

John Johnson Collection Adds

Douce Playing Cards

Index created by JAL June 2022

These cards were collected by [Francis Douce](#) and form part of his collection (which is held by the Bodleian and the Ashmolean). However, there are also additions, e.g. packs transferred from the main Bodleian holdings, notably the shelfmark at 384729 g.18. This is indicated, where known. If the Douce stamp has not been used, it is unclear whether the pack is original to the Douce collection or a later addition. The boxes contain printed slips and, sometimes, index cards. These have been transcribed below. References to Tilley are to: A History of Playing Cards by Roger Tilley. London, Studio Vista, 1973.

Douce Playing Cards: English 17th century (1)

Box label: Hewson

English playing-cards (late 17th cent.) [Douce: Hewson]

Contains printed slip: Hewson (Colonel) the Regicide, an exact copy, from the scarce caricature on the Ace of Clubs of the court cards used in the reign of King Charles II

Complete: 52 cards. 4 suits

The Impeachment of Dr. Sacheverell. English Historical c. 1700

Label: Douce Cards: Sacheverell

Hearts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 10, Jack, Queen, King

Diamonds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 10, Jack, Queen, King

No Clubs or Spades

Stamped: Bibl. Bodl. Ex dono Fr. Douce

26 cards 2 suits

The impeachment of Dr. Sacheverell

[Not Douce]

Another set: The impeachment of Dr. Sacheverell. The affair from the point of view of his supporters.

Hearts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 10, Jack, Queen, King

Diamonds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 10, Jack, Queen, King

No Clubs or Spades

26 cards 2 suits

“English heraldic or armorial

[Not Douce] Former shelfmark: 384729 g.13

“English heraldic or armorial, issued 1675 by Richard Blome, a London publisher. Hearts show diff. armorial bearings of diff. social grades. Remainder of pack devoted to an explanation of the various charges used in blazonry.

Accompanying damaged slip has Playing-cards. 384729 g.14. R. Blome’s Heraldic playing-cards with English inscriptions 1675 and 1679.

Has ref to MS. Eng. Misc. f.51 (ff. 17-68) and refers to 2 packs.

Complete: 52 cards

James Moxon’s ‘Carving cards’ introduced in 1677 with Lenthall border.

[Not Douce?]

2 different unsuited I cards (Aces?)

Clubs VII (Mackrel), X (Cods head)

Hearts II (Coney), VIII (Loyn of Veal)

Diamonds X (Chicken)

There is a note: X card comes from different pack = 1693. All others 1717. (assume this refers to X of Clubs as the border is different)

7 cards

Douce English box 1

English love cards c. 1700

Douce Cards Amorous (label)

2 copies of following: one on paper, one on card

Hearts: Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, Queen, King

Diamonds (2 copies, as above)

Ace, 2, Jack, Queen, King

Versos blank, except for Bodleian ex don Douce stamps

File card ref to Tilley p 126-7

Earlier description on slip: [Part of an engraved pack of cards, bearing amorous illustrations and couplets descriptive of them : unmounted ; consisting of a complete suit of Hearts, and the 1, 2, Knave, Queen & King of Diamonds] n.p. [end of 17th cent.?] 3 ¾ x 2 3/8 in.

- A duplicate lot; mounted; 8 of Hearts also wanting

Hearts: Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, Queen, King = 13 cards (x 2)

Diamonds: Ace, 2, Jack, Queen, King = 10 cards (x 2)

23 cards (x 2)

One Ply of Divertissements

In slip case which has Douce stamp. 8 stiff cards, bearing 8 miniature cards each on recto and verso (not two sides of the same card).

Slip case reads: One ply of divertissements. With 128 Figures of Karts

Slip reads: One Ply of Divertissements, with 128 Figures of Karts. [A case of 8 conjuring (?) cards : each having on either side 8 patterns of playing cards. The patterns are of the ordinary numeral suits, Clubs, Spades, Diamonds & Hearts; each suits being 4 court-cards, King, Queen, Knight & Knave; and there are 8 patterns of tarot (?) cards; all of which are in duplicate. n.p. [1765?] 3 ¾ x 2 inches.

Description on a plain card: 8 sheets printed on both sides & presumably to be cut up. They contain a double pack of suits, each suit with 4 court-cards – Knave, Knight, Queen, King.

