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The first set of astronomical playing cards, which was issued in Germany (see 1656), was followed twenty years later by an English one. This was produced by Joseph Moxon (1627-1691), 'Hydrographer to the Kings most Excellent Majesty'. He also published a little explanatory book dated 1676: *The Use of the astronomical playing-cards*. This cost sixpence and was reprinted in 1692. The dates of these manuals are assumed to be when the cards were issued. It is thought that they originally had stencilled suit marks but these were subsequently engraved on the plates. The suits are diamonds, clubs, hearts and spades, with the cards I-X, jack, queen, king:

*Cepheus; Cygnus; Gemini; Equiculus/Pegasus; Sagittarius; Hydra; Dolphine; Fluvius; Phœnix/Toucan/Snake; Dorado; Corvus; Cassiopea; Aries/Triangle.*

*Great Bear; Andromeda; Aquila/Antinous; Little Dog; Pisces; Centaur; Scorpio; The Crosiers; Lupus; Fly/Camelion; Aurigal/Hircus; Crater; Lyra.*

*Perseus/Caput Medusae; Cancer; Lepus/Dove; Taurus; Great Dog; Aquarius; Argo; Pisces Austrinus; Crane; Indian; Capricornus; Peacock; Leo.*

*Draco; Bootes; Hercules; Cor Caroli/Coma Beremces; Virgo; Orion; Cetus; Engonasi; Triangle/Altar; Little Bear; Libra; Crown.*

*Astronomical cards.* London, Joseph Moxon, 1676; James Moxon, 1692; John Lenthall, (1715).