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SCORE-CARD FOR GAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE E. ROBERTS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Alameda, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented an Improved Score-Card for Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved score-card especially adapted for the game of progressive bridge whist, upon which all the points possible to be made in a complete series or rounds of hands will be scored and recorded in such a systematic manner that the total number of points made both by tricks and by honors and in other ways provided by the rules of the game can be reckoned accurately without complicated or tedious arithmetical calculations.

Under the complex rules of progressive bridge-whist, and the many different values in points in the game as played at the present time, it becomes difficult and involves considerable work to record the number of points scored, and to keep the run of the game in the twenty four hands which comprise a complete series or "game", as it is termed, and particularly to keep and present the record in such form that the total number of points obtained in the round of hands, can be readily determined and then recorded without waste of time.

My present invention is designed and produced with the view of providing a sufficient number of record-spaces in the simplest order or arrangement, and in such combination that there need be no confusion in selecting the proper record-space and making the correct record of points, according to the character and the value of the cards played and tricks taken in every hand and in every round of the game.

To these ends and objects my invention consists in a tablet or card having a plurality of record spaces of novel arrangement along one side, increasing successively in numerical values one over another, the said spaces being subdivided for separating or segregating and identifying the records of the successive hands and rounds of the game; and, combined with such record-spaces and their subdivisions, additional spaces at the opposite ends, one for recording each round when no points are made, and the other for recording the sum total of each round, and the grand total of the points. The opposite marginal side of the card is provided with a plurality

of record-spaces of increasing values one over another for recording the honors made in every hand, all as hereinafter fully described and afterward pointed out in the claim at the end of this specification.

The accompanying drawing illustrates a score-card of my invention for the game of progressive bridge-whist, or "progressive bridge", as it is commonly called.

As shown in the drawing, the score-card of my invention has its face divided by transverse lines *a* extending from one marginal edge toward the center into a number of spaces *b*, *b*¹, *b*², and so on. By longitudinal lines *c*, running parallel with the marginal side of the card the spaces *b*, *b*¹, *b*², and so on, are divided into six equal sub-divisions. Every second space along that side of the card is consequently composed of six divisions, or one for every round of four hands played.

According to the present rates, the game consists of six rounds, and by subdividing the card by the longitudinal lines as shown, a separate set of record-spaces for recording all the different points and hands, it is possible to make in every round and in every hand, is provided for the entire game of twenty-four rounds. Each space has a given numerical value, and for convenience of recording as well as for securing accuracy in selecting the proper spaces, they are marked to show the value which each one gives to its marks. Beginning with the first record-space *b* on the left, that space is appropriated to the record of hands played when no tricks are taken, and at the opposite end, on the extreme right, the record-space *b*¹⁰ is provided to receive the totals. That space is also divided by the longitudinal lines into six divisions, conforming to the divisions of the record-spaces to the left. The remaining record-spaces *b*¹, and so on, running from left to right are marked in successive order, "2 for Spades", "4 for Clubs", "6 for Diamonds", "8 for Hearts", and by numbers increasing in value according to the number of points it is possible to secure in the play, and so on printing, or otherwise by permanent marks indicating, at the top of each record-space the number of points which each hole punched, or each record-mark made in it will indicate.

The four record-spaces marked respectively, "Spades", "Clubs", "Diamonds" and "Hearts", are provided for recording

single tricks made in any one of the suits in a hand or round; and for the guidance of the beginner, the value of each particular suit is indicated, as for example, a single trick in
 5 spades counts 2. The remaining record-spaces b^5 , b^6 and so on, from left to right properly increase in value, for recording "doubles" or multiples of suits, according to the rules. The record-spaces $d-d$ for
 10 recording honors are not subdivided as in the case of the record-spaces b^1 b^2 , and so on, for the reason that no separate record need be kept of the honor-points by hands or rounds.

As the score-card would not be complete
 15 without it showed at the end of the game the number of points made by other than the trumped suits and regular plays, I have provided at one end of the card separate record-spaces for entering points made in the progress of the game in "Little slam", and
 20 "Grand slam", and also by "Chicane", in the progress of the game. These record-spaces e, f , are arranged for convenience of marking along one side and at the end of the
 25 card, so that the records can readily be made with a ticket-punch.

I claim as my invention:

A score-card for progressive-bridge having

its face divided by transverse lines along one side, spaced as described, so as to produce a
 30 series of record-spaces for points made by tricks, and having also longitudinal lines at intervals apart along the same side intersecting the transverse lines at right angles
 35 uniformly throughout the whole number of such record-spaces; and along its opposite side having transverse lines dividing the space along that side into a number of record-spaces which are adapted for scoring
 40 points for honors only, the said point-scoring spaces having fixed numerical values and being individually marked in progressive order of values from left to right throughout the whole series of point-scoring spaces, and
 45 said honor-scoring spaces being likewise marked progressively in order of numerical value along the opposite side of the card; the face of said card having also at one end separate record-spaces of different numerical values for recording points made other-
 50 wise than by tricks and honors.

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