

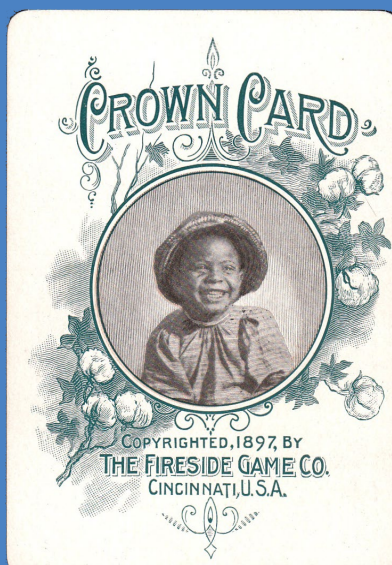
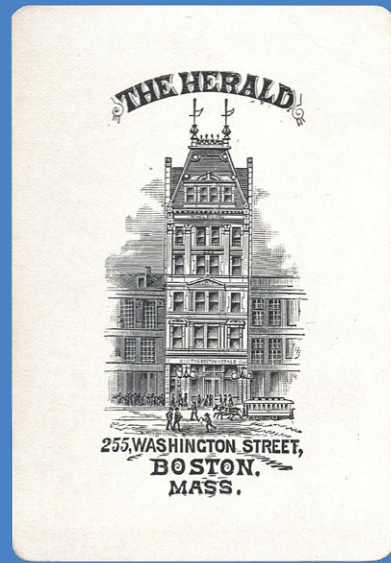
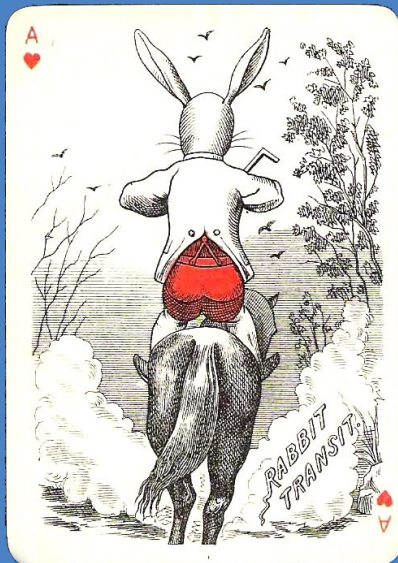
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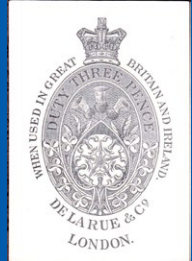

All email bids will be personally acknowledged. In order to avoid any conflict of interest, Steve, Judy Dawson and Auctioneer Larry Herold will have bid before any other bids are received. If a CTD auction lot did not receive a mail bid, Steve, Judy and Auctioneer will be permitted to bid during the live auction event.

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We have endeavored to describe all lots carefully so that members can be comfortable when placing their bids that they will receive items in at least as good condition as described. Any lots that are not as described can be returned for refund. Remember all lots are pictured in color on the auction webpage. For each deck listed we have indicated the lot number, its date of manufacture, maker, country of origin, number of cards, condition, condition of the box (if applicable, with OB1 being mint or near mint, OB2 being average with some use or wear and OB3 indicating considerable wear and quite possibly some damage), minimum bid, reference if found and a short description. Most references are to specific listings in the Dawson Hochman Encyclopedia. **NOTE:** "Mint Sealed" refers to the deck, box may have been opened. "As Issued" means nothing has been opened.


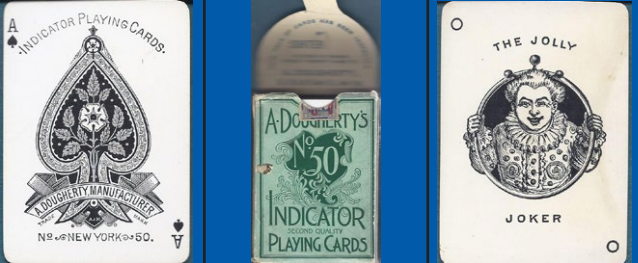




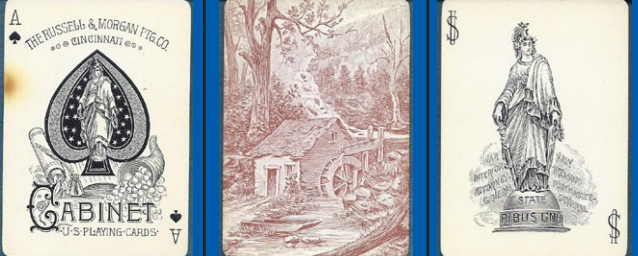
Lot 1	Steamboats #900 Deck	1890	USA			
52+J As Issued OB1	Wonderful mint sealed deck in as issued condition. This is the earliest of the Steamboats issued by Standard PCC; maybe it has the very rare joker! We seldom see mint sealed Steamboat decks.					
	Standard PCC	Hochman SU1	Minimum 200			
Lot 2	Norwood Factory 52 Deck	2023	USA			
52+2J As issued OB1	Factory 52 was made for the company that is developing the old USPC Norwood factory site into a multiuse development. Only 200 decks were released for public sale.					
	USPC		Minimum 35			
Lot 3	Baseball Back Deck	c1900	USA			
52 VG/EX NB	Fabulous baseball graphic back design by the American Playing Card Co. Likely a Rovers brand but possibly a Sportingmans.					
	American PCC	Hochman SE17	Minimum 60			
Lot 4	Gambling Catalog	c1930	USA			
32 pages EX	Comprehensive range of product offerings "for amusement" and magic. Includes marked Bicycle cards as well as Bee and other NYCC brands.					
	Buffalo Novelty Bazaar		Minimum 40			
Lot 5	Birma-Karte #194 Singles	1870	Germany			
11 Courts Mint NB	These court cards with plain white backs are among the most beautiful produced by Dondorf. There are 11 of 12 missing the Club Jack. See Page 150 in the Dondorf book and QH on front cover of this CTD. They would look wonderful framed.					
	Dondorf		Minimum 100			
Lot 6	Triton #42 Deck	c1890	USA			
52+J EX OB2	The earliest issue of this brand with the Best Bower joker. Deck has sparkling gold edges and light edge yellowing on the faces; 2D has more general yellowing. Beautiful box with some wear. Blue floral back design.					
	New York Consolidated Card Co.	Hochman NY51	Minimