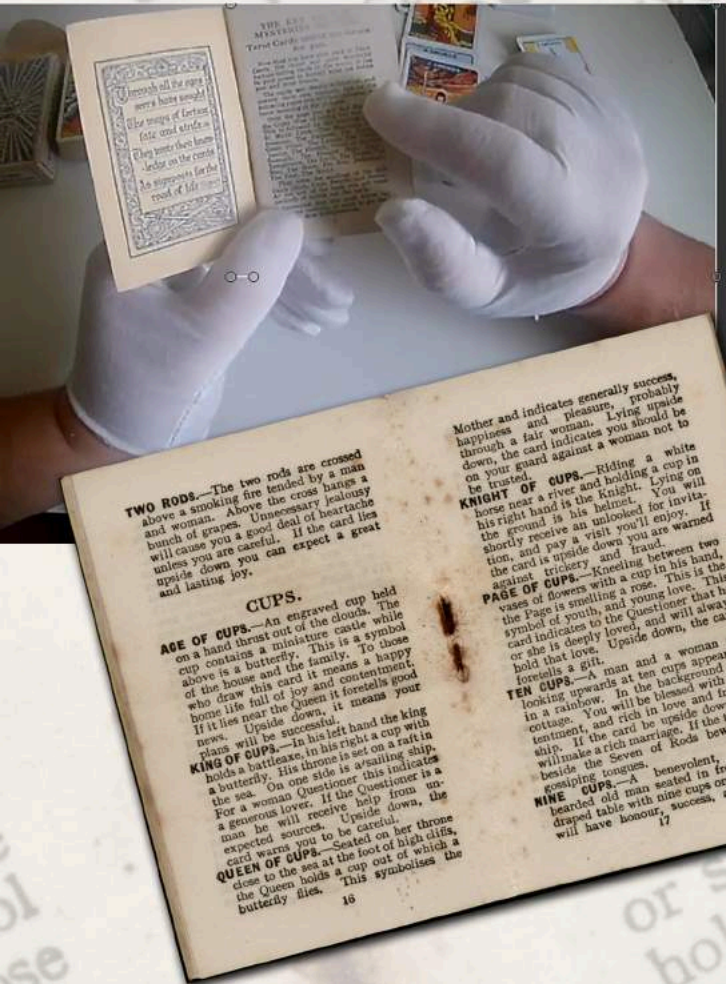


## Welcome to the Thomson Leng Tarot.

This deck was first printed in the 1930s and it is quite rare to find a deck in good condition, especially one that comes with a book still intact. Even when you do, it is usually out of the price range of most casual Tarot collectors. It was our goal here at Tarotcollectibles to have at least one Tarot deck from the past that we could bring to a new audience that perhaps would not be able to enjoy the deck otherwise. To make it complete though, I knew that not only would I have to invest in a good quality original, I would need to invest in a copy that had a book.



Understandably the book is a little fragile, so I was reluctant to leaf through it if the text was already written up elsewhere.

Unable to find an online source with all the Thomson Leng card meanings, I decided it might be of interest to some to begin documenting the meanings and sharing it with any tarot collectors who happen to stop by our tarotcollectibles.com page.

I have taken great care to include all the card meanings from the original book.

There are also some really interesting spreads to be found in this book like the Royal Road to Life, the Mystic Sevens and the Lover's Guide, which are included with each Thomson Leng replica deck on our site.

### THE DECK

I've spent months trying to make the images print exactly the way they appear in the original and I feel this has been successful.

The suits are comprised of Rods (Wands), Cups, Swords and Pence (Pentacles). This deck differs from that of the popular Waite Smith deck in a few ways. The Fool is numbered "21" instead of "0". Justice is 8 instead of "11", and Strength is "11" instead of "8".



The reprints on our site are bridge sized, similar to the original deck of cards, making them easy to shuffle.



The following has been transcribed directly from the original Thomson Leng booklet.

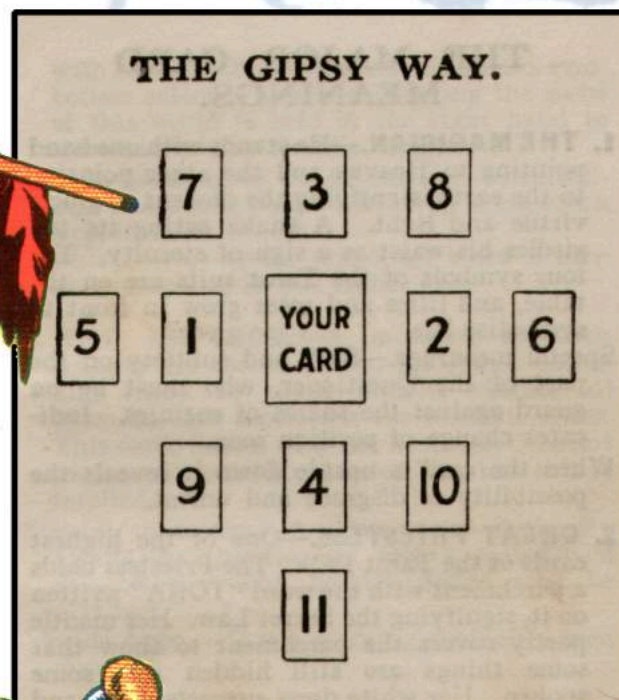
## THE KEY TO THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE

Tarot Cards unfold the future for you.

Now that you have your pack of Tarot Cards, the oldest and most wonderful fortune-telling cards in the world, it lies in your power to foretell what lies before you and your friends. The cards are deeply symbolical, and convey their own message, but in the following pages you will find indicated the meaning of the pictures. Below you will find described, the Gipsy Way of laying out the cards.

