



Intricately Carved Napoleonic P.O.W. Bone Boxes, circa 1802-1815, made by French Sailors captured by the British during the Napoleonic Wars. Estimate: \$2,000-2,500 ea.

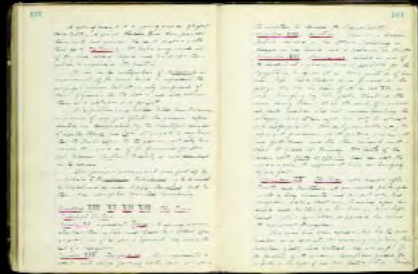
Historic Cards and Games

The Historic Cards and Games Collection of Stuart and Marilyn R. Kaplan represents 37 years of avid collecting. The June 21, 2006 sale at Christie's New York includes over 50 sterling silver bridge and playing card boxes, 180 bridge trump indicators, 125 rare tarot and tarock decks circa 18th and 19th centuries, 14 Minchiate of Florence and Tarocchini of Bologna decks from the 18th and 19th centuries, and a complete set of six original wood blocks for printing an Edoardo Dotti tarot deck circa 1860s.

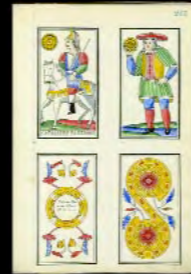
Also included in the sale are 40 early cartomancy decks, several 19th century card presses, clocks with playing card faces, 40 cribbage boards, 90 important books from the 16th to 19th centuries, early American playing cards, tax documents relating to playing cards, a choice selection of early American, English, French, German and Japanese card games, early photographs of card players, 60 oil paintings and prints depicting card play, several mechanical devices with playing card themes, exceptional Victorian game compendiums, playing card ephemera, and Napoleonic P.O.W. boxes.

The 25 hand-carved bone Napoleonic P.O.W. domino and playing card boxes, circa 1802-1815, were selected in *Art & Antiques Magazine's* 100 Top Treasures in America. Other highlights include a tour-de-force Chinese export ivory and silver card box circa 1800; Chinese lacquered Loo boxes circa 1830; a gold-tooled Visconti-Sforza tarocchi card from the 15th century; Mughal Ganjifa Indian cards hand painted on ivory circa 1850; early 19th-century tarot cards depicting the life of Napoleon; a rare French anti-royalist tarot pack circa 1795 with the suits changed to liberty and equality; an American Civil War game circa 1863 with slogan "I'm off to Canada" suggesting a way to avoid serving in the Union army; Apache Indian cards on rawhide circa 1876; tarock cards with bullet holes from a 1912 Pawnee Bill Wild West Show with the buckskin cuffs worn by the sharp shooter, May Lillie; and an Austrian WWI propaganda tarot deck showing a German U-Boat victoriously steaming up New York Harbor.

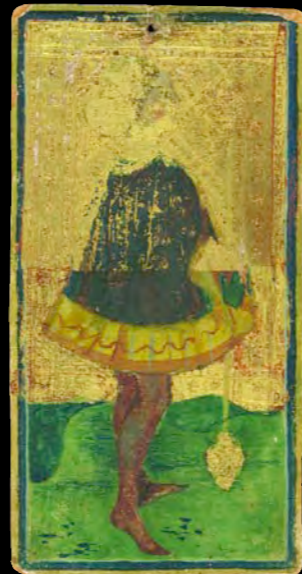
The stunning sale catalog in full color contains detailed descriptions and background stories to many of the items and is intended to serve as an important reference long after the auction.



[Doubleday, Abner], Tarot MSS, circa 1870s-1885, 257 pp., includes detailed descriptions of tarot symbolism, much material translated from French sources, hand-drawn diagrams tipped in, and 78 hand-colored cards pasted at rear of book. Estimate: \$8,000-10,000



Strobl, Andreas, Das Geistliche Teutsche Karten-Spiel, 1691, Sulzbach, 4 to., 1036 pp., includes 32 curious playing card plates. Estimate: \$2,000-2,500



Visconti-Sforza, Male Page of Staves Tarocchi Card, Milan, circa 1450, attributed to Bonifacio Bembo. Estimate \$10,000-15,000



Sterling Silver Double Patience Card Boxes, domed top lid and palanquin. Estimate: \$450-600 ea.



