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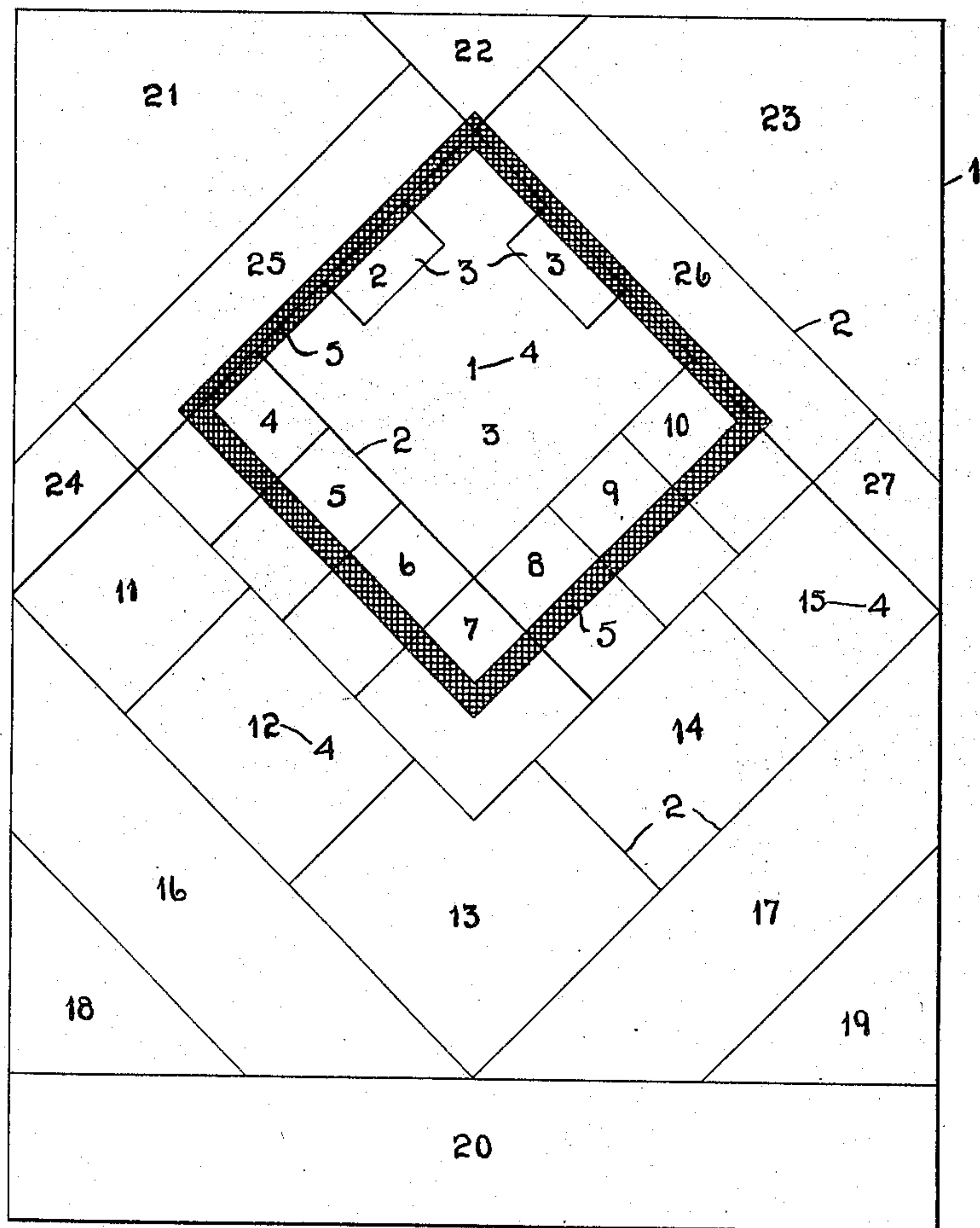
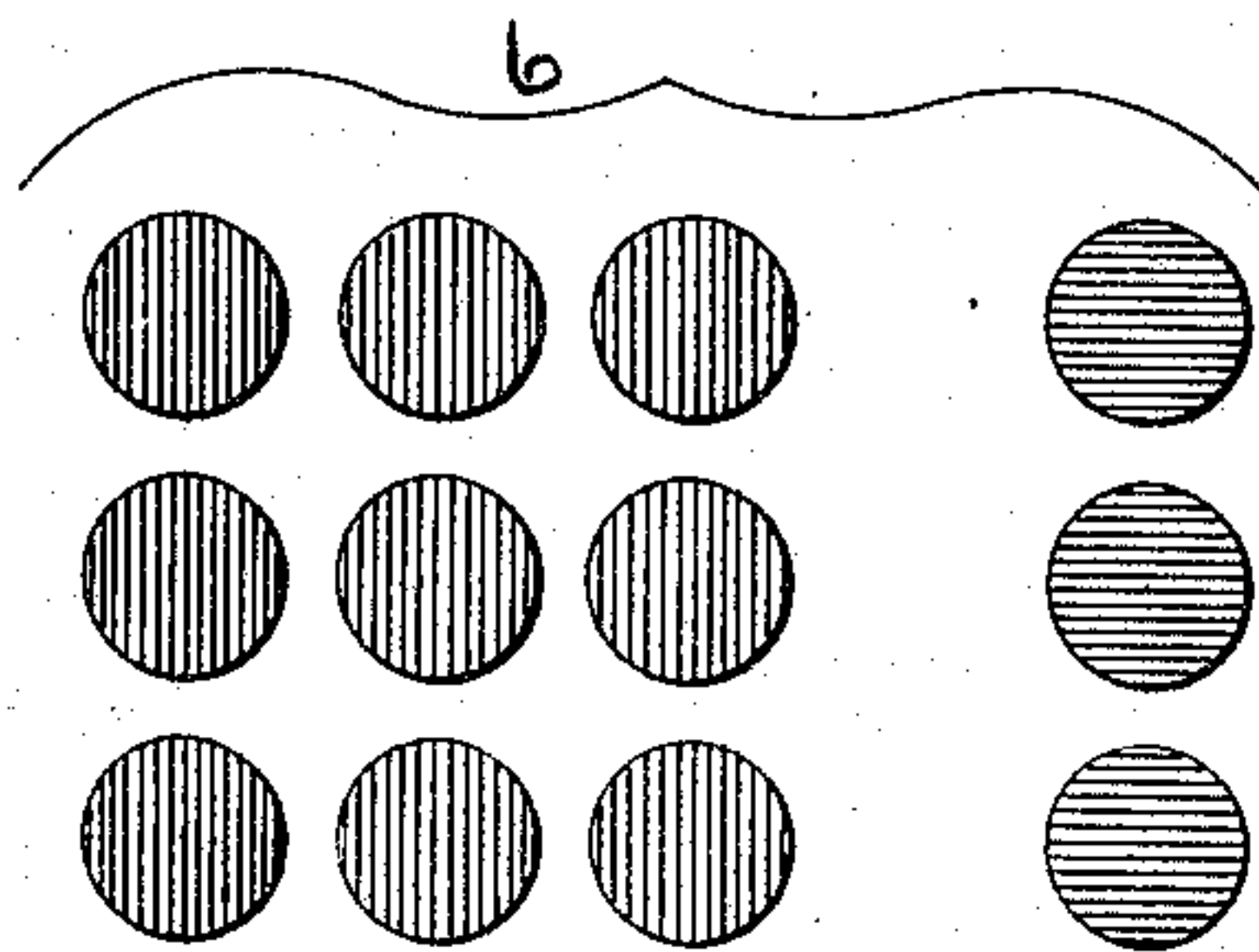


