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The first set of astronomical playing cards, which was issued in Germany (see 1656), was followed twenty years later by an English one. This was produced by Joseph Moxon (1627-1691), 'Hydrographer to the Kings most Excellent Majesty'. He also published a little explanatory book dated 1676: *The Use of the astronomical playing-cards*. This cost sixpence and was reprinted in 1692 by James Moxon. These dates are assumed to be when the packs were issued.

The cards originally had stencilled suit marks and twenty-four stained and damaged ones are in Lady Charlotte Schreiber's collection in the British Museum. The suit marks were later engraved on the plates (see above), but with the cards now in different suits:

*Cepheus; Cygnus; Gemini; Equiculus/Pegasus; Sagittarius; Hydra; Dolphine; Fluvius; Phœnix/Toucan/Snake; Dorado; Corvus; Cassiopea; Aries/Triangle.* (diamonds, I-X, jack, queen, king)

*Great Bear; Andromeda; Aquila/Antinous; Little Dog; Pisces; Centaur; Scorpio; The Crosiers; Lupus; Fly/Camelion; Auriga/Hircus; Crater; Lyra.* (clubs, I-X, jack, queen, king)

*Perseus/Caput Medusae; Cancer; Lepus/Dove; Taurus; Great Dog; Aquarius; Argo; Pisces Austrinus; Crane; Indian; Capricornus; Peacock; Leo.* (hearts, I-X, jack, queen, king)

*Draco; Bootes; Hercules; Cor Caroli/Coma Beremces; Virgo; Orion; Cetus; Engonasi; Triangle/Altar; Little Bear; Libra; Crown.* (spades, I-X, jack, queen, king)

*Astronomical cards.* London, Joseph Moxon, 1676; James Moxon, 1692; John Lenthall, (1715).