### HOW TO CONSULT THE CARDS IN THE GIPSY WAY.

The first thing you have to do is to select a card which stands for yourself, the Questioner. You have sixteen cards from which to choose this, namely, the 4 court cards (King, Queen, Knave and Page), belonging to the four suits - Rods, Cups, Swords, and Pence. A Queen should be selected if the Questioner is a married woman, and a Page for an unmarried woman. Similarly, a King should be chosen for a married man, and a Knave for a bachelor. Rods represent fair, blue-eyed people; Cups, those with light brown or auburn hair, and light-coloured eyes. Swords stand for people with dark brown hair and hazel eyes, while Pence should be taken with black hair and dark brown eyes. Place the card chosen on the table. Now shuffle the rest of the cards, and holding them face downwards, count them out, turning up every seventh card. Place each, as it comes, face upwards, to surround the Questioner card. The diagram shows you in what order to lay them out. Now get your fortune (beginning with card No. 1, and followed by the others in their numbered order), by consulting the readings given on the following pages.



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## CARD MEANINGS - MAJORS

**1. THE MAGICIAN.** - He stands with one hand pointing to heaven and the other hand pointing to earth, signifying the decent of grace, virtue and light. A snake eating its tail girdles his waist as a sign of eternity. The four symbols of the Tarot suits are on the table, and lilies and roses grow in front to symbolise life.

Special Meanings: - Skill and subtlety on the part of the Questioner, who must be on guard against the snares of enemies, Indicates change of position too.

When the card is upside down it reveals the possibility of disgrace and unrest.

**2. GREAT PRIESTESS.** – One of the highest cards of the Tarot deck. The Priestess holds a parchment with the word “TORA written on it, signifying the Secret Law. Her mantle partly covers the parchment to show that some things are still hidden and some spoken. Her white dress suggests light, and on her breast is a large cross. Special Meanings - The Questioner will be involved in secrets and mystery which may affect home, business or social interests. Upside down- A woman’s jealousy will cause trouble.

**3. THE EMPRESS.** - A regal figure wearing a crown of twelve stars. Beside her is a water-fall, with a field of ripe corn. The bird with her outstretched wings on the shield symbolises action. A sceptre, bearing the globe of this world is held in the right hand to show she sways worldly things. Special meaning to the Questioner - Fruitfulness and a long happy life. Will bring much happiness to others. Upside down - Great rejoicings when a misunderstanding is put right.

**4. THE EMPEROR.** - A crowned Monarch holding the rod of power, his shield beside him ready to guard himself against all enemies. He represents the highest power. This card, drawn from the Empress, does not necessarily betoken married life, but this is implied. Special Meanings - A position of authority awaits the Questioner; also a measure of protection. The heart’s desire will be attained. Upside down - It is a warning against hidden enemies.

**5. THE GREAT PRIEST.** - The triple crown rests on his head and in his left hand he holds the triple cross. Below him are the crossed keys that open the door of knowledge, while two priests kneel at his feet. Special meanings - This card reveals an alliance for the Questioner; possibly a marriage; at any rate there is a big change indicated, as a result of opportunity accepted. Upside down - A friendship betrayed.

**6. THE LOVERS.** - The sun at its highest shines down on a man who is torn between vice and virtue. The issue is only settled when Cupid takes part in the struggle, and the man’s true destiny is revealed. Special meaning - A warning to the questioner to beware of a false love; also a trial overcome. Placed beside a Cup Card, it indicates a marriage. Upside down - A romance broken



## CARD MEANINGS - MAJORS

**7. THE CHARIOT.** - The victorious hero is shown drawn by two sphinxes, and represents conquest of all things, especially of the mind. In the Tarot Pack, No. 7 is particularly lucky, and has a special influence on the cards with which it is drawn. For the Questioner, the lesson to be learned is that nothing is gained without effort. Be up and doing and a sure reward is yours. If the card is upside down, there is a possibility of quarrel and dispute.

**8. JUSTICE.** - In one hand she holds a true balance to weigh the qualities of worldly disputes, and in the other, she holds a sword to uphold her just decisions. The pillars represent the gateway of the world. Special meaning to the Questioner - Some wrong that has been done to you will be righted. You can afford to be generous. Upside down - Some legal difficult or family quarrel.

**9. HERMIT.** - An old man to represent wisdom, with a star in the lantern to help in the search for justice and truth. To the questioner this card is a sign that past experience should be considered when planning for the future.. Also that someone is seeking to harm you, but the plotting against you will fail. Upside down - Too much caution may be imprudent.

**10. WHEEL OF FORTUNE.** - The lesson to be drawn from this card is that life goes on and on, just as the wheel goes round and round. The figures on the wheel represent steadfastness, mischief and cunning. The four tarot suits are shown in the corners. Special meaning to the questioner. Life will have its ups and downs, but good fortune will come in due course. If next to a pence card, this is one of the luckiest cards in the pack. Upside down - Good fortune, but very long delayed.

**11. STRENGTH.** - A woman closing the jaws of a lion after it has been subdued. This is shown by the chain of flowers around his neck. The meaning for the Questioner is that, not by physical power, but by strength of mind, can others be influenced. That at some moment in crisis, reason and confidence on your part will bring matters to a happy end; its immediate message is that a critical point in your home or family affairs is at hand

**12. THE HANGED MAN.** - A card of deep significance. Note that the face does not show suffering; that there is a halo round the head; that one leg is bent to form a cross; that the wood is not dead wood. The inner meaning of the card is sacrifice.

The Questioner may experience a time when life seems at a standstill, but a great good will come out of a sacrifice for others. Card - upside down - A warning against selfishness.

**13. DEATH.** - At first glance it seems an ill-omened card. The figure of death tramples on king and child, maiden and man, but through the gateway the sun shines warmly.

This is a card of change. For a man it means the loss of a benefactor, and that he will have to rely now on himself. For a woman, a new state of life, possibly marriage.

Upside down - Consider well before a new undertaking.



