

## Selected Chronological Bibliography of books containing mentions and/or explanations of concepts of Card Magic and/or Card Cheating and/or Performers of Card Magic

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### 14th Century

Ca. 1345

Clerc de Troyes

#### **Renart le Contrefait**

Poem to be found in: Le Roman de Renart le Contrefait, Slatkine, Genève, 1975, 7<sup>ème</sup> branche, vers 36045

*In a poem cheating at dice and cards is mentioned (no details), also the conjuror in the context of cheating.*

### 15th Century

Ca. 1470

Villon, François

#### **La Bible des Tricheurs**

A collection of six ballades, written in French Argot (slang) of the time, that deal with gambling and cheating.

*Mentioned are a body servant at chest height to secretly switch cards (palming/hand mucking), prepared cards, edge marking of cards during play with finger nails or lead, how to influence the seating of the players at the card table by cutting cards, communicating via code (signals), break formed by a bridged card and which serves as key card to which an ally will cut the deck,*

1478

Pacioli, Luca

#### **Codice Vaticano Latino 3129**

Contained in I giochi matematici di Fra Luca Pacioli

<http://www.marianotomatis.it/blog.php?post=blog/20110322>

1498

Pacioli, Luca

#### **De Viribus Quantitatis**

Trascrizione di Maria Garlaschi Peirani dal codice n. 250 della Biblioteca Universitaria di Bologna

*Mentions a performer of card tricks, Giovanni de Jasone de Ferrara. Mentions*

*and partially explains how the performer communicates to his medium the identity of a card selected by a spectator, by means of a code (signs, body, postures, words).*

### 16th Century

1507

Murner, Thomas

#### **Chartiludium logicae, seu logica vel memorativa, cum jocundo pictasmatis exercitamento**

Craco, J. Haller, 13 Cal. Mart., 1507

Ca. 1520

G.S. di Carlo da Pavia

**Opera nuova** dove facilmente potrai imparare più giochi di mano et altri giochi piacevolissimi & gentili come si potrà leggendo vedere et facilmente imparare.

Firenze 1520 (?)

*Mention of Second Dealing, soaped cards and glimpsing with a mirror. (Kalush)*

Ca. 1520

De Milan, Simon

*S'ensuyent aucunes gentillesses pour faire en toute bonne compaignie, esprove par Maistre S. de M (Hjalmar et Depaulis)*

1528

Castiglione, Baldassare

#### **Il Cortegiano**

Venezia 1528. Many editions. Reprint used is edition of 1884.

*Mention of bottom dealing. (Bossi)*

1534

Rabelais, François

#### **Gargantua et Pantagruel**

Lyon 1534

*Mentions card tricks based on mathematical principles and that they were performed.*

1542

Verini, Giovanni Battista

**Lo specchio del mercatante,**

Milano, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1542

First mention of Si-Stebbins-type of stacked deck (Staatliche Museen zu Berlin).

1543

Aretino, Pietro

**Le carte parlanti – Dialogo di Pietro**

*Aretino, nel quale si parla del giuoco con moralità piacevole*

Venezia, per Giovanni de' Farri e Fratelli, 1543. In 1992 reprinted by Sellerino editore, Palermo.

*Mention of a hold-out for cheating during card playing.* (Bossi)

1545

Ascham, Roger

**Toxophilus, the schole of shootinge**

Mention of card cheating, as well as “false dealing, crafty conveynance, and false forswearing”. (Kalush)

Ca. 1550

Da Milano, Francesco

Ca. 1550 (printed in 1663)

Cardano, Gerolamo

**De Ludo Alea**

*Manuscript from ca. 1540, saw print within the 10 volume set of books “Opera Omnia” Lyon, 1663*

*English translation by Henry Gould in: Ore, Oystein, Cardano – The Gambling Scholar, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, 1953*

Ca. 1550

Cardano, Gerolamo

**De Subtilitate**

1<sup>st</sup> edition in French is 1556, later edition is Michel Sonnius, Paris, 1578 (Vanni Bossi [Volker Huber?] gives an edition by Johann Petrejus, Nürnberg, 1550).

