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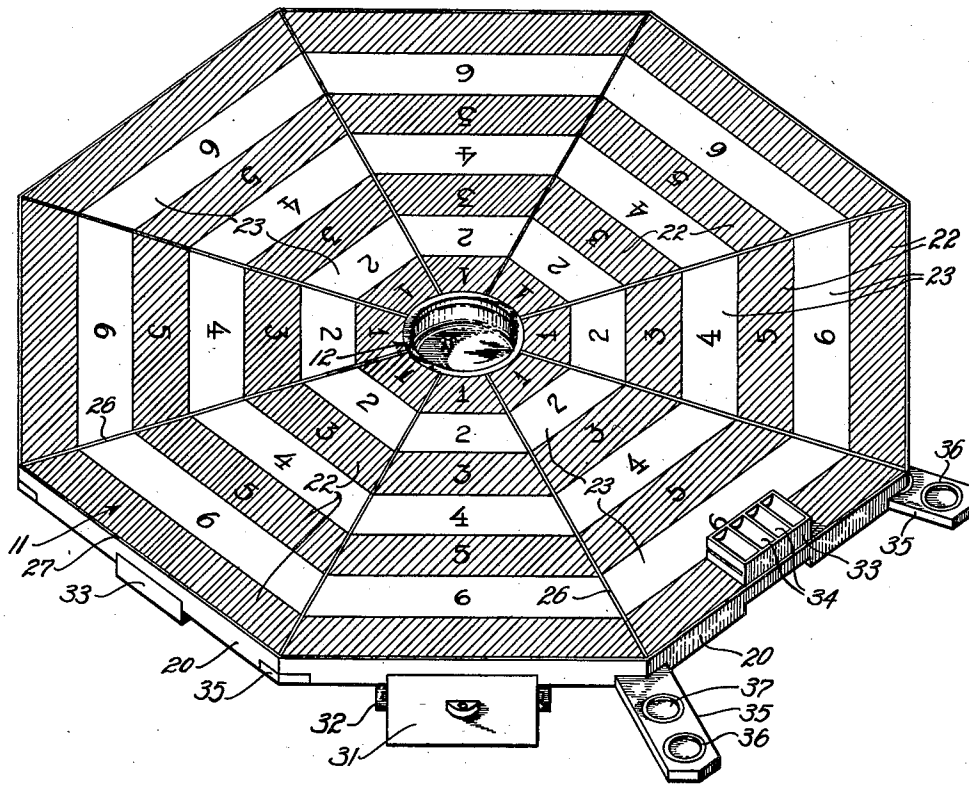
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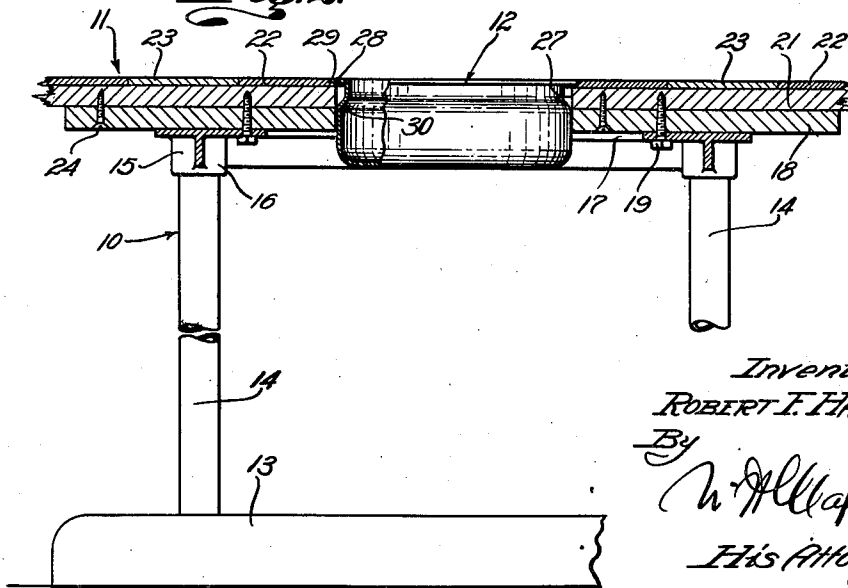
CARD TABLE

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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## CARD TABLE

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This invention relates to tables and relates more particularly to card tables. A general object of this invention is to provide a practical, effective card table that facilitates the playing of card games of various kinds.

