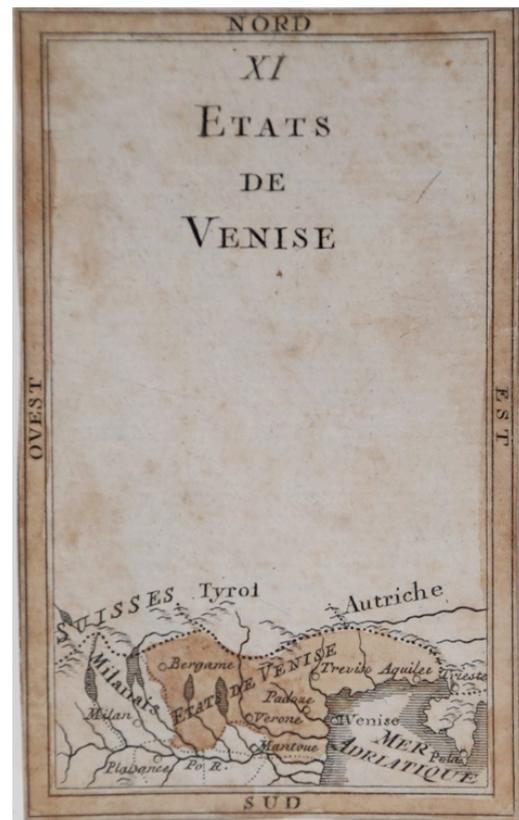
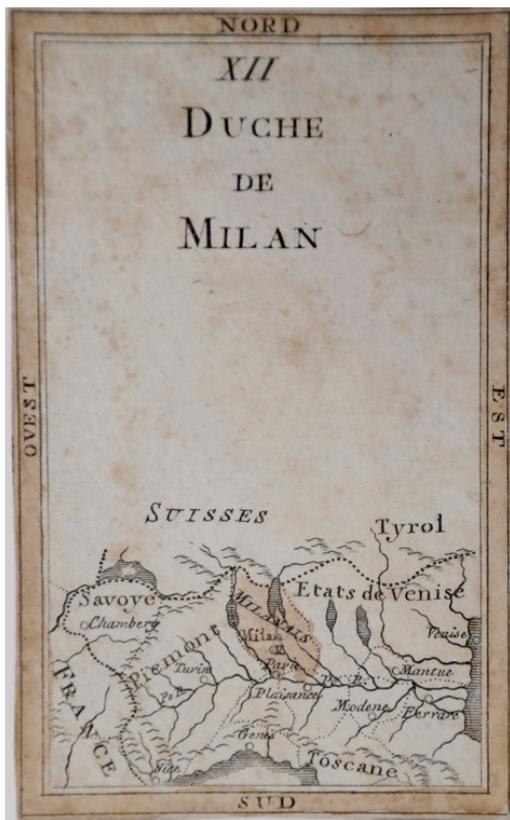


1790

*Bartolomeo L. Desprotti*

The Italian Tarot cards with maps issued in 1770 and 1779 were followed by a third set in 1790. The seventy-eight cards were the work of Monsignor L'Abbé Desprotti of the Company of Jesus. They were engraved in Rome by Marco di Pietro, whose signature is on the explanation card of the first issue but deleted on the second, as is the dedication on the world map. Lady Charlotte Schreiber's collection in the British Museum has both.



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The cards are 70/5 x 110/5 mm. with the arms of Parma on the backs of the first issue, whereas the backs of the second one are plain. The cardinal points are in the borders and the numbers and titles above the maps, with the lettering in French, not Italian. The four suits, together with the atouts or trump cards, are denoted by the colours of the maps and borders which vary between different sets, and each of them covers a specific area:

cups / brown / Italy / I-XIV

swords / red / Switzerland, Germany & Low Countries / I-XIV

coins / green / France / I-XIV

clubs / yellow / Spain & Portugal / I-XIV

atouts / blue / the rest of the world / I-XXI + an explanation card without a number

*Sardaigne et Corse; Sicile; Royaume de Naples; Etats de l'Eglise; Toscane; Republique de Luque; Republique de Genes; Duché de Parme; Duché de Modene; Duché de Mantoue; Etats de Venise; Duché de Milan; Piemont; Italie.*

*Suisses; Haute Saxe; Basse Saxe; Westphalie; Haut et Bas Rhin; Franconie; Souabe; Baviere; Autriche; Boheme et Moravie; Silesie et Lucace; Provinces Unies; Pays Bas; Allemagne.*

*Flandre et Picardie; Normandie; Bretagne; Poitou et Saintonge; Guienne Gascogne Navarre et Foix; Languedoc et Roussillon; Provence; Dauphine; Franche Comté; Bourgogne et Lyonois; Marche. Limosin. Auvergne et Bourbonnois; Orleanois. Berry Touraine Maine et Perche et Nivernois; Lorraine Champagne et Alsace; France.*

*Calice; Asturies; Biscaye; Navarre; Aragon; Catalogne; Valence; Murcie; Grenade; Andalousie; Estremadure et Leon; Castille Vieille et Nouvelle; Portugal; Espagne.*

*Sphere; Isles Britanniques; Cap de Bonne Esperance; Barbarie; Egypte; Chine; Indes au de la du Gange; Indes au de ça du Gange; Perse; Arabie; Turquie Asiatique; Turquie d'Europe; Hongrie; Pologne; Russie Europeenne; Royaumes du Nord; Amerique; Asie; Afrique; Europe; Mappa Monde; Explication du jeu.*

*La Géographie en jeu de taroques. Parma, Carmignani, 1790, 1790.*