1550

Gouyn de Poitiers, Olivier

**Le mepris & contennement de tous jeux de sort**

Paris 1550

1561

Awdeley, John

**The Fraternity of Vagabonds**

London 1561

Reprinted in (p. 599): Cony-Catchers and Bawdy Baskets

An Anthology of Elizabethan Low Life

Edited with an Introduction and Notes by Gamini Salgado

Penguin English Library 1972

1562

Dolce, Lodovico

**Dialogo di M. Lodovico Dolce, Nel quale si ragiona del modo di accrescere e conservare la memoria**

G. B. et Marchiò Sessa, Venezia 1562

1563

Della Porta, Giovan Battista

**De furtivis literarum notis, vulgo de ziferis libri IIII**

Neapolis 1563

Mention of how to encode a message by writing on the sides of a deck of cards arranged in a specific order with face-up and face-down cards. (Vanni Bossi)

1575

d'Aubigné, Agrippa

Reprint: “**Lettres sur diverses sciences**” printed in “Oeuvres..”, N.R.F., Pléiade, Gallimard, 1969.

*In this letter dated 1575 d'Aubigné describes several card effects done in a performance by a conjuror (L'Escot) – without explanation.*

1584

Scot, Reginald

**The Discoverie of Witchcraft**

London 1584

*1<sup>st</sup> book where sleight-of-hand methods were not only mentioned but also explained, albeit in a still quite rudimentary form.*

1585

Horatio Napolitano

**Libretto de secreti nobilissimi**

Et alcuni giochi con destrezza di mano, cose vere, & sperimentate.

Milano 1585  
Copy in the British Museum

1585  
Garzoni, Tomaso  
**La piazza universale di tutte le professioni del mondo**  
In Venetia: appresso Gio. Battista Somascho, 1585.  
(reprint ed. by Giovanni Battista Bronzini, Leo S. Olschki Editore, Firenze, 1996 – 2 volumes)

1585  
Perrache, Jacques  
**Le Triomphe du brelan,**  
où sont déduites plusieurs des tromperies du jeu, et par le repentir sont montrez les moyens d'éviter le Péché, par le capitaine J. Perrache.  
M. Guillemot  
Paris, 1585

1591  
Greene, Robert  
**A Notable Discovery of Coosnage**

1592  
Greene, Robert  
**The Second Part of Conny-Catching**

1593  
Galasso (d'Arienzo), Horatio  
**Giochi di Carte Bellissimi di Regola, e di Memoria**  
Con gl'avvertimenti per tutti quelli che giocano à Primera, cartetta, & altri giochi: con altri giochi piacevoli, & con secreti particolari da pigliarsi spasso, e piacere ogni Cavaliere.  
Composti e dati in Luce per Horatio Galasso d'Arienzo.  
Venetia 1593  
Shorter version in 1598  
*1st mention of the stacked deck later known as Si Stebbins.*

### **17<sup>th</sup> Century**

n.d.  
**Asti Manuscript**  
Anonymous manuscript, dated between 1670 and 1730.  
Located at Biblioteca Comunale (Asti-Italy) (Aimone, Paviato, see *Gibecièrè*)

n.d.

Travaglia, Francesco  
**Secreti di natura maravigliosi, Del Sig. Gieronimo Scotto Piacentino**  
In Torino, & Ristampa (reprint) in Pavia (collection Roxy, told by Vanni Bossi)

n.d.  
Menichelli  
**Nuova ghirlanda di bellissimi giochi di carte, e di mano. Con molt'altri giuochi curiosi di trattenimento**  
In Ronciglione per il Menichelli. Con licenza de Superiori. Si vendono in Piazza Navona al Morion d'Oro da Mutio Mauritio Bona.

1603  
De Luque Faxardo, Francisco  
**Fiel Desengaño**  
contra la ociosidad y los juegos  
Volumenes 1 y 2  
Madrid 1603  
Reprinted in Madrid 1955, in 2 volumes, by Real Academia Española in their series "Biblioteca Selecta De Clásicos Españoles, with a foreword by Martin de Riquer.

1604  
Barbirolo, Alessandro  
**Giuochi di carte**  
Bologna 1604

1604  
Lescot, Thomas  
French adaptation of Galasso, reattributed to Thomas Lescot.

1608  
Anonymous  
**La Mort aux Pipeurs:**  
Où sont contenües toutes les Tromperies & piperies du Jeu, & le moyen de les éviter  
Daniel Guillemot  
Paris, 1608

1610  
Guicciardini  
Manuscript  
*Manuscript in Italian and English translation by The Conjuring Arts Research Center*

1610  
Boguet, Henri

Discours des Sorciers  
(tells of l'Escot/Scotto)

1612

Bachet, Claude-Gaspar (Sieur de Méziriac)

**Problèmes Plaisants & Délectables qui se font par les nombres**

Ch. P. Rigard

Lyon 1612

2<sup>ème</sup> édition 1624.