Another object of this invention is to provide a card table having novel, yet very simple, means for reducing or preventing arguments, doubts and discussions regarding phases of the play such as the disposition and location of the players' cards, wagers, etc.

Another object of this invention is to provide a card table having a centrally and conveniently located receptacle for receiving the chips, tokens, or other objects of play that is formed and arranged for easy insertion and removal.

Another object of this invention is to provide a card table of the character mentioned having series of suitably marked, colored, or otherwise designated areas or zones for each player, upon which the players may place their cards, chips, or objects of play as the game progresses, said zones being distinctive in color, location, etc. so that the several players may all readily determine the progress of the game as played by each player.

A further object of this invention is to provide a card table of the character mentioned that is simple and inexpensive to manufacture and that is capable of considerable variation to adapt it for the playing of games of various kinds.

The various objects and features of my invention will be fully understood from the following detailed description of a typical preferred form and application of the invention, throughout which description reference is made to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the card table of the present invention and Fig. 2 is an enlarged, fragmentary, central, vertical section of the card table.

The improved card table of this invention may be said to comprise, generally, a supporting structure 10, a zoned playing surface or board 11, and a pot or receptacle 12 associated with the board 11 for the reception of the chips, tokens, or objects of play.

The supporting structure 10 is provided to carry or support the playing board 11. The structure 10 may be varied considerably in character and design without departing from the invention. In the particular case illustrated the structure 10 includes a base 13 adapted to rest on the floor, a plurality of spaced legs 14 projecting upwardly from the base 13, and a spider 15

on the upper ends of the legs 14. The base 13 may be round or polygonal and is preferably quite large to lend the required stability to the table structure. The legs 14 may be suitably fixed to the base 13 and may be formed of pipe, tubing, or other materials. The spider 15 forms a connecting element for the several legs 14 and presents extensive surfaces for the support of the board 11. In practice the spider 15 may be formed of metal and may have downwardly facing sockets 16 for the reception of the upper ends of the legs 14. A central opening 17 of substantial diameter is provided in the spider 15. A subboard 18 is secured to the spider 15 by bolts, screws, or other securing means 19.

The playing surface or board 11 may be of any selected shape, for example, it may be round or disc-shaped or it may be polygonal in plan elevation. In the particular form of the invention illustrated the playing board 11 is octagonal in plan view, having eight angularly related edges or margins 20 and being designed to accommodate eight players. The board 11 may be formed of any selected material or materials, and may be constructed as found most practical and economical. In the typical arrangement illustrated, the board 11 is laminated or made up of superimposed layers or parts of wood, or the like. The playing board 11 shown in the drawing comprises a lower layer or part 21 resting on and secured to the subboard 18, and a top part made up of a number of sections 22 and 23, as will be presently described. The lower board part 21 is of sufficient thickness to give the board 11 the required strength and rigidity and may be fixed to the subboard 18 by screws 24.

The sections 22 and 23 which comprise or provide the playing surface of the board 11 are arranged in a novel and distinctive manner. In accordance with the invention there is a plurality or series of sections 22 and 23 for the use of each player. As clearly illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawing there is a plurality of groups or series of the sections 22 and 23, each group being generally sector shaped or triangular, with a margin 20 as its base, and bounded on its opposite edges by inwardly converging or radial lines. In practice the radial lines separating the adjacent series of sections 22 and 23 may be defined by bands or strips 26 extending from the points of joinder of the adjacent margins 20 toward the vertical center of the board 11. There may be similar bands or strips 27 extending along the margins 20 at the outer ends of the series of sections 22 and 23. In the typical embodiment of

the invention illustrated the several sections 22 and 23 of each series are in parallel relation and the outermost sections 22 of the series are parallel with the adjacent table margins 20. With this arrangement the sections 22 and 23 of the adjacent series are in angular end to end relation. The sections 22 and 23 of each series are in an alternating progression, there being an innermost or first section 22, a second section 23, a third section 22, a fourth section 23, and so on. The sections 22 and 23 are preferably in the same relation in the several series of zones or sections.