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**14. TEMPERANCE.** - Shown as an angel pouring the essences of life from one cup to another; on her forehead is the sign of the sun, and one foot is on the earth and the other in the sea. A path leads towards a glow of light which becomes revealed as a crown.

The meaning to the Questioner is, in addition to temperance, that good management will prevail. Especially is this so in marriage. A change for the better in your circumstances is indicated.

Update down - Some rival may cause worry.

**15. THE DEVIL.** - Shown as a horned goat with wings like those of a bat. The flaming torch signifies destruction. Before him stand a man and woman chained to show how they are held by worldly things.

This is the card of fate, but the questioner must not think it is necessarily evil. A time of temptation lies before you. the chief meaning is that a big effort will be required to make a change for the better.

Upside down - Beware of one who would exercise an evil influence on your life.

**16. THE TOWER.** - This might seem to be a card of ruin. Lightning strikes the tower, hurling a man and a woman to the lower depths, while the crown is thrown aside. IT is really the card of the unforeseen, whether for good or evil.

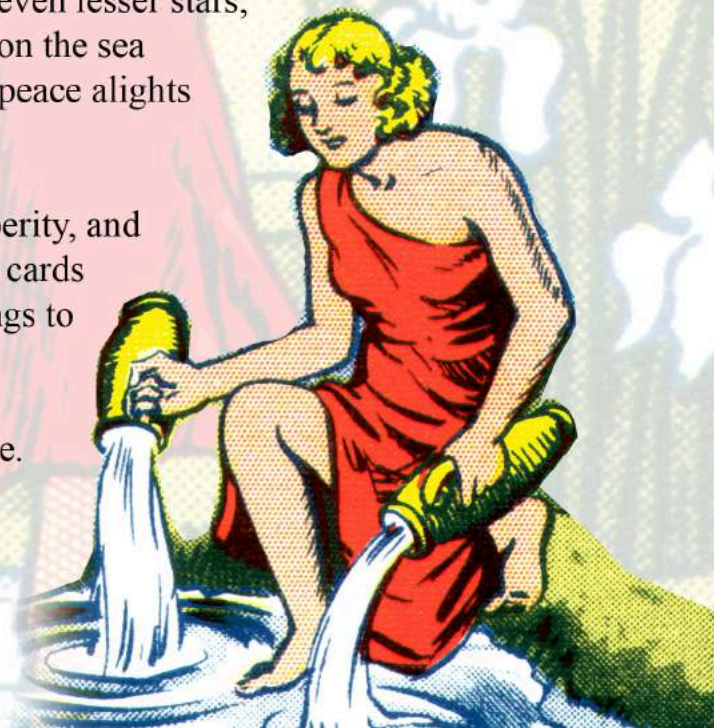
The Questioner must take from it as warning to be on guard against his or her own wilfulness. A false step may have unlucky consequence.

Upside down - Events that will surprise you will happen soon.

**17. THE STAR.** - The great star is surrounded by seven lesser stars; while a woman is shown, one foot on land and one on the sea pouring the water of life from two jars. The bird of peace alights on a growing bush.

Generally speaking, this is a card of hope and prosperity, and must be regarded as having a good influence on the cards drawn next to it, especially if one of the cards belongs to the suit of cups.

Upside down - You will suffer from someone's pride.





## CARD MEANINGS - MAJORS

**18. THE MOON.** - This is the card of reflected light. The moon has no light in itself, and depends entirely on the sun for its radiance. The dog and wolf represent the fear of the unknown. The creature coming out of the sea shows the entrance of evil, but as a rule it sinks back again. The path leading between the towers is a path to the unknown.

The meaning to the Questioner is that a hidden enemy or danger may be encountered, but forewarned is forearmed.

Upside down - A warning against gossip

**19. THE SUN.** - The source of light and life, typified by happy children playing in its radiance. The sun is direct and beneficent, and nothing crooked lurks in its rays. Sometimes clouds hide its face, but it must be remembered that rain from these clouds waters the earth and produces good.

This is a highly important card to the Questioner, and shows that, through worries and distress may be experience, these will only be temporary.

Upside down - More difficulties, but ultimate happiness.

**20. JUDGEMENT.** - The card of restoration, shown by the great angel appearing through a cloud. A man and woman, and between them a child whose back is turned, are rising from their coffins.

To the questioner this means a re-union with some loved one, and does not imply death. Sometimes it may mean a reconciliation after a quarrel.

Upside down - The re-union may not take place for some time.

**21. THE FOOL.** - A young man richly dressed goes merrily on his way, blinded by the sun and unaware of the dangers that beset him. The dog is trying to attract his attention ere he steps to his ruin.

This card must be taken as a special warning for the questioner. There are temptations and dangers to be faced, but safety may be found by heeding the advice of someone with love in her heart.

Upside down - Special danger from vanity.

**22. THE WORLD.** - It is significant that a woman should be shown as the centre of the world, and the inference is that woman's influence counts for most. At the same time this is the card of secrets and mystification whether for good or evil.

The special meaning is that there are still some secrets of life to be revealed to the Questioner, and that in a time of difficulty, a man's help and love will be forthcoming.

Upside down - Little change in circumstance.



## CARD MEANINGS - WANDS

**ACE OF RODS.** - Out of a flaming cloud comes a hand clasping a rod. Before the cloud is a figure with outstretched hands ready to receive the rod. To the Questioner this card holds a cheering answer. Money difficulties you may have had will soon pass, and what you have longed for will come your way. If it lies near the two of cups beware of false accusations. Should the card be upside down you will have to face hard times for a little.

**KING OF RODS.** - Standing with one foot on the back of a lion and surrounded by flames, is the King with a rod in his hand. This card shows that you are a person who will succeed in any undertaking, and announces some pleasant and quite unexpected news. It also proclaims you to be a person of honesty. If upside down, it indicates you possess goodness at heart, but warns you against being too narrow in your judgements.