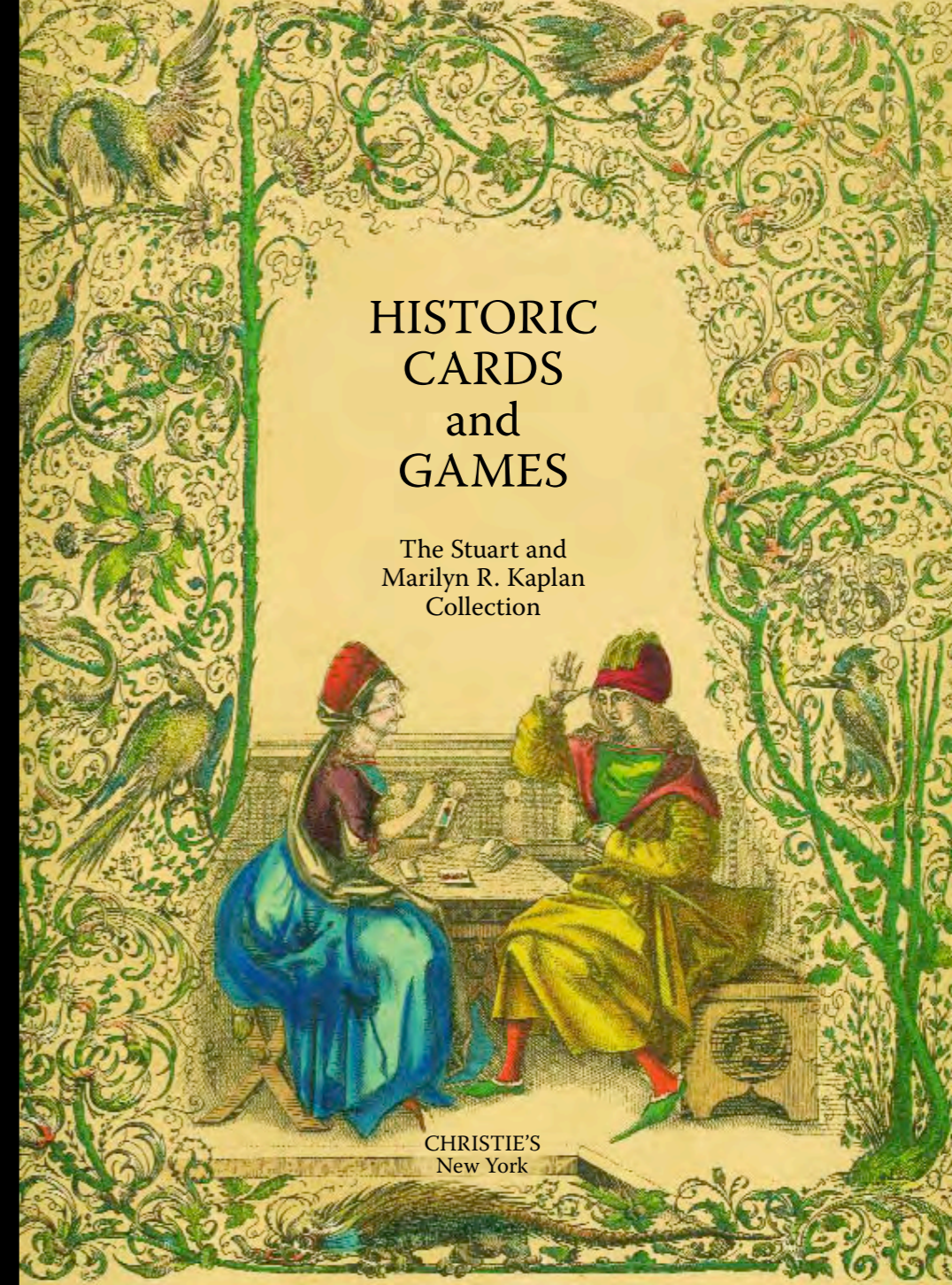
Celluloid Trump Indicators, Mushroom, Dutch Girl, Woman in Swimsuit, Cube with Tape Measure. Estimate: \$200-350 ea.



