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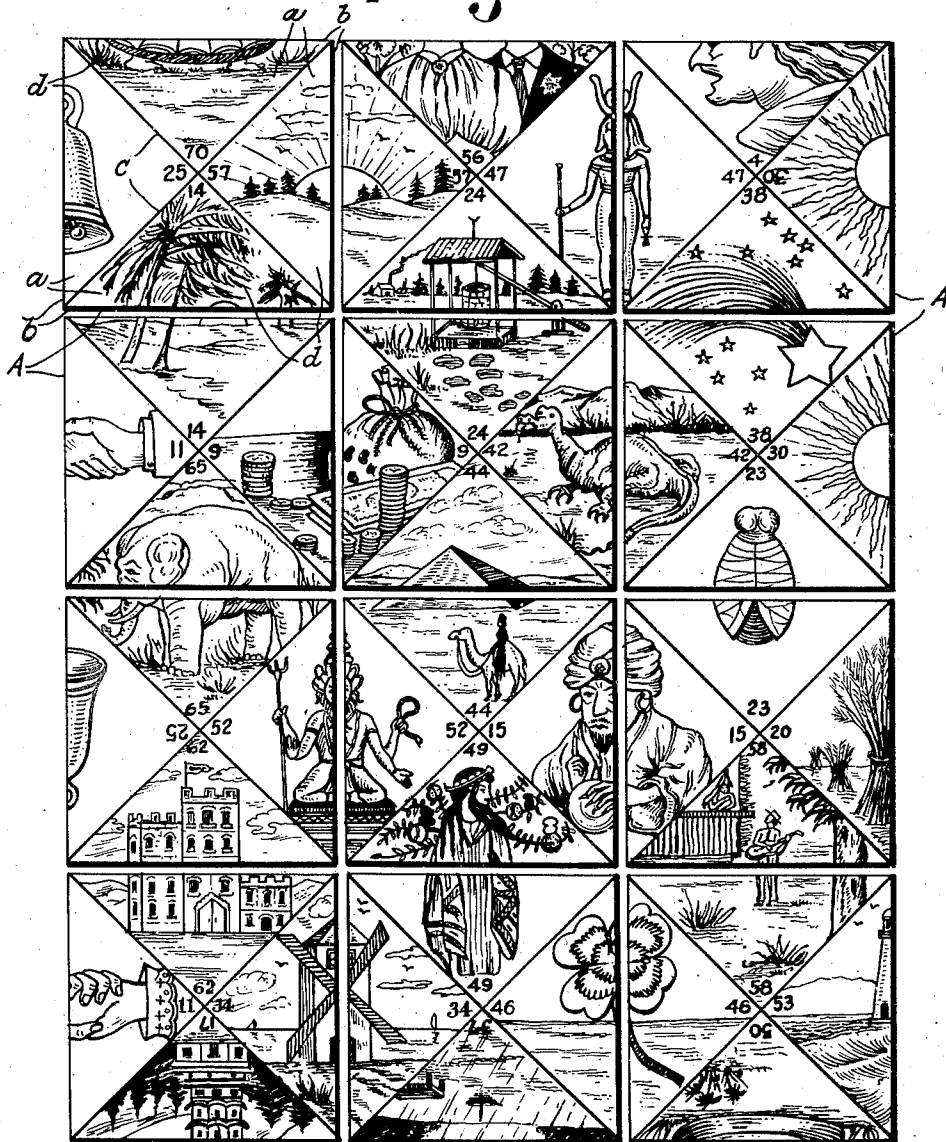
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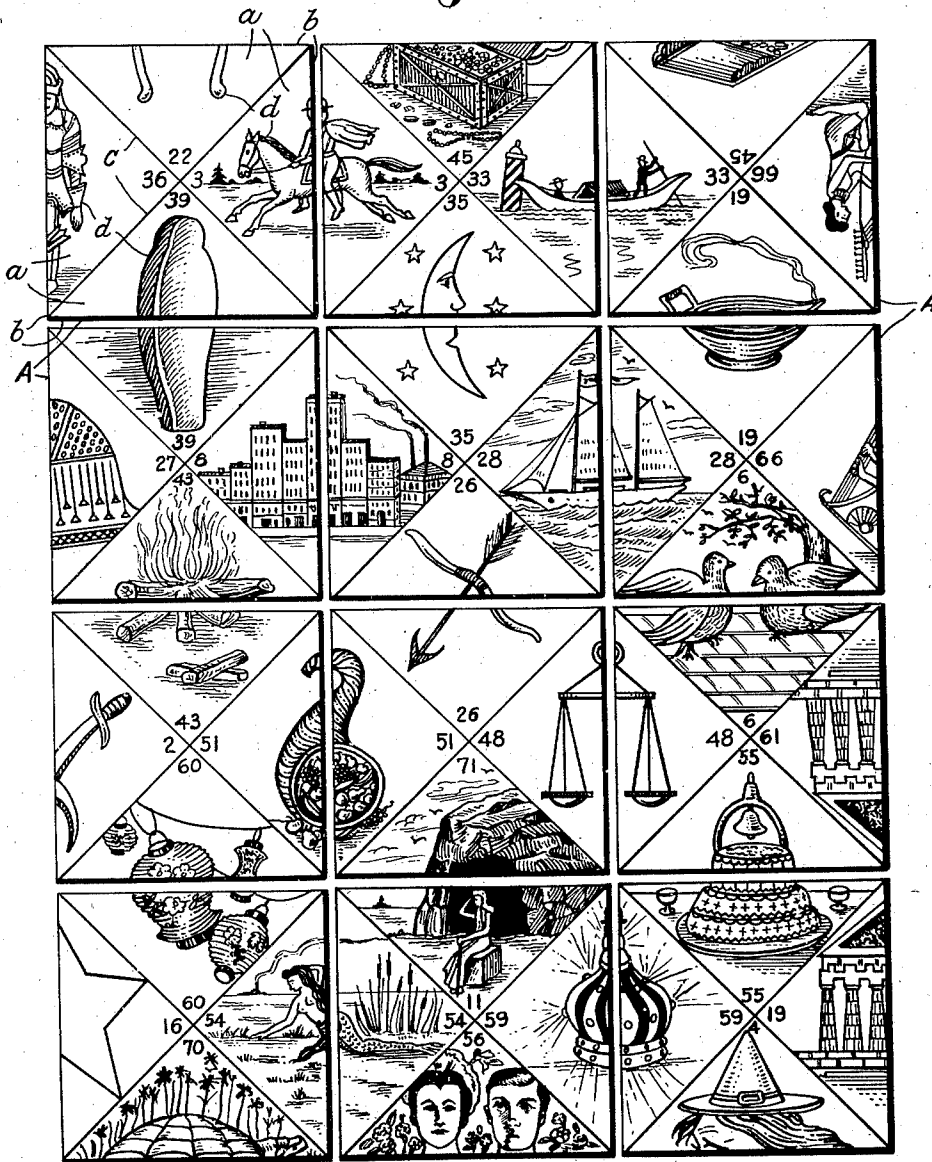