They also contain a double set of 8 tarot cards, numbered I-VIII. [Douce Divertissements]

8 cards

Fortune telling: Douce Playing Cards 3 a-b

2 packs on different paper

One has rules

Clubs

I Merlin

II Phrygia

III Dr Faustus

III S. Lybica

V Anaximander

VI S. Tuccia (pack one only)

VII Apolonius

VIII S. Heriphile

IX Artemedorus (pack one only)

X S. Cumaea

XII Clytemnastra (pack one only)

XIII Pharoh (pack one only) = 12 cards + 9 cards

Spades

I Ptolomye (pack one only)

II S Vates Ancyre (pack one only)

III Copernicus (pack two only)

IIII S. Samia

V Tychoabrahe (pack one only)

VI S Persica (pack one only)

VII Cornelius Agripie (pack two only)

VIII S Amalthea (pack one only)

IX Dr Dee

X S. Halica

XI Wat Tyler

XII Dido (pack one only)

XIII Holophernes = 11 cards + 7 cards

Diamonds

II S. Claudia (pack one only)

III Nostrodamus

IIII S. Delphica

V Cardon

VI S. Egyptia

VIII S. Europea

IX Erra Pater (pack two only)

X S. Marpesia

XI Mahomett

XII Prosperina (pack one only)

XIII Nimrod = 10 cards + 9 cards

Hearts

I Hermes Trismagistus

II S. Shiptonica (pack one only)

III Averoes (pack two only)

III S. Erithrea

V Zoroaster

VI S Tyburtina

VII Iamblicus (pack one only)

VIII S. Hellespontica

IX Fryer Bacon (pack one only)

X S. Cumana

XI Cupid

XII Semiramis

XIII Herod = 12 cards + 10 cards

Total: 46 cards (including rules) + 35 cards. 4 suits

Douce Playing Cards: English 2. 17th and 18th centuries

English 1690 'Anti-Catholic. The reign of James II. Rebellion'.

Has label: Douce Cards. Revolution. Stamped: Bibl. Bodl. Ex dono Fr. Douce

Clubs: I, II III, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, Knave. Queen, King Photocopy of III

Spades: I, II III, III V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, Knave. Queen, King

Hearts: I, III, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, Knave. Queen, King. Photocopies of II and III

Diamonds: I, II III, III V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, Knave. Queen, King

Hearts and Diamonds hand-coloured in red

= 49 cards. 4 suits

English c. 1688: Trial of the Seven Bishops

In an envelope. **Another pack of the above (variant)**, stained, on thin paper and in less good condition, with some text missing. Have I of Diamonds printed as I of hearts. Other set has this correctly as Diamonds

NB Has IIII of Clubs and II and III of Hearts. Also stamped Bibl. Bodl. Ex dono Fr. Douce

Clubs: I, II III, IIII, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, Knave. Queen, King = 13 cards

Spades: I, III, IIII, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, Knave. Queen, King. Photocopies of II and V = 11 cards

Hearts: IIII, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, Knave. Queen, King. Photocopies of I, IIII and VIII = 10 cards

Diamonds: I (but printed as heart), II III, IIII, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, Knave. Queen, King. Photocopy of V = 12 cards

= 46 cards. 4 suits

NOT DOUCE

English 'South Sea' Playing-Cards c. 1721 Former shelfmark 384729 g.18

Accompanying slip notes:

[Imperfect pack of English playing-cards, each bearing an engraving and four lines relating to the South Sea and other bubbles.

The following are missing:

2, 4, 6, 9 and queen of Clubs

4, 10, knave, queen and king of Spades

1, 2, 3, 6, 8, knave, queen and king of Diamonds

1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10 of Hearts

n.pl. n.d. [c. 1712] 3 5/8 x 2 3/8 in.

Accompanying card reads: 27 cards

Hearts 3, 4, 8, 9, J, Q, K [checked]

Clubs 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, J, K [checked]

Diamonds 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 [checked]

Spades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [checked]

27 cards + many blanks. 4 suits

Box Label: Douce English 3

English 18th century London. Alphabetical. No suit signs. 2 packs.

Douce Cards A B C

Pack one

Four sets:

Maxims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Single letters A – K, Court cards have maxims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Single letters cont. L – V. Court cards have maxims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Single letters cont. W – Z (1-4), letters in two combinations beginning with vowel, e.g. ab, eb, ib, ob, ub. 5, 6, 8 Lacking 7, 8, 10

52 cards. 3 or 4 sequences?

Pack two

Maxims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Single letters A – K, Court cards have maxims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Single letters cont. L – V. Court cards have maxims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Single letters cont. W – Z (1-4), letters in two combinations beginning with vowel, e.g. ab, eb, ib, ob, ub. 5, 6, 8. Has two 7, 8, 10 so probably from other pack. Lacks 5

Note: More work needed, in identifying suits and ensuring correct court cards with each sequence

51 cards. 3 or 4 sequences?

