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What are Kipper cards?

The original Kipper cards came into being around 1900, but their precise origin remains obscure. There are two hypotheses relating to this: The first suggests that the Kipper cards go back to a person called Susanne Kipper from Berlin. The second one connects them with the Kipper (Wipper) people, who traveled around during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). They cut off the edges of coins in order to make money out of the precious metal gained and then put the coins back into circulation. Since the Kipper people traveled across the country much like the gypsies, it is possible that they learned the art of cartomancy from them.

It is safe to assume that the cards were used mainly by the common

people. There is no doubt that the Kipper cards are amongst the most popular fortune-telling cards, along with the Lenormand cards.



Mystical Kipper

As he did for the Mystical Lenormand, Urban Trösch also painted the 36 pictures of the Mystical Kipper deck. Again, it took him a whole year to create this deck, for his technique is very elaborate. Trösch painted the pictures on small wooden plates that were first primed with chalk. This was followed by the layer-by-layer application of egg tempera colors. The result is a work of art with great luminous power and exactitude. Religious icons were and still are painted using this technique.

The backgrounds to the pictures awaken associations with the period around 1900, as do the clothing, interior design etc.

However, this wouldn't be the Mystical Kipper if it did not include elves, nature spirits, angels and mythical creatures as well. For when we work with the Mystical Kipper, we enter a different dimension.

I also adopted the designations of the original Kipper cards, even if some of them appear outdated, like the Military Person card or the Marriage card.

There are two reasons why I retained the original names of the cards: Firstly, they have been used for over hundred years and are therefore 'charged' with meaning. In my opinion it would weaken the cards energetically if they had a different designation. The second reason is my respect for the person who originally named the cards.

Various person cards

What makes the Kipper cards so fascinating are the numerous cards that depict persons. When the cards are laid out, we find a lot of people looking back at us. And more often than not, we lay the cards because we have questions connected with people.

If all 36 cards are used, you can see at a glance whom you have around you, whether there will be new relationships forming in the future and suchlike.

The All Cards Spread

This spread involves all 36 cards. This is ideal for obtaining an overall view of your present life situation.

The messages that result from the All Cards Spread are valid for about six months to several years. However, before laying the cards you may also decide for yourself about the period for which the spread is to be valid. For instance, this could be one week or three months, or up to 6 months, or even a year or more.

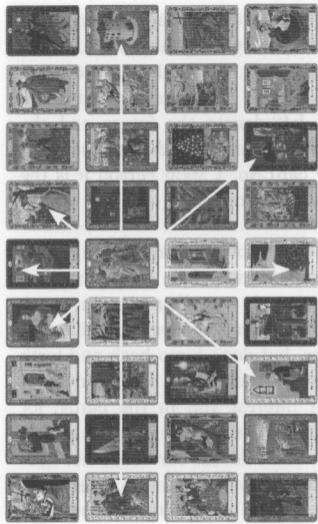
Shuffle the deck and place it in front of you. Pick up twice using your left hand, so that there are three piles in front of you. Pick up each pile and check which card is at the bottom. Write down these three cards, as they

show a current topic and will later complete the interpretation in the All Cards Spread. Put the piles on top of each other as they were at the beginning. Now start laying the cards. Take the pile, face down, in one hand, and with your other hand draw the card at the bottom and lay it face up. This first card generally shows the central theme that concerns you at the moment. Put down card after card, to form four rows of nine cards, dealing from left to right and top to bottom. (see figure on page 13)

Now, first look for the person card. If you are a woman, it is card No. 2 Main Person. If you are a man, it is card No. 1 Main Person. First pay attention to the cards that lie around it. What kind of cards are they? Look up the

meanings of the individual cards. Of great importance is the card above the person card, as it denotes something that is in the process of developing. It may only be perceptible as a feeling or it may already have materialized in your life. Now you already have four statements: the three cards from the beginning when you made the three piles, the first card of the All Cards Spread, the cards around the person card and the card above it (if the person card is not in the top row). Can you already recognize a main topic, a central theme?

The next step is to interpret the whole of the All Cards Spread, always starting from the person card. Everything in the direction in which



The interpretation lines starting from the person card (in this case the male main person): horizontal, vertical and diagonal.

the person is looking concerns the future; everything behind it is related to the past. So in the case of card No. 2 Main Person, all the cards on her left denote the future and the cards on her right denote the past. For card No. 1 Main Person it is the other way round.

