

Finch & C^o



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LITERATURE

'LOO' BY THE TURN OF THE 18TH CENTURY WAS ENGLAND'S MOST POPULAR CARD GAME. PLAYED BY THREE TO EIGHT PEOPLE USING A 52 CARD PACK WITH GAMING CHIPS OR COUNTERS, IT IS A GAME PLAYED FOR 'TRICKS' WHICH IN EACH ROUND THE PLAYERS MAY PASS OR PLAY. ANY PLAYER FAILING TO TAKE A TRICK IS 'LOOED' AND ADDS 5 MORE GAMING CHIPS TO THE POOL. THE GAME IS THOUGHT TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN FRANCE AS A FOUR OR FIVE CARD FLUSH CALLED 'FIDDLESTICKS' WHICH REACHED ENGLAND WITH CHARLES II AND THE RESTORATION OF THE MONARCHY CIRCA 1660-85.

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