

# THE GAMES WHICH USE THE CARDS TO TELL FORTUNES

There are three great systems of divination—palmistry, astrology and cards. The first is the easiest, because the inquirer always has his or her plan handy and no skill is needed in combining the conflicting meanings of different signs. Astrology in the most difficult because of the intricate calculations necessary in order to determine the houses in which the inquirer's fortune is cast. The cards are the happy medium and probably the most popular of all systems of divination.

"Why cards?" many persons ask when you propose to tell their fortunes by such means. "What have cards to do with it and why should they be supposed to possess any occult power?"

Invented For Fortune Telling.

Those who regard cards as having been invented for the purpose of playing games and simply perverted to such base uses as fortune telling put the cart before the horse. Cards were invented for fortune telling and for centuries probably were used for nothing else. It is the playing of games that is the perversion.

So far as is known the present system of court cards and pips is an elaboration of the emblematic picture cards which were used for the fourteenth century by the gypsies, and were brought to Europe by the Saracens. The original cards, used exclusively for so-called fortune telling, were of the shape of the present day. It is remarkable that all the great people of history seem to have preferred cards to astrology or palmistry when it came to reading the book of fate.

The earliest work that pretends to put the science of fortune telling by cards in order is "Le Sorti," by Francesco Marcolini, printed in Venice in 1540. The author speaks of the art as being something of long standing and well known to every one. The only cards used in his system were the kings, queens and jacks and the ten, nine, eight, seven and deuce of diamonds.

Thirty Two Cards.

According to the father of modern fortune telling, Etteilla, thirty-two cards is the proper number, and they should be single headed, and the card standing on its head has a very different meaning from one standing firmly on its feet.

There are many cheap books on fortune telling that give the meanings of the various cards, but they do not agree by any means. There is a famous fortune teller on the East Side who for many years foretold the fortunes of New York's Four Hundred, as well as the misfortunes of many of its four million.

The writer has in his possession the original pack of German fortune telling cards which this woman brought from Europe. They are totally unlike ordinary playing cards, and the meanings of them, which are printed on the face in script, vary at variance with those found in modern books of cartomancy.

For the benefit of those who may wish to amuse themselves and their friends by telling fortunes here are the matters which the various cards in the thirty-two pack are supposed to represent. The first is given as follows: "When the card is right up, the second when it is reversed."

The Meanings.

Hearts—A. The house; a friend's visit. K. A liberal man; disappointment. Q. Mild mannered woman; crossed in love. J. Gay friend; good news. Happiness; anxiety. 9. Joy and wishes gratified; chagrin. 8. Pleasant company; unprofitable acquaintances. 7. Pleasant thoughts; be on your guard. Clubs—A. Joy, money, good news; of short duration. K. Frank man, fond of learning; disappointments. Q. Gentle and pleasing woman; inclined to jealousy. J. Good friend; good news; own axe. 10. Success; be careful in business affairs. 9. Unexpected gains or legacy; trifling present. 8. A dark person will bring you good; bad food. 7. Intention to some place of amusement; unsatisfactory.

Diamonds—A. A letter; cards. K. Man of fair complexion; not true to us. Q. A false woman; a friend. J. Unfaithful friend; cause of mischief. 10. Money. 9. Annoyance. 8. Marriage late in life. 7. Success in lotteries or gambling; small amounts. Spades—A. Pleasure; gain or bad news. K. Ambitious man; lawsuits. Q. Gay widow; a flirt. J. Bad man; injury. 10. Trouble. 9. Disappointment in everything. 8. Bad news after a long straight line, and can never hope for a branch.

Self Hypnotism.

Any one who has studied the matter carefully and has watched the methods of various fortune tellers must have arrived at the conclusion that they do themselves very comparatively little to do with the advice of warnings given by the operator who reads them. Any one who has consulted a skillful professional palmist and studied his manner must admit that he uses the palm before him more as a means of inducing autohypnotism than as a key to the history of the individual that consults him.

There is something of much the same character in all first class fortune tellers, by which is meant all those who can spin an interesting story and still stay within 90 degrees of the truth. There is a woman on the West Side today who has given up fortune telling, since she has received the message that they were "cutting" for the writer just to show how it was done.

She is a person of very ordinary education, belonging to the working classes, narrow minded, soft hearted and as glib as any of her former clients. The cards once shuffled and cut and her mind bent to the task of reading the message that they were "cutting" to convey, she was a different person. Great Change.

Her language was not the same. Her grammar was almost perfect; her words were well chosen; the figures of speech that illustrated the generalities of her story was clear. Upon closing the eyes and simply listening to her it was heard to believe that the woman who read the fortune was the woman who had been telling about her family troubles half an hour before.