In accordance with the invention the playing board sections 22 and 23 are distinctive in appearance to be readily distinguished one from the other. It is preferred to make the sections 22 and 23 of different colors, although they may be formed of different materials or may be given different finishes or textures. In one form of the invention the sections 22 and 23 are separately formed parts inlaid or arranged in edge to edge relation, the sections 22 being all of the same material and the sections 23 being of a different material. When the sections 22 and 23 are inlaid or arranged as just described they may be formed of wood, wood veneer, cork, linoleum, felt, fabric, rubber, fibrous composition, or the like. When the sections 22 and 23 are formed of wood the sections 22 may be made of a different species of wood than the sections 23, for example, the sections 22 may be made of a dark wood while the sections 23 may be formed of a light colored wood. It is to be understood, of course, that the sections 22 and 23 may be merely painted upon the board 11, in which case they are of different colors. The strips 26 and 27 may be of any suitable material and of any desired color or colors.

The playing board zones or sections 22 and 23 are intended to be employed as separate surface parts or zones upon which chips, coins, tokens, cards, and other objects of play may be placed and the positions of the sections 22 and 23 serve to indicate the different phases or steps of play when carrying the chips, cards, and the like. In some cases it may be preferred to give the playing board zones or sections 22 and 23 of each series identifying indicia or markings. For example, the sections 22 and 23 may have consecutive numbers or numerals with the innermost section 22 bearing the numeral 1. The outermost sections 22 of the sets or series may be used as rests for the players' hands, cards, etc. and do not require the indicia or numerals. It is to be observed that each player has a series of distinctively colored and numbered sections 22 and 23 for the reception of his chips, cards, etc. which sections are to be successively used as the play progresses, and that the positions of the sections 22 and 23, and the cards and chips thereon, are immediately observable by the several players, eliminating any possibility of the mistaken ownership of the tokens, chips, or cards.

The receptacle 12 is provided to receive the chips or other objects used in playing the game. In accordance with the invention the receptacle 12 is positioned at the playing board 11 to be visible and conveniently accessible to the several players, and is removable so that it may be readily emptied. It is preferred to arrange the receptacle 12 in the center of the board 11. A central opening 27 is provided in the playing board 11 and the opening 27 extends downwardly through the subboard 18. The opening 27 is provided to receive the receptacle 12 with suitable

clearance. In the case illustrated the receptacle 12 and the opening 27 are round or generally cylindrical. The receptacle 12 is preferably seated in the opening 27 to have its upper edge below or flush with the playing surface of the board 11 so that the chips or objects of play may be readily moved into it from the playing surface of the board. In the preferred construction illustrated the receptacle 27 has an outwardly projecting annular lip or flange 28 on its upper edge removably seating in a groove 29 at the mouth of the opening 27. The upper surface of the flange 28 is flush with and forms an even continuation of the playing surface of the board 11. The engagement of the flange 28 in the recess 29 removably supports the receptacle 12 in the opening 27.

It is a feature of the invention that the receptacle 12 is shaped or formed for easy handling and for ready insertion in and removal from the opening 27. The mouth or upper portion of the receptacle 12 is reduced in diameter to have a restricted throat and to have a rather abrupt, downwardly facing annular internal shoulder 30. The mouth or throat of the receptacle 12 is sufficiently large to freely receive a person's hand or hands and the shoulder 30 forms a grip, ledge or hand hold readily engageable for the purpose of lifting and handling the receptacle 12. The reduced throat of the receptacle 12 and the shoulder 30 presented thereby also function to prevent the chips or objects of play from bouncing from the receptacle when dropped or thrown therein. It will be apparent how the receptacle 12 may be inserted in the opening 27 to receive the chips, etc. and how it may be readily removed by engaging its internal shoulder 30.

The card table of the invention may be provided with a container or drawer 31 for holding the cards, etc. The drawer 31 may be carried by suitable guides 32 to be accessible at one margin 20 of the table. The other margins 20 of the board 11 may have guides carrying shiftable and removable drawers 33. The drawers 33 may have series of grooves 34 for the reception of rows of the chips or objects of play. The invention further includes drawers or slides 35 for carrying ash trays 36 and coasters or holders 37 for drinking glasses. The slides or drawers 35 are set in openings or guides in the under side of the board 11 to be projectable from the board at its corners, that is, where the angular margins 20 join one another.

