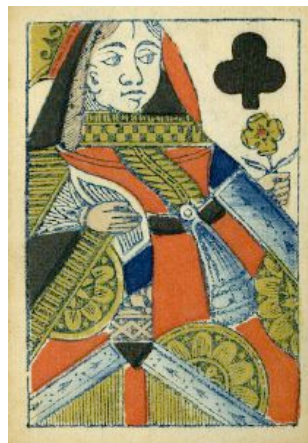


HUNT (including BANCKS)

HUNT started making cards in 1791 and then joined GIBSON after GISBORNE had left. GIBSON & HUNT worked under that name for about two years (1801-03), and in c.1803 HUNT continued alone. During this period HALL (& SON) had a separate firm based at 25 Piccadilly (1786-1819); this continued as HALL & BANCKS (brothers-in-law), who were uncle and father of BANCKS BROTHERS. HALL & BANCKS and HUNT & SONS became one firm in c.1830, though both had separate Old Frizzles for some time. From 1841 BANCKS BROTHERS took over and continued until 1890. In c.1865 another firm by the name of HUNT revived the earlier name in competition with BANCKS. The first HUNT firm was the biggest card-maker until c.1840 and his cards and those of BANCKS are very common.

HB1: an attempt to rationalize the traditional design. For the first time JH holds an obvious leaf; in some early packs the base of his former staff has been stencilled in in black, as below. Used in the BANCKS period, too, the queens having smaller noses. c.1820-70. VERY COMMON



HB1

HB1.1: double-ended version. c.1862-90. VERY COMMON



HB1.1

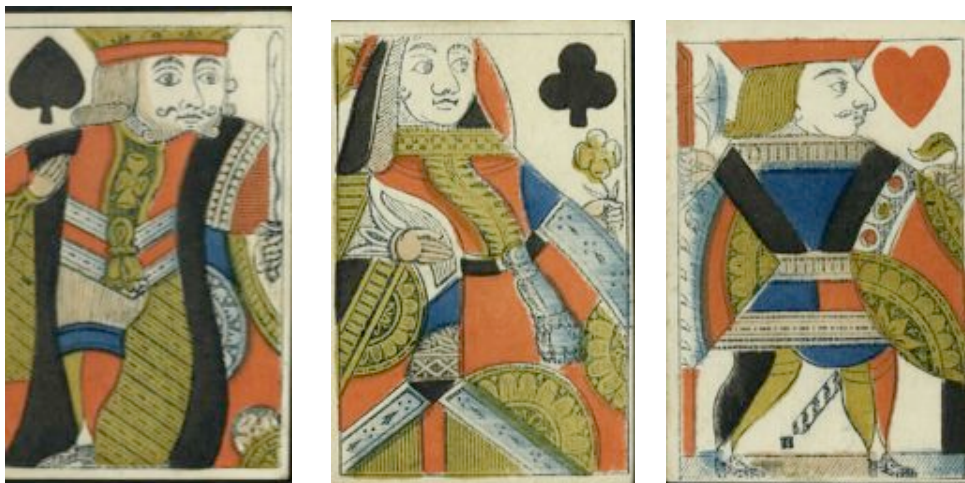
HB2: HALL & BANCKS used a somewhat different 'modernized' design with some non-traditional features, e.g. all the jacks carry pikes. c.1825-40.



HB2

HB3: BANCKS used a small-format version (the size of piquet cards) with a number of block variants. c.1820-30.

HB3.1 large frame c.1830-70.



HB3



HB3.1

HB3.2 small frame c.1850-70.



HB3.2

HB4: a most unusual double-ended version in small format with six turned courts. These are RARE.



HB4

HB6: a much later design in letterpress with three turned jacks and all queens redesigned, similar to the later HUNT's design H2 (see below) c.1885-90.



HB6

ACES:

1: "Card makers to Her Majesty" only. 1862-c.1875.

1.1: Reference to the Prince of Wales added. c.1865-90



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BOTH VERY COMMON

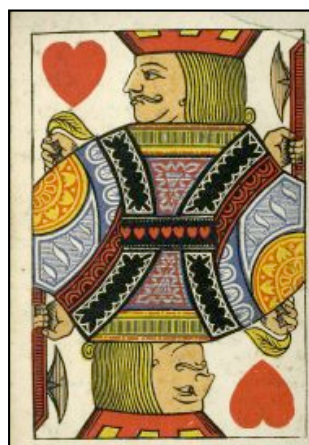
The later HUNT firm was started in c.1865 by descendants of the original Joseph HUNT, who claimed to have continuing rights over the name, much to the annoyance of BANCKS. After a fire at the factory in 1874 the firm changed its name to HUNT'S PLAYING CARD MANUFACTURING CO. It finished trading in 1881 and was finally dissolved in 1887.

H1: letterpress, using earlier HUNT/BANCKS courts as a basis for the design. c.1865-80.
QUITE COMMON



H1

H2: redrawn with some turned courts and non-traditional queens. c.1870-75.



H2

H3: redrawn with unturned courts, with square and round corners, the latter having a smaller format. c.1876-83.



H3

ACES:

1: appears to be the first ace, also found without the maker's name at the foot. c.1865-74.

2: perhaps slightly later. c.1870-74.

2.1: the firm's name is changed after the fire. Also in reduced format. 1875-c.1883.



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