**QUEEN OF RODS.** - We find the Queen standing above an arrow marked on the ground. In her right hand is a flaming rod. If the Questioner is a woman this card shows a future rich in possibilities. To a man it foretells a happy marriage with a dark woman. If lying upside down a very happy old age is indicated for both sexes.

**KNIGHT OF RODS.** - He rides a milk-white charger and carries a rod in his right hand. His plumed helmet lies below his horse's front hoofs. That money will play a big part in your life is indicated by the Knight of Rods and that very soon you will change your residence. A dark young man is interested in you. If upside down, the card foretells several small worries over money which has been borrowed.

**PAGE OF RODS.** - The Page in this suit is seen kneeling and planting a rod in the ground close to a wood fire. You will shortly hear pleasant news brought to you by a letter. A dark young man will come into your life, and if the Page is near to the Queen of Rods you will make a happy marriage. Should it lie near the Wheel of Fortune your husband's speculations will be lucky. If upside down, you may expect only modest happiness.

**TEN RODS.** - The rods are placed crosswise in a flaming star. Below the star is a gleaner in a corn field watching two travellers on horseback passing by. This means you will shortly visit a strange town and you may find yourself called upon to face difficulties through no fault of your own. If upside down, the card warns you to beware of jealous tongues and falsehoods.

**NINE RODS.** - The rods of this card are arranged in two different designs. Within the upper one are three men around a fire. In the lower is a lighted lamp. This card signifies that you may have an illness, and, as a result, plans you have made may be delayed for some time. If lying upside down near The Emperor, the illness will result in unexpected happiness.





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**EIGHT RODS** - Here the rods are arranged to form a star. Flames are seen at the bottom of the picture and smoke at the top. This card shows that in the near future you will travel, never stopping long in one place. If you are unmarried it has a very special meaning - soon you will meet the man of your heart. If upside down near any of the Pence cards, there is worry ahead of you; near a Sword you may expect a disappointment.

**SEVEN RODS** - Four of the rods are placed to form a square, while the remainder form a triangle, inside which is seen the rising sun. At the bottom of the picture a woman sits over a fire at the edge of a lake. This card warns you to take no heed of idle gossip around you or you may have cause for regret later on. If upside down, fire will cause you some anxiety. It is also a caution against being too easy-going.

**SIX RODS** - Here we see the rods arranged to form interlocking triangles, one pointing towards the sky, the other towards the earth. In the foreground is a flower; on the horizon the rising sun. This foretells that your dearest wish will be realised, though not immediately. If upside down, this is rather an unhappy omen, signifying that a friend will play you false. However, if it lies near any of the Sword cards, success will eventually be yours.

**FIVE RODS** - Arranged to form a five pointed star, the rods of this card are contained in a mass of flames. Something will happen which will cause you to be angry for the time being. If near the four of rods you will be successful in your undertakings. If lying upside down you will probably pass safely through the crisis of your life. This is ensured if it lies near the King of Swords.

**FOUR RODS** - Above a lion is a square of rods within which is a sheaf of corn. The four indicates that power and plenty, with a fine chance of health and happiness, will be yours. If upside down you will shortly hear of a birth.

**THREE RODS** - Below a dog's head the rods form a triangle containing a mystical design. Below we see a woman seated reading a book. It foretells that you will make money in an unexpected way through the help of friends. If upside down, beware of making a mistake. If lying near The Fool you are warned against a scheming person.

**TWO RODS** - The two rods are crossed above a smoking fire tended by a man and woman. Above the cross hangs a bunch of grapes. Unnecessary jealousy will cause you a good deal of heartache unless you are careful. If the card lies upside down you can expect a great and lasting joy.





## CARD MEANINGS - CUPS

**ACE OF CUPS** - An engraved Cup held on a hand thrust out of the clouds. The cup contains a miniature castle while above is a butterfly. This is a symbol of the house and the family. To those who draw this card it means a happy home life full of joy and contentment. If it lies near the Queen it foretells good news. Upside down, it means your plans will be successful.

**KING OF CUPS** - In his left hand the King holds a battleaxe, in his right a cup with a butterfly. His throne is set on a raft in the sea. On one side a sailing ship. For a woman Questioner this indicates a generous lover. If the Questioner is a man he will receive help from unexpected sources. Upside down, the card warns you to be careful

**QUEEN OF CUPS** - Seated on her throne close to the sea at the foot of high cliffs, the Queen holds a cup out of which a butterfly flies. This symbolises the Mother and indicates generally success, happiness, and pleasure, probably a fair woman. Lying upside down, the card indicates you should be on your guard against a woman not to be trusted.

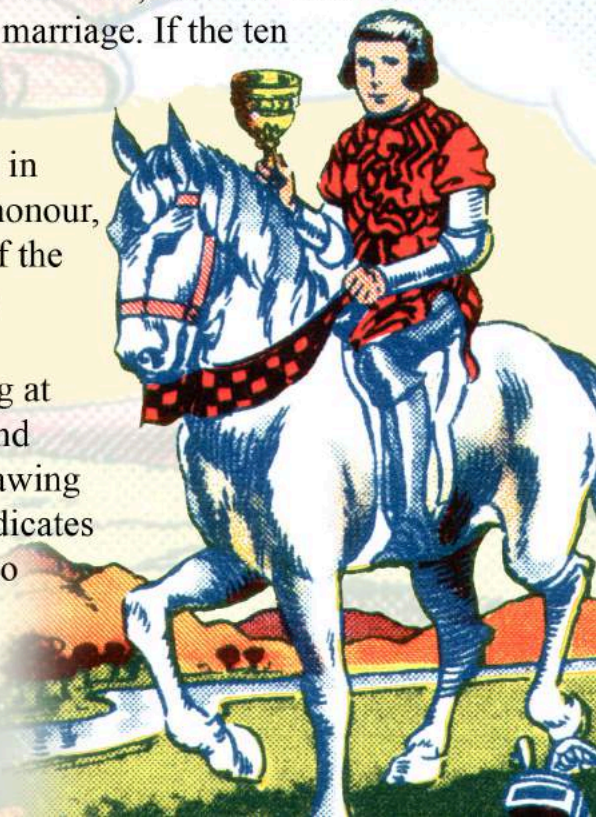
**KNIGHT OF CUPS** - Riding a white horse near a river and holding a cup in his right hand is the Knight. Lying on the ground is his helmet. You will shortly receive an unlooked for invitation, and pay a visit you'll enjoy. If the card is upside down you are warned against trickery and fraud.