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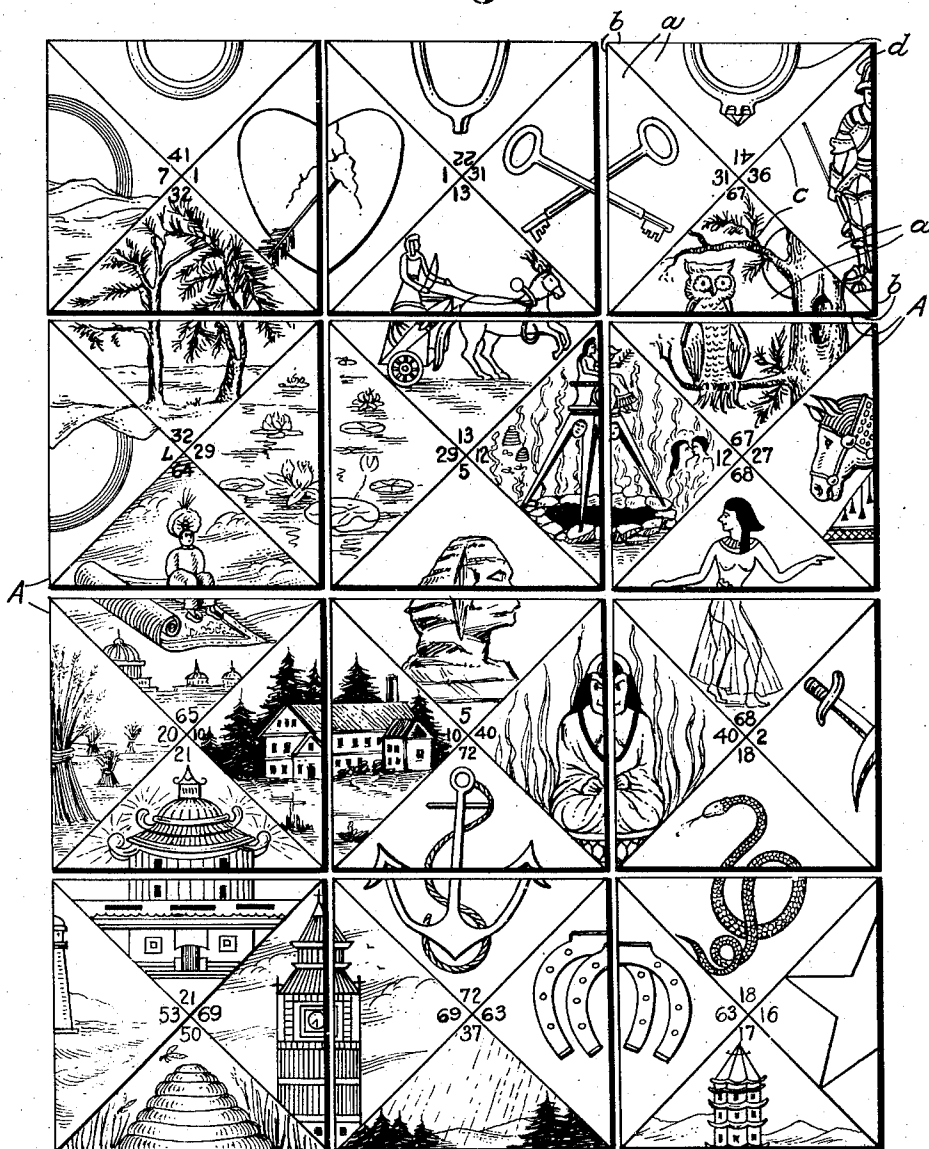
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Fig. 1c.



