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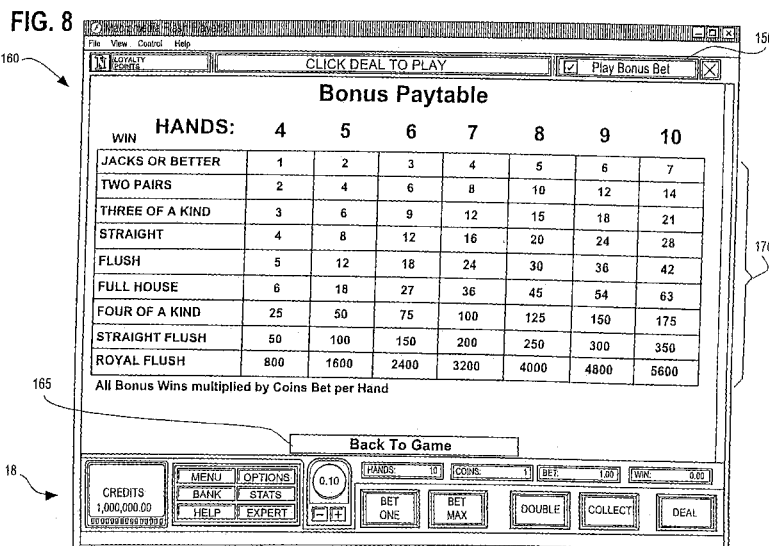
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(54) **Multi-play poker apparatus and games with bonus feature**

(57) Methods and apparatus for playing multi-play poker games are disclosed. The games include a bonus wager feature in which the player makes a wager that at least a minimum number of hands in the multi-play poker game will have a predetermined minimum poker hand ranking. For example, if ten hands are played in the multi-play poker game, the player may wager \$ 1.00 that at least four of the ten hands will have a ranking of a pair of jacks or better. The pay table for the bonus wager

feature may take the form of an array of rows and columns, rows representing poker hand rankings (including the minimum poker hand ranking) and columns headed by integers representing a number of hands between the minimum number of hands (M) and the total number of hands (N) in the multi-play poker game, with the entries in the array being payout multipliers that are applied to the bonus wager if the player has the number of hands with the associated poker hand ranking.





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