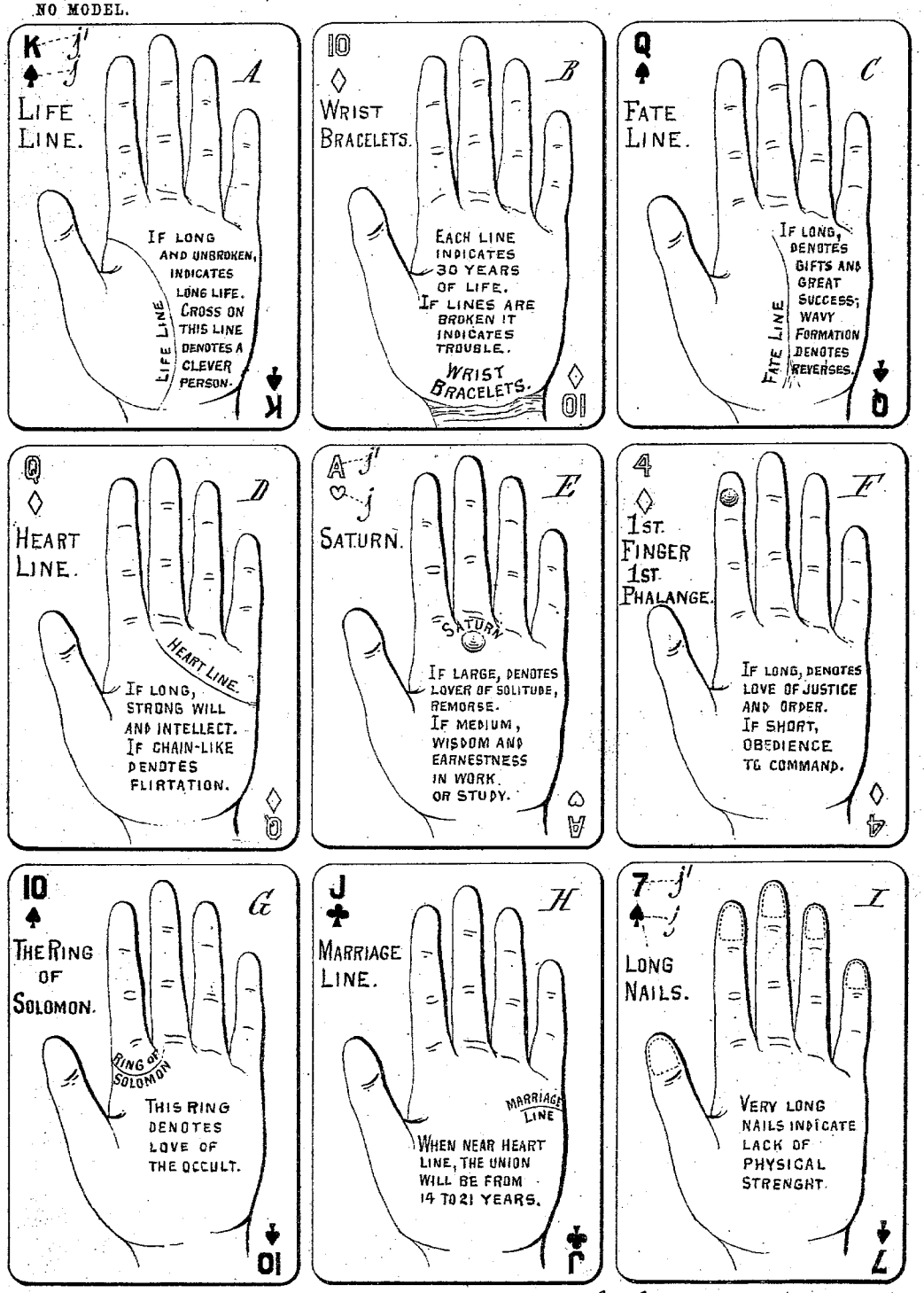
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. SEYMOUR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Playing-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a card game which embodies in a fanciful and amusing manner some of the features or characteristics upon which chirognomy or palmistry is based.

The object of my invention is to provide a novel deck of playing-cards which renders card games more interesting and entertaining.

The accompanying drawing is a face view of a number of my improved cards.

The pack or deck preferably comprises fifty-two cards, although it may contain a different number, if desired. Each card has on its face a picture or representation of a human hand, with the palm uppermost, and this hand has lines, characters, or formations which denote or correspond to those of the human hand and fancifully indicate characteristics of human nature and forecasts of destiny. For example, the hands on the cards A, C, D, and H bear lines which are designated "Life line," "Fate line," "Heart line," and "Marriage line," respectively. The hand on the card I has comparatively long finger-nails (shown by dotted lines) and is designated "Long nails." The hand on the card E has a circular spot or disk on one of its mounts, designated "Saturn," and the hand on the card G has a curved line, designated "Ring of Solomon." In addition to these lines and characters each card bears a brief description of the meaning of its marks or peculiarities, as shown, and also suit and rank designations *j j'*. The latter may be duplicated in diagonally opposite corners of the card and may consist of ordinary symbols, as hearts, spades, diamonds, and clubs, and the customary rank designations, as "ace," "king," "queen," "jack," &c., as shown.

With these cards any of the well-known card games, as euchre, pedro, whist, &c., may be played in the same manner as with ordinary cards, the rank and suit of the cards being determined by the designations *j j'*. After playing a hand the number of points to which the players are entitled is ascertained by reference to the lines or characteristics of the hands on the trump-cards of the tricks and by comparison of the corresponding lines and formations of the palms of the players. For instance, the player whose tricks contain the trump-card highest in rank announces the line or other characteristic of that card, as "Heart line." The players then compare that particular characteristic of their palms, and the one having the longest or otherwise most favorable line is credited with one or more points, as may be determined. The player having the trump-card next in rank then announces the line or characteristic of that card, and the players again compare hands to determine who is entitled to the point, and so on with the remaining trump-cards, the player having the greatest number of points winning the game.

If desired, only the suit and rank designations of the cards may be used, as in playing with ordinary cards, or these designations may be ignored and only the hand-lines or characteristics of the cards employed—for instance, by drawing and matching similar cards to form pairs or books, as in the game of "Authors" or "Old Maid."

I claim as my invention—

A deck of playing-cards, each card of which is provided with suit and rank designating characters in diametrically opposite corners of the face thereof, a representation of the human hand extended indited upon the field or major portion of said face, the hands upon said cards bearing different lines and marks, and the palms of the hands on said cards having words of admonition or prophecy indited thereupon, and the field of each card, between the thumb of the hand indited thereupon and the characters denoting suit and rank in the adjacent corner, having words imprinted thereon indicating the character of the mark upon the hand, substantially as described.

Witness my hand this 21st day of November, 1900.

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