



Johann Hoffmann, the plagiarist who published the German edition of Pierre Du Val's world geography (see 1678), also issued two packs of cartographical playing cards with maps mostly derived from the same source. The first of them relates to Europe and the second to the rest of the world (see 1680b) and both were accompanied by a little book.

Each set of fifty-two cards includes a different world map, with the signatures of Johann Heinrich Seyfried as draughtsman and Wilhelm Pfann as engraver. It is very likely that they drew and engraved all of them. The world map is the ace of spades in the European pack and is on Mercator's projection (see above).

This first set was originally published in 1678, together with the companion book by Franz Nigrinus containing five extra maps: *Sicilia*; *Malta* (signed by Pfann); *Sardinia*; *Croatia*, *Bossena*; *Candia*. Two others are signed by Pfann: *Frisia* and *Prussia & Curlandia*. The cards measure about 65 x 125 mm. with the maps having Latin titles and they are listed in detail in an article by Peter van der Krogt in *MapForum* (issue 9, Spring 2006, though not published until February 2007): *The Europaeisch-geographische spiel-charte by Franz Nigrinus and Johann Seyfried, 1678*.

The suits are hearts, diamonds, spades and clubs, with red or black coloured suit marks: ace [Das Aß], king [Der König], queen [Die Dame], jack [Der Knecht] and the spot cards with 10-2 suit marks together in the top panel:

*Europa; Germania; Hungaria; Bohemia; Alsatia; Tirol; Forum Iulii, Karstia; Salzburg, & Carinthia; Stiria; Moravia; Silesia, & Lusatia; Austria Inferior; Austria Superior.*

*Prussia & Curlandia; Hispania; Gallia; Lotharingia; Lutzenbourg; Hannonia; Geldria; Seelandia; Hollandia; Brabantia; Flandria; Belgium siue Inferior Germania; Helvetia.*

*Typus orbis terrarum; Bavaria; Svevia; Palatinatus Rheni; Pomerania; Saxonia Inferior & Meckeln; Westphalia; Braunswic, & Luneburg; Brandenburgum; Saxonia, Misnia et Lusatia; Thuringia & Hassia; Gülich, Cleve, Mons; Franconia.*

*Frisia; Anglia; Scotia; Hibernia; Italia; Graecia; Servia, & Thracia; Transilvania Walachia, & Moldavia; Moscovia; Polonia, et Lithuania; Livonia; Dania; Norwegia et Suetia.*

These cards are rare. An incomplete set in book format, with contemporary hand-colour (below), was on sale at the London Map Fair in June 2007. At Sotheby's London sale-rooms in November 2013 a complete set, but lacking the book, made £4000.

*Europaeisch-geographische spiel-charte.* Nuremberg, Johann Hoffmann, 1678.

*Geographisches carten-spiel von Europa.* Nuremberg, Hoffmann & Streck, 1710.