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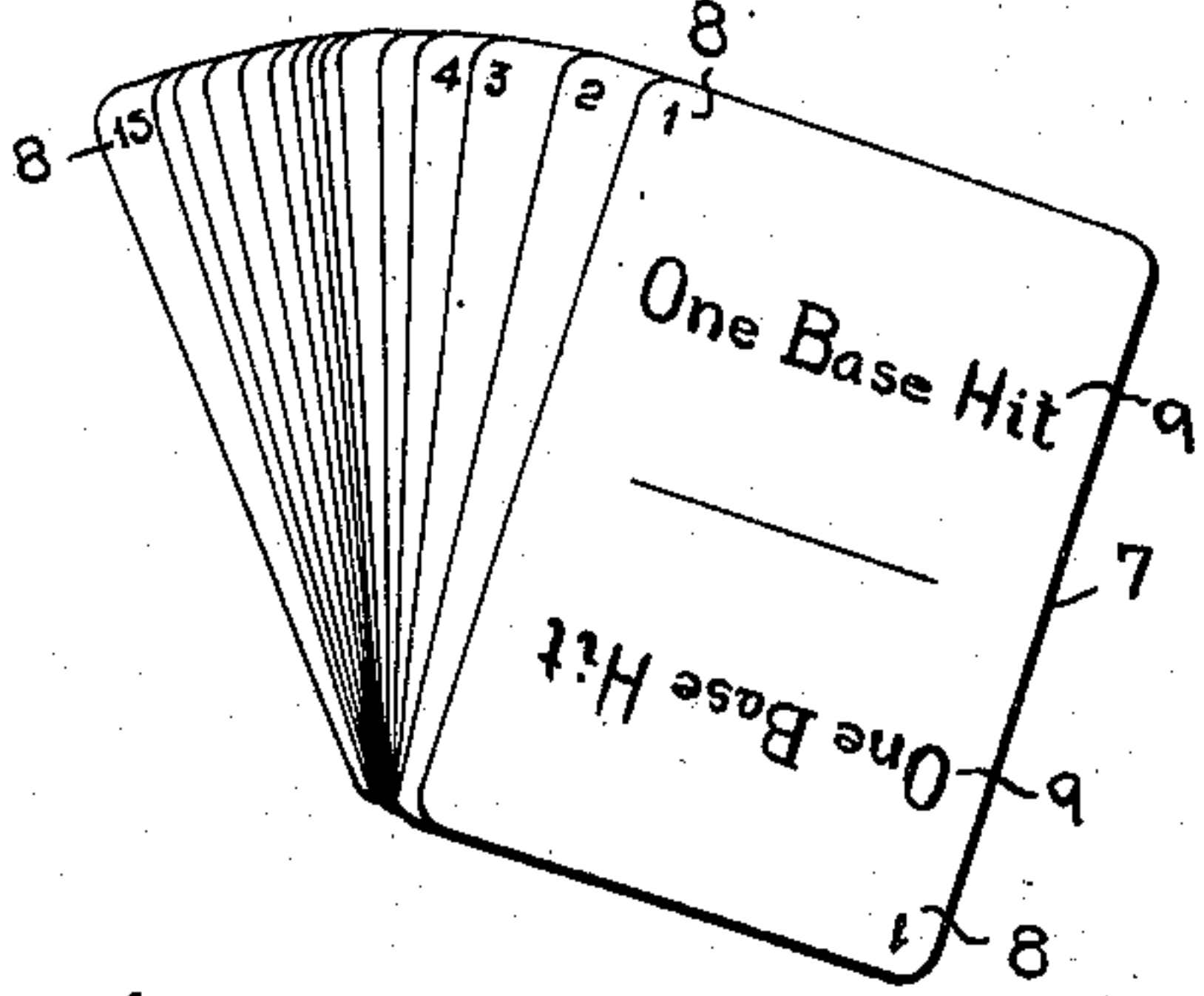


