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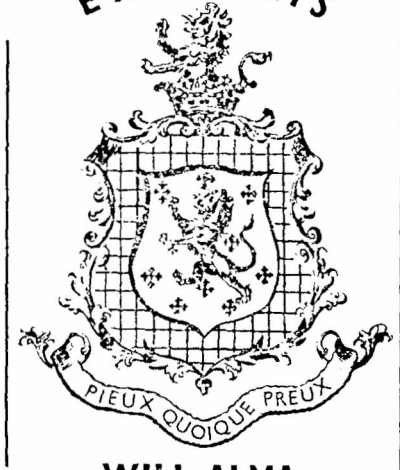
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## Introduction

Many are the methods by which one may attempt to pull aside the veil of Mysticism and delve into divining past, present as well as forthcoming incidents by the aid of a pack of playing cards.

The La Vellma method will be found a bit different, interesting and is sure to meet with the approval of those interested in this sort of pastime.

In this method the entire pack of fifty-two cards are used. Altho to save time, when there are a number of persons anxious to consult the cards, and time is limited, the pack may be cut down to thirty-two cards retaining the Ace, King, Queen, Jack, Ten, Nine, Eight and Seven of each suit.

For long readings it is best to use the entire deck but it is optional with the Teller of Fortunes.

Follow the various moves carefully. It will be found no great task to memorize the different significations of the

cards. Learn this well and it will be a simple matter to give intelligent readings for your friends.

After mastering this system you will find your friends will look upon you as some sort of marvel . . . especially if some of your predictions come true.

Go about your work carefully, giving intelligent answers. Be dramatic when opportunity presents itself and be witty if you have a sense of humor but above all be sure of your ground . . . that is . . . should the lady who is consulting the cards be married watch your step and should the cards tell of a secret love affair and her husband is present . . . think what the result will be should you mechanically, by rote, reel off the significance of the cards and . . . well, we'll leave the rest to your own imagination.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Shuffle the deck of cards well while you are explaining the wonders that have been foretold by other fortune tellers. Explain it is all in fun; nothing to offend just to amuse.

Hand the pack to the lady or gentleman who wishes to consult the cards. Have that party shuffle them well also.

Have "consultor" cut the cards with his or her left hand. Tell the party to keep their mind on what is going on and to follow you closely. Also tell them they do not have to either confirm nor deny anything unless they wish to. This impresses them at the start and they soon forget about that.

Ask "sitter" to select a pile. Then you lay out either in several rows or in a circle 17 cards.

Look them over and take out the pairs, explaining what the pairs indicate.

Count, from left to right, to fifth and seventh cards and explain significance of these cards.

Take the two end cards, combine them and explain their meanings.

From the right count to the 13th card and explain.

Have a number from 2 to 7 called. From other packet of cards count off this number and lay face upward on table and tell significance. Rest of cards pitched up; others lying on table. Put them together and have all again shuffled and squared up. Sitter is requested to again cut the packet with left hand. Take up one packet and deal cards into three rows. Then

do the same with remainder. Have sitter select one packet. This packet is placed aside. Other two are taken up together and squared up, laid on table and one at a time the cards are turned face up . . . allowing each card to lie on top of the other. This forces all eyes to concentrate on card you are working with.

Explain that the remaining packet, which is now placed in centre of the table, and other cards placed to one side, is the "wish packet". Ask the sitter if she wishes to, after her fortune is told, to make a wish. She replies "Yes". Ask her to cut the "wish packet" and if she turns up a red card you inform her that she will have an opportunity after you have finished with her fortune telling.

Place all the cards together and shuffle them. Count out 7 cards and place face down at sitter's right. This packet is the one representing the PAST.

Count out nine more cards from the rest of the deck and lay in centre of table explaining this pack to represent the PRESENT.

Thirteen cards are next counted out and placed at sitter's left. This packet represents the FUTURE.

Starting with the PAST packet, go thru the cards, one after the other, explaining what they signify. Make your reading interesting at one and all times.

Then you take up and go thru the PRESENT packet following this with the FUTURE packet.