3<sup>ème</sup> édition revue, simplifié et augmenté par A. Labosne, Gauthier-Villars, Imprimeur-Libraire, Paris 1874

1612

Cardozo de Sequeira, Gaspar

**Thesouro de Prudentes**

Coimbra (Portugal) 1612

Describes as the first Portuguese book the stacked deck nowadays known under the name of Si Stebbins (see also Galasso 1593)

1612

Rid, Samuel

**The Art of Juggling or Legerdemaine**

London 1612

Reprint by: Walter J. Johnson, Inc.

Theatrum Orbis Terrarum, Ltd.

Amsterdam 1974 Norwood, N.J.

*1st book to mention trick cards in connection with card tricks.*

1613

Garzoni, Tomaso

**Il Serraglio degli Stupori del Mondo**

Venezia, 1613

1613

Cervantes, Miguel de

**Novela de Rinconete y Cortadillo**

Reprint by Alianza Editorial

Madrid 1994

*Cheating at cards is mentioned*

1613

Leandro Veneziano, Lorenzo

**Tesoro di Varii Secreti**

Esperimentati con grandissima fatica, & spesa di tempo, e di danari.

Per Bortolamio Merlo.

Verona 1613

(Zollinger 231)

*Invisible message written on the arm appears when smearing ashes of burned paper on which the message was written – an effect used in card magic.*

1613

Spazza Campagna Saltatore Romanesco  
**Giocchi di Carte Bellissimi di Regola, & di Memoria**

Con gli Avvertimenti per tutti quei, che giocano à Primiera, Cartetta, & altri giuochi.

Genova 1613

1617

d'Aubigné, Agrippa

**Les Aventures du Baron de Faeneste**

1619

Alberto Francese

**Le Rare, et Mirabile Giochi di Carte e destrezza di mano.**

Venezia 1619

Ca. 1620

L'Escot, Thomas

**Alexis Firmaco ou Antidote** pour passer la Melancolie, pris dans le jardin de ses imaginations crottesques.

1620

Johnson, Thomas

**Dainty conceits**

1621

L'Escot

**Les Fantasies de L'Escot**

A Paris, pour l'Autheur, 1621

1622

Alberto Francese

**Li rari, et mirabili**

**giuochi di carte,**

**e destrezza di mano.**

In Verona, Milano, Modena (sic), Venetia & Bologna, per Vittorio Benaci 1622.

Leber 955 (7), Zollinger 241

1622

Dobati, Giulio Cesare (detto Latripaldino)

**Selva di Vari Giochi di Mano, e di Carte, Bellissimi,**

Et altri Secreti havuti da diversi Signori,

Con un Secreto bellissimo, che non vi sarà tolta la borsa.

Perugia, 1622  
Leber 955 (7), Zollinger 243  
*Glimpse, positioning of a card and subsequent Classic Force and a Mental Card Force (displaying the card to be forced a little more in the fan/spread) mentioned resp. very roughly explained.*

1622  
Domenico Aliotti Ferrarese  
**Giocchi di Carte Bellissimi.**  
Di regola, e Memoria  
Con Secreti bellissimi per passar l'otio, e'l tempo.  
Leber 955 (4), Zollinger 242

1624  
Francesco Sacco Napoletano  
**Vago Fioretto**  
Di bellissimi giochi di carte, e destrezza di mano.  
Di regola, e di memoria, & con secreti particolari.  
In Venetia, Verona, Vicenza, Padoua, & in Roma, per Cesare Scaccioppa, 1624.  
Leber 955 (5), Zollinger 250

1624  
Leurechon, Jean  
(Jesuit 1591-1670)  
**Récréation mathématique composée de plusieurs problèmes plaisants et facetieux en fait d'arithmétique, géométrie, mechanicque, opticque, et autres parties de ces belles sciences**  
1624 Pont-à-Mousson

1628  
anonym  
**Giocchi di Carte, e Destrezza di Mano,**  
Dispensati dal vostro servitor  
Giocator di mano.  
In Milano, Bologna, Roma, Venetia & in Verona per il Merlo, 1628.  
Zollinger 260  
Same as "Nova Raccolta di Secreti"

