



40 chromolithograph playing cards, with linear pattern to verso.

TORÉADOR, EN GARDE

Nueva Baraja Taurina

Author

MALDONADO, Pedro

Publication date

c1890].

Publisher

Imp. y Lit. de González,

Publication place

[Madrid,

Physical description

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Dimensions

95 by 62mm (3.75 by 2.5 inches).

Notes

The Makers

Designed by unknown Spanish artist Pedro Maldonado, this deck of cards was printed by the Imprenta y Litografía N. González in Madrid. Active during the later decades of the nineteenth century, the González firm published a wide variety of printed material, including maps, portraits,

posters and playing cards.

The Cards

Themed around the bullfight, the suits of the present deck have been adapted so that Coins appear as branding irons emblazoned with the marks of Spain's most prominent bullbreeders, Cups as famous picadors, Clubs as banderillas, the barbed weapon used by the matador, and Swords have the portraits of notable toreros as their hilts. The Aces of each suit also feature prominent bullfighters of the time, including Lagartijo, Frascuelo, El Gordito, and Currito, while the court cards depict historic toreros, such as Pedro Romero y Costillares.

Bibliography

Provenance

Price: £800

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