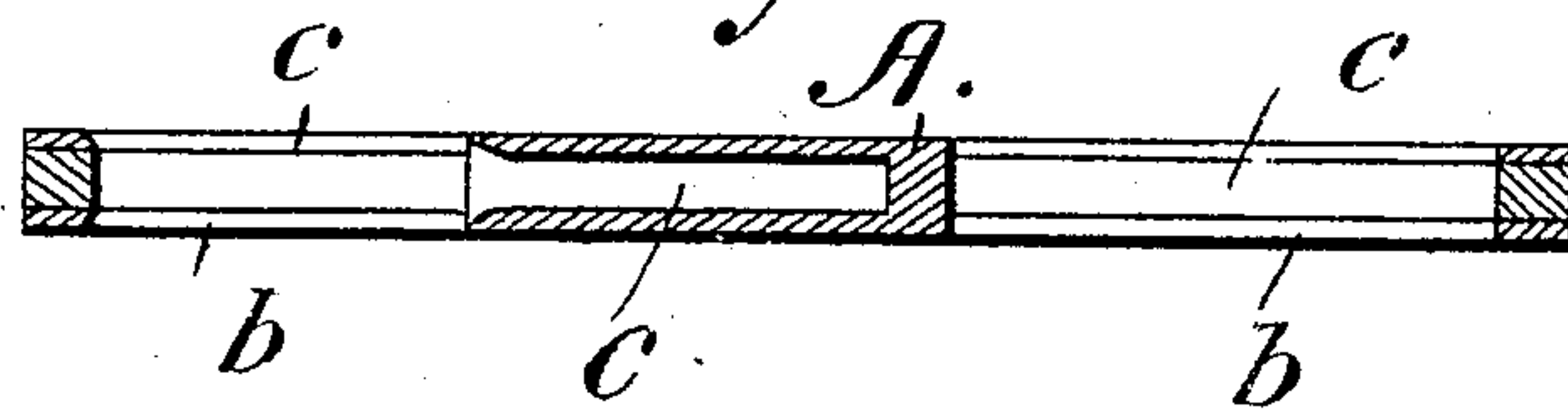
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*Fig.1.*



*Fig.2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE ROYDEN BARKSDALE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greenwood, in the county of Greenwood and State of South Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Whist-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to duplicate-whist boards or trays, and has for its object to provide a construction of board wherein the card-pockets are rendered accessible from either side of the board, thereby permitting the board to be used in a reversed position, so that the cards may be shifted to overcome an objection to the game as ordinarily played.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a duplicate-whist board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a section of the same on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

The letter A designates the board, which may be made of wood or any other suitable material and is provided at each of its corner portions with a slot *b*, extending through the board from side to side thereof, each slot being preferably of oblong rectangular form and communicating at its inner end with a card-pocket *c*. The outer end walls of the slot face or adjoin the contiguous side edges of the board and are preferably curved or rounded, as shown at *d*, in order to facilitate the insertion and removal of the cards to and from the pockets. The pockets, of which three appear in Fig. 2, are indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1 and are closed at their sides and inner ends and free from communication with each other. The companion slots and pockets for the use of the several players are for convenience of description generally designated in Fig. 1 by the numerals 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, and it may be assumed for purposes of explanation of the advantages of the board that pockets 1 and 2 are used by one set of players or partners and pockets 3 and 4 by the opposing set of players or partners.

It is a well-known fact that in playing duplicate whist the player on the left very frequently recalls the hands of the player on the right, and consequently knows how to arrange his leads. This places the player on the right at a decided disadvantage, especially when playing a hand that is very conspicuous. The present construction of board obviates this objection, as by its use the hands of the players may be partially shifted or interchanged on the duplicate turn by simply reversing the board. Assuming that the board is initially in the position shown in Fig. 1, it will be understood that upon reversing or turning the same over the hand of player 2 will be transferred to player 4, and vice versa, and hand of player 3 to player 1, and vice versa, thus so shifting the cards as to overcome the stated disadvantage.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A duplicate-whist board provided with pockets facing the respective sides thereof, and having a slot arranged in advance of each pocket and extending through the board, the mouths of the several pockets opening into their respective communicating slots.

2. A duplicate-whist board provided with a plurality of pockets, each pocket being arranged to face one of the sides thereof and disposed adjacent the point of intersection of said side with an adjacent side, the board having a slot in advance of each pocket, the slots extending through the board and communicating at their inner ends with the mouths of the pockets and closed at their outer ends by cross-pieces, the cross-pieces and walls of the mouths of the pockets being beveled, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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