**PAGE OF CUPS** - Kneeling between the two vases of flowers with a cup in his hand, the page is smelling a rose. This is the symbol of youth, and young love. This card indicates to the Questioner that he or she is deeply loved, and will always hold that love. Upside down, the card foretells a gift.

**TEN CUPS** - A man and a woman are looking upwards at ten cups appearing in a rainbow. In the background is a cottage. You will be blessed with contentment, and rich in love and friendship. If the card be upside down you will make a rich marriage. If the ten lies beside the Seven of Rods, beware of gossiping tongues.

**NINE CUPS** - A benevolent, white bearded old man seated in front of a draped table with nice cups on it. You will, have honour, success, and gain. If the card lies upside down beside any of the Pence cards you will have to face an upset to your plans.

**EIGHT CUPS** - Kneeling on a rock is a young man looking at eight cups set before him. Above him flies a butterfly. Behind him and around him are bare, barren rocks. A young girl drawing this card is ensured a great happiness. To a young man it indicates he will probably marry a fair woman. Upside down, it is also a happy omen, indicating a happy married life.





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**SEVEN CUPS** - A dark figure is observing a vision of seven cups amid the clouds. In two of the cups are spirits of Plenty; other three are filled with flowers, while the remaining two contain precious stones and laurel leaves. This foretells that soon a very hoped for favour will be granted you. If lying upside down this card indicated that through a charitable action of yours, you yourself will be helped.

**SIX CUPS** - Here we have two children in an old world garden. The boy is holding a cup filled with flowers similar to the five others in the garden. This means that you will meet with new acquaintances who will cause you a little worry; but you need not allow this to upset you, as your worry will be short lived. Beware of rival in love if the card lies upside down.

**FIVE CUPS** - A dark-cloaked woman looking sideways at three cups lying upset on the ground. Behind her, are two more cups, and trees on which an owl is perched. You are extremely lucky if you draw this card, which signifies that you will come into either money or property. Upside down, it is equally lucky, especially for a girl, since it foretells a brilliant marriage.

**FOUR CUPS** - A young man seated under a tree with a trowel in his hand. On the grass before him are three cups. Out of a cloud a hand offers him a fourth. You are inclined to allow imaginary worries to trouble you, but you need have no fear of the future. Upside down, the card foretells that a pleasant meeting will banish your worries.

**THREE CUPS** - Three young women in a garden with cups upraised as if pledging one another. This is a success card. If the questioner is a woman she can expect success as a hostess; If a man, a brilliant future awaits him. Lying upside down, the card warns you to beware of an accident.

**TWO CUPS** - A youth and maiden are pledging each other and above their heads is a garland of roses. The chooser of this card will attain wealth but is warned against allowing himself or herself to become miserly. Upside down, the card indicates an unexpected but long-hoped for success.





## CARD MEANINGS - SWORDS

**ACE OF SWORDS.** - A hand holding a sword, point upwards, is thrust from a cloud. The point of the sword is encircled by the sun shedding its rays over the earth. For the Questioner this card signifies strong love, but at the same time, jealousy. The sun ray shining on you indicates a time of great happiness. If the card is upside down, it warns you not to trifle with love.

**KING OF SWORDS.** - The King sits on his throne in judgement with the unsheathed symbol of his suit, and represents the power of life and death. Behind the throne is a crescent moon. The significance of this card is power and authority which you yourself will acquire as you go through life. If the card should be upside down you may meet with opposition to your plans for the future.

**QUEEN OF SWORDS.** - Like the King, she sits on her throne. In her hand is a sword, the hilt of which rests on the arm of the throne. Her left hand is raised as if in a blessing. A crescent moon is also seen behind the throne. She is the symbol of a brave woman prepared to face anything in life. For you it may mean a short time of loneliness. Upside down, it indicates that some of your friends are not as loyal as you imagine.

**KNIGHT OF SWORDS.** - An armoured Knight swimming with his horse in midstream. He has an upraised sword in his left hand and his helmet is on the river bank. This card signifies that you will have adventures. If near another Sword card it carries a warning to be wary of a dark, flattering man. You are advised to be careful in money matters.

**PAGE SWORDS.** - He stands on a chequered board close to the seashore. His sword is raised and his right hand shields his eyes as if looking for the approach of an enemy. The card indicates that someone is watching you jealously, and planning secretly against you. Upside down, it signified you will receive a pleasant surprise.

**TEN SWORDS.** - Ten swords are stuck into the ground near a pathway and a vampire hovers over them. This indicates enemies, illness, pain and some tears. Whoever draws this card may have a path of sorrow to tread but joy will follow. If it is upside down it indicates success, favour and wealth.

**NINE SWORDS.** - A man, heavily chained in prison, sitting with his head bowed in despair. Above him hang nine swords. This is the symbol of desolation, and foretells a disappointment unless you are very careful. If the card lies upside down it means that you will soon be present at a marriage.





## CARD MEANINGS - SWORDS

**EIGHT SWORDS.** - A woman chained, with eight swords stuck in the ground around and before her. It is the symbol not of unending bondage, but rather of endurance. It means a big change in your life; but it will be best for you in the end. In an upside-down position it means unrest and difficulties, for some little time.