1629  
Montalbot, Andreas (editor)  
**Selva di Varii Giochi di mano, e di carte bellissimi,**  
Et altri secreti hauti da diversi Signori!  
Brescia, per gli eredi de Comincino, 1629  
Zollinger 266

1630

G.B. (giocator di mano)  
**Vago Fioretto**  
**Di bellissimi giochi**  
**Di Carte, e destrezza di mano;**  
Di regola, e di memoria, & con secreti particolari.  
Milano, Verona, Vicenza, e di nuovo ristampati in Roma, per il Grignani, 1630.  
Zollinger 267

1634  
Anonymous  
**Hocus Pocus Junior.**  
The Anatomie of Legerdemain.  
London 1634

1657  
Sorel, Charles  
**La maison des jeux**  
Reprint by Slatkine, Genève 1977

1663 (s. 1550)

1667 (1669)  
E.E.F.M.  
**Hocus Pocus kurtzweilige approbirte Kahrten-Künste**  
2nd edition revised and augmented:  
Itzo zum andern Mahle vermehret und corrigi  
ret herausgegeben  
Germany (Kunstburg) 1669  
*Probably the 1st booklet in German devoted completely to card magic (and some mention of cheating). Reprinted integrally in: Hoffmann, Detlef, Karten zum Zaubern, Heimeran Verlag, München 1979. This is a catalog accompanying the exposition on magic cards „Karten zum zaubern“ by the Deutsches Spielkarten-Museum in Leinfelden-Echterdingen near Stuttgart.*

1676  
**Sports and Pastimes**

1673 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)  
**Primeyra, & segunda parte de Segredos Naturaes**  
Gaspar Cardoso de Sequeyra  
(Mathematico, natural de Villa de Murça)  
Lisboa, Oficina de Francisco Villela, 1673

1674  
Coton, Charles

### **The Compleat Gamester**

OR, INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO PLAY AT ALL MANNER OF USUAL AND MOST GENTEEL GAMES

Reprint by Imprint Society, Barre, Massachusetts 1970

Natural cowhide in matching slipcase, illustrated by Joseph Low, 176 pages. Deluxe, limited edition which contains a complete bibliography of this work. 1<sup>st</sup> edition was 1674

1676

### **Sports & Pastimes,**

Ca. 1685

Sloane 424 Manuscript  
See Gibecière, Vol. 5, No. 2, Summer 2010

1690

Welper, Eberhard

### **Das Zeitkürzende Lust- und Spielhaus** Kunstburg 1690

### **18th Century**

undated

anonymous

### **NUOVA/MANIERA/D'Imparare molte forti/DI GIOCHI**

Di Carte, e destrezza di Mano, d'Oua, di Bussoli/di Moneta, d'Anelli, & altri di regola/e memoria.

Principle and presentation of tossed out deck

1716 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1721)

Neve, Richard

### **The Merry Companion**

Or delights for the Ingenious

1720

Ozanam, Jacques

### **Récréations mathématiques et physiques,**

Qui contiennent plusieurs problèmes...

1st edition without magic is Paris 1692, Jombert.

1st edition containing magic is Paris 1720, Jombert.

1725

Neve, Richard

### **Hocus Pocus or the Cabinet of Legerdemain Curiosities-brocke open** London 1725

1726

anonymous

### **The Whole Art and Mystery of Modern Gaming fully expos'd and detected**

London 1726

First mention of the principle of the Faro Shuffle – Monge and Klondike Shuffle. (Diaconis/Kalush)

1730

Viel vermehrter

### **Hocus Pocus oder Taschen-Spieler**

Das ist: Gründliche Entdeckung welcher Gestalt die Taschenspieler aus die Taschen spielen

Und wie man solche Kunst nach weniger Übung ohn einigen Lehrmeister selbst völlig erlernen kann.

No author.

1733

Minguet, Pablo

### **Engaños a ojos vistas**

1740

Zamorano, Diego Joseph

### **Thesoro atractivo**

De curiosos,

Y desengaño de engaños:

Impugnacion

De los juegos de manos

Del libro intitulado:

Engaños a ojos vistas, &c.

Que diò a luz Pablo Minguet.