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This invention relates to a card game, and especially to a card game the cards of which are provided with fragmentary picture indicia of a somewhat symbolic nature appropriate to fortune-telling, the relative chance arrangement of the cards when spread out for playing enabling the player or players to match together fragments of mating picture indicia of several cards of the plurality in play to thereby pick out completed picture indicia the predetermined symbolism of which may be ascertained from appropriately identified legends (in the nature, preferably, of fortune-telling prognostications or forecasts) which may appear in fragmentary form upon the backs of the mating card portions, or may be contained in an accompanying set of rules or instructions for playing the game, as will be apparent from the following detailed description.

The object of the invention is to provide a novel form of amusement, which may be played as solitaire, or for group diversion.

In the accompanying drawings, Figs. 1a, 1b and 1c, constituting the disclosure of the three sheets, represent the faces of the full complement of cards included in the deck or pack in a preferred form for playing the game, the arrangement of the cards being such as to show completed picture indicia of mating portions of the cards, and not as they would normally fall after shuffling and dealing in accordance with the instructions or rules for playing the game.

In the preferred, or representative, form as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described, the pack or deck includes thirty-six square cards A, each of which is provided upon its face with four divisions *a* bounded respectively by the edges *b* of the card and by diagonal lines *c* extending from corner to corner of the card in intersecting relation. In each of the triangular divisions *a* thus formed there appears fragmentary picture indicia *d*, preferably half of a picture, and when the mating divisions *a* of complementary cards are arranged in edge juxtaposition the completed picture indicia thus formed will be presented.

The fragmentary or half-picture indicia *d* are so applied to the divisions *a* of the thirty-six cards that seventy-two full or complete pictures may be formed by selective arrangement of the cards, fifty-one of such complete pictures being shown in the drawings. However, as hereinbefore pointed out, such an arrangement as that shown will rarely, if ever, occur in dealing the cards, after shuffling, according to the rules or directions for playing the game.

In addition to the fragmentary picture indicia *d* appearing in the divisions *a* of the card faces, each division in which a mating portion of a picture appears bears a number from 1 to 72, as shown, applicable to that particular picture.

Although not limited thereto, the seventy-two particular pictures shown are numbered and entitled as follows:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Heart | 38. Comet |
| 2. Swords | 39. Egyptian mummy |
| 3. Messenger | 40. Buddah |
| 4. Witch | 41. Ring |
| 5. Sphinx | 42. Dragon |
| 6. Doves | 43. Fire |
| 7. Rainbow | 44. Pyramid |
| 8. City | 45. Treasure chest |
| 9. Money bag | 46. Fourleaf clover |
| 10. House | 47. Hathor |
| 11. Hands | 48. Scales |
| 12. Priestess of Delphi | 49. Bacchus (god of wine and revelry) |
| 13. Chariot | 50. Beehive |
| 14. Palm trees | 51. Horn of plenty |
| 15. Seer with crystal | 52. Siva, Hindu goddess |
| 16. Star | 53. Lighthouse |
| 17. Pagoda | 54. Mermaid |
| 18. Snake | 55. Wedding cake |
| 19. Aladdin's lamp | 56. Royal romance |
| 20. Wheat | 57. Sunset |
| 21. Chinese temple | 58. Serenade |
| 22. Wishbone | 59. Crown |
| 23. Scarabaeus | 60. Chinese lanterns |
| 24. Wishing well | 61. Temple of Apollo |
| 25. Bell | 62. Castle |
| 26. Bow and arrow | 63. Horseshoes |
| 27. Horse's head | 64. Flying carpet |
| 28. Ship | 65. White elephant |
| 29. Lotus blossoms | 66. Egyptian harp |
| 30. Sun | 67. Owl |
| 31. Keys | 68. Hindu dancing girl |
| 32. Oaks of Dodona | 69. Clock tower |
| 33. Gondola | 70. Turtle |
| 34. Windmill | 71. Hermit |
| 35. Moon | 72. Anchor |
| 36. Knight in armor | |
| 37. Rain | |

The rules or directions for playing the game are as follows:

The player or dealer is supposed to concentrate upon the subject on which information or prediction is desired, thus lending to the mystical or occult atmosphere which is to be assumed in playing, at the same time mixing or shuffling the cards. Then the deck is cut with the left hand toward the player or dealer, keeping the desire

or wish in mind. Next, the player or dealer places six cards in a row, from left to right, one row under another, until the thirty-six cards are laid out in a perfect square.

When the cards have been thus placed, see if the triangles or divisions *a* of adjacent cards form, or may be made to form, any complete pictures. Any card may be turned around four ways in its immediate square or space in the group as thus laid out in order to complete a picture, but a card may not be removed from the square or space in which it has fallen on the deal. Hence, in order to complete any picture, one of the four cards adjacent to the four edges of any selected card must bear a picture indicia complementary to one of the four indicia appearing upon the chosen card.

If the number with its associated picture is right side up to the consultant, this is considered as being in No. 1 position. If the number and the top of the picture point to the right, this is considered as being in No. 2 position. If the number and the top of the picture point to the left, this is considered as being in No. 3 position. If the number and top of the picture are upside down to the consultant, this is No. 4 position.

