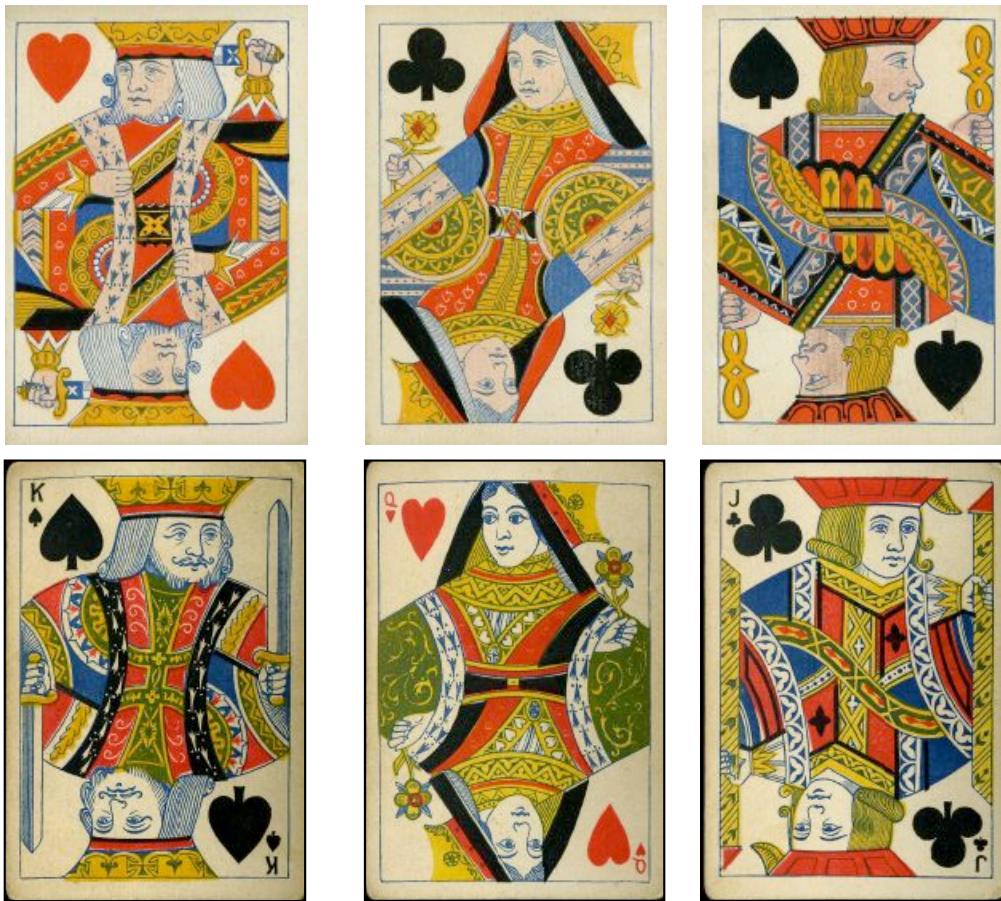


ENGLISH, James, London, c.1865-1905.

From c.1890 the firm was known as the PEERLESS PLAYING CARD CO., though that name appears on the AS in packs boxed as JAMES ENGLISH. The courts are similar to those of DE LA RUE and are only double-ended.

E1: with and without indices and also found in red and blue or black only. c.1865-85.



E1

E2: redrawn to smaller format, with two types of pip and two sizes of index. c.1880-1905.





E2

All the indexed cards were produced with square and round corners.

E3: redrawn for patience cards in red and black only. c.1885-1900.



E3, patience

ACES:

1: based vaguely on the Export Ace of the Old Frizzle period. c.1865-68.

1.1: decoration at the top removed. c.1868-70.

2: redrawn on the model of DE LA RUE's ace. c.1870-73.

2.1: '& Co.' added. c.1873-85.

2.2: 'Peerless' replaces 'James English' round design. c.1885

3: redrawn, 'James English' at foot. c.1885.

3.1: 'Peerless' replaces 'James English'. c.1885-1905.

4: an anonymous AS. c.1885-90.



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1.1



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2.1



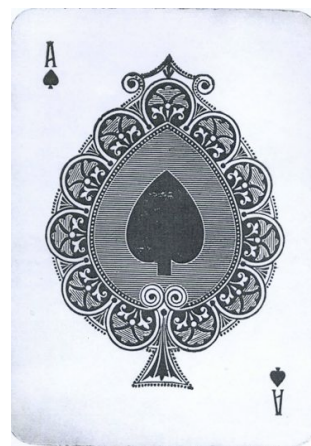
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3.1



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E1 COURTS WITHOUT INDICES AND ACES 2 & 2.1 ARE QUITE COMMON.