

Johann Hoffmann's cartographical playing cards relating to Europe (see 1678a) were soon followed by a similar set relating to the rest of the world. Again, the maps have much in common with those in his *Geographiae universalis* (see 1678). A little book accompanied this pack too. These fifty-two cards include a different world map, again with the signatures of Johann Heinrich Seyfried as draughtsman and Wilhelm Pfann as engraver. It is very likely that they drew and engraved all of them.

This second set of cards is even rarer than the first and, unfortunately, the only ones known are quite wormed. They were in the U.S. Playing Card Company's Private Collection, which for many years was held at the Cincinnati Art Museum, but their whereabouts are now unknown.

They measure about 65 x 125 mm., with red or black coloured suit marks in the top panel and the maps having Latin titles. The twin hemisphere world map is on the ace of clubs, the map of Asia on the king and the rest of the suit features Asian countries. The suits of spades and hearts have maps of both Asian and African countries, with one of Africa on the six of spades. The cards in the suit of diamonds have American maps including one of the whole continent on the king.

These maps are all individually listed in an article by Peter H. Meurer in the *Journal of the International Map Collectors' Society* (issue 138, Autumn 2014): *Lost with traces - Johann Hoffmann's deck of playing cards with maps of non-European lands*. The sequence of the suits is clubs, spades, hearts and diamonds, and that of the cards is ace [Das Aß], king [Der König], queen [Die Dame], jack [Der Knecht] and the spot cards 10-2. However, this list is not derived from the cards but is a conjectural one based on the text of a 1696 edition of the companion book, which is in the Austrian National Library in Vienna. It is copied below but with slight modifications, including the eleven actual titles which are known for certain and are here shown in italics:

*Typus orbis terrarum*; Asia; Tartary; Uzbek Tartary; Moluccas; Philippines; Sunda Islands; Ceylon; India beyond the Ganges; Mogul Empire; India within the Ganges; *Japan*; China.

Chile; *Persia*; *Arabia*; Syria; Kingdom of Fez; Barbary; Sources of the Nile; Egypt; Africa; Cyprus; Rhodes; Albania, Iberia, Colchis in Caucasus; Turkey in Asia.

Paraguay; Morocco; Nubia; Guinea; Malta; Azores; Canary Islands; Cape Verde Islands; *Ins. Madagascar*; Abyssinia or Ethiopia; Zanguebar; Caferria & Monomotopa; *Congo*.

Magellanica; America; Canada; *Novvm Belgium et Nova Suetia*; Castilla Doro; Guiana; Brazil; Peru; Mexico or New Spain; *Nova Mexico*; *Insul Antille*; *Florida*; *Virginia*.

*Geographische spiel-charte von Asia, Africa und America.* Nuremberg, Johann Hoffmann, 1680.

*Neue geographische spiel-charte von Asia, Africa und America.* Nuremberg, Johann Hoffmann, 1696.

*Geographisches carten-spiel von Asia, Africa, und America.* Nuremberg, Hoffmann & Streck, 1710.