Madrid 1740

1743

Rusca, Pietro

### **Il Maestro de' Giuochi Piacevoli**

Per uso delle Civili Conversazioni

Giam-Battista Cetti

Milano 1743

1745

Alberti, Giuseppe Antonio

### **I giuochi numerici fatti arcani palesati**

Venezia 1745

(edition used is 3rd edition 1788)

copy of Ozanam

1748

Wallbergen, Johann

### **Johann Wallbergens Sammlung Natürlicher Zauberkünste**

Other editions in 1760 & 1768

Reprint by Verlag C. H. Beck München  
1988

1757

Goudar, (Chevalier) Ange

**L'Histoire des Grecs**

Ou de ceux qui corrigent la fortune au jeu.  
La Haye 1757

1759

Antonio, Carlo

**Trésor des jeux**, Ou Explication de la  
manière de faire toutes sortes de Tours de  
Gibeciere, de Gobelets, Jeux De Cartes, &  
autres, récréatifs & amusans : Avec  
figures

Geneve : Gosse, 1759

[http://digital.bibliothek.uni-  
halle.de/hd/content/zoom/74131](http://digital.bibliothek.uni-halle.de/hd/content/zoom/74131)

1759

Thenn, Christoph Johann (1729-1783)

**Neue physikalische und mathematische  
Belustigungen**

German translation of Guyot's *Nouvelles  
Récréations Physiques et Mathématiques*.

1759

Anonym

**Ganz natürliches Zauber-Lexicon**

Ulm, Frankfurt und Leipzig  
Gaumische Handlung

1762 (1795)

Dean, Henry

**Hocus Pocus ; or the Whole Art of  
Legerdemain, in Perfection**

(according to Gordon Bruce this is the first  
magic book published in Scotland). I have  
found England 1795

1768

Anonymous

**L'Antidote ou le Contrepoison des  
Chevaliers d'Industrie, ou Joueurs de  
Profession.**

Démontré par un Vénitien dans les Lettres  
qu'il écrit à un de ses Amis pendant ses  
Voyages en Europe  
Contenant toutes les ruses & artifices,  
dont se servent les Joueurs pour gagner  
l'argent des honnêtes Gens; & les moyens  
de s'en garantir dans divers sortes de  
Jeux.

Venise, 1768.

(Italian commented translation by  
Gianfranco Preverino in 2014)

1769

Guyot, Gilles Edmonde

**Nouvelles Récréations Physiques et  
Mathématiques.**

Gueffier

1782

Hooper, W.

**Hooper Rational Recreations Second Ed.  
Vol. 4 1782**

(first mention of card to wallet with  
confederate) 335 pages

1784

**Breslaw's Last Legacy**

Or The Magical Companion  
London 1784

Reprint by Stevens Magic Emporium, USA  
1997

1768

***Der verrathene und von allen seinen  
trüglichen Geheimnissen entblösste***

***falsche Spieler***: Eine Abhandlung, die  
Verfälschung der Würfel, das Mischen und  
Zeichnen der Karten, Voltenschlagen,  
Comorre im Basset, Riegeln im Pharo und  
alle übrige Betrügereyen dem Publico  
entdeckt werden, zur Warnung eines  
jeden, dem noch zu rathen ist, aus  
Gewissensregung herausgegeben von  
einem dieser unseligen Kunstgriffe  
kundigen Welt-Bürger ; Zwey Theile, mit  
Kupfern

1793

Anonymous

**Die aufgedeckten und verrathenen  
Geheimnisse der falschen Spieler**

Worinn die Verfälschung der Würfeln, das  
Mischen und Zeichnen der Karten,  
Voltenschlagen, Riegeln im Pharo, und  
alle übrige Betrügereyen entdeckt und der  
ganzen Welt zur Warnung vorgelegt  
werden.

Neue Auflage. Mit Kupfern.

Achen und Spag 1793

1784

Decremps, Henry

**Magie blanche dévoilée**

**Supplément à la Magie Blanche  
Dévoilée  
Téstant de Jérôme Sharp  
Les Petites Aventures de Jérôme Sharp  
Codicille de Jérôme Sharp**  
Paris 1784-1791

1788  
Trento, Giulio  
Osservazioni /Filosofiche/sopra i/**GIOCHI  
D'ASTUZIA**/esposte e illustrate/con note  
erudite/e cogli esempi/dei moderni  
professori  
In Treviso/Nella stamperia dell'autore

1791  
Anonymous (Medrano?)  
**Recreaciones del arte y de la  
naturaleza,**  
Juegos de naypes,  
combinaciones las mas escogidas  
de aritmetica,  
y los mas selectos secretos  
de fisica,  
comprobados con la experiencia.  
Madrid: en la imprenta de Gonzalez, 1791.