Preferably on the backs of the cards, in positions corresponding to the triangular divisions for each full picture, when formed, will be printed the number and title of the picture, and the following or similar appropriate separate predictions to correspond with the pictures, depending upon the positions assumed, as described in the above directions. However, if desired, these predictions may appear in a book of rules or instructions for playing the game, as hereinbefore pointed out.

1. Heart

Position:

1. Before a week has passed, you will receive an invitation which it will give you pleasure to accept.
2. You will succeed, marry and be happy.
3. If you are unmarried, you will soon meet the romantic affinity of your dreams.
4. Do not treat too lightly the devotion of one who loves you dearly—you may regret too late the loss of a loyal heart.

2. Swords

Position:

1. Dead love cannot be revived.
2. A merry feast, entertainment and the meeting of a new friend who will bring you much advantage. Be mindful of this good fortune.
3. A winged message and letters approaching.
4. You will soon engage in a daring and bold enterprise. Your courage will be rewarded with success and honor.

3. Messenger

Position:

1. Expect unlooked for things. Perhaps a change. Your surroundings are uncertain. You will get your wish.
2. Due to indecision, vacillation, and apathy, it is likely your project will end a complete failure.
3. Secrets long kept hidden will be revealed to you.
4. Hasty news and a journey.

4. Witch

Position:

1. Happiest good fortune in love awaits you.
2. Any gamble, investment or risk that you take on the morrow will be successful.
3. Bad management of a situation will bring you regret.
4. Within six weeks the greatest good fortune will smile on you.

5. Sphinx

Position:

1. A good omen. A long chain of happy events one after another.
2. A widower of substantial means, and with several children, will propose marriage to you. You will get your wish, but not as soon as you expect.
3. If you are contemplating a new undertaking, be cautious of too large an investment. Your plan will succeed, but you will meet many unforeseen obstacles.
4. Beware of a loss by theft.

6. Doves

Position:

1. After you have given up, your wish will be fulfilled in a most unexpected way.
2. Esteem and credit from persons whom you have striven long to please.
3. From one from whom you have long waited to hear, you will soon receive a happy message of love.
4. You will meet a stranger of warm and romantic temperament, who will implore you to leave home and friends and share his destiny in another country.

7. Rainbow

Position:

1. If you are waiting for money, or an inheritance, you will be disappointed.
2. Golden treasure, which you have neither worked for nor expect, will soon fall like ripe figs into your lap.
3. Your name will soon appear in the newspapers. You will get your wish.
4. A brief romance.

8. City

Position:

1. Present trouble and anxiety will soon pass, and skies will be clear.
2. Storms and showers.
3. You will soon make a change to a new locality.
4. A son or daughter will be born unto you and will bring distinction and honor to the family.

9. Money

Position:

1. Speedy advancement to honor and wealth.
2. Adventure soon with a happy ending.
3. You are on the eve of disappointment and vexation.
4. Abjuring all caution, you will keep a love tryst of a dangerous nature. You will get your wish.

10. House

Position:

1. A happy and advantageous change in your fortune.
2. A distant journey to a large and populous city. Good fortune attends the journey.

Position:

3. Your partner in life will inherit a considerable and comfortable fortune.
4. You have a crafty and cunning enemy who will seek to do you harm both secretly and openly.

11. Hands

Position:

1. Some approaching happy event which will call for rejoicing and feasting.
2. You will meet an old love, your hands will clasp, your lips will touch. You will part to meet again at another distant day.
3. Before a year has passed, you will be engaged in a considerable lawsuit.
4. A competitor in trade, or a rival in love, has conquered, and you will soon know of it.

12. Priestess of Delphi

Position:

1. In a strange land a happy love and marriage awaits you.
2. Before the full moon passes you will be introduced to some influential and noble personage from whom you will receive many favors.
3. A swift and happy turn in the wheel of fortune will bring you financial gain and place you above want or need in the future.
4. Fear not that fortune will desert you.

13. Chariot

Position:

1. Little activity, nothing important in prospect for a week.
2. You will shortly receive a benefit from a person in a superior position.
3. Annoyance and discontent.
4. A peculiar turn in the wheel of fortune will bring you a surprise and good luck.

14. Palm trees

Position:

1. Within the year you will be married yourself, or called upon to attend an important wedding.
2. Your most ardent wish will soon be fulfilled.
3. Post intelligence of disagreeable news.
4. You will soon part lightheartedly from a dear friend. Many moons will wax and wane before you meet again.

15. Seer with crystal

Position:

1. You will meet a dark and fascinating adventurer who will steal your heart.
2. You will receive a gift of delicate and exquisite beauty.
3. Your star of destiny is brilliant and favorable. Take advantage of the good fortune at hand within the next three weeks.
4. Do not be too outspoken. A hurt may cause you the loss of a friend and favors difficult to recover.

16. Star

Position:

1. This portends a long and happy life, that you will never want, but always have a competence. It denotes constant and abiding peace in domestic affairs.

Position:

2. Public honor and decoration for bravery; or award or recognition for literary or scientific effort.
3. A golden influence surrounds the coming of your wish.
4. A journey westward within three months.

17. Pagoda

Position:

1. Crosses in love. Perhaps a hurt or quarrel with a loved one.
2. Happy and favorable prospects surround you.
3. A door will close to you. Another will open far exceeding your expectation.
4. A gift and favors from an admirer.