Now you are ready to allow the sitter to wish. Ask her to make a wish and concentrate on that wish but not

to tell you or anyone else what that wish is to be.

Ask sitter to call a number between 13 and 17. Shuffle the cards well while you do the above. Now count out the number sitter has selected. Have sitter cut the packet containing the selected number of cards with her right hand. "Hold up and remember the cards," you instruct her. She does so. Ask her to retain that card in her hand and to continue to concentrate on her wish.

Take up the whole deck, except card she holds, shuffle them again and cut the cards into from five to seven packets. Sitter selects a packet. A number is again asked of sitter, say between 3 and 7. Seer now counts out that number of cards from packet selected. If say 6 was the selected number, cards from packet are counted out and if the sixth (6th) card is HIGHER than the one held in the sitter's hand . . . the wish will come itself; if lower the wish will not materialize. If the 2 of Clubs or the Ace of Spades is at the number selected this also signifies disappointment.

### SIGNIFICATION of the CARDS

#### DIAMONDS

**ACE:**—Love letters or a letter long hoped for. Also means a visit from a friend consultor hasn't seen for some time. If next to a spade or club card . . . trouble.

**TWO:**—Church bells . . . a wedding in the near future . . . either the

consultor's or the wedding of some friend.

**THREE:**—Someone you have met recently or someone you will soon meet who is very wealthy.

**FOUR:**—An engagement ring or a gift to be received . . . jewelry.

**FIVE:**—A lot of money in view. If such is the case keep up hope. If next to a spade card consultor or someone very dear to them will pay out some money.

**SIX:**—There is someone consultor likes a lot. If next to a club card consultor's case is hopeless . . . the party in question will never go further than the 'liking' stage.

**SEVEN:**—A person consultor cares a great deal about but in the way of happiness there are a number of obstacles hard to overcome. Keep up hope and allow time to take it's course.

**EIGHT:**—Be on your guard against a false friend. Someone you have trusted. If a heart card appears on either side of it . . . it means you have a dear friend whose faith in you is paramount.

**NINE:**—Joy, satisfaction, realization of dreams. If near a spade card . . . the passing of trouble.

**TEN:**—Triumph in an undertaking. A love affair which will have a happy outcome. Happiness and success.

**JACK:**—A friend. If near spade or club card (next) this party is not serious. He delights in pleasure and no confidence should be shared with him. If a spade card appears on both sides and top and bottom, beware of him.

**QUEEN:**—A good friend. Can be trusted. Will go to any extremes for you. Play fair with her and she will do the same by you. If next to a spade card . . . some woman (Red cards for light women and black cards for dark) is trying to learn something about consultor from this friend. Would advise getting in touch with this friend.

**KING:**—A likable chap. Wedding in the distance. If married man . . . he's all that a friend can be. When in need of advice you need have no fear in consulting him. A gentleman. If near a spade card . . . He means well but avoid confiding in him.

S P A D E S
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**ACE:**—Misfortune. Near club card death. If a red card appears two from it on consultor's left . . . you have confided in the wrong party. If any property or business deal is at hand be careful of the men who are doing business for you.

**TWO:**—Great misfortune. Bad news, grief. If a red card appears near it . . . it partially offsets grief or bad news.

**THREE:**—Loss of a friend. Much trouble. If a red card is next to it . . . slight annoyance but will not amount to much.

**FOUR:**—A marriage broken off. It was for the best. Divorce (if married party) in the near future or you'll hear of someone whom you know securing a divorce. If a widow or divorcee is consulting

the cards . . . they will marry in the near future once more.

**FIVE:**—You seem to make friends easily. Don't confide in your friends. You give confidences quickly. Watch out . . . or you will regret something you will do in the near future.

**SIX:**—Business matters or hopes will be failures. Near red card . . . they may be successful but lots of struggling will have to be gone thru.

**SEVEN:**—Sickness. If near Ace of Spades . . . death to some loved one. Near red card . . . the loved one will be in the shadow of death but will recover.