# INTOXICATED BY HIS NECK

Portland, Me., May 27.—This afternoon a sailor named James Johnson, 49 years of age while partially intoxicated tripped and fell into the hold of the schooner General E. S. Greeley, which was discharging coal at the Maine Central coal docks. Johnson signed articles at the United States Shipping Commissioners' Office and went aboard the ship during the day. He was unknown to all the crew. He fell 35 feet to the bottom of the hold and broke his neck so that he died instantly. Johnson was a member of the Seamen's Union, and Agent George Foley of the Seamen's Union office is endeavoring to find relatives of the dead man in Providence or elsewhere.

Coroner Hay was called but an inquest was deemed unnecessary as the affair was purely accidental.

# TUGS TRYING TO FLOAT SCHOONER

Lunenburg, N. S., May 27.—The American fishing schooner Ella M. Doughty, Captain Geldert, of Portland, Maine, is ashore at Mosher's Harbor, on the western side of the Lahave River. During the storm of Sunday she parted her anchor and drifted ashore, where she is now leaning badly. Four tugs, two of them from Halifax, are endeavoring to pull the vessel off. The schooner's crew were landed here this afternoon. The captain is a Lunenburg man, and most of the crew are Nova Scotians.

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There are a few great novels of the last century that would enrich in ten times the value of the present monopoly of their publication. "Ivanhoe" is one of them. "The Scarlet Letter" is another. Anybody can publish Hawthorne now, but his original publishers got right on selling his works singly and in sets almost as if he were alive and still writing.

"The Pickwick Papers" sells better than any recent humorous work and "David Copperfield" has been selling steadily for sixty years. There are those who prophesy that "Pickwick" will be popular when most other profane fiction of the last century has gathered dust upon the library shelves. Hardly any other book by a youth of 25 has had such a success for so long a period now more than seventy years. Publishers are making ready for a spurt in the sale of Dickens' works at his centennial in 1912.

Thackeray.

Thackeray, whose centennial comes a year earlier, wrote nothing that is a year's steady sale of "Pickwick" though "Vanity Fair" is still a best seller. Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales have never ceased to sell both at home and abroad, and many thousands of them are called for every year. You

# THE "BEST SELLER" FORGOTTEN

In any ten years 100 standard books, classics if you will, outsell any hundred new books. The genuine best sellers, if any long period is considered are not new favorites but old.

After the daring young lady has written a book that her mother shouldn't let her read and has drawn her royalties from a sale of 50,000, 100,000, 150,000 copies in a year the public looks for a new sensation, but the books that were classics before the daring young lady was born go right on selling. It is the hare and the tortoise all over again, only the sleep that overtakes the novel of the year is apt to be a sleep that knows no waking.

Effect of College Exams.

The somewhat capricious college entrance requirements have kept alive for years an artificial demand for some books that young people do not really love. No girl or boy of 16 ever voluntarily read either Dryden's "Absalom and Achitophel" or Burke's "Speech on Conciliation with America," "The Old Maid" or "The Two Years Before the Mast" alone have created a demand for a few general favorites

One Million per Year.

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# TATTOO'S BY MR. THOMAS ATKINS, ESQ.

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It will astonish most people to be told that the British Government in addition of making laws is the greatest tailor in the world. The army clothing factory at Pimlico is the biggest tailor shop in England. Last year Tommy Atkins' tailor bill amounted to £235,875. During the Boer war the clothing of the army cost nearly £51,000,000.

Tommy's Trousers.

Trousers are the most costly item in the soldier's wardrobe, and for that reason garments last year the nation had to pay no less a sum than £73,278. This recalls the fact that it is less than ninety years since the British army put on its trousers that the British infantry soldier, that is, first substituted trousers for the old fashioned knee breeches.

New System.

The British soldier will be clothed on an entirely new system of what has prevailed for so many years, and the innovation will probably be a great deal more satisfactory to the rank and file. Every man will receive a complete outfit of equipment as heretofore, but he will be required to provide his personal clothing and necessities out of an allowance credited to him quarterly. This allowance of two pence a day after six months service he will receive at the end of his first year a lump sum equivalent to the accumulated allowance. In addition to the separate clothing allowance.

The maintenance of kit and clothing will be a matter between the soldier and his commanding officer. It is intended that the present arbitrary periods to wear allotted to each garment shall be abolished. Under the old system a pair of trousers might be serviceable today and "time expired" tomorrow.

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was a middle distance runner, as Shrubbs is today. We refer to the late Bill Lang, who once ran a mile in a shade outside four minutes on a downhill course at Newmarket, and who, when told to defeat the Indian at ten miles. It was this controlling of results which killed the popularity of professional pedestrianism in the '60s.

Miller, the Pittsburg second baseman, has made only two errors since his advent in the game on April 13.



# PUBLIC HOME

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that they will start 1.50 a bushel a day over this week. With this in view, a statement that the Government will have a great deal of wheat for this week, must be doubly apparent.

Roads Have Advantage.

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