18. Snake

Position:

1. A debonair and easy-going flirt will trifle amorously with your affections. You will enjoy the occasion, but take care you do not end with a broken heart.
2. Another will endeavour to supplant you in the affections of the person whom you tenderly love.
3. Place a higher value on yourself and your efforts. Capitalize your powers and the results are certain.
4. The wish nearest your heart will come through a surprising and unexpected channel.

19. Aladdin's lamp

Position:

1. Elevation from obscurity. You will be highly honored and attain an enviable position.
2. Some happy and cheerful fortune is at hand. You will soon get your wish.
3. Treachery, but you will escape.
4. Someone is bluffing you.

20. Wheat

Position:

1. Accomplishment of a purpose, efforts rewarded, and the object devoutly wished for, obtained. Contentment and satisfaction with the world at large.
2. A happy social gathering at which you will be a guest.
3. A member of the opposite sex, nordic and blonde, will make you a proposal of marriage.
4. A generous action rendered by you will be rewarded with ingratitude.

21. Chinese temple

Position:

1. Your wish will come true far exceeding your expectations.
2. This is a good omen for persons in adversity. To the sick it betokens recovery and good health.
3. You will meet with an amorous and persistent suitor.
4. Improvement in worldly prospects.

22. Wishbone

Position:

1. Affection which is being shown you is not sincere. Be not too confiding nor too trusting.
2. Memory of you is graven deep in someone's heart.

Position:

3. Elevation in circumstances; accumulation of riches. Success in your undertaking.
4. To the man in business this indicates a steady and permanent success in trade. 5

23. Egyptian scarabaeus

Position:

1. Some unlooked for desirable good will happen immediately. 10
2. An unpleasant circumstance will injure slightly your pride. Your wish—delayed.
3. You will soon become engaged in a new and lucrative business. 15
4. You will meet one of the opposite sex, fascinating and sophisticated. You will not be able to resist his ardent overtures.

24. Wishing well

Position:

1. This foretells the fulfillment of hope, the arrival of some joyous occasion that you have been long expecting.
2. You will soon overcome some obstacle to your happiness. 25
3. Ennui. Boredom. But you will get your wish.
4. Expect the advent of some particular event, by which you will be greatly benefited. 30

25. Bell

Position:

1. If you are troubled, be of light heart, no harm will come to you. 35
2. To one in love, a happy marriage.
3. Conviviality and boon companions. You will get your wish.
4. Weariness of spirits, delays, and trouble. 40

26. Bow and arrow

Position:

1. You will perilously trifle with a third party, causing jealousy and anguish in the heart of one who loves you. 45
2. Enter not into a state of which you have not well considered the end.
3. Woes will soon be turned into joy.
4. The legacy bequeathed to you will be of little profit if you spend it foolishly. 50

27. Horse's head

Position:

1. Your affairs will go on just as usual. No immediate change. 55
2. A journey to a foreign clime; success in business; and comfort in the affairs of the heart.
3. To the ambitious this portends your goal will be reached. 60
4. You will soon have news of a friend or relative in trouble or peril. You will get your wish.

28. Ship

Position:

1. A short journey accompanied by frivolous flirtations. 65
2. You will hear of a sickness or of a death.
3. The time is not far distant when you will be free from financial worry and become more contented and happy than at any time in the past. 70
4. You will be successful in love if you do not try overhard to please. Be poised and confident. 75

29. Lotus blossoms

Position:

1. You will be surprised to receive a telephone call or visit from one long absent.
2. A dream of love come true—which will restore the soul and perfume the memory.
3. The next few days avoid impulsive decisions.
4. A new abode or a short sojourn to new quarters.

30. Sun

Position:

1. Prepare for the unexpected arrival of friends or visitors. You will get your wish and be happy.
2. New scenes, new faces, and new adventure.
3. You will meet with a success that will encourage you to greater accomplishment.
4. You will suffer an embarrassment or setback through your own folly.

31. Keys

Position:

1. You will either be on the water, or have association with someone belonging to the sea.
2. An unexpected happy rendezvous.
3. If you are single and unengaged, ere long you will have a love affair from which it will be difficult to extricate yourself.
4. A faithful friend will warn you of danger.

32. Oaks of Dodona

Position:

1. Threatening quarrels. Guard well your temper.
2. You will be invited to attend an occasion where many distinguished and well known guests will be present. You will get your wish.
3. If an unmarried lady or gentleman, then that which you yearn for, sigh, and weep for, marriage, shall soon be yours. Be patient a little!
4. You will be presented with a rich gift of jewelry, which you will cherish, but eventually lose.

33. Gondola

Position:

1. A merry romance, levity and gaiety.
2. Do not be hasty or rash. The result of your undertaking depends upon caution and well laid plans.
3. A gay and daring flirtation may end in marriage.
4. Your happiness is beside you—take care that you grasp it.

34. Windmill

Position:

1. Eventually solid and comfortable means.
2. You will shortly meet with an old love or an old friend.
3. You will get your wish.
4. You will soon make a journey by aeroplane.

35. Moon

Position:

1. If you are single and unengaged, you will soon have a very agreeable love affair.
2. An unexpected stroke of luck will render your condition a very agreeable one.

Position:

3. This portends the signing of contracts or legal documents.
4. Persevere in your ambitions and be not daunted by seeming reverses. Fickleness and inconstancy are the only things that can defeat your purpose.