**EIGHT:**—Warning to be cautious. A disastrous love affair. If near a club card . . . approaching illness.

**NINE:**—Tidings of death. Near club card . . . will be some relative. Also means sickness and affliction.

**TEN:**—Grief and affliction. Tears. If near red card . . . not of long duration. If card is surrounded on four sides by heart cards . . . the prediction will be overcome, and will not come to pass.

**JACK:**—A flatterer you will meet at the end or during a journey. Dark man. Watch your step for an acquaintance with this man will come to no good. If next a red card . . . thru someone else's mistake you will have sorrow.

**QUEEN:**—A dark malicious woman. Professes to be consultor's friend but should be watched. She should receive no confidences as she is sure to turn on you when a chance presents itself.

**KING:**—A man who does no one any good. He should be feared. Dark. If a lawyer or an agent in whom trust has been placed withdraw that trust and place in the hands of some other reputable person. Near red . . . he is ambitious and will go to any ends to gain his own rewards. Scratch him from your list . . . dangerous.

### H E A R T C A R D S

**ACE:**—A letter. If next to black card . . . bad news. Next red card . . . good news.

**TWO:**—Delay of some vital matter. If near a spade card better get some advice from one who has proven in the past to have been and is still a friend.

**THREE:**—Journey or change of residence. Next to a spade card . . . the change will not be successful.

**FOUR:**—Love affair . . . if continued will prove interesting. If not a love affair some investment which will be successful.

**FIVE:**—Money. The third card (not a picture) will tell within perhaps days, weeks or months. If Heart is next 3rd it will be days; diamonds, weeks and a black card months.

**SIX:**—Success in love or business affair.

**SEVEN:**—Person should be cautious in all undertakings. Something hovering in the background . . . seems to point to some sort of trouble, maybe a scandal. If near a club card . . . serious trouble.

Near a another red card . . . slight annoyance.

**EIGHT:**—Some sort of an accident. Maybe the overhearing of some remark that will cause trouble.

**NINE:**—Love making. If single person . . . successful if married . . . trouble is brewing where you least expect it. Near spade, within one or two cards . . . guard against this impending trouble.

**TEN:**—Unexpected news. If near spade . . . danger.

**JACK:**—Unfaithful friend. Male. Will tell whatever he may know some day. Don't trust him and if he should have a wife who is also your friend be careful of her also.

**QUEEN:**—One whom you believe a friend. She will make trouble whenever the opportunity presents itself. If next spade . . . shun her. If next to another red card . . . a woman whom you believe your friend will be the cause of some great disappointment in your life.

**KING:**—A man who would make a good friend yet he is hard to win. Hot tempered and not to be trifled with. Be careful of your actions toward him. If next a spade . . . a relative you will hear from soon but whom you have all but forgotten.

### C L U B S

**ACE:**—Signifies wealth and happiness. If next a spade card . . . loss of wealth and home troubles.

**TWO:**—You are quick to place faith in friends. You seem to follow the advice of friends. Avoid this



at all costs. Only consider those whom you have tried as friends . . . others acquaintances.

**THREE:**—A disappointment.

**FOUR:**—Business success. Or success in something that lies nearest the heart.

**FIVE:**—If you are fond of scandal be careful. Trouble ahead. If near spade card (within one or two) something you or one of your friends will say will cause unthought of trouble.

**SIX:**—Loss of a friend. Near red card . . . a lost article will be discovered. Near spade card . . . you will lose something that is very dear to you.

**SEVEN:**—A little money, small sum. Near another dark card . . . beware of someone you like.

**EIGHT:**—Warning against some business matter. If near a red card . . . some dark person likes you and happiness will result. If next Ace of Spades someone you care for a great deal is playing you false.

**NINE:**—Money. Looks as if someone will leave you a sum of money. Betterment of position. Bright outlook for the future.

**TEN:**—Success and fortune. Either in a love affair, business undertaking or some cherished hope will soon materialize. If near a spade . . . obstacles will come your way but you will with ease overcome them all.

**JACK:**—A sincere friend. Near club or spade . . . a person who is inclined toward flattery. Waste no attention nor thought in their di-

rection. Next Ace of Spades . . . a dangerous person when crossed.