[not Douce] English Humorous c. 1811. Designed by I.L. Cowell. Transformation

Former shelfmark: 384729 g.15. Bodleian stamp

52 transformation cards, hand coloured . Complete 4 suits

Box label: English Geographical

Douce Cards: Geographical (Douce Playing Cards 1 a-c)

Douce Cards: Geographical

Douce Playing Cards 1 a-c

English geographical. Issued by Robert Morden, 1676. This re-engraved edition by John Lenthall in 1717

Slip has [Part of a pack of playing-cards), each card having on it a map of a county of England or Wales, with its length, breadth, circumference & c.: unmounted ; consisting of a complete suit of Diamonds, and the Knave, Queen & King of Hearts, with two supplementary cards, one explaining the pack and the other giving a list of other pictorial cards] Lond. Sold by John Lenthall, [early 18th cent.] 3 5/8 x 2 1/4 in.

Box contains two sets of cards, one on card, one on paper. The paper copies are stamped
Bibl. Bodl. Ex dono Fr. Douce

Explanation of the cards 1, 2 = 2 cards

Diamonds:

I (Flint Shire) x 2

II (Carnarvan Shire) x 2

III (Denbigh Shire) x 2 + facs

IV (Sussex) x 2

V Montgomery Shire x 2

VI (Cardigan Shire) x 2

VII (Brecknock Shire) x 2

VIII Glamorgan Shire) x 2

IX (Camarthen Shire) x 2

X (Surrey) x 2

Jack (Anglesey) x 2

Queen (Radnor Shire) x 2

King (Hereford Shire) x 2 = 13 cards x 2

Hearts

Jack (Rutland Shire) x 2

Queen (Huntingdon S.) x 1

King (Middlesex) x1 = 3 cards

Clubs

V Darby Shire x 1 (facsimile only) = 1 card (facs)

= 19 cards. 2 suits + 1 facs card

Geographical. Lenthall c. 1720. French cars issued in England.

Douce Playing Cards 2 a-c

Introductory card one (advertising) x 2

Introductory card two x 2 = 2 cards

Clubs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 = 8 cards

Spades: 1, 2 (x 2), 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 (x 2), 9 (x 3) = 8 cards (+ dupls)

Hearts: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 = 7 cards

Diamonds: 1 (2 different), 3, 5, 6 (x 2), 7, 8 (x 2), 9 = 8 cards + dupls.

33 cards + dupls. 4 suits

English Geographical. Redmayne. This edition J. Lenthall. 3 states: 1676, 1677, 1711.

Label has Douce Cards: Geographical

Spades:

VI (Northfolk)

VII (Monmouth-Sh)

IX (Essex)

Queen (York-Shire). This card has inscription on verso: to transcribe = 4 cards

Hearts:

1 (Flint-Shire)

II (Lincoln-Shire)

III (Darbie-Shire)

IX (Suffolk)

Jack (Middlesex)

Queen (Leicester-Shire)

King (Cambridge Shire) = 7 cards

Diamonds

VIII (Northumberland) x 4

IX (Cheshire) (has Z removed)

X (Lancashire) (has Z removed)

Queen (Bishoprick of Durham) x 2

King (Dorcet-shire) = 5 cards (+ dupls)

16 cards + dupls. 3 suits

Riley's New Geographical Playing Cards or Moral Reflections on the four quarters of the globe and its inhabitants, adorned with the dresses of each country.

Box label has: English Geographical published in 1790 by G. Riley in London.

London: printed for G. Riley, Stationer, at his Patent Sliding Black Lead and coloured Pencil Warehouse, no. 33, Ludgate-Street

Title card has Geographical terms on verso.

Cards are not suited but numbered 1-50 + title card (r and v) = 52 cards

Box also contains folded advertisement for the cards

Riley's Geographical Playing Cards. To the Heads of Boarding Schools, Rules for playing the card and (on verso): The Map explained and An Alphabetical table of the countries specified in our map of the world with the latitude and longitude of the capital towns.

And (also folded):

Map of the world. (printed on one side only). There is a manuscript note on the verso

Most of the cuts were done by Lee who has put his name on some of them. A few are by T. Bewick (?). The designs were made by Dodd the miniature painter and are said to have been much more beautiful than the engravings.

Note: no indication that these are Douce (unless the hand is Douce's). Not stamped Douce
= 52 cards

NOT DOUCE

Envelope containing sliding Whist counters. Exclude (19thc.)

5 published by Goodall & Son

2 published by De La Rue

Douce Patterned box

German 16th

Cards from two sets. [Douce – Old German wood]

Suits are roses, pomegranates, vine leaves and acorns, kings are mounted. Roger Tilley p 60-61

Note by Clive Hurst. By Hans Sebald Bahem, See Benezit.

Contemporary note pasted to bottom of box.