What is below the person card relates to something people tend to repress or trample on. You can interpret in horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines, but don't jump back and forth between these lines. Look for topics that interest you in the cards, for example career, love, family, health, etc. The relevant card does not necessarily have to be in an interpretation line or close to the person card.

Simply look at all the cards that lie around such theme cards.



No. 1 Main Person

This card represents a man who is reading the cards himself or who has someone reading the cards for him.

The closer certain other cards are to this one, the sooner an incident will take place. In contrast, the further away they lie, the more uncertain it becomes whether this event will happen.

If a woman lays down the cards for herself, this card can represent her partner or future partner, and sometimes simply a man who has been very important to her and who is close to her heart.

As a general rule, everything in the direction in which the person is looking concerns the future; everything behind it is related to the past.



No. 2 Main Person

This card represents a woman who is reading the cards herself or who has someone reading the cards for her.

The closer certain other cards are to this one, the sooner an incident will take place. However, the further away they lie, the more doubtful it becomes whether this event will happen.

If a man lays down the cards for himself, this card can represent his partner or dream partner. It may also stand for a woman with whom he is not in contact at the moment, but to whom he is (still) attached.

As a general rule, all cards at the person's back concern the past; everything that the person is looking towards is related to the future.



No. 3 Marriage Card

This card symbolizes all relationships, be they to a partner, friends or family. If the card lies in front of one of the person cards, i.e. No. 1 or No. 2, it represents a good marriage or relationship. If it lies behind those cards, however, it indicates the separation of two lovers. The card may hint at a wedding or at a relationship that is taken to the next level – moving in together could be an example.

This card can also represent other connections, such as business relationships or a shared apartment, for instance.

As a trait of character it stands for the ability and willingness to bond with someone.

No. 4 Meetings

This card clearly speaks of happiness and harmony. The keywords in this context are: communication, giving and receiving, meeting friends and relatives, as well as socializing.

In the professional area it is about teamwork and projects, cooperation and negotiations.

Furthermore, this card indicates the need to apply your intelligence, or your intelligence itself. If the card lies to the right of the person card, it means that other people have helped you in an emergency situation. If you have given your support to others in difficult situations, then the card appears to the left of the person card.





No. 5 Good Gentleman

This is an important person card. The man has influence, is older and very mature for his age. He has your best interests at heart.

It may represent a father, an (older) brother, a grandfather, an uncle, an acquaintance, a colleague or a boss.

He has a lot of power and strength, which is symbolized by the lion at his side. However, he does not abuse this power. He only becomes a fighting lion in order to help you if others attack you.

The Good Gentleman represents the partner for male homosexuals, while you use card No. 1 Main Person for yourself.

No. 6 Good Lady

This card is a very important person card and usually refers to an older woman or one who seems mature. She generally stands for female relatives or a (female) boss. She may also represent a lover, a friend or a female confidant.

This is a positive card and it is related to pleasure and enjoyment. During hardships and at times of need, you can turn to the Good Lady and she will help you. She symbolizes motherliness and everything that grows and is cherished, as well as 'old wisdom', such as herbal and medicinal lore.

The Good Lady represents the partner for female homosexuals, while you use card No. 2 Main Person for yourself.

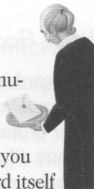


No. 7 Pleasant Letter

This card is all about communication. You will receive mail: a letter, a postcard, emails or text messages; or you will get a phone call. The card itself does not yet reveal whether you will be happy about the message, but you will get an idea by having a look at the surrounding cards. Individually speaking, this is a positive card and may, for instance, mean that you will pass an exam, if you asked that particular question.

If this card lies next to a property card, it means that this issue is developing well.

The card also stands for documents, stocks, records etc.

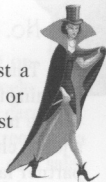


No. 8 False Person

This card warns you against a false person, a wrong cause or a wrong plan, but also against an inappropriate attitude or decision. This card also has the ability to transform the meaning of other cards into their opposite meaning.

For example, if this card lies next to card No. 15 Success in Love, a bad outcome in matters of love can be expected. If it is about a person, that person is either insincere or jealous of you (and regarding the situation in question).