**QUEEN:**—A dark woman who is by nature pleasing and affectionate. A true friend. One upon whom you can rely. If near spade card . . . someone is trying to turn this woman toward you.

**KING:**—Dark, faithful man. A true friend. Not very young. This man thinks of only friendship. He is the sort both members of the male and female sex respect. To a young, unmarried woman . . . a marriage in the near future, success and happiness.

### H I N T S

When dealing out the first cards:— a large number of high cards means wealth and success; large number of low cards tough sledding. Should there be a number of picture cards, these signify good times, plenty of enjoyment . . . to a young girl, numerous suitors.

When dealing out cards the following significations for pairs, etc., may be used:—

3 aces together	Good news
3 spades	Disaster
4 spades	Business loss
2 jacks	Mischief afoot
2 hearts	Fast friendship
3 diamonds	Gain of money
3 clubs	Travel
2 diamonds	Children
2 clubs	Regret
4 kings	Unusual luck
2 sixes	Health
4 diamonds	Fortune
3 queens	Surprise

3 fives .....	Flirtation
2 nines .....	Change of profession
2 eights .....	Friends
2 spades .....	Illness, loss
3 fours .....	Tears
3 eights .....	Love affair
4 spades .....	Infidelity
3 hearts .....	Wedding
2 hearts .....	Joy
3 sevens .....	Illness
3 kings .....	Ambition
3 threes .....	Gathering clouds
2 twos .....	Imp. business
4 hearts .....	Meeting of friends
2 fives .....	A letter
4 fives .....	Brief love affair
3 nines .....	Warning



The layout of the first 17 cards as per the instructions are (in this case) as follows:—7S 8H 9C 10S 3D 10D 9D 7H KC 8H 3C 6H OC KD 5D JH 3H.

Finding no pairs in this layout we will continue:—The 5th and 7th cards are (from left to right) 3D—9D.

(3 of daimonds). This card signifies there is someone you have either met recently or whom you will meet shortly (9D) and this meeting will be the cause of much joy and satisfaction to you . . . in fact a complete realization of some of your fondest dreams.

The two end cards are (in manner they were laid out) the Queen of

Clubs and the Three of hearts:—(QC) I seem to see a dark woman who has proven a true friend to you . . . she is loving and would do almost anything to aid you in any trouble you may have and it seems as if you are contemplating a journey . . . it isn't quite plain to me whether you will travel by boat or rail but at any rate . . . I trust (3H) that journey will be successful, if it is on business you are going.

(From right count to 13th card, which in this case is the Seven of Spades) . . . There is sickness in store for some one you care a great deal for but as it is (lies next a red card, 8 of hearts) decreed that loved one, altho they may come 'neath the shadow of death . . . the Grim Reaper's work will be foiled and the person will soon recover.

A number (per instructions) is called (say it is 4) and that number of cards are dealt out of remaining packet, thus:—2S—AD—2H—5H.

(2S) There seems to be some great misfortune coming, or some bad news which will cause grief. Next lies a red card . . . which, I am happy to say, offsets the gloomy atmosphere a bit, but then, one should not worry . . . nor place too much confidence in fortune telling because what is to be will be . . . it is Kismet!

(AD) Next we find a love letter . . . or perhaps a letter long hoped for. It may turn out to be a visit from some old friend you have not had the pleasure of seeing for some time.

And now (2H) we find there will be a delay of some sort connected with

a matter of vital importance to you. It may be you have some sort of business deal under way. Some unlooked for obstacle will come up and delay the deal but (5H) you will not lose but gain some money by it, so keep up hope and success will be yours.

(Cards are picked up, shuffled, then cut by consultor (sitter with left hand. One packet is dealt out in three rows from L. to R., then other packet is counted out on top of first packet which lies in three piles.)

(A packet is selected and placed aside for the present. Middle packet was selected in this case. The remaining two packets are placed together and laid on table, faces downward.)

One at a time the cards are turned up on top of packet and explained (as follows) as each card is told off . . . and laid aside.

The packet of cards, in this case, are told off as follows:—(10C) I get the impression that success and fortune await you . . . this may result from either a love affair, a business undertaking, or some cherished hope will soon materialize making you very happy.