Vine leaves (12)

Pomegranates (12)

Roses (14) incl duplicate

Acorns (17) including duplicates

55 cards. 4 suits

German Tarot: Animal tarot

By Johann Mathus Sedlmayr, Augsburg, c. 1780.

Tilley p. 96-99

Note in box. Clubs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ... wanting

Spades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ... wanting

Hearts 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 ... wanting

Diamonds 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 ... wanting. [However 4 is present]

Has wrapper. Cards have patterned backs.

Clubs 6-10, knight, knave, queen, king = 9

Spades 6-10, knight, knave, queen, king = 9

Hearts 1-5, knight, knave, queen, king = 9

Diamonds 1-5, knight, knave, queen, king = 9

21 illustrated cards (of animals) + Fool

= 57 cards + wrapper 4 suits

German. Feine Schwerter Karte. Leipzig, Joh. Gottfried Herbert.

Acorns 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 + 3 courts

Hearts: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 + 3 courts (8 of hearts has Joh. Gottfried Herbert in Leipzig)

Balls: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 + 3 courts

Leaves: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 + 3 courts

Patterned backs, Not stamped Douce

36 cards

German. 36 at Augsburg

Wrapper (with note: to what does this belong?)

Hearts: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Knaves x 2, King

Balls: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Knaves x 2, king

Leaves: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Knaves x 2, king

Acorns: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Knaves x 2, king

Note: Hand-coloured. Backs are marbled.

36 cards + wrapper (?). 4 suits

Le Jeu des Hommes et Femmes illustres

Publ. 1700 by Mortier in Amsterdam. Engraved by Jacob Gole

Clubs: 2 – 10, P, D, R, C = 13

Spades: 2 – 10, P, D, R, C = 13

Hearts 2 - 7, 8 x 2, 9 x 2, 10, P, D, R, C = 15 incl dupls

Diamonds: 2 – 10 (10 x 2), P, C, R (R x 2) = 14 incl dupls

Note: Plain backs Not stamped Douce

= 55 cards 4 suits

Belgium c. 1790

Liege J.J. Dubois

Diamonds: 1-10, Knave, Queen, King

Hearts: 1-10, Knave, Queen, King

Clubs: 1-10, Knave, Queen, King
Spades: 1-10, Knave, Queen, King
= 52 cards. 4 suits

Dutch first quarter of 18th century. Satirical

Complete set + one other
Diamonds: 1 -10 + Knecht, Vrouw, Heer
Hearts: 1 -10 + Knecht, Vrouw, Heer
53 cards. 2 suits

Brussels. 17th century. Fabrique de P.A. Keusters.

Separate envelope in box, with transcription
Hearts: 1-10, Jack, Judic, Charles
Diamonds: 1-10, Jack, Rachel, Cezar
Clubs: 1-10, Jack Argine, Alexandre
Spades: 1-10, Jack, Pallas, David
[Douce – Flemish]
Full pack 52 cards. 4 suits

German Elegant

Transformation cards:
On card: German playing-cards (Tubingen, Cotta): Douce: German elegant
Includes booklet: Karten-Almanach, Tubingen, 1804. 16 pp.
Clubs (insects): 1-10, Valet, Dame, Roi
Spades: 1-10, Valet, Dame, Roi
Hearts: 1-10, Valet, Dame, Roi
Diamonds: 1-10, Valet, Dame, Roi
52 cards: complete + 16 pp booklet 4 suits

Old German Wood

Has note on back of box lid

Hops 6, 7, 8, 9, king

Roses 8, 10 checked

Oak leaves 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, knave, king. Also 1, and another 2?? + 9??

Pomegranates 7, 8, 9, 10, fool, King checked

Also:

Acorns: 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, King

Vines? 6, 7, 8, 9

Balls? 1, 7, 8, 9,

Hearts: 2, 6, 8, 9

Spades: 1 (x 2 poss 10) 2, 4, 7, 9

Unconnected card: 4 of Hearts

48 cards? 9 suits

German Tarot

Has wrapper as box liner

Card has German pack of numerals (56) & tarots (22). Munich, ? late 18th cent. Andreas Benedict Gobt

[Douce. German Tarot 78]

Also includes description on handlist slip

Patterned cards (unsuited) I – XXI + unnumbered lutenist = 22

Clubs are plain suited cards, valet, knight, queen, king = 14

Spades are plain suited cards, valet, knight, queen, king = 14

Hearts are plain suited cards, valet, knight, queen, king = 14. Valet has maker: Andreas Benedit Gobt

Diamonds are plain suited cards, valet, knight, queen, king = 14. Valet continues imprint: Karten Fabricant

Patterned backs. Stamped: Bibl. Bodl. Ex dono Fr. Douce

78 cards + wrapper. 4 suits + numerals (so 5 sequences) + wrapper and backs.