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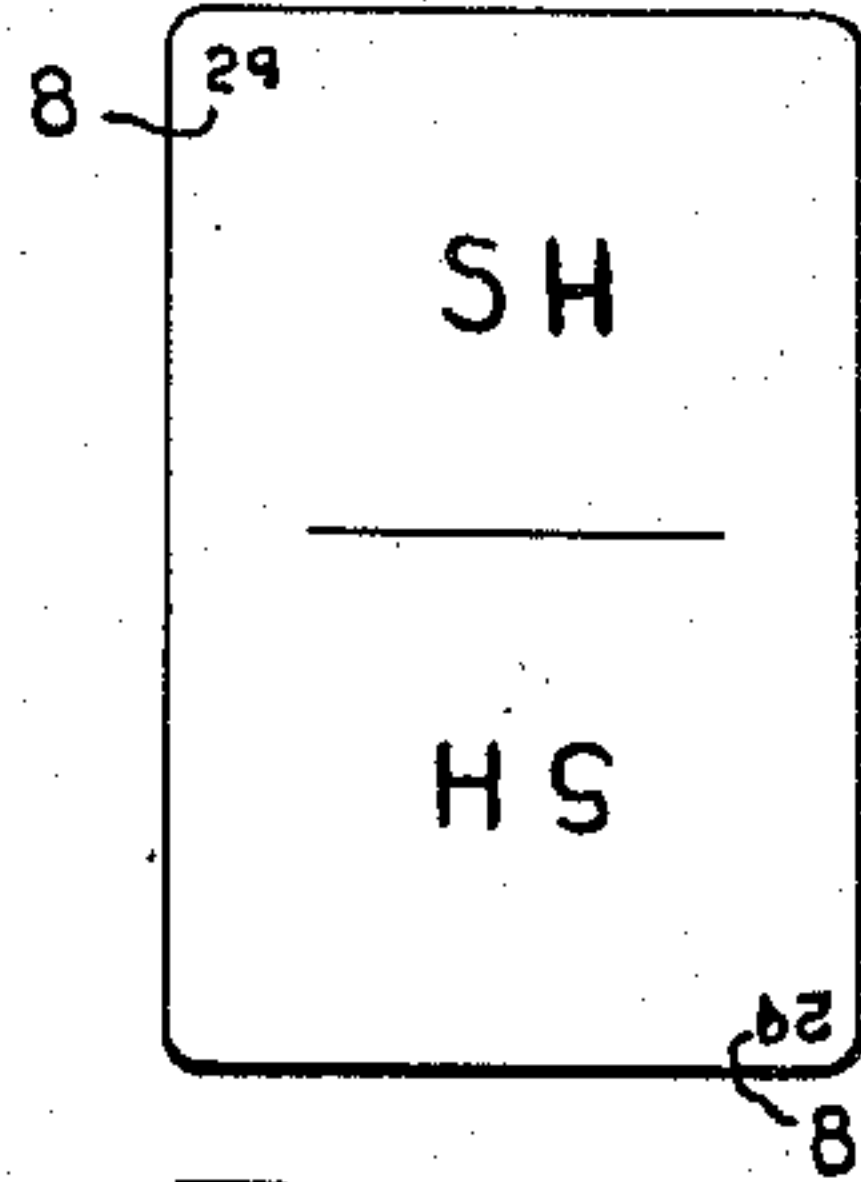
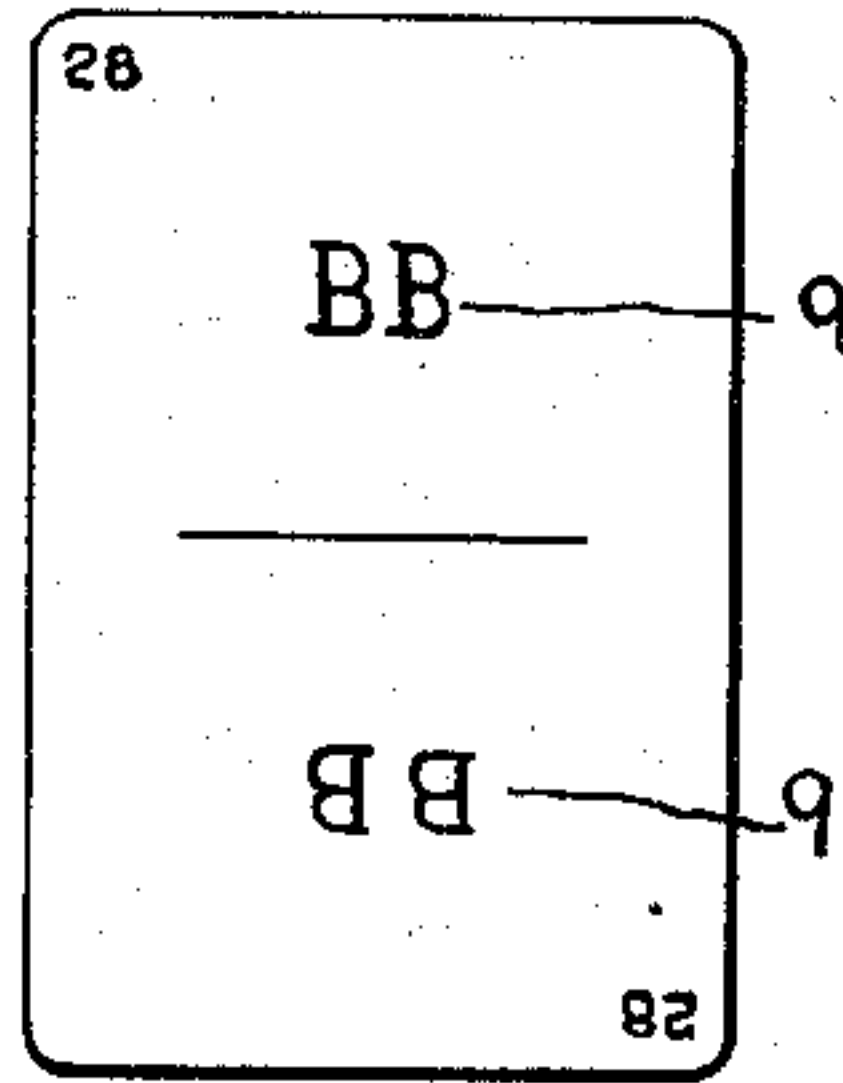


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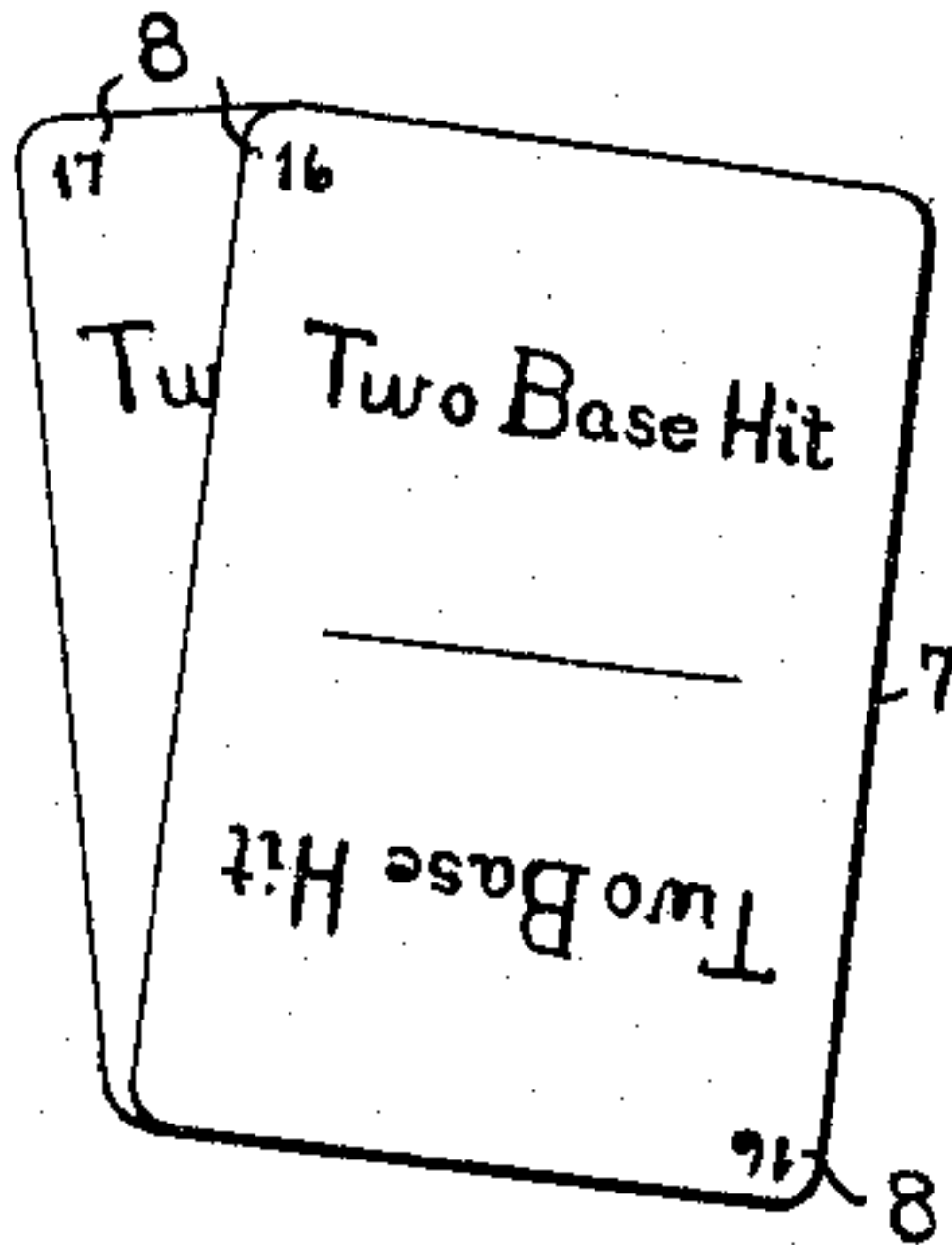


