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To let Twenty Person dras Twenty Cards, and make each the same

the spots of which are less than 13, has been drawn
from the pack, the difference between these spots and
13, will be what is wanting to complete that number ;
if at the end, then, instead of reaching 13, we reach
only 10, for example, it is evident that the card want-
ing is a three, and if we reach 13, it is also evident
that the card wanting is equivalent to 13, or a king.

To change a Pack of Cards into various Pictures.

Take a pack of cards, and paint upon the white
side of half the pack, any kind of figures, as men,
women, birds, flowers, &c. ; then paint the other half
of the cards, on that side on which the spots are, in
the same manner as the other half; so between them
both, you will have a complete pack of all pictures ;
and when you perform this trick, you must shew the
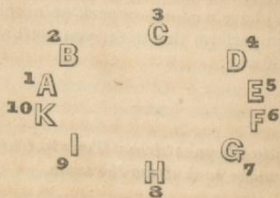cards but half way.

To let Twenty Persons draw Twenty Cards, and make each draw the same.

Let any person draw a card from a pack, and put
it in the pack again, but where you know where to
find it again ; shuffle the cards as before directed ;
then let another person draw a card, and be sure he
takes the same the other did ; proceed in the same
way with all the persons but the last, who is to draw

another card, which also return to the pack, and
shuffle till you have brought both the cards together.
Then, shewing the last card to the company, the
other will shew the trick.

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*Several Numbers being disposed in a circular Form,
according to their natural Series, to tell that
which any one has thought of.*

The first ten cards of any suite, disposed in a circular
form, as seen in the figure below, may be employed
for performing this trick. The ace is here represent-
ed by the letter A annexed to 1, and the 10 by the
letter K joined to 10.

Having desired the person who has thought of a
number or card, to touch also any other number or
card, bid him add to the number of the card touched
the number of the cards employed, which in this case
is 10. Then desire him to count the sum in an order