36. Knight in armor

Position:

1. A stranger who will prove a lasting friend.
2. You will find a happy solution to a vexing problem.
3. From a source where you expected no advantage, there will soon be profit and a rich gain.
4. Someone loves you who will soon declare himself. You will get your wish.

37. Rain

Position:

1. Use caution in your dealings with a person of a passionate and jealous nature.
2. An addition to the family by birth, or a lengthy visit from a relative or friend.
3. Withhold your mind from anxious thoughts and worryment. The prospect in store for you is very bright.
4. If you have been unhappy or disappointed in your work or surroundings, there will soon be a satisfactory change and you will have no reason for discontent.

38. Comet

Position:

1. If you are planning an undertaking, do not be deterred. The golden star of fortune shines bright and you will succeed beyond your fairest hopes.
2. Some very unpleasant misunderstanding or contention with someone you love which, unless you use discretion, may end in separation.
3. Like a meteor falling through space, the whole order of your life will be changed. You will eventually achieve unexpected fame and glory.
4. A love intrigue.

39. Egyptian mummy

Position:

1. Planetary signs are favorable—you will get your wish.
2. You are adored, but lose not your vantage ground by indecision and procrastination.
3. Through fear of loss you will soon reject an offer or opportunity that would bring you riches and happiness.
4. What will seem the greatest of tragedies will operate to your good.

40. Buddah

Position:

1. Improved social position. New acquaintances and friendships.
2. A gift, news or money from beyond the seas.
3. Notwithstanding your fears and misgivings, you will secure the affections of your lover never more to be alienated from you.
4. Worry and setbacks to the man of business; and to those in love, sighs.

41. Ring

Position:

1. Progressive prosperity in business. To the lover this denotes his love is returned with all the fervor he could desire.
2. Do not believe the sun will never shine for you again, the rise of your fortune is close at hand. You will get your wish.
3. Beware of gifts made to you. They may cost you dearly.
4. Joy, recreations and good fellowship.

42. Dragon

Position:

1. Fluctuation and reverses in fortune, possible heavy financial losses.
2. A profitable sea voyage or journey for pleasure.
3. You will meet a worldly adventurer, or one who has travelled in many lands.
4. A certain man now loves you and will declare himself if you will give him some encouragement.

43. Fire

Position:

1. Esteem and credit from persons whom you have striven hard to please.
2. A false alarm or fright.
3. A continued happiness. You will get your wish.
4. Through the admiration or influence of a friend, you will receive a considerable increase in your fortune.

44. Pyramid

Position:

1. You will be so circumstanced in life as to be able to enjoy yourself and travel to distant places. If unmarried, this portends great conjugal happiness.
2. You will soon find something to your advantage in the street or road.
3. You have difficulties to overcome. Redouble your efforts or alter your plans.
4. You will soon have a happy and advantageous change in your fortunes. Brighter things await you.

45. Treasure chest

Position:

1. A sly and crafty person is trying to get something from you for nothing. Do not hesitate to be firm.
2. Pleasant news, profitable errands, and activity the heart is pleased with.
3. Your treasure will be a partner of affectionate heart and understanding, who will sorrow when you are sad, and be cheered when you are gay.
4. You are in danger of a lawsuit, or will have trouble with a public officer. You will get your wish.

46. Fourleaf clover

Position:

1. At the home of a relative you will meet a person of the opposite sex with whom you will fall in love and probably marry.
2. Deliverance from pecuniary difficulties.
3. You will receive unexpected money. Through prodigality and waste your prosperity will be of short duration.
4. Dry your tears! Happy and favorable prospects surround you.

47. Hathor**Position:**

1. Beware of quarrels—perchance bloodshed.
2. Someone whom you will meet soon and unexpectedly will bring you enduring happiness.
3. All clouds have silver linings. You will soon have cause for joy.
4. Only by subtlety and wisdom can you keep the one you love.

48. Scales**Position:**

1. Unexpected honor and advancement will soon be yours. You will get your wish.
2. A loss, probably a robbery, therefore take care of your money or jewels.
3. You have a bright prospect before you, and shall attain it. The tide of fortune favors your endeavors.
4. An invitation to a feast or wedding, where you will have a pleasing flirtation.

49. Bacchus (god of wine and revelry)**Position:**

1. Cocktails, dancing, gaiety and good fellowship.
2. You will soon have cause to give an entertainment on account of favorable changes in your circumstances.
3. Illness caused by intemperance in eating and drinking.
4. You will meet an admirer whose intentions respecting you are quite dishonorable. Be careful!

50. Beehive**Position:**

1. You will experience a run of good luck in gambling or speculation.
2. Reconciliation after an unhappy disagreement. You will get your wish.
3. The sun will shine, flowers will bloom, the birds will sing, your heart will be happy.
4. You will be vexed and disappointed by criticism from a quarter where you have striven hard to please.

51. Horn of plenty**Position:**

1. You will begin an undertaking which will take courage and perseverance to finish. Success will crown your endeavors, if you do not falter.
2. Do not think of parting from the one you love. Separation may cause you many unhappy years. The heart of your beloved is true to you.
3. There will soon be peace and freedom from worry. This should be a period of creative work and accomplishment.
4. Sudden surprises, and important changes.