Label on box: **German teaching cards**. 1629 edition. Strasbourg. Thomas Murner to teach logic.

No indication that these are Douce.

Card in box: German playing-cards. Murner's designs for cards to learn Logic. First publ. in 1509, but the above specimens were cut out of the 1629 ed. of his book. [Douce-Murner)

File card: Thomas Murner, a noted German satirist & Franciscan monk. First developed the pack in 1507 while lecturing in Philosophy at Cracow – intended to help in logic. Publ. in book form. 10 logical cards & pip cards with sixteen suits signs.

48 cards? Roger Tilley p 65-5. + 1 that doesn't fit (text in English on verso)

The rest have text in Latin on verso

Also part of tract separately in box: 4 pp.

50 cards + 4pp. tract

Douce Playing Cards: German 1740

Has wrapper

Diamonds: 1 -10, Knight, knave, queen, king

Hearts: 1- 10, no courts

Clubs 1 – 10, Knight, knave, queen, king

Spades: 1- 10, Knight, knave, king

21 number cards + flautist

Andreas Benedictus Gobl de Son Altesse Seresime de Baviere le Fabricant ... a Munic

Patterned backs. Not stamped Douce

72 cards. 4 suits + Numerals (5 sequences) + Wrapper

Douce German: Grey box

(not all German)

Old German Wood (I Ammon?)

Transcribed from cards: German playing-cards. Pack of 4 suits of 12 cards each (16th cent.?) [Douce – Old German wood] J. Ammon?

In modern hand. 16th cent. German woodcut pack thought to be by Jost Ammon. Suits are parakeets, roses, acorns, & bells. "History of Playing Cards" by Roger Tilley. 25817 d.17

Parakeets: II, III, IIII, V, VI, VII, VIII, VIII, X, Knave, Queen, King

Roses: II, III, IIII, V, VI, VII, VIII, VIII, X, Knave, Queen, King

Acorns: II, III, IIII, V, VI, VII, VIII, VIII, X, Knave, Queen, King

Balls: II, III, IIII, V, VI, VII, VIII, VIII, X, Knave, Queen, King

Plain backs, Not stamped Douce

= 48 cards. 4 suits

Old German Copper

Engraved by V. Solis?

Has note: Taken out of the glass case as the cards were being damaged by insects

Has paper at bottom of box: 10 monkeys by Virgil Solis, 3 birds by Virgil Solis

Three cards of birds

Monkeys: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 x 2, 10 x 2

(15 cards)

German 36 (1789)

Transcription from card: German playing-cards (Munich) 4 suits of 9 cards each (no 1, 3, 4, 5) [Douce German 36]

Acorns: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Knave, Knight, King (or equivalent)

Vine leaves? 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Knave, Knight, King (or equivalent)

Hearts: 2, 6, 7 (bears imprint), 8, 9, 10, Knave, Knight, King (or equivalent)

7 of hearts has Andreas Benedict Gobl in München

Balls: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Knave, Knight, King (or equivalent)

Marbled backs.

36 cards. 4 suits

Dutch Satirical

Transcription from card: Dutch playing-cards with designs relating to Law's financial schemes [Douce – Dutch anti-papist]

And Dutch playing-cards with anti-Papistical designs [Douce – Dutch anti-papist]

Box contains slip in Dutch: De Roomse Onfaeybaarheid word hier naar eys verdoond. En als zy waard is, met een Kaarten Spel bekroond

Title card: April-Kaart of Kaartspel van Momus naar de Nieuwste Mode

Second card: Nieuwe Constitutie Kaart van's Paussen gewaande onfeil-baarheid gestigt op dolheid en blindhied.

Third card: Deze Nieuwe Constitutie Kaart feilbaar voor de Verliezers. On-feilbaar voor de Winners, worden gemaakt, en zyn te Koop te Romen, in de Vissers fing, by Pieter Waan regt, in de gekroonde Consitutie Non

Hearts: Aas, 2 – 10, Knecht, Vrouw, Heer

Diamonds: Aas, 2 – 10, Knecht, Vrouw, Heer

Clubs: Aas, 2 – 10, Knecht, Vrouw, Heer

Spades: Aas, 2 – 10, Knecht, Vrouw, Heer

Plain backs, Not stamped Douce

55 cards. 4 suits

Another set. Seems to be duplicate but I have not checked minutely. Only has second card, although it is difficult to see which of the title cards belongs with which pack. Only one is duplicated (second card).