It is believed that the use of the card table of the present invention will be apparent from the foregoing. The manner of employing the distinctive playing surface zones or sections 22 and 23 of course depends to a great extent upon the nature of the game. In some instances the zones or spaces 22 and 23 may be used to receive playing cards during the progressive stages of play, while in other cases the zones or sections may be utilized to receive chips, tokens, or other objects of play. Each player has an orderly and readily distinguished series of zones or sections 22 and 23 for the reception of his cards, chips, tokens, or the like, and there can be no doubt as to the ownership and disposition of the cards or objects of play during the succession of plays. The receptacle 12 is located in the center of the playing-board 11 where it is within the full view of the several players and where it is conveniently accessible. When it is desired to remove the receptacle 12 at the end of the game a player may reach in the mouth of the receptacle and engage

the shoulder 30 to lift the receptacle from the opening 27. The receptacle 12 may be replaced by merely inserting it in the opening 27 to have its flange 28 fit in the recess 29.

5 Having described only a typical preferred form and application of my invention, I do not wish to be limited or restricted to the specific details herein set forth, but wish to reserve to myself any variations or modifications that may appear  
10 to those skilled in the art, or fall within the scope of the following claims.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A card table comprising supporting means, a playing board carried by the supporting means  
15 having a substantially central opening, the board having a series of sections for each player radiating from the opening upon which the objects of play may be placed, identifying means for the sections, means for distinguishing the adjacent  
20 series one from the other, a wide mouthed receptacle for said objects, and means removably supporting the receptacle in the opening comprising a supporting flange on the upper end of  
25 the receptacle resting on the board, the receptacle having a restriction at its mouth presenting an internal downwardly facing shoulder in the receptacle engageable by the fingers of a person's  
30 hand entered in the receptacle to insert and remove the receptacle, and an outwardly projecting flange forming the upper end of the restriction and projecting outwardly beyond the receptacle to bear on the board to support the receptacle.

2. A card table comprising supporting means, a playing board carried by the supporting means  
35 having a substantially central opening and a recess at the mouth of the opening, a series of sections on the board on which the objects of play may be placed, there being a series of sections  
40 for each player and the sections of each series being in radiating relation to the opening and being of distinctive colors, lines diverging from the opening and separating the adjacent series, a receptacle arranged in the opening and having  
45 a wide mouth to receive said objects, an outwardly projecting flange on the upper end of the receptacle cooperating with said recess to support the receptacle in the opening, the upper

face of the flange being flush with the top surface of the board, and an internal downwardly facing shoulder in the receptacle engageable by the fingers of a person's hand entered in the receptacle to facilitate the insertion and removal  
5 of the receptacle.

3. A game table comprising a support, a playing board on the support having a centrally located means for receiving the objects of play, the upper surface of the board being divided into a  
10 plurality of series of areas on which the objects of play are to be placed, said series radiating from said means and the adjacent areas of each section being of different colors to be readily distinguished, lines radiating from said means  
15 and separating the adjacent series.

4. A game table comprising a playing board having a substantially central opening, the upper surface of the board being divided into a  
20 plurality of series of areas on which the objects of play are to be placed, said series radiating from the opening and the adjacent areas of each series being alternately light and dark in color to be readily distinguished, lines radiating from the  
25 opening and separating the adjacent series, and a receptacle removably arranged in the opening for receiving the objects of play.

5. A game table comprising a playing board having a substantially central opening, the upper surface of the board being divided into a  
30 plurality of series of areas on which the objects of play are to be placed, said series radiating from the opening, there being indicia on the areas of each series identifying the areas, lines separating the adjacent series, and a receptacle  
35 in the opening for receiving the objects of play.

6. A game table comprising a playing board having a substantially central opening, the upper surface of the board being divided into a  
40 plurality of series of areas on which the objects of play are to be placed, said series radiating from the opening and the adjacent areas of each series being of different colors, the said areas of adjacent series being in angular relation to be  
45 readily distinguished, and a receptacle in the opening for receiving the objects of play.

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