Deception, hypocrisy and false pretenses are further keywords for this card





No. 9 A Change

This card tells you that something is going to change, that there will be movement in your life. Losing a job, a child who is leaving home or a partner falling in love with somebody else are all possible outcomes that can be inferred from the surrounding cards.

This card may also show a change of location or a new beginning that you set in motion. This card is about all housing-related aspects that have to do with change: moving away, somebody is moving in, etc.

It also stands for a change of career or, with regard to children, a change of school. It also represents vehicles.



No. 10 A Journey

You are taking a trip, going on vacation or away for the week-end. With regard to your career, this card depicts a job that requires a lot of traveling (for example as a sales representative, pilot, truck driver and the like).

This card may also stand for a ride on a bus, on a train, in a car etc. It may also mean that a certain matter or concern is (finally) gaining momentum, is getting a move on.

Further aspects of this card are wanderlust, a journey of the soul, a new orientation, aiming for a new goal.

As a trait of character, this card describes a person who wants to travel or someone who cannot settle down.

No. 11 Gaining a lot of Money

This card may show real winnings in a casino or in the lottery. In most cases it is simply a matter of material increase. This may mean money, but also material assets. Now you have the opportunity to earn and gain money by your own efforts.

However, you should be cautious if the card lies far away from the person card. You could lose money by speculating or gambling. Inheritances are also indicated by this card. Depending on the question at hand, this card tells you that you can expect a successful outcome in this matter.



No. 12 Rich Girl

This is a very positive card which tells you that you succeed in everything you do at the moment. It is a symbol for joy, pleasure and well-being. This card is also a person card. It represents a young woman up to the age of 40, a (usually young) lover, a daughter, a girlfriend, a daughter-in-law, colleague or a young relative.

This card may also symbolize art. Here, 'rich' does not necessarily mean that someone owns a lot of money; the person may rather possess inner wealth and treasures. This card portrays a time in which everything is working out and in which the joy of life plays the main role. If surrounded by bad cards, this card hints at family grief.





No. 13 Rich Good Gentleman

This card represents a young man, a (young) lover, a son, a brother, a younger relative.

It is a lucky card, suggesting that positive news is coming. However, the meaning may be reversed if bad cards are lying close to this card. It is all about finances and money and may also stand for a company or one's (own) business. The issue of security also lies within this card's range of interpretation.

In any combination, this card can be understood as a lucky charm. It tells you that a fast and good solution is possible, even if the card's layout as a whole is an unfavorable one.


No. 14 Sad News

This card belongs to the so-called bad cards. Sad news or all kinds of painful trouble are to be expected.

It represents unpleasantness, ranging from mild illnesses, such as colds and the flu, to confrontations with neighbors or colleagues.

Sometimes, this card tells you to let go of something that you will mourn, but which will ultimately make space for something new, something better suited to you. The card stands for emotions like weeping and feeling sad or even self-pity. It also represents psychological disorders.



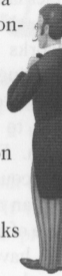


No. 15 Success in Love

This card is one of the best cards of the whole deck. Even if the other cards on the table look challenging: As soon as this card enters the game, all of your sorrows and problems will soon be in the past. This may relate to love, but also to other areas. Even with regard to your career everything is running smoothly. This card ensures a successful outcome in all matters of the heart, family, friends and society. This card also says that you will soon find a new love. If you already are in love you can expect love in return. If the card describes the character of a person, that person will be amiable, sentimental, faithful and loyal.

No. 16 His Thoughts

This card is all about thoughts in any shape or form: thinking about a problem, secret thoughts, uncontrolled thoughts, thoughts you cannot get out of your head. Ideas and sudden inspirations also belong to that category. If this card lies next to a person card, the surrounding cards describe the thoughts of that person, i.e. how he or she thinks in respect of your question. This card defines the character of a person who is educated, or who gives a lot of thought to the matters at hand and is anything but superficial.



No. 17 Receiving a Gift

This is a lucky card! You may expect pleasant things, be they gifts (even valuable things) or that everything works like clockwork. Things are moving in your favor, you don't even need to interfere. Whatever you set out to do should now come to fruition. Furthermore, this card stands for courtesies, praise and recognition. It can also represent a child up to the age of twelve, a pregnancy or the wish to have children. In addition, this card may announce visitors. It stands for joy and cheerfulness.