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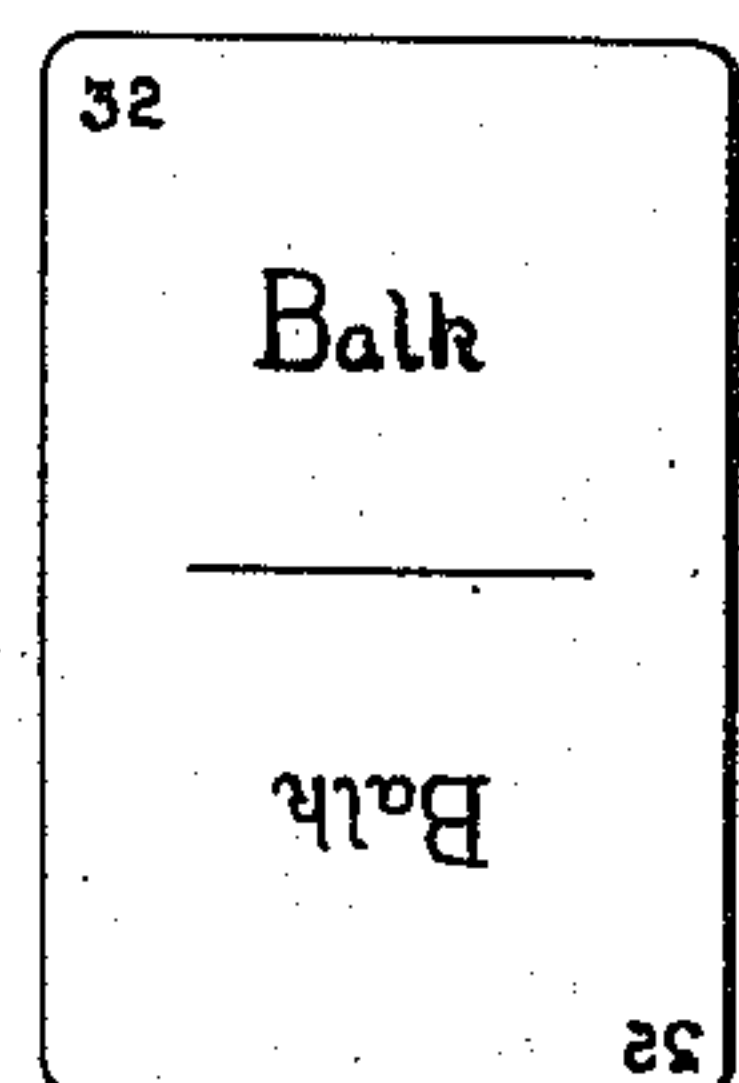
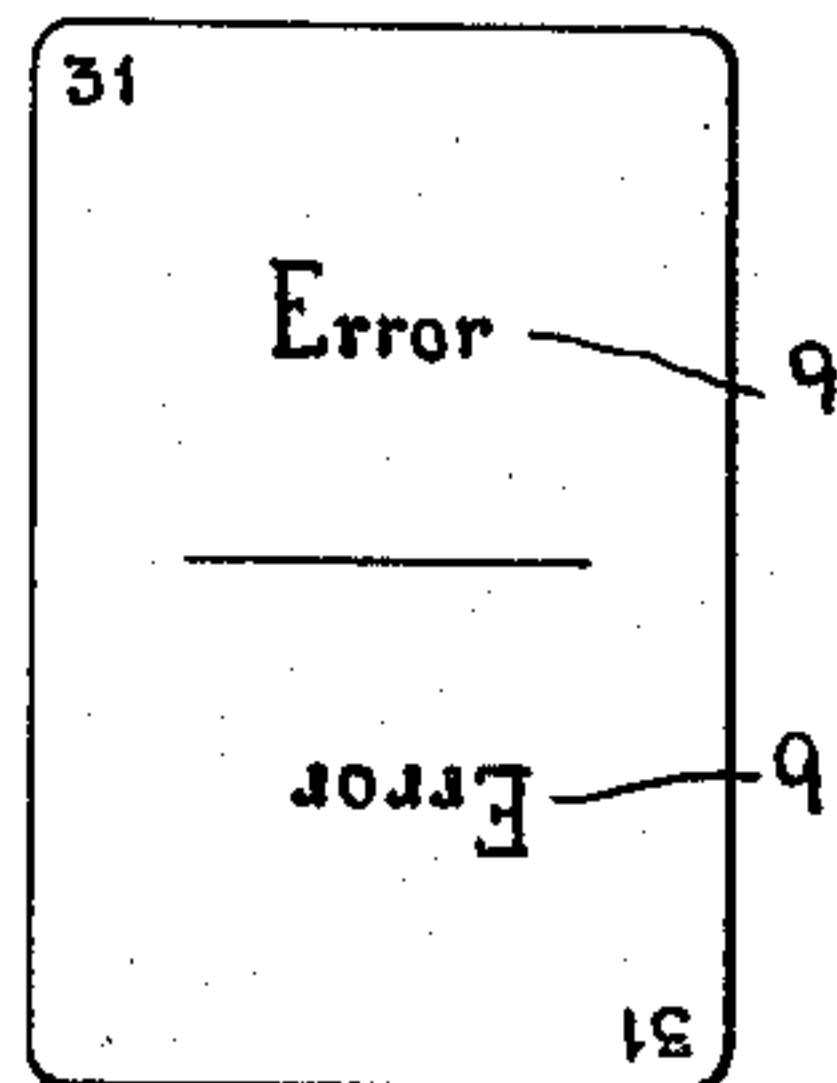
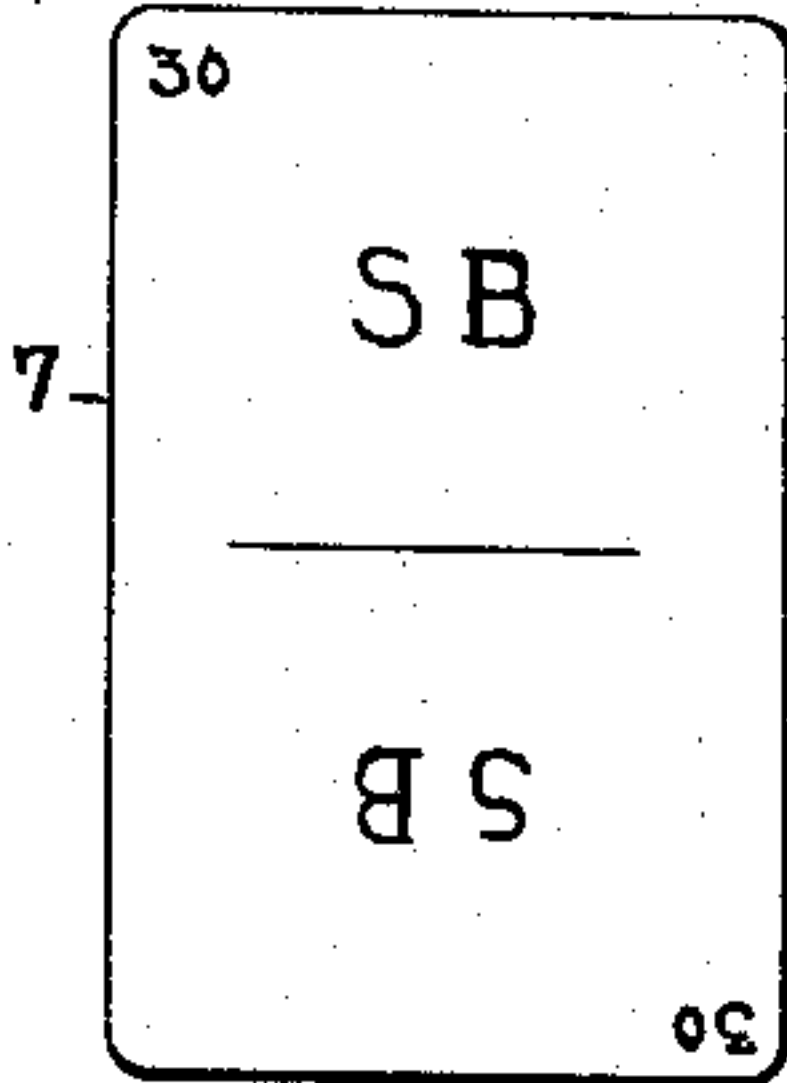