(6H) Yes, you will be successful in a business deal or an affair of the heart . . . and who can tell, the cards foretell success in both. You are indeed a lucky person.

(AD) Again I see a love letter . . . it may turn out to be a letter you have long been awaiting . . . (7H) . . . but no matter what sort of a letter it will be, be cautious and not hasty in your decisions as things seem to

point toward something hovering in the background . . . seems to point to some sort of trouble (JH) in which a man of light or fair complexion, who is an unfaithful friend, seems concerned. (3C) . . . A disappointment is in view . . . (3D) . . . and if my impression is correct . . . altho it seems a bit hazy . . . and blurred . . . it will have to do with someone you have or will soon meet who is very wealthy. (10D) . . . Yet you need have no fear . . . because, time, distance and triumph in an undertaking will offset matters and if you are engaged in a love affair . . . it will terminate satisfactorily and happiness will be yours.

(AC) You are destined to become wealthy and happiness is sure to fall to your lot. (2C) The cards advise you should not heed the advice of those whom you consider your friends. You place faith too easily in those with whom you come in contact. You must learn, for your own good, that only those whom you have tried and found true when put thru the acid test of real friendship . . . are your friends . . . others mere acquaintances, etc., etc.

**NOTE:**—Continue on, in this manner, giving the significances of the various cards in this packet.

The "Wish Packet" is brought forward and other cards laid to one side. Follow directions as to whether or not consultor will have an opportunity of wishing after fortune is told.

Continue on as per instructions, at all times aiming to convince your "sitter" as well as to prove entertaining.

When fortunes are told in this way, you as well as your "sitter" and your audience, if you have one, will be entertained as well as impressed.

In conjunction with the fortune telling it will add a great deal to the effect if you have a crystal ball . . . the sphere of a million hidden mysteries . . . handy and from time to time, make excuses that things are becoming hazy, and consult the crystal, reading the various answers, etc., in the sphere. Consult my book on "VAUDEVILLE MIND READING" which can be obtained from The HORMANN MAGIC CO., 611 Eighth Ave., N. Y. C., for proper dramatic presentation of sittings which are in a way similar to the vaudeville stage mind reading acts.

A clever person may present "sittings" in their own homes which will keep up with the best seances or professional performances (on a small scale), of this kind ever held and is sure to not only make the operator or fortune telling seer the lion of any party or gathering, but single you out as a delightful and most enjoyable social entertainer.

**AFTER THOUGHTS**

Fortune Telling, in the proper hands, is in many respects, similar to a mind reading or mental telepathic performance.

It is up to the Teller of Fortunes to "put over a 'sitting'" in a dramatic and impressive manner.

Forget how you have seen others tell fortunes and aim to "put across,"

as they have it in the parlance of the stage, something different and more interesting.

Don't repeat, word for word, the significances of the cards as given in here, but aim to give an interesting reading. Aim to leave your "sitter" impressed and that you are able to tell far more than you do . . . at times becoming sort of mysterious . . . starting a sentence but leaving unfinished and go on with something else . . . at times become intensely dramatic and at all times aim toward IMPRESSIVENESS.

Judicious pumping is an invaluable aid to the Fortune Teller. Professionals secure far more genuine information by "pumping" than they will admit. Some of the marvelous things you have heard your friends tell of which occurred during a reading, was done only thru the fortune teller's powers of judicious pumping. Initials of loved ones, etc., are secured in this manner . . .

Should a "sitter's" cards run all toward sorrow and the like take away the sting by either terminating the sitting, have them shuffle and deal the cards over again or tell them that they should not place too much faith in the meanings of the cards. This La Vellma Method is given to the public for entertainment only.

Many people will remember your predictions(?) and if an incident of a very pleasant or unpleasant nature comes out the way you have foretold it in your reading . . . that person may not forget it.

There are many things a Teller of Fortunes foretells which do come true. Things will happen in this way as we never can tell from one day to another what the next day may bring forth.

Let us hope what you tell by aid of this method and a pack of playing

cards come true only when they are of a pleasant nature bringing joy, success and happiness to those who wish to know what is in store for them in the near future.

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