No. 18 A little Child

This is a very positive card. It stands for a new beginning or something completely new that comes into your life. It requires a whole new way of looking at things. It may represent a new hobby, a new job or a new attitude to life.

This card also stands for a fresh new start after a painful ending. It may further symbolize a child, a pregnancy or a birth.

In addition, you can use this card as a person and character card, if you want to ask a question about a pet. This card can also indicate naïve or childish behavior.



No. 19 Bereavement

This card reveals that something is coming to an end. The surrounding cards will give you more clues about what is ending. Now is the time to say good-bye, e.g. to familiar surroundings, to a disease or to friends.



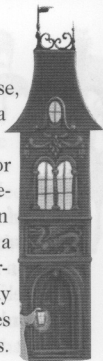
A situation is approaching a conclusion; perhaps you lose a job or have already resigned.

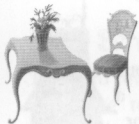
The card itself does not show the death of a person or animal. However, its basic statement is considered to be negative.

This card may also indicate that you cannot go on as before and that you have to rethink your current situation completely, even if it is painful.

No. 20 House

This card represents a house, an apartment building, a building, an apartment or a garden. It further stands for possessions and general material values. It is an indication of stability, domesticity and a balanced personality. A person with such a personality would experience difficulties when changing places or jobs. The card symbolizes our heritage, the family home, the original family, the family clan, the family's history and the ancestors. It also stands for the need for security and self-confidence. If a question is asked regarding a relationship, then it is a stable one.





No. 21 Living Room

This card stands for the private domain, your own four walls, privacy and the place where you feel secure. It also represents the inner home of a person, his or her soul. The surrounding cards show whether a person feels at home with himself or herself.

The card is also an important time card. It tells you that something is imminent, i.e. about to happen within a time period of 24 hours to four weeks. In such cases, the card has to lie next to the person card or you specifically asked for a period of time. The card also stands for everything related to interior design.

No. 22 Military Person

This card is quite complex in its statement. It first and foremost represents people who wear uniforms in their profession, such as police officers, firefighters, customs officers etc., or wear symbolic working clothes, such as the white coats of doctors.

This card has the quality to emphasize and underline a fact that shows in the card's layout. It tells you that this particular matter is to be expected just so.

This card represents security, stability and order or it stands for the need for security



No. 23 Court

This card indicates that you will get involved with the authorities or a notary. The adjacent card will tell you more about this particular authority. The card can also represent a court summons, though it does not automatically imply that it is you who is accused – you may also be called to the witness stand.

However, this card can also have a completely different meaning: a balance may be created or needs to be created. This is shown whenever giving and receiving have gotten out of balance or energies are not flowing properly.



No. 24 Theft

The main theme of this card is loss. Something goes astray, gets lost or even stolen. It also refers to robbers of energy, those who drain your energy and thrive while you are weakening.

However, this card may also indicate that you are taking or plan to take something away from someone else. If your question is about a person, the connotations relating to this person are negative.

This card also tells you that something cannot go on as it used to and explicitly warns you against thieves.

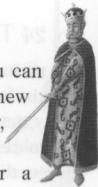


No. 25 High Honors

Things are progressing. You can expect a promotion or a new assignment in your career, which promises long-term success. The chances for a career jump are looking especially good when the card lies next to the person card.

Generally speaking, this card is a very positive card, which shows that a situation is improving. It also speaks of a long-awaited recognition that you are about to receive.

The card says that something is taking a turn for the better – the surrounding cards will reveal more details.



No. 26 Great Happiness

This is the best of all cards! This card always represents a happy turn, no matter what the question may be.

It tells you that a project will succeed and that the matter in hand is very good for you. Wishes are coming true and a time of pure bliss lies ahead of you. Contentment, success and wealth are also part of this card's meaning, as well as inner growth and self-awareness.

This card has the ability to weaken the negative effect of unpleasant combinations, to brighten things up and convey hope and confidence in difficult situations.





No. 27 Unexpected Money

A sudden, unforeseen joy over money which you did not expect!

Usually, this money is earned, mostly by working, but sometimes also given.

Such a 'bonanza' could be a pay raise you did not expect, a gratification, a bonus or a nice Christmas allowance. It may reveal stock profits or insurance money that you have long been waiting for.