**SEVEN SWORDS.** - Four of the seven swords are being carried away by a youth, while the other three are stuck point downwards in the water, close to the shore. This card foretells success in all you do. If a married woman, you will be blessed with children. Upside down it means you will get good advice and counsel when you are greatly in need of it.

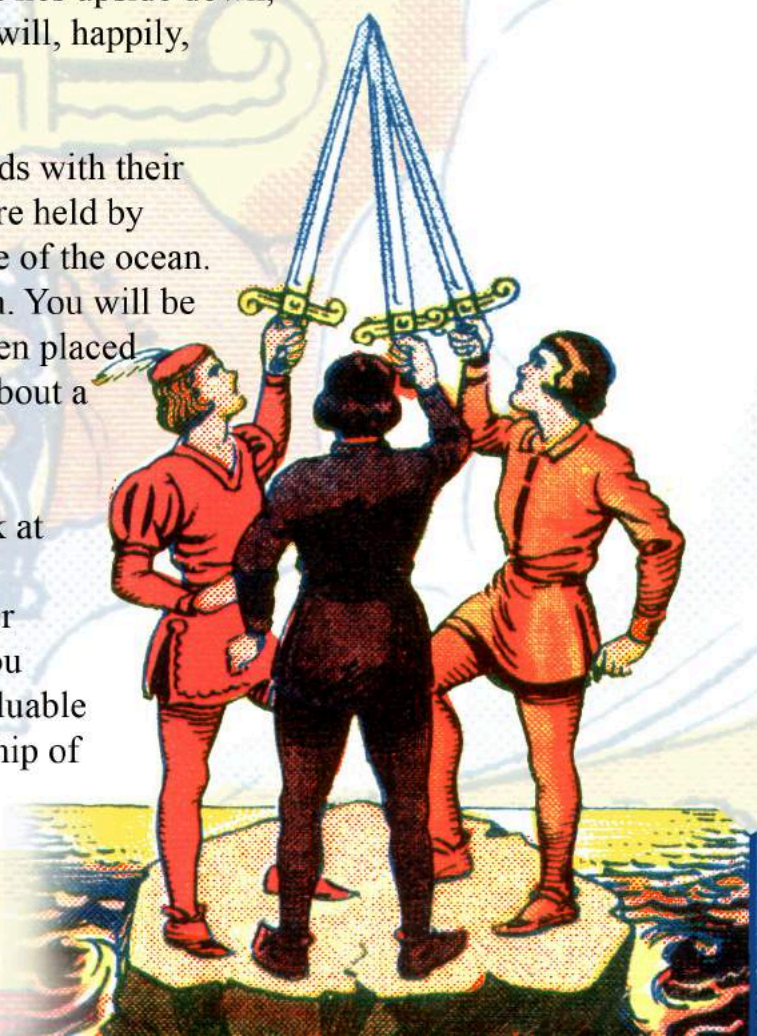
**SIX SWORDS.** - This shows a man crossing a stream by stepping stones. On each bank are three swords stuck into the ground this has a happy significance for you, showing a smooth course in life and also indicate a journey over water. If upside down the omen is still happy, showing popularity and perhaps a proposal of love.

**FIVE OF SWORDS.** - A man with bowed head stands resting his hands on the hilt of his sword. Around him lie four other swords. This card indicates that you may suffer a loss of something you treasure, Lying upside down, the card means you will hear of the death of a friend.

**FOUR SWORDS.** - Here we see four men waging war with each other with swords. Although a symbol of strife this card is really a lucky omen for you, indicating that someone is thinking dearly of you and planning for you. If it lies upside down, however, you may be faced with worries which will, happily, be of short duration.

**THREE SWORDS.** - Three swords held upwards with their points meeting to form a pyramid. The swords are held by three youths standing on a flat rock in the middle of the ocean. For the Questioner this is not too happy an omen. You will be disillusioned about someone you believe in. When placed upside down the card shows that you will hear about a broken romance.

**TWO SWORDS.** - A woman is seated on a rock at the edge of a stormy sea. In her right hand is a sword piercing the clouds, while the sword in her left reaches down into the turbulent waters. If you drawing this card you can expect to receive a valuable present. Upside down, you will have the friendship of someone who will be very good to you.





## CARD MEANINGS - PENCE

**ACE OF PENCE.** - This shows a hand issuing from a cloud with the symbol of Pence in the palm. This is an exceptionally lucky card, and foretells great happiness. If it is the first card to be read, it destroys all evil influences at work against you. Wealth will be yours if it lies near the wheel of fortune. If upside down you will always be comfortably off.

**KING OF PENCE.** - The King is seated on his throne, on high ground. The throne bears a bull's head on either side. In one hand he holds a sceptre; in the other, and resting on his knee, is the pence symbol. You are warned against a man who may try to cause you worry, and harm you, but a sincere friend will help you in your difficulties. If upside down, this card warns you against a good-looking person who is not to be trusted.