52. Siva—Hindu goddess**Position:**

1. Shortly you will be involved in a situation likely to be detrimental to your character and reputation. Be resourceful, self-controlled and diplomatic.
2. A glorious turn of your affairs, you will swim on the tide of prosperity and plenty.
3. You will soon have an advance in your financial and social position, and be very happy indeed. You will get your wish.
4. A lucky hit may make your fortune; if so, be content and run no more risks.

53. Lighthouse**Position:**

1. Prosperous circumstances, and happy love.
2. A passing sadness. Serious delays.
3. You will have cause for joy in the direction where your affections are placed.
4. You have waited and will get what you want.

54. Mermaid**10 Position:**

1. An unexpectedly recovered debt.
2. A passing success, lost almost as soon as realized.
3. You will err long resign or lose your present position.
4. The end of trouble. A coming tranquility and peace of mind. You will get your wish.

55. Wedding cake**20 Position:**

1. A journey for pleasure—or an elopement.
2. Long, pleasant and happy days ahead.
3. Future happiness depends upon yourself—be discreet and prudent.
4. Your present love, and that of your sweetheart, will abide only a little longer. Both of you wish for a change.

56. Royal romance**30 Position:**

1. True love is wiser than Philosophy, though she is wise, and mightier than Power, though he is mighty!
2. You will meet the ideal of your heart. A consummate love of perfection and beauty will exalt your life.
3. This foretells a happy and suitable partner, constancy and happiness in love.
4. Eros, the God of Love, guards benevolently your affairs of heart. You will never be forsaken, and will be happy in your love.

57. Sunset**Position:**

1. A friend whom you helped once will bring a benefit far outweighing that rendered by you.
2. An unpleasant circumstance will injure slightly your pride. You will get your wish.
3. Letters and news from one long absent.
4. Accidental gain of money.

58. Serenade**Position:**

1. A romance—the melody and memory of which will linger long in the heart.
2. There is danger of your fortune being affected seriously through the jealousy of a suitor, or rivalry in business.
3. Do not alter your plans. With a little effort and courage everything will be successful.
4. Rapid rise to independence.

59. Crown**65 Position:**

1. You will be elevated above your present situation to one of dignity and monetary advantage.
2. Your hospitality will bring you a worthy friend. You will get your wish.
3. Accident and danger are threatened. Walk carefully and drive slowly the next few days.
4. Do not be drawn from the path of honor by gifts of money or other inducements.

60. Chinese lanterns

Position:

1. Your endeavors to better yourself will be successful, and you will acquire wealth.
2. Future enjoyment, probable travel in a distant country.
3. Undisturbed happiness, as bright as you wish.
4. If you are planning a course of vindication or petty revenge, you are warned to abandon it immediately. You will rue the effort and it will bring only regret.

61. Temple of Apollo

Position:

1. What has been a plague to your happiness, will disappear like dew before the sun.
2. As the resplendent glory of the sun eclipses the light of the stars, so will the partner of your bed be deemed the fairest of women.
3. You will receive some official and important mail. You will get your wish.
4. If you have any right to an inheritance, there is danger of your losing it by means of deceit on the part of others. Look well ahead, and provide for contingencies.

62. Castle

Position:

1. Lay it not greatly to heart if the person you now adore should prove changeable.
2. Watch for a happy change in your fortune when the moon is full.
3. You will receive help from a humble quarter, which you will realize and appreciate too late.
4. Let not caprice or folly mar your present happiness.

63. Horseshoes

Position:

1. The signs warn let not the next opportunity escape advancing your fortune.
2. Temporary upsets. Uncertainty in love.
3. You will soon have an opportunity to increase your finances.
4. In a foreign land you will have adventure and much success. You will get your wish.

64. Flying carpet

Position:

1. A paradise you little dream of will be your destiny. You will venture far from the shores of your own country, and gain much glory and reward in another land.
2. A friend, with every good intention, will give you advice it would be better not to follow. Be cautious in making decisions or changes, and depend solely on your own conscience and judgment.
3. Take heed that avarice prove not the bane of your happiness.
4. Be not discouraged though you now be engulfed in misfortune. Lady Luck will soon be your sweet companion.

65. White elephant

Position:

1. This is the luckiest of symbols. It indicates the event of some lasting good fortune. If this card has turned for you, doubt not that you will soon be the happiest of persons.

Position:

2. You will possess a modest home. Your abiding blessings will be a wise partner, domestic peace and contentment.
3. Tears through humiliation and temper.
4. At some time in your life you will fall in love with, or marry a man whose profession will be to wear a uniform.

66. Egyptian harp

Position:

1. You will soon move to a new residence, or city, where you will meet a new friend who will do much to advance your fortune. You will get your wish.
2. You will have news of a sickness or death.
3. Be not dispirited by difficulties and afflictions; they will vanish as the heavy mist is dissipated by the genial rays of the reviving sun.
4. The stars will be adverse for a time, many things will go contrary to your wishes. You will be troubled about money matters.

67. Owl

Position:

1. On the silver wings of dawn—fresh fortune will buoy your spirits.
2. Do not hesitate and waver, but remember fortune favors the brave and enterprising.
3. You will soon have occasion to attend a dinner party, where there will be music, merriment and gaiety.
4. Obstacles to success or enemies will be overcome. If you have a lawsuit pending you will surely gain it.