Mickey Mouse Trump Indicator, Pot Metal, circa 1930s. Estimate: \$750-1,000



Celluloid Trump Indicator, Stylized lady. Estimate: \$450-600



HISTORIC CARDS and GAMES

The Stuart and Marilyn R. Kaplan Collection

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Old Man with Girl Playing Cards,
oil on canvas
Estimate: \$600-900.



Woman with Fan of Cards,
oil on canvas.
Estimate: \$500-750.

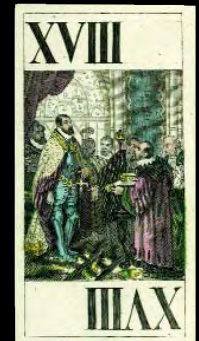
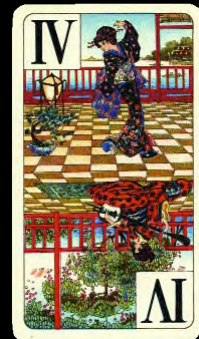
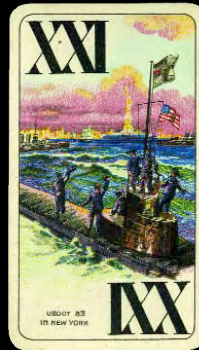
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The extraordinary sale catalog also serves as an important reference work
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From left to right, top to bottom:
Trump III, Revolution of 1848 Tarock, Vienna, Josef Glanz. Estimate: \$2,000-3,000
Trump XXI, Soldaten Tarock, Vienna, Ferd. Piatnik & Son, 1918. Estimate: \$2,000-3,000
Knight of Spades, Chedowiecki Tarock, Nuremberg, Johann Malthias, Backofen, circa 1715. Estimate: \$2,000-3,000
Trump 17, Napoleon Tarock, Germany, J.G. Herbert, circa 1808. Estimate: \$1,200-1,800
Trump IV, Luxus Tarock, Trieste, Saul D. Modiano, circa 1910. Estimate: \$2,000-3,000
Trump IV, Ditha Moser Jugendstil Tarock, Vienna, Berger & Josef Glanz, 1906. Estimate: \$2,000-3,000
Trump 3, Green Spade Pow Wow Tarok, Chicago, August Petrtyl & Son, circa 1921/1922. Estimate: \$1,500-2,500
Trump XVIII, Historical Iron Crown Tarock, Milan, Lattanzio Lamperti, circa 1844. Estimate: \$2,000-3,000
Trump XIII, Minchiate of Florence, maker unknown, circa 1785. Estimate: \$2,500-3,500
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[Duchesne, M. aine], title page from JEUX DE CARTES TAROTS ET DE CARTES NUMÉRALES DU QUATORZIÈME
AU DIX-HUITIÈME SIÈCLE, PARIS 1844.



Berlin Theatre Photographic
Playing Cards, circa 1900.
Estimate: \$900-1,200



Mughal Ganjifa Hand-Painted Cards on Ivory,
circa 1850, Deccan (?) India. The Mir/King of
Ghulam or Slaves, and The Mir/King of Birds.
Estimate: \$3,000-3,500



Les Cris de Paris, circa 1835, France, hand-
colored copper engravings of street vendors.
Estimate: \$800-1,000



May Lillie Buckskin Cuffs and five Tarock
Cards with Bullet Holes, 1912, Pawnee Bill's
Wild West Show.
Estimate: \$1,000-1,200



Tour-de-Force Ivory and Silver Export Playing
Card Box, circa 1800, China, maker unknown.
Estimate: \$10,000-12,000



Exceptional Victorian Game Compendium,
circa 1888, England, maker unknown.
Estimate: \$5,000-6,000