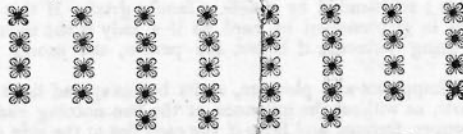


EXPLANATIONS AND DIRECTIONS.

Mlle LENORMAND has left among us so many favorable opinions, and so full a memory of her rare talent, that we believe we render a service to the admirers of her system by publishing these cards which were found with her after her death. It was with the same cards that she prophesied to the Emperor Napoleon I. his greatness, and to many of his princes and great men of France their downfall and their misfortunes. Thousands of noblemen acknowledged her great talent already during her life-time, and often confessed that her method was full of truth and exactness. What makes our publication still more interesting, is the fact that we give the explanation of the cards exactly as Mlle Lenormand left them. We have also arranged it in such shape, that every lady or gentleman can read his or her fortune without having to obtain the aid of anybody else.

Manner in which to use the Cards.

After having shuffled the 36 cards and cut them with the left hand, divide them into 5 heaps; 4 of them containing each 8 cards, which we place in 4 rows from left to right, and the last consisting of 4 cards, in the center under the last row; thus—



The persons who wish to have their fortunes told, are represented by No. 29 for a lady, and No. 28 for a gentleman.

The greatest attention must be paid to these cards—Nos. 28 and 29. Their position signifies the future happiness or misfortune of the person; all the other cards take their meaning from these, and in such a way, that their position, as it is near to or more distant from these, rules the destiny.

Explanation of the 36 Cards.

- 1.—THE CAVALIER is a messenger of good fortune—if not surrounded by unlucky cards, brings good news, which the person may expect, either from his own house or from abroad; this will, however, not take place immediately, but after some time.
- 2.—A CLOVER LEAF is also a harbinger of good news; although if surrounded by clouds it indicates great pain; but if No. 2 lies near No. 29 or 28, the pain will be of short duration, and will soon change to a happy issue.
- 3.—THE SHIP, the symbol of commerce, signifies great wealth, which will be acquired by trade or inheritance; if near to the person it means an early journey.
- 4.—THE HOUSE is a certain sign of success and prosperity in all undertakings; and though the present position of the person may be disagreeable, yet the future will be bright and happy. If this card lies in the center of the cards, under the person, this is a hint to beware of those who surround him.
- 5.—A TREE, if distant from the person, signifies good health, more trees of different cards together, leave no doubt about the realization of all reasonable wishes.
- 6.—CLOUDS, if their clear side is turned towards the person, are a lucky sign; with the dark side turned to the person, something disagreeable will soon happen.
- 7.—A SERPENT is a sign of misfortune, the extent of which depends upon the greater or smaller distance from the person; it is followed invariably by deceit, infidelity, and sorrow.
- 8.—A COFFIN, very near to the person, means without doubt, dangerous diseases, death, or total loss of fortune. More distant from the person, the card is less dangerous.
- 9.—THE NOSEGAY means much happiness in every respect.
- 10.—THE SCYTHE indicates great danger, which will be avoided only if lucky cards surround it.
- 11.—THE ROD means quarrels in the family, domestic afflictions, want of peace among married persons, fever, and protracted sickness.
- 12.—THE BIRDS mean hardships to overcome, but of short duration; distant from the person, they mean the accomplishment of a pleasant journey.
- 13.—THE CHILD, is a sign that the person visits good society, and is full of kindness towards everyone.
- 14.—THE FOX, if near, is a sign to mistrust persons with whom you are connected, because some of them try to deceive you; if distant, no danger is to be apprehended.
- 15.—THE BEAR is either a messenger of good fortune, or admonishes us to keep away from company, particularly that of the envious.
- 16.—THE STARS confirm the luck in all enterprises; but if near clouds, it means a long series of unhappy accidents.
- 17.—THE STORK indicates a change of abode, which will take place the sooner, the nearer the card lies to the person.
- 18.—THE DOG, if near the person, is a sign that he can consider his friends faithful and sincere; but if very distant and surrounded by clouds, he must be cautious not to trust those who call themselves his friends.
- 19.—THE TOWER gives the hope of a happy old age, but if surrounded by clouds, it forebodes sickness, and according to circumstances, even death.
- 20.—THE PARK prognosticates that we shall visit a very respectable company; if very near, that we are to form a very intimate friendship; but if distant, it hints of false friends.

21.—THE MOUNTAINS, near the person, warn him against a mighty enemy ; if distant, he may rely on powerful friends.

22.—THE ROADS, surrounded by clouds, are signs of disaster ; but without this card, and if distant from person, indicate that we shall find ways and means to avoid the threatening danger.