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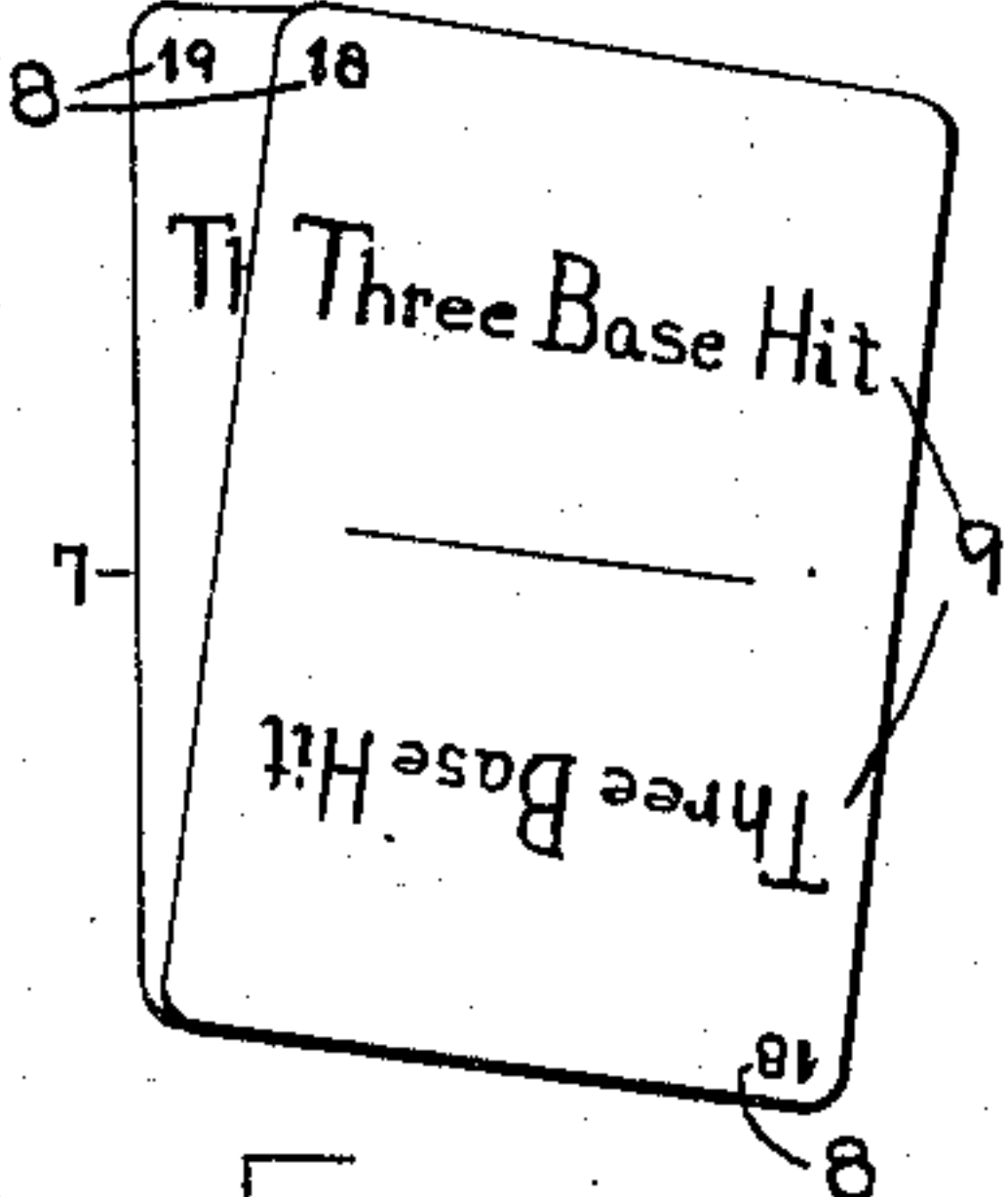