53 cards. 4 suits

File card: April – kaart of Kaart Spel van Momus naar d Nieuwste Mode

Dutch satirical c. 1720

Satire on the South Sea, Mississippi & other bubble companies of the year 1720.

Br. Mus. Catal of playing cards & c. p. 184-5

Roger Tilley p. 123-7

2 sets 55 cards, 54 cards

French box 1

French Revolution 1792

Has slip. [Pack of engraved playing-cards, having on them titled illustrations of incidents connected with the Revolution: 4 suits, wanting the IV of Clubs and the II & III of Heart]

[a duplicate pack, much worn, wanting the II & V of Spades, the V of Diamonds and the I, IV & VIII of Hearts]

n.pl. [c. 1690]??? 3 5/8 x 2 3/8 in.

However, we have:

Diamonds: 7, 8, 9, 10, + Courage, Richesse, Industrie

Hearts: 7, 8, 9, 10, Sécurité, Fraternité, Force

Clubs: 7, 8, 9, 10, Prosperité, Pudeur, Justice, Ace

Spades: 7, 8, 9, 10, Gout, Lumière, Puissance, Ace

No second pack. Doesn't really correspond to description

Not stamped Douce

30 cards 4 suits

French late 18th century by Pinault & G.D.

Wrapper has French playing-cards [Douce – French (box)]

See Tilley p. 90-91.

Diamonds 7, 8, 9, 10, Hector, Rachel, Cezar

Hearts 7, 8, 9, 10, Lahire, Judic, Charles, Ace

Clubs 7, 8, 10, Pinault (Au Pere de Famille, G.D. Paris), Argine, Alexandre, Ace

Spades 7, 8, 9, Hogier, Pallas, David, Ace

Not stamped Douce

29 cards. 4 suits

Stories (box label)

Fortune telling (standard) slip in box

Chez Etteilla, rue de Beauvais, a Paris 1792 (title card)

Diamonds: 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, Ace

Hearts: 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, Ace

Clubs: 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, Ace

Spades: 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, Ace

33 cards. 4 suits

French Cards by P. Ressay, Paris, c. 1780. Probably cards from two similar packs. Tilley p 90-91.

Hearts Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, La Hire, Judic, Charles = 13

Diamonds Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Hector, Rachel, Cezar = 13

Clubs Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 x 2, 10, Aux Armes de Paris. P. Ressay, G.D. Paris = 14

Spades Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 x 2, 10, Hogier, Pallas, David = 14

50 cards. 4 suits

French box 2

New French (box lid title)

Card inside: French playing-cards. [Douce. New French]

Hearts Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Diamonds Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Clubs Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Spades Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K

Patterned backs.

Not stamped Douce

52 cards + back.

Douce Cards: French mythol.

Accompanying slip. Cards: [Part of a pack of engraving playing cards, each card having on it a mythological illustration with a description of it in French : mounted : consisting of the C[hevalier?] of Clubs, the 5, 6, 7, 9, & 10 of Diamonds and the 3-10 + C[hevalier?] of Hearts. n.pl. [1st half of 18th cent.] 3 5.16 x 2 1/8 in.

Hearts:

3 Jupiter

4 Biblis

5 Iphis

6 Jupiter

7 Circe

8 Vertumne

9 Venus aimant Adonis

10 Jupiter

C Mercure

Diamonds

5 Arachne

6 Niobe

7 Le jeune Cyparisse

9 Un berger ayant vu des Nymphes

10 Iphis

Clubs

C Glauque

Stamped. Douce

15 cards. 3 suits

French playing-cards. (A.D. 1816)

Hearts: Lahire, Judith, Charles

Diamonds: Hector, Rachel, Cesar

Clubs: Lancelot, Argine, Alexandre

Spades: Hogier, Pallas, David, Ace

13 cards. 4 suits

Notes on (modern) wrapper

French cards by Hersent et Bergeret, 1818. Court cards depict famous historical figures.
Box III.

Hearts, Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 x 2, 9, 10, Crillon, Jeanne d'Albret, Henri IV

Diamonds. Ace x 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Sire de Joinville, Blanche de Castille, Saint Loys

Clubs: Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Bayard, Marguerite de Valois, Francois Ir

Spades, Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Roland, Hildegarde, Karoldus Magnus

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54 cards. 4 suits

Further pack that appears to have the court cards from three different tarot packs.

There are also three makers' cards: 4 makes cards: P.B. and Po Bosio S. Stanpuero Ingenoua, Por Pedro Pitto and A.P.

Has card in box: French playing-cards (A.D. 1816). Douce – French (paper)

However, the backs are patterned identically. A bit of a mystery

36 cards

French box 3

French tarots 1804

File card has: French tarots 1804. [Marseilles?]

