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## BASE-BALL SCORE-CARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PATRICK MEANEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Base-Ball Score-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved base-ball score card, the object of the invention being to provide an improved arrangement of columns and spaces inclosing an ornamental field representing a base ball field with the positions of the players numbered, and the players in the several columns numbered in accordance with the positions they play, which enables the purchaser of the card to readily identify the players by their positions in the field, and recognize them when they come to bat.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in a certain arrangement of columns and captions, in combination with a representation of the baseball field as will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

The accompanying drawing is a view illustrating my improved score card.

The score card is divided by two vertical lines 1, 1, spaced from the ends of the card the desired distance as shown, forming vertical columns at the opposite ends of the card, and these lines 1, 1, are crossed by a horizontal line 2, spaced the desired distance from the lower edge of the card. The vertical columns at the ends of the card which are given the reference character 3, are subdivided by a series of horizontal lines 4 into a series of spaces to contain the names of the players of the contesting teams, and these columns 3 are under the caption in accordance with the name of the baseball team, the players whose names appear in said columns represent the caption being preferably placed in the field as indicated. In the field between the lines 1, 1, and 2, a baseball diamond is indicated as at 5, and the positions of the several players are numbered as follows; pitcher 1, catcher 2, first baseman 3, second baseman 4, third baseman 5, short-stop 6, left field 7, center field 8 and right field 9, and adjacent to these positions, the names of the players of both teams occupying such positions, are printed on the field, and beside the names of such players that

appear in the columns 3, numerals are placed in accordance with the positions they occupy, and in accordance with the numerals on the field above described. The field also contains at the top the word umpire, and the name of the umpire officiating in the game. The space below the line 2 is divided by a horizontal line 6, and is subdivided by a series of vertical lines 7, as many of said vertical lines being provided as desired, but preferably as many as will permit twelve spaces, which is about all that will ever be necessary in an ordinary game. To the left of these horizontal series of spaces and in line with the column 3 at the left, larger spaces 8 are provided, in which are printed the names of the contesting base-ball teams, and the several spaces between the lines 7 are to contain the score of the game by innings. To the extreme right of this horizontal series of spaces, and in line with the column 3 at the right of the card, are larger spaces 9 in which are to be kept the total score of the game.

By means of a score card of this kind, any visitor to the game can readily identify a player, by reason of the numerals which indicate the positions occupied, and this overcomes the great objection to the score cards now in general use.

Slight changes might be made in the general form and arrangement of columns and captions, and ornamental features without departing from my invention, and hence I do not restrict myself to the exact form shown, but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A score card divided by vertical and horizontal lines into columns of spaces, to contain the names of the players of contesting teams, and the representation of a baseball field on said card containing numerals indicating the several positions occupied by the players, and the names appearing in the said columns numbered in accordance with the positions the players occupy, and in accordance with the members on the field indicated on the card.

2. A score card divided by vertical lines, spaced from the ends of the card forming



vertical columns at both ends of the card, said columns divided by horizontal lines forming spaces to contain the names of the players, said columns given captions or titles in accordance with the names of the teams whose players appear in the said columns, said titles or captions being in the field beside said columns, said field between said columns containing a representation of a baseball field, and numerals at the positions occupied by the players, and numerals beside the names in the spaces of the said columns in accordance with the positions occupied by the players whose names appear in said spaces.

3. A score card divided by vertical lines, spaced from the ends of the card forming vertical columns at both ends of the card, said columns divided by horizontal lines forming spaces to contain the names of the players, said columns given captions or titles in accordance with the names of the teams whose players appear in the said columns, said titles or captions being in the field beside said columns, said field between said columns containing a representation of a baseball field, and numerals at the positions occupied by the players, and numerals beside the names in the spaces of the said columns in accordance with the positions occupied by the players whose names appear in said spaces, and the names of the players of both teams in the said columns, printed

on the field beside the numbered positions they occupy.

4. A score card divided by vertical lines, spaced from the ends of the card forming vertical columns at both ends of the card, said columns divided by horizontal lines forming spaces to contain the names of the players, said columns given captions or titles in accordance with the names of the teams whose players appear in the said columns, said titles or captions being in the field beside said columns, said field between said columns containing a representation of a baseball field, and numerals at the positions occupied by the players, and numerals beside the names in the spaces of the said columns in accordance with the positions occupied by the players whose names appear in said spaces, and the names of the players of both teams in the said columns, printed on the field beside the numbered positions they occupy, horizontal lines dividing the lower portion of the card into two horizontal series of spaces, and said series of spaces under the captions or titles of the contesting teams.

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

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