1792  
Panckoucke, Charles-Joseph (1736-1798)  
**Dictionnaire encyclopédique des  
amusements des sciences  
mathématiques et physiques**  
Published in 1792 within his *Encyclopédie  
methodique* (1777-1832).  
Paris, Panckoucke, 1792, 870 p.  
(Fechner p.168)

1796  
Gale, John  
**Cabinet of Knowledge**

### 19<sup>th</sup> Century

1802  
Anonymous  
*Les Mystères du pharaon dévoilés*

1803  
Anonimo  
**Le Truffe del giuoco della Bassetta  
ossia l'arte di conoscere e difendersi  
dai giocatori d'avvantaggio.** Libro primo,  
Anno XI della Repubblica Francese.  
Ristampa anastatica a cura di Gianni  
Pasqua, Libreria Antiquaria Mirabilia.

1804 (ca.)  
Medrano, Donato Josef  
Recreaciones aritmeticas fisico-  
maticas  
Imprenta de Santos Rivero

1805  
Pinchbeck, William Frederick  
**The Expositor**  
Or Many Mysteries Unravelled.  
Boston 1805

1829  
Anon.  
**Nueva Floresta Española. Miscelánea  
Instructiva, Curiosa y Agradable**  
Ed. Manuel Saurí

1825  
Anonymous  
**The St. James' Guide, or The Sharper  
Detected**  
London 1825 (reprint by MPMagic.co.uk,  
2017, comments & annotations by  
Pusterla & Preverino)

1832  
Döbler, Leopold Ludwig  
**Ein Blick in Döbler's und Bosko's  
Zauberkabinet**  
Herausgegeben von L. Schellenberg jun.,  
Wiesbaden 1832. Nachdruck Facsimile  
Edition Volker Huber (Offenbach am Main  
2001)

1838  
**Zauber-Cabinet** oder  
**Das Ganze der Taschenspielerkunst**  
Bosco, Carlo  
1. Auflage Quedlinburg 1838  
15. verbesserte Auflage Quedlinburg u.  
Leipzig 1838

1839  
Mieg, Juan (**El Tio Cigueño**)  
**El brujo en sociedad**  
Ó sea  
Breve instrucción  
Para aprender a ejecutar con destreza  
muchos  
Juegos de Manos,  
Y otras varias suertes curiosas y divertitas.  
Madrid 1839  
Imprenta de los Hijos de Doña catalina  
Piñuela, calle del Amor de Dios, núm. 7.

1841  
Comte  
**Nouveau Manuel complet des sorciers**  
Manuels-Roret  
Librairie encyclopédique de Roret  
Paris 1841

1843  
Green, Jonathan Harrington  
**An Exposure of the Arts and Miseries of Gambling**  
(According to S. Forte the earliest American exposé on cheating.)

1853  
R.P.  
**Ein Spiel Karten**  
Lehrbuch der höheren Kartenkunst in drei Abtheilungen.  
Druck u. Verlag der k. k. Hofdruckerei v. Gottlieb Haase Söhne, Prag 1853.  
*English translation by The Conjuring Arts Research Center.*

1853  
Ponsin, J.-N.  
**Nouvelle magie blanche dévoilée,**  
Physique occulte,  
Et  
Cours complet de prestidigitacion  
2 volumes!  
Reims – A. Huet  
Paris – Adolphe Delahays 1853

1855  
Satana  
**La magia di Bartolomeo Bosco**  
Raccolta europea, Passatempo dell'intermezzo nelle sedute di Magia Egiziana del cavaliere Bartolomeo Bosco di Torino, libera versione dal francese, per cura del professor F. A. Rosental

1857  
Green, Jonathan H. (author \*1812)  
**Gambling Exposed**  
Philadelphia 1857  
Reprinted by Patterson Smith with the addition of a new introduction by Robert D. Herman and an index, Montclair, New Jersey 1973  
(later edition of *An Exposure of the Arts and Miseries of Gambling* from 1843.)

1860  
Anonymous

**O Senhor Hermann**  
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