Slip has: [Pack of French combined tarots, consisting of 22 atouts and 56 numerals. The suit-marks of the numerals are Coupes, Deniers, Espes and Bastons; each suit has four court-cards, roy reyne, cavalier & Valet. On tarot-card no. XV, Le Diable, are the words "Grave par J. Proche" and on no. XI, La Force, Grave par Jean Proche" The two of Deniers is dated 1804, and its suit-marks are connected by an inscribed scroll, Fait par Jacques Rochias a Neuchatel, 1804] n.pl. 1805, 14 5/8 x 2 1.2 in.

With suits of Italian character: Cups, money, swords & clubs. (see Br. Mus. Catal p.108 no. F. 39)

56 numerals (4 court cards per suit) + 22 atouts

No Atout 9 unless unnumbered. 21 atouts.

Patterned backs

= 77 cards. 4 suits + Numerals + back

Gallo-Spanish tarot

Has note in box. Bought from Spain by Mr. Twiss. Tarot 22, 56 78 [number of cards]

Another note: French pack (1760) of numerals (56) & tarots (22). Douce – Gallot-Spanish tarot

All suits complete. 2 of Deniers has maker: Francois Bourlion 1760

Patterned backs, Not stamped Douce.

78 cards + Le mat

Le Jeu des metamorphoses d'Ovide. Publ. in 1705 in Amsterdam by Mortier, engraved by Jacob Gole.

Hearts:

C. Mercure

D. Iupiter

P. Iunon

2 Iupiter ayant vu Caliston

3 Iupiter

4 Biblis

5 Iphis

6 Iupiter

7 Circe

8 Vertumne

9 Venus aimant Adonis

10 Iupiter

Diamonds

2 Les neufs filles de Pierus

3 Ocyroe

4 Ceres

5 Arachne

6 Niobe

7 Le Jeune Cyparisse

8 Les Cercopes

9 Un berger ayant vu des Nymphes

10 Iphis

C Caron x 2

D Pluton

P Prosperine

R Morphee

Clubs

C Glauque

2 Neptune
3 Acteon
4 Narcisse
6 Les Syrenes
7 Le fleuve Alphee
8 Latone
9 Polipheme
10 Circe
P Tethys
D Neptune
R Palaemon

Spades

C Vulcain
2 Cadmus
3 Persee
4 Ceres deesse des Bleds
5 Teree
6 Ulysse et Ajax
7 Jule Caesar
8 Hyrie
9 Hyacinte
10 Cenis aimee de Neptune
P Bellone
D Mars
R Bacchus
50 cards. 4 suits

Educational c. 1700. Le jeu des fortifications. Roger Tilley p. 75. 5 cards

D(ame?) of spades: Sentinelle

3 of diamonds: Pentagone

8 of clubs Mine

D(ame?) of hearts Enroslement

10 of hearts Poterne et Traverse

Plain backs, Not stamped Douce.

5 cards

French 1810 designed by Jacques Louis David

Commission from Napoleon to design a standard French pack to replace regional designs. The emperor, in the costume of Julius Caesar, with a crown of laurels appears as the king of diamonds. Roger Tilley p. 143-4.

Andrieu F. (Valet of hearts)

King, Queen and Jack of each suit.

12 cards

Italian playing cards box

1 Pack of 4 suits. [Douce – Italian]

Deniers: 1-10 and 3 court cards

Swords: 1-10 and 3 court cards. Swords 2 of swords has Rovere. Do.

Cups: 1-10 and 3 court cards

Sticks: 1-10 and 3 court cards. 1 of sticks has F. Marchesani

Pictorial backs. Not stamped Douce

52 cards

Douce: Italian and Portugese

2 packs.

Old Italian

There are (probably) four or five packs represented. 47 cards. Various backs. Not stamped Douce.

Also some fragments of books with mss annotations in the box and some descriptions on cards.

Not stamped Douce.

47 cards

Portugese Playing Cards

Pack of 4 suits of 12 cards each

But not all present

Gobelets: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Deniers 3, 6, 7, 8, 9

Sticks: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Swords: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

30 cards (**of 48**). 4 suits

Spanish

Spanish early 19th century, but a lot earlier

Deniers: 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9. 2 is printed: Waipes Finos

Goblets: 2 – 9

Sticks: 2 – 9

Swords: 2 – 9

Patterned backs, Not stamped Douce

30 cards. 4 suits

Spanish Playing-Cards. [Douce Spanish fancy]

Note by E.B.N. (Nicholson?). 'Some of this pack were in a paper indorsed 'Spanish fancy' others in a paper with no indorsement.'

The cards are mounted individually, so the original backs cannot be seen, but they are patterned.