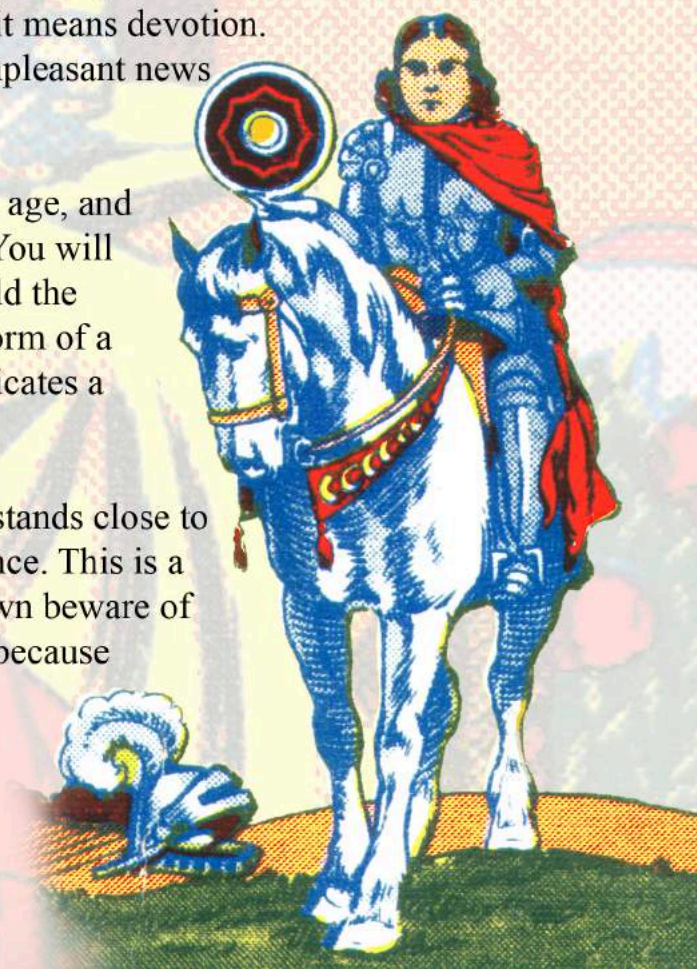
**QUEEN OF PENCE.** - Like the King, the Queen sits on her throne on high ground. Above her bowed head is the pence symbol. A dark woman with money has some connection with your life. If upside down the card indicates that you are inclined to be too mistrustful of your fellow men.

**KNIGHT OF PENCE.** - Bare-headed, his helmet lying where it has fallen, the knight rides his horse. Balanced in his right hand is the pence symbol. The Questioner will have responsibility but will be able for all he or she is called on to do; if a young man is the Questioner he is warned not to miss a great opportunity which will come his way. If upside down, your own thoughtlessness will cause you to let the opportunity you have been waiting for pass by.

**PAGE OF PENCE.** - Here we see a youthful Page watching the Pence symbol which hovers above his upraised hands. If a single woman, you will marry a rich man and great happiness and all your dreams will be realised. To the married it means devotion. Should the card be upside down, you may receive unpleasant news and regret and squandering of money.

**TEN PENCE.** - This card shows both youth and old age, and an archway which indicates the opening out of life. You will shortly hear of some money coming your way. Should the card be near The Chariot, the money will be in the form of a legacy. Upside down, or near the Ace of Cups, it indicates a family gathering or celebration.

**NINE PENCE.** - A woman with a bird on her hand stands close to a grape vine. Among the grapes can be seen nine Pence. This is a sure sign of success for you and yours. If Upside down beware of trickery, and if near The Empress be on your guard, because someone is scheming against you in secret.





## CARD MEANINGS - PENCE

**EIGHT PENCE.** - Here is a stonemason at his bench. Emblazoned on the pillar of the archway are seven Pence; the eighth he holds in his hands. This card indicates to the Questioner that if you persevere there is a great future ahead for you. If you are unmarried, and the card is upside down, it foretells success in love; soon you will meet the person who will mean everything in your life.

**SEVEN PENCE.** - This card shows a young man leaning on his staff, looking at seven Pence hanging on the branches of a small tree close by. This tree indicates money multiplying through your own effort. If near the Wheel of Fortune a fairly large sum of money will come to you. If upside down, it means for both a young woman and a young man a happy married life.

**SIX PENCE.** - This shows a rich man distributing money to the distressed and needy. On either side of him are three Pence. Act cautiously with regard to money matters, for this card signifies financial disputes. If upside down you will receive unexpected help in a time of need.

**FIVE PENCE.** - Two beggars are passing a stained glass window in a snow storm. To draw this card from the pack indicates that you will receive an unexpected reward for something you have done. Also someone will show great affection for you. If upside down, you may expect to find something while walking along the road which will give you great pleasure.

**FOUR PENCE.** - This card shows a crowned figure seated on a chest. Over his crown is the Pence symbol. He clasps another with his hands and arms, while the remaining two lie before him on the ground. A chance you will take will prove successful. If the card lies upside down, the Questioner will have difficulties to meet before success comes.

**THREE PENCE.** - Here we see a sculptor at work. The apprentice has gained promotion and is now at work in earnest. The Pence of this card are arranged about their heads to form a triangle. Soon you will receive an unexpected business offer which you will be well advised to accept. If upside down, you should think well before accepting.

**TWO PENCE.** - This card shows a young man dancing. In each hand he has the Pence symbol while immediately behind his head is the sun at high noon. This is a happy card for you, and indicates a time of light-hearted gaiety. If upside down, the good time you expect may turn out to be a disappointment.





## THANK YOU AND ENJOY!

We really hope you enjoy this set of card meanings. It has been designed in such a way that you can easily download it or print it out directly. The card meanings have been written out in full without any shortening because I really felt that they needed to be recorded in their entirety.

A lot of work has gone into bringing this deck of cards and their meanings into the here and now, all the while trying my very best to make them as affordable as I can.