68. Hindu dancing girl

Position:

1. You will experience a keen disappointment about a very trifling and unimportant matter. In a few days you will forget the incident and be quite happy.
2. That for which you wait will happen. You will get your wish.
3. You will in time attain to greater happiness than you can at present venture to hope for.
4. A noisy party, quarrels, and drinking.

69. Clock tower

Position:

1. This betokens health and happiness, kind relations and warm friends. And to the lover, wishes consummated, hearts tied fast, hands united in happy wedlock.
2. An envious person will attempt to embarrass or belittle you in the presence of others—be resourceful and on your guard that he does not succeed.
3. Be cautious in your transactions and conduct, enter into no hasty contracts either in business or love.
4. This has great import. You have a bright prospect before you, and shall attain it. It is the portent of wealth and honor. You will reach the climax of your ambition.

70. Turtle

Position:

1. You will be tempted or persuaded into a bad bargain, or foolish spending of money. Be watchful that someone does not gain an advantage over you.

Position:

2. Do not be afraid to bring your affair to a conclusion. Whatever you have at stake will yield a good result.
3. Journey. Difficulties, and possible danger. You will get your wish.
4. Hope still! Never despair!

11. *Hermit*

Position:

1. The heart of your beloved yearneth toward you.
2. Good fortune, but attended by many disagreeable circumstances.
3. You will marry one who has before tasted the sweets of matrimony.
4. You will be parted from one you love.

12. *Anchor*

Position:

1. Your endeavors to better yourself will be successful, and you will acquire comfortable means.
2. Be forewarned that some friend, or perhaps your lover, will turn perfidious, act a strange deceitful part, and by duplicity and misrepresentation, cause you grief and disappointment.
3. You will gain the reward of your labors, and your fidelity will be requited with abundant esteem.
4. You are worrying unnecessarily about failure. There are the brightest prospects for success. You will get your wish.

Thus, in playing the game, the player may, after edge-transposition of those adjacent cards which bear mating picture indicia, read upon the backs of the mating cards the predictions appropriate to the pictures for the particular positions, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, in which the pictures may lie. And it will be understood that the pictures and predictions hereinbefore set forth may be altered to suit the particular purpose of the game, or to vary the nature of the predictions.

I claim:

1. In a card game, a plurality of multisided cards, each of said cards having its face provided with a similar plurality of indicia-bearing divisions, each of said divisions having as one boundary an adjacent edge of the card, the indicia being of a nature to provide fragmentary mating portions upon one division of each of two cards only, whereby only such two cards may be arranged in edge juxtaposition to completely display such indicia.

2. In a card game, a plurality of quadrilateral cards, each of said cards having its face provided with four divisions bounded respectively by the edges of the card and by diagonal lines extending from corner to corner of the card in intersecting relation, each of said divisions bearing picture indicia of a fragmentary nature extending to its card edge boundary, and the plurality of cards being capable of arrangement to display complete pictures equal in number to twice the number of cards, only two cards of the plurality bearing mating fragments of each separate indicia, whereby a complete display of such

separate indicia may be afforded only by appropriate edge juxtaposition of such two cards.

3. In a card game, a plurality of quadrilateral cards, each of said cards having its face provided with four divisions bounded respectively by the edges of the card and by diagonal lines extending from corner to corner of the card in intersecting relation, each of said divisions bearing indicia of a fragmentary nature extending to its card edge boundary, only two cards of the plurality bearing mating fragments of each separate indicia, whereby a complete display of such separate indicia may be afforded only by appropriate edge juxtaposition of such two cards, each of said cards of the plurality of same being capable of arrangement with four other cards in appropriate indicia-mating juxtaposition to its four edges to thereby display four completed indicia.

4. In a card game, a plurality of square cards, each of said cards having its face provided with four divisions bounded respectively by the edges of the card and by diagonal lines extending from corner to corner of the card in intersecting relation, each of said divisions bearing indicia of a fragmentary nature extending to its card edge boundary, only two cards of the plurality bearing mating fragments of each separate indicia, whereby a complete display of such separate indicia may be afforded only by appropriate edge juxtaposition of such two cards.

5. In a card game, a plurality of thirty-six similar square cards, said cards in play being arranged in a square of six cards to the side, each of said cards having its face provided with four divisions bounded respectively by the edges of the card and by diagonal lines extending from corner to corner of the card in intersecting relation, each of said divisions bearing picture indicia of a fragmentary nature extending to its card edge boundary, only two cards of the plurality of same bearing mating fragments of each separate indicia, said cards thereby being capable of arrangement in said playing square to display selectively only seventy-two distinct pictures, the arrangement of the indicia making possible display of complete pictures only by appropriate edge juxtaposition of cards bearing mating picture indicia.

6. In a card game, a plurality of similar square cards equal in number to the square of a chosen number, each of said cards having its face provided with four divisions bounded respectively by the edges of the card and by diagonal lines extending from corner to corner of the card in intersecting relation, each of said divisions bearing picture indicia of a fragmentary nature the mating portion of which is borne by a division of a mating card, only two cards of the plurality of same thus bearing the mating fragments of each separate picture indicia, the arrangement of the indicia making possible display of complete pictures only by appropriate edge juxtaposition of cards bearing mating fragments of said picture indicia, said cards thereby being capable of arrangement in a playing square to display selectively a number of complete mating picture indicia equal only to twice the square of said chosen number.

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