Sticks: 1 – 9 + 3 courts

Urns: 1 – 9 + 3 courts

Deniers: 1 – 9 + 3 courts (indigenous peoples)

Swords: 1 – 9 + 3 courts

4 of sticks has J. Ruiz. J. Altaribb a, delo. J. Fonsica las go?

Not stamped Douce

48 cards

Spanish 1792

File card: Spanish 1792 &c. Madrid (from 2 packs)

+ same with 'of type Br. Mus. Catal. P.95-6, no. S.16.

21 cards from 2 different packs

Deniers: 1 (x 2), 4, Jacks (x 3), King

1 of deniers: Real Fabrica de Madrid. Pord. Felix Solesioeh. Jos.

4 of deniers: Nayres finisimos fabircado en Madrid H. 1792

Sticks: 1, Jack (x 2), King (x 2)

Goblets: 1, 4, Jack (x 2), King

Swords: 1, Jack (x 2), King

Patterned backs, Not stamped Douce

Spanish Playing-cards (1792) [Douce – Spanish]

Transcribed from card: Spanish playing-cards. Pack of 4 suits of 12 cards each (1792) [Douce – Spanish]

Goblets: 2 – 9

Deniers: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Sticks: 2 – 9

Swords: 2 – 9

Patterned backs. Not stamped Douce

Doesn't correspond to description: 34 cards

Spanish 47

Has note: Knave missing

File card: Spanish. First quarter of 19th century. No court cards – of type in Br. Mus. Catal. p. 96 no. S.17. 47 cards

Deniers: 1 – 9 + 3 courts

1 of deniers has (badly printed) Naipes Finissimos fabricados. 4 of deniers has imprint, but badly faded.

Sticks: 1 – 9 + 2 courts

Swords: 1 – 9 + 3 courts

Goblet: 1 – 9 + 3 courts

Plain backs, Not stamped Douce

47 cards

Douce Miscellaneous box 1

English 18th century ‘Aphorisms’ or ‘Witty Sayings’ (Hargrave) or Drollery (Schreiber) or ‘Pastime cards’ (Lenthall advertisements)

These cards first noted in the London Gazette Dec. 1691. Possibly 3 issues – various changes made to JS, JD, QC, 2S. possibly because they caused offence.

“The aphorisms of which there are up to 9 on a card were prosy & practical rather than witty & humourous” Roger Tilley p. 127-8

Diamonds: 2 Jacks (The Nobleman and Country Life), 1 Queen (The Philosopher and the Harlott), 2 Kings (The Emperour and his Subjects)

Hearts: 3 Jacks (Women), 1 Queen (Housewifery and Family government), 2 Kings (Honour and Fame)

Clubs: 2 Jacks (The Drawer and Oyster Woman), 2 Queens (The Lady and her Gardner), 2 Kings (The master and his servant)

Spades: 2 Jacks (Mars and Venus caught in Vulcans Nest or Catch as catch can, 2 Queens (The Honey Thief or Cupid & the Bee), 2 Kings (The sun and marigold or A lesson for the bashful)

23 cards

Miscellaneous imperfect box 2

Misc cards from same pack: Clubs 5, 8; Spades, 10, King; Hearts Ace, 3,

6 cards

[Cards from a French pack]

Hearts: 1 (Mariame), 5 (Roxelane), 7 (Messalline)

Diamonds: 3 (Medee), 4 Penelope

Spades: C Italie

6 cards

Court cards (from same pack)

Has note: Hall + Sc? Gege III late

Hearts: Jack, Queen, King

Diamonds: Jack, Queen, King

Clubs: Jack, Queen, King

Spades: Jack, Queen (has on verso Pallas. Joan of Arc)

Plain backs Not stamped Douce.

11 cards

Box containing. Rules: The use (1 card). Part of advertising card? (begins publish'd practical
Arithmetick Engrav'd by ye Ingenious Mr. Sturt

+ Clubs VIII (St Clements Reader) (Jack?). A citty cunstable

+ a card with a fleur de lys cross

6 cards

Alphabet?

Manuscript cards in colour, with images of bishops, nuns, etc

23 cards

Douce Playing Cards ?? box

Only Douce possibilities in this box are single cards

Queen of Diamonds: Rachel (single card. Patterned back)

Court cards

Diamonds: Jack, King

Spades: Jack, Queen

5 of clubs (single card)

7 cards + back

The box also contains 384729 g.24

British Legion playing cards

Reynolds & Son standard pack

Characters from Charles Dickens (no shelfmark)

Advertising card for Real Mountain Dew Finest Scotch Whisky

Jack of diamonds. Pin-up skipping

Not listed in detail

Chinese 7 bundles/packs of cards

Persian Disks