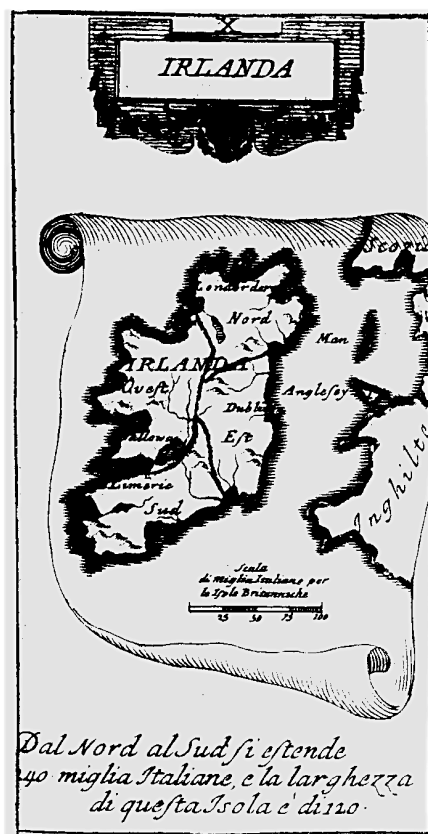


Several sets of cards featuring maps appeared in Italy towards the end of the eighteenth century (see also 1779, 1790 & 1794a). An anonymous Tarot pack is thought to have been issued in Naples about 1770-1780, consisting of seventy-eight cards with dimensions of 65/70 x 120/5 mm. The four suits are Nord, Sud, Centro and Isole, with the cards in each suit numbered 1-10 and the four court cards I-IV. All of them feature topographical notes but the court cards also have heraldry. The first and last of the twenty-two atouts, or numbered trump cards, have allegorical figures of European rivers. However, the remaining twenty, numbered II-XXI have attractive little maps on scrolls:

*Paesi Bassi Eluezia; Portogallo; Italia; Turchia Europea; Spagna; Francia; Polognia; Germania; Irlanda; Scozia; Inghilterra; Norvegia; Danimarca; Svezia; Moscovia; America Meridionale; America Settentrionale; Africa; Asia; Europa.*



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Some time later, a close copy of the pack was published. The titles on these new plates lack the cartouches of the earlier ones and the position of the maps is slightly higher (see *Scozia* above). A complete example of the first set made £11,875 at Sotheby's London sale-rooms in November 2013.

*Gioco geografico dell'Europa.* (Naples, 1770; 1780).