We currently have replicas on our site which I have put together and I personally feel they are a near match to the original



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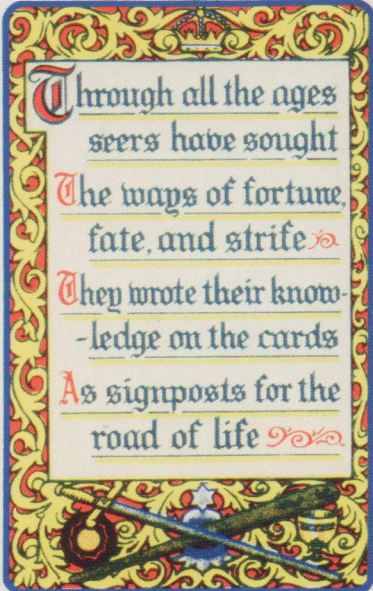
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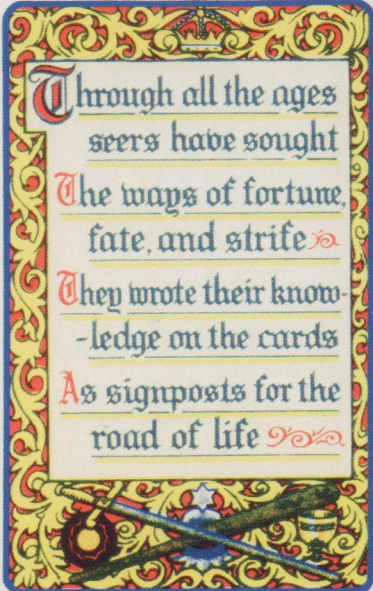


**T**hrough all the ages  
seers have sought

**T**he ways of fortune,  
fate, and strife

**T**hey wrote their know-  
-ledge on the cards

**A**s signposts for the  
road of life





## THE LOVERS' GUIDE.

Here is a way in which two people, a man and a woman, can have their fortune read together. When this is being done the woman should be on the man's left—that is next to his heart—for the influences are very strong in this position.

First, they each select a card to represent themselves. This is fully explained in the Gipsy Way of laying out the cards, on page 2. You should read this carefully.

The two chosen cards are laid down side by side.

The remaining cards are shuffled by both, then spread out on the table face downwards. Beginning with the woman, each picks a card in turn until they have three each.

These cards must not be looked at yet. The Questioners should each lay them beside the card which represents herself and himself.

With their left hands clasping, the fortune-seekers should now turn their own three cards picture side up. From these their future will be revealed.



# THE ROYAL ROAD OF LIFE.

**M**

Always remember that in reading the Tarot Cards they should be thoroughly mixed by the person whose future is to be revealed. If someone else shuffles them, the chosen cards must be touched by the fortune seeker.

**1**

For the Royal Road of Life method, divide the pack into two lots—the Major cards and the Suit cards. The Questioner begins by drawing one Major card and laying it face upwards at the top.

**2**

She then draws ten from the Suit cards, one at a time, and places them, as she draws them, underneath the Major card, and along the foot, as shown in the diagram. You now draw another Major card and place it above the last suit card (No. 10). The diagram makes this quite clear.

**3**

**4**

**5**

Now read your fortune from the top of the road down, and to the end. Take special heed of the card at the turn of the road.

**M**

**6**

**7**

**8**

**9**

**10**



## THE EASTERN CROSS METHOD.

This was a favourite method used by an Egyptian king whose destinies were, in a most amazing way, guided by the Tarot Cards. It is unusual in this, that although twelve cards and the Questioner card have to be laid out, only four of them are turned up for reading: the others remain hidden.

First of all, the one whose fortune is to be read, selects the Questioner card to stand for herself, as described in the Gipsy Way (see page 2). This card is put on the table, face up.

Now the Questioner shuffles thoroughly all the remaining cards and divides them into six little heaps (which need not contain each the same number). Take the top and bottom card of each heap, and shuffle these twelve cards thoroughly.

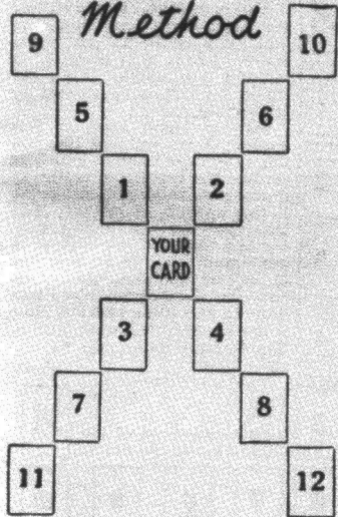
Lay them out, face downwards, in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, and in the numbered order shown in the diagram.

Now to get your fortune. Turn up only the four corner cards, numbered 9, 10, 11, 12, and read in that order.

It should particularly be noted that the other eight cards must remain hidden, otherwise all the favourable indications will be reversed.



# The Eastern Cross Method





## THE MYSTIC SEVENS.

Here you have another and very interesting way of laying out the cards. In this method you only use the Suit Cards. The Major Cards are taken out of the pack.

First, take from the Suit Cards the four sevens—Seven of Rods, Seven of Cups, Seven of Swords, Seven of Pence, and lay them on the table to form a square, but not touching each other. (See the shaded cards in the diagram on opposite page).

The one whose fortune is being told shuffles the remainder, draws out any three cards and discards them.

Now, holding in your left hand the forty-nine cards you have left, count these out, taking out every seventh card.

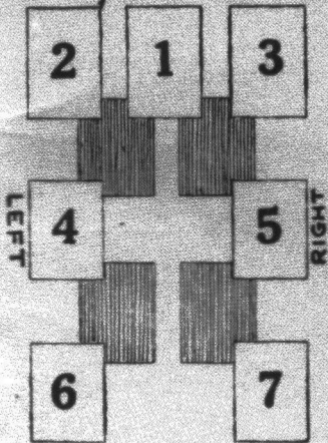
The first seventh card which stands for the head is placed on centre top (No. 1 in diagram). The second seventh card which represents your left eye is placed in No. 2 position and the other seventh cards in the numbered order indicated. The third card laid down stands for your right eye, the fourth for your left hand, fifth for right hand, sixth for left foot, seventh for right foot.

See that these seven cards which you have just drawn touch the four already on the table.

Read your fortune in the numbered order.



# The Mystic Sevens



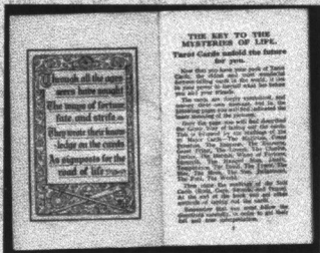
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