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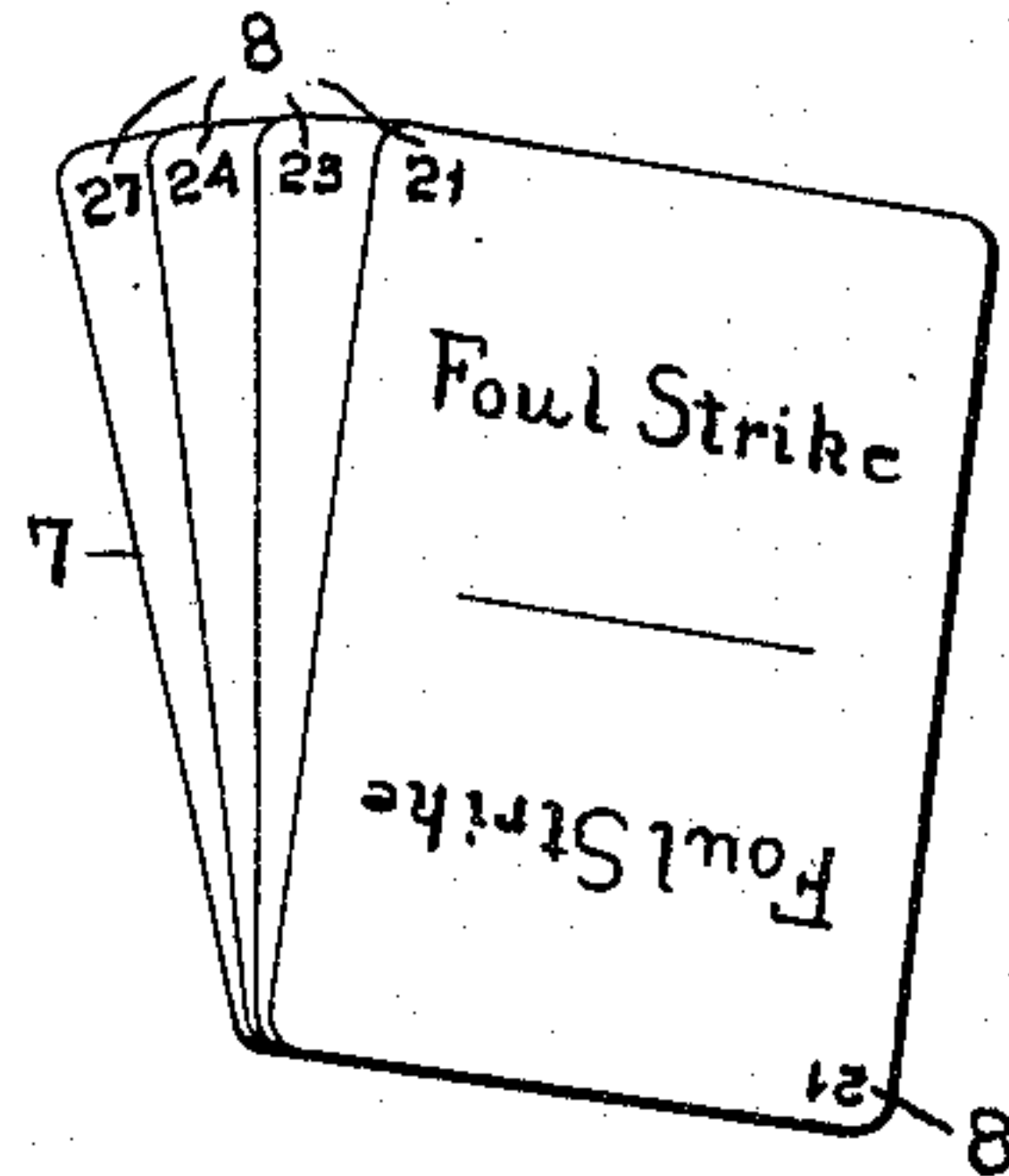
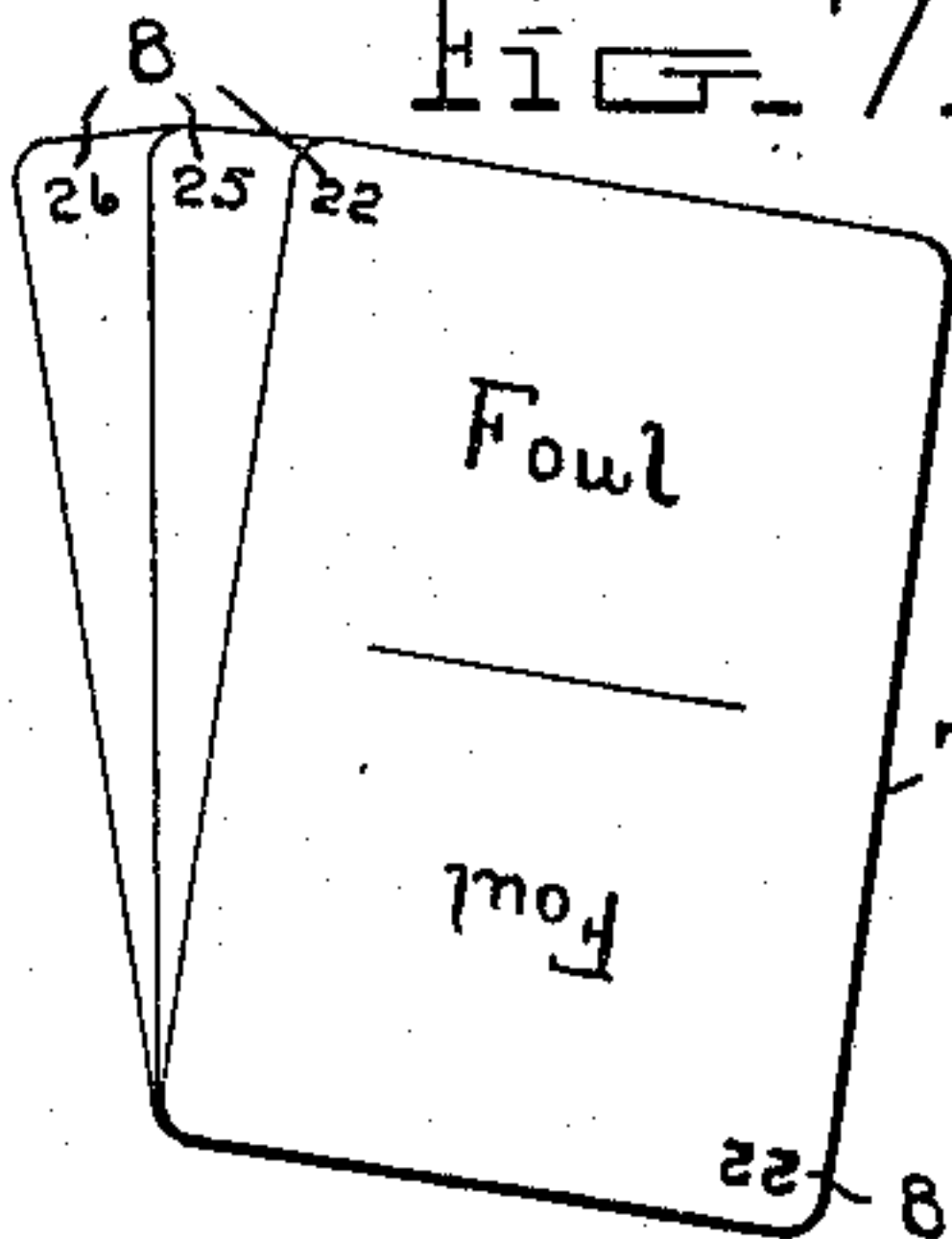