23.—THE MOUSE, is a sign of a theft, a loss ; when near, it indicates the recovery of the thing lost or stolen, if at a distance, the loss will be irreparable.

24.—THE HEART is a sign of joy, leading to union and bliss.

25.—THE RING, if on the right of the person, prognosticates a rich and happy marriage ; when on the left, and distant, a falling out with the object of our affection, and the breaking off of a marriage.

26.—THE BOOK indicates that you are going to find out a secret, according to its position, you can judge in what manner ; great caution, however, is necessary in attempting a solution.

27.—THE LETTER, without clouds, means luck, which comes to us by distant, favorable news ; but if dark clouds are near the person, the same has to expect much grief.

28.—THE GENTLEMAN, and

29.—THE LADY.

The whole pack refers to one or the other of these cards, depending on the sex of the person whose fortune is being told, either a Lady (No. 29.) or a Gentleman (No. 28.)

30.—THE LILIES indicate a happy life ; surrounded by clouds, a family grief. If this card is placed above the person you are most interested in (represented by card 28 if a lady is the inquirer, or 29 if a gentleman) they indicate the same as being virtuous ; if below the person, the moral principles are doubtful.

31.—THE SUN, lying near, points to happiness and pleasure, as its beams spread light and warmth ; far away, it indicates misfortune and sorrow, as without the influence of the Sun nothing can grow.

32.—THE MOON is a sign of great honors, fortune, and fame if the card lies at the side of the person ; of at a distance, it means grief and misery.

33.—THE KEY, if near, means the certain success of a wish or a plan ; if distant, the contrary.

34.—THE FISHES, if near the person, point to the acquisition of large fortune by maritime enterprises and to a series of successful undertakings ; if distant, they indicate the failure of any speculation, no matter how well projected or planned.

35.—THE ANCHOR, is the sign of a successful enterprise at sea, of great advantage in trade and of true love ; but distant, it means a thorough disappointment in expectations, and the love of a butterfly.

36.—THE CROSS is always a bad sign ; if very near the person, we may hope that the misfortune will not last long.

In accordance with the above explanation, we present the following example of fortune telling : the cards being laid for a lady :

9	32	3	16	31	5	30	22
12	4	24	28	29	13	1	2
19	21	20	15	33	18	23	34
14	10	25	27	17	35	26	11
		8	6	7	36		

of which we can give the following auspicious solution :

The Sun, No. 31, which is placed above your head, assures you of a lasting happiness, because the Star, No. 16, which is on your right, shines on you. Through it all your enterprises have been successful, and by it you have been happy in your marriage. Your husband, No. 28, who is at your right, testifies to your virtue, which is affirmed by the child, No. 13, which is at your left. The Lilies and Flowers which overshadow you in Nos. 30 and 9, are proofs of your good deeds. Fate also employs the Cavalier, No. 1, to speak to your praise, and give the news of it to your true friends. Your good and benevolent actions, confirmed by the cards Nos. 2, 3, 24, 4, 5, 32, 27, 18, 26, 21, 20, 15 and 34, which surround you, are additional proofs of your future happiness. Your united forces have protected you hitherto in spite of the calumnies which should injure you, which proves triumphantly that virtue always overcomes the intrigues of the wicked. Your happiness, however, has been troubled for a short while by envious spirits, represented by Nos. 14, 12, 35 and 23, which have done everything they could to ruin you, but their calumnies were rebuked by public opinion, which was on your side. The Tower, No. 19, promises you a happy old age as a recompense for your courage in bearing up under these slights.

You have vanquished No. 11, which had sown the seed of discord in your household. No. 17 tells you that you will soon change your place of residence ; No. 10, it is true, is a sign of mischief, but you will overcome it by the means of No. 25, aided by the Key, No. 33, which is placed at your feet. In general, everything disagreeable will remain far from you, because its harbingers, the Coffin, the Clouds, the terrible Serpent, and the dangerous Cross, represented in Nos. 8, 6, 7 and 36, are far distant from you, and cannot reach you for a long time. Providence has sealed your happiness, and henceforth you will enjoy the recompense of your virtue, in spite of a vicious, corrupted world ; always trust in Providence, and it will never forsake you.

Thus your destiny is the best which can be hoped for, and I am glad that it was in my power to solve it for you.

This is the whole ingenious art of Mlle. Lenormand ; so we deliver her cards to the Public with confidence, convinced that our undertaking will have some success, either through the faith which may be placed in the divination, or by its serving as a pleasant pastime. We are satisfied that we have done something for the memory of the great Sybil, and that we have pleased her friends.

(Signed,)

PHILIPPE,
Heirs of Mlle. Lenormand.