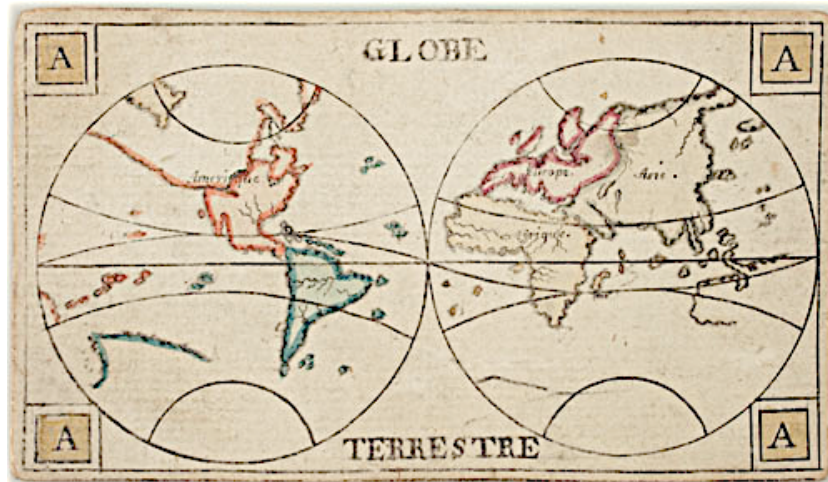


An Austrian pack of cartographical playing cards has maps of the continents on the kings and countries on the rest. They are on the upper half of the cards, with a key in French on the lower half. One card, the ace of the yellow suit, is a map of the world in hemispheres filling the whole card, which is about 110 x 65 mm.



These unconventional suits of colours are reminiscent of earlier French sets (see 1763). Here they are denoted by little squares hand-coloured in red, yellow, green or blue and containing the denominations: A, R, D, V (as, roi, dame & valet) and 10-2. The accompanying accounts in both French and German were written by S.L. Hegrad, who may have designed or published them. The British Museum's Willshire collection has a pack according to Sylvia Mann and David Kingsley: *Playing cards depicting maps of the British Isles, and of English and Welsh counties*. London, Map Collectors' Circle, 1972 (page 23).

*Jeu des cartes géographiques.* Vienna, 1785.



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