A 200
Group #1

B Plus 1 Group #2
Plus 1

C Minus 8 Group #5
Minus 8
The object of this invention is to provide a game of skill, based on a series of numbered cards, and a game in which a large number of persons may participate, but which is also suitable for a much smaller number of players.

A further object is to provide a deck of cards divided into groups or series designated by numbers, and divided into hands designated by letters of the alphabet, all of the cards carrying a given letter or combination of letters going to be used by a single player, when the full number of players is participating, and the cards being used in the manner hereinafter disclosed.

A further object is to assign to each card a certain definite value, the totals resulting from the addition of the card values of the individual players representing corresponding amounts, regardless of the number of series or groups of cards employed for a given game.

A further object is to provide for determining the temporary score at the end of each play, and for determining the final score, indicating the winner of the game.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features represented by the grouping of the particular cards employed, and in the manner of determining the score, it being understood that modifications may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming part of this application,

Figure 1 shows a chart in which the letters at the left indicate hands, the numbered vertical columns (exclusive of totals) indicate individual cards, and the plus and minus signs indicate special cards of which two are represented in Figures 3 and 4; the totals indicate that each player represented by a letter holds cards of equal value, this being apparent by reading across the chart in Figure 1 from left to right.

Figure 2 shows one of the regular numbered cards of which there are 400 in the deck, these cards being divided into groups 1 to 8, the number of groups to be employed in a game being decided in advance by the players.

Figures 3 and 4 show special cards of which there are 150 in the deck.

The number of groups, series, and hands referred to herein is mentioned by way of example, and it will be considered that the deck comprises 550 cards, of which 400 cards are divided into eight series or groups of cards, containing fifty each, the remaining 150 cards being known as special cards.

One of the cards is designated 0, and carries the number 200, and all of the regular cards (comprising the lot of 400) carry numbers between 200 and 299. This card 0 is marked as belonging to hand A in series or group 1, one player receiving all of the cards marked A, and the other 49 players (in a full game) receiving all of the cards marked with their letter or combination of letters. If there are 26 players, the cards marked respectively A to Z will be used. However, any given number of series or groups, such as four or five, may be decided upon, and all other series or groups eliminated for that game.

Series or group No. 1 contains cards 200 to 249 inclusive; group No. 2 contains cards 250, 251, 297, etc., down to 250, making 50 cards; group No. 3 contains cards 249, 248, 247, etc., down to 220, and also cards 249, 248, etc. (duplicate numbers), down to 230.

Group No. 3 further contains special cards, such as card 12 which belongs to player B, and carries the wording "Plus 1." This card is to be played simultaneously with the same player's regular card of group No. 3, and indicates an addition of 1.

The cards of the other regular series or groups are numbered as shown by the drawing, but another special card 15 is termed a minus card, and the one illustrated belongs to hand C, and reads "Minus 8"—meaning that 8 is to be deducted when this card is played simultaneously with the "C" card of series or group 5. The drawing shows that series or group No. 5 contains many minus and plus cards, having the values there indicated, and used as disclosed hereinafter.

The cards of groups 1 and 2 in the hands of any one player—that is, the cards of hand A, H, or HZ, for example—carry figures totaling 499. If the player having cards H adds 242 for group 3 and adds 7 for the plus card of that group, his total will be 748, and all of the other players will get the same total by a corresponding procedure.

The total of the first four series or groups is 998 for each player. Including the cards of series or group 5, with its special card, requiring addition or subtraction of the figure
specified thereon, the total represented by the cards of each player is 1247. After allowing for the cards of series or groups 6, 7, 8, the total for each player is 1996.

Any number of players, from four to fifty, may join in the game. If there are four players, they may use cards A, B, C, D, each player receiving the same number of cards. A four group game calls for four plays by each person, and he receives four regular cards, these all belonging to groups 1, 2, 3, 4. In a five group game each player will receive five cards of the regular series and one special card.

The players decide upon a “neutral card”, which will be the fourth lowest card played, or any low card decided upon, above the fourth. Each player throws down a card, and when all have played once, each player scores one point for each point of difference between his card and the neutral card (whole numbers only being considered).

In a four group game the number of plays has been indicated as four; a six group game calls for six plays, and an eight group game for eight plays.

Upon the completion of the scheduled number of plays, each person adds the points scored in individual plays, and the player having the highest number of points wins the game.

A plus or minus card (played with the regular card of that group), involves addition or subtraction, for the purpose of determining the real value of the regular card played at that time.

What I claim is:

1. In a game, a plurality of groups of cards having group indications on each card, each group including cards carrying numbers indicating numerical value, and some of the groups including in addition special cards each special card to be played with another card, of the same group, and carrying a number affecting the value of said card last named and a chart showing the relative values of the cards in all of the groups, and the total values of the cards for each player when the cards of a predetermined number of groups are employed for a particular game.

2. In a game, a plurality of groups of cards having group indications on each card, each group including cards numbered in consecutive order, some of the cards having a specified numerical value, and some of the groups including in addition special cards each special card carrying a number to be added to a card to be played simultaneously therewith and a chart showing the relative values of the cards in all of the groups, and the total values of the cards for each player when the cards of a predetermined number of groups are employed for a particular game.

3. In a game, a plurality of groups of cards having group indications on each card, the cards carrying designations indicating the player to whom they are to be assigned, each group including cards carrying numbers indicating numerical value, and some of the groups including in addition special cards each special card to be played with another card of the same group, and carrying a number affecting the value of the card last named and a chart showing the relative values of the cards in all of the groups, and the total values of the cards for each player when the cards of a predetermined number of groups are employed for a particular game.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature:

LOUIS S. FRANCKE.