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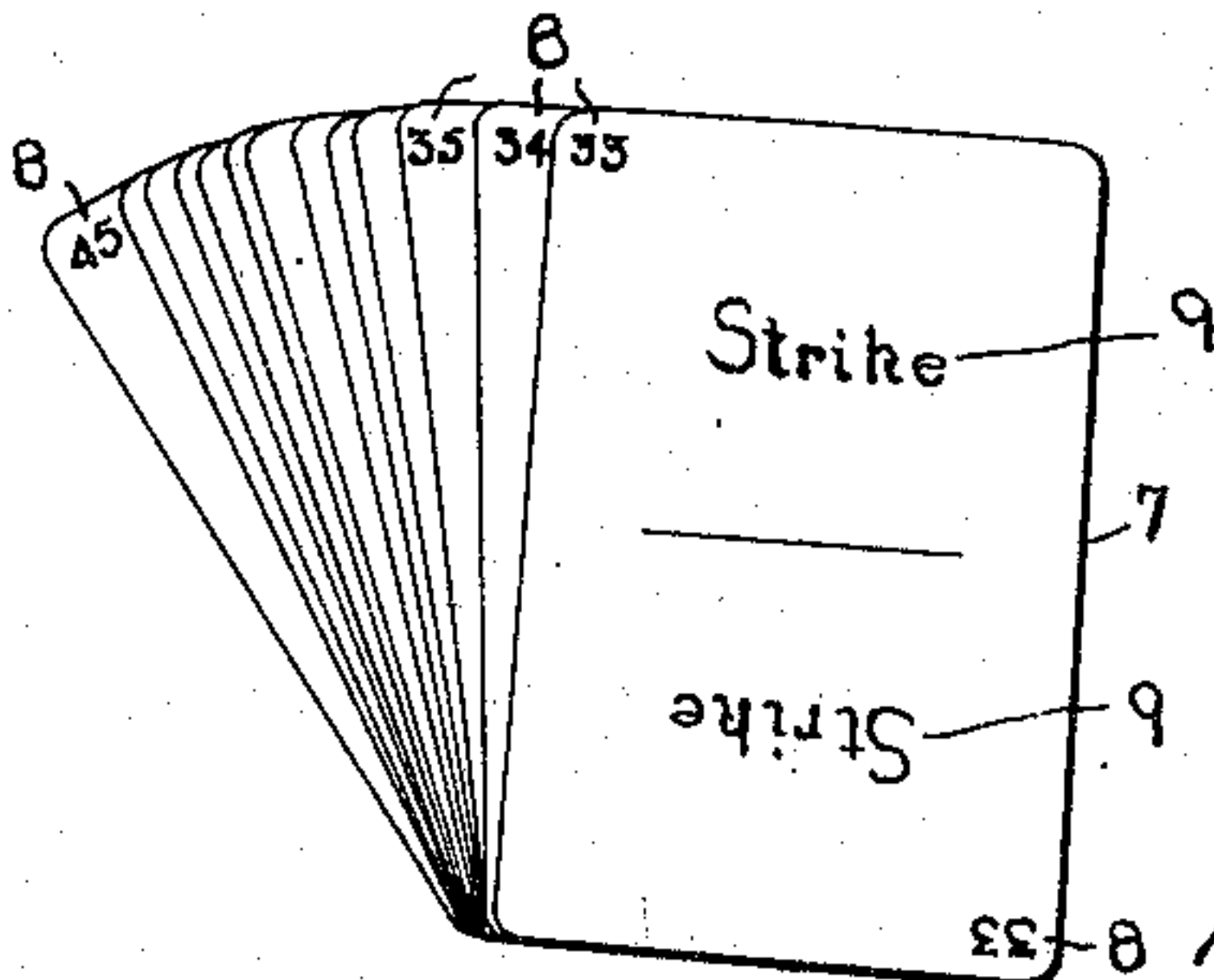
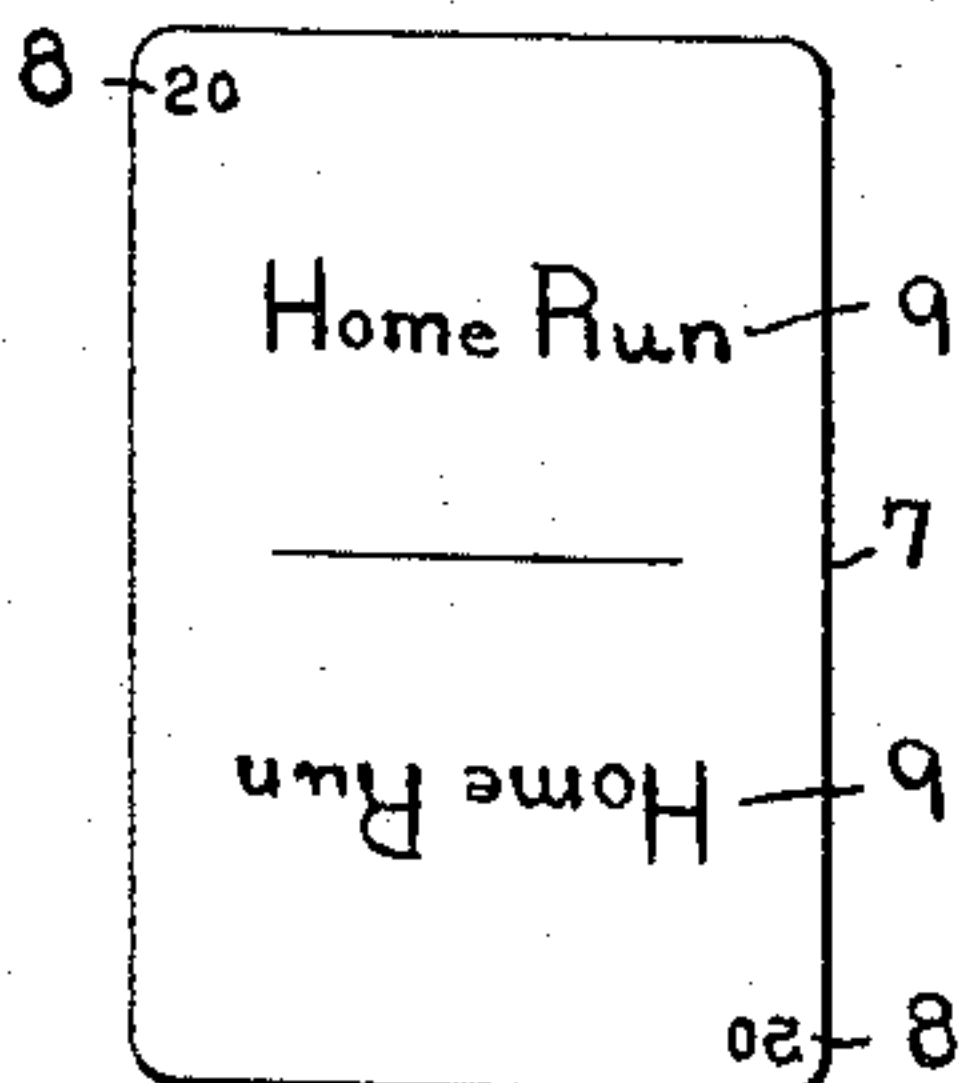


