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The young man's book of amusement

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The Card in the Pocket Book

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by hiding the aces they will all appear white on both sides. You may then ask the company which they choose, and exhibit the kings, aces, or blanks, as required.

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A confederate is previously to know the card you have taken from the pack, and put into your pocket book. You then present the pack to him, and desire him to fix on a card, (which we will suppose to be the queen of diamonds,) and place the pack on the table. You then ask him the name of the card, and when he says the queen of diamonds, you ask him if he is not mistaken, and if he be sure that the card is in the pack: when he replies in the affirmative, you say, "It might be there when you looked over the cards, but I believe it is now in my pocket;" then desire a third person to put his hand in your pocket, and take out your book, and when it is opened, the card will appear.

To shuffle Cards in such a manner, as always to keep one certain Card at the Bottom.

In shuffling, let the bottom card be always a little before, or, which is best, a little behind all the rest of the cards; put it a little beyond the rest before, right over your fore finger, or else, which is the best