However, this card does not always have to do with money, although it may also represent a wealthy man. The card also stands for contracts and general business matters.

No. 28 Expectation

This is another time card which tells you that something might go



on for three more months. It says that you are wishing for something of either a material or immaterial nature. The card expresses expectations: Someone is eagerly waiting for something without acting or being able to act. This may be a phone call you are hoping for, a positive answer for an apartment that you would like to have, a new job or simply an important message. Depending on the question, the card may also ask you to refrain from jumping the gun.

A pregnancy could be revealed as well.



No. 29 Prison

The self-made trap has sprung and you're in it, without knowing how to get out. It is obvious that you feel alone in a situation like this.

Those two statements sum up the main interpretation of this card: to be or feel caught or trapped, and loneliness. A voluntary retreat into isolation can also be intended.

The card further tells you that something has reached an impasse and cannot evolve any further.

This card also represents tall buildings like official buildings, police stations, administrative offices, companies, prisons and big hotels.

No. 30 Court Person



This card certainly represents people that are generally associated with the courts: Solicitors, state attorneys, lawyers, police officers, notaries and bailiffs.

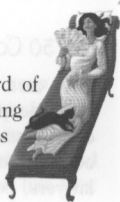
However, the circle of people is bigger than that: It may include a driver's license examiner, a person who decides about a training course, a politician, a tax investigator, an insurance agent, someone who decides on expected benefits.

This card can also indicate that you are going to be pressurized and that someone is going to make a demand to which you have to acquiesce.

Furthermore, this card represents dispute.

No. 31 Short Illness

This card is the true card of destiny and the surrounding cards determine the areas on which events will have an effect.



This card also represents illness: It shows a serious discomfort which will not last long, if fortunate cards are lying nearby. However, it is important to take persistent symptoms seriously and to have them thoroughly checked out if they do not disappear within a short space of time.

You have to take a forced break now, for body and soul have reached a limit. Another possibility is that you become incapacitated because things come to a standstill.

No. 32 Grief and Adversity

Looking at the surrounding cards you can see what kind of griefs and adversities you are going to come face to face with. It may be a private or a work-related matter. You can interpret this card as a warning card, whereby the layout will show you what kind of things are not going to work out.



If a single question is asked, the answer will be a negative one with this card. The more you are willing to actively approach your problems, the sooner they will be solved.

If the card is part of the past in the All Cards Spread, it may be interpreted that the person seeking advice has faced tremendous problems in the past.



No. 33 Gloomy Thoughts

This card is warning you against doing the wrong thing. Whenever possible, wait before signing a contract or giving your consent and check everything thoroughly.

The card expresses gloomy thoughts; you are mulling over a lot of things and feel discouraged and puzzled. This discontentment might even lead to depression. Always have a look at the other cards as well; they tell you whether a person or an issue are intended.

Negative thinking is also part of this card's statement. It may also announce completely unexpected news.

No. 34 Work. Occupation

This card has to do with an occupation or an activity, expressing that someone is active as an employed person.

Usually, this includes professions that require physical effort and represents the lower or middle positions. The surrounding cards will reveal the kind of occupational area in which someone is active. They also tell you whether an improvement in the job situation or even a career can be expected.

This card also represents all kinds of outside work such as gardening and everything that involves physical activity and exercise, for example sports.



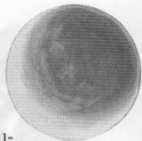
No. 35 A long Way



Depending on the question, this card represents a long path, a great distance or a longer period of time. Such a long period may also relate to an illness or an uncomfortable situation in life that you will have to wait out. Here, the card tells you that you have to endure the situation a little longer. Patience is what is called for, because not everything is moving as fast as you would like.

This card also represents stability and loyalty. It tells you that something has 'good prospects', such as a relationship that has just started or that you have doubts about.

No. 36 Hope. Big Water



The general statement of this card is positive; it shows an improving situation. This card represents our big dreams and hopes. Those are the wishes and dreams that are firmly established in our soul, which is also represented by this card. However, it also shows another aspect of idle pipe dreams – illusion. In this respect, the card becomes a warning card, perhaps even a warning against drugs and alcohol, since they are also a kind of illusion. This card can also stand for deceptions and excessive expectations. It represents spirituality and encourages you to attend to the essentials of life.







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