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROY W. PIPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Warnock, in the county of Belmont and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in games, and more particularly to a base-ball card game consisting of a board which represents a base-ball field or diamond, a number of game-pieces which represent the players, and a deck of cards, each of which represents a play which one of the players or men may make.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive apparatus by means of which the great national game may be played in an interesting and entertaining manner.

Further objects and advantages of the invention, as well as the structural features by means of which they may be attained, will be made clear by an examination of the specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which the same reference-numerals indicate corresponding portions throughout, and in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game-board. Fig. 2 is a view showing the twelve game-pieces or men, and Figs. 3 to 14, inclusive, are views of the various cards that compose the deck.

The improved game comprises a game-board 1 of any suitable construction, and preferably of rectangular form, as shown in Fig. 1. This board has printed or otherwise provided upon its top lines 2, which divide it into a plurality of spaces 3, each containing a distinguishing-number 4. Preferably twenty-seven of the spaces 3 are provided, and they are numbered consecutively from "1" to "27", as clearly shown in the drawings. Coincident with two of the lines 2 and intersecting certain other of said lines are broad marks or bars 5, which latter define a square or diamond, so that the board resembles the usual base-ball field or diamond. To make the resemblance more complete, the board may be further marked or ornamented as desired.

The game also comprises twelve game-pieces 6, which represent the men or players and are adapted to be moved about upon the

board 1 in playing the game. These men 6 may be of any suitable form and construction, nine of them being similar and distinguishable from the remaining three, which latter are similar to each other. This distinction, as shown in Fig. 2, is effected by making them different in color; but it may be produced by making them different in shape or size or in any other manner desired. In playing the game the nine men of one set are used by the player or side "in the field," and the three men of the other set are used by the player or side "at the base" for the purpose of running bases, as presently explained.

The game further comprises a deck of forty-five cards 7, which may be of any suitable form and construction and which are numbered consecutively from "1" to "45." These numbers are indicated at 8 and may be located at any point or points upon the cards. Each of the cards is intended to represent a "play" which one of the players or men may make during the course of the game, and each one bears reading-matter 9, which explains its value or meaning. The fifteen cards numbered "1" to "15," inclusive, represent and are entitled a "One-base hit;" the two numbered "16" and "17," a "Two-base hit;" the two numbered "18" and "19," a "Three-base hit;" the one numbered "20," a "Home run;" the three numbered "22," "25," and "26," a "Foul;" the four numbered "21," "23," "24," and "27," a "Foul strike;" the one numbered "28," "BB," (meaning base on balls;) the one numbered "29," "SH," (meaning sacrifice hit;) the one numbered "30," "SB," (meaning stolen base;) the one numbered "31," "Error;" the one numbered "32," "Balk," and the thirteen numbered "33" to "45," inclusive, "Strike." It will be noted upon comparing the cards numbered "1" to "27," inclusive, with the correspondingly-numbered spaces 3 upon the game-board 1 that these spaces are so located upon the field or diamond that should a batter knock a ball into one of them he would most likely make the play indicated on the card that bears the number of the space into which he sends the ball.

The game is played according to the rules governing the regular game of base-ball, nine innings constituting a game. After the cards are shuffled the two players cut, the one cutting high being entitled to first "at the bat." The other player then stations or



places his nine men 6 on such of the numbered spaces of the board 1 as he may see fit. He must, however, keep the infield men in their proper places in the diamond. His  
 5 other men he may move about at any time. The cards are then shuffled and player "at the bat" proceeds to take one card at a time from the top of the pack until three of his men are "put out," it being understood that  
 10 each card represents a play and that the regular rules of a game of base-ball determine whether or not the plays made put the men out or advance them from base to base around the diamond until they reach home  
 15 and score. For example, should the player or batter pick up the card numbered "17" and the other side or player should have a man on the space numbered "17" on the board the batter would be counted out, but  
 20 should there be no man on the space "17" the batter would make a two-base hit, and one of the three men used by the player or side "at the bat" would be placed on the second base. After the player "at the bat" has had three  
 25 of his men put out the other player has his turn "at the bat." The game proceeds in this manner, as will be readily understood by any one familiar with the game of base-ball. It  
 30 might be stated, further, that in playing the game rules such as the following may be observed: The three cards numbered "22," "25," "26" and marked "Foul" always count "am out" unless preceded by the "error" card  
 35 numbered "31." The "error" card always modifies the play indicated on the card following it. For instance, should it follow a "three-base-hit" card the batter would take first  
 40 base. When the "balk" card is turned, the runners advance one base. Each "strike" card counts a strike. The "foul-strike" cards never count as a third strike on the bat-

ter. When the "BB" card is turned, the batter takes first base on balls. When the "SH" card is turned, the batter is out, and  
 45 if any men are on bases they advance one base. If in the latter case the batter is the third man out, no score shall result. When the "SB" card is turned, any men on the bases advance one base, except the man on  
 50 the third base.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A game of the character described consisting of a board representing a base-ball  
 55 field or diamond and divided into numbered spaces, game pieces or men to be moved about upon said board, and a deck of cards each of which is numbered and bears an inscription designating a play, the numbers on  
 60 some of said cards corresponding to the numbers of the spaces on said board, substantially as described.

2. A game of the character described consisting of a board representing a base-ball  
 65 field or diamond and divided into numbered spaces, nine similar game pieces or men, three similar game pieces or men but distinguishable from the first-mentioned game  
 70 pieces or men, and a deck of cards, each of which bears a number and an inscription designating a play, the numbers on some of said cards corresponding to the numbers on the spaces of said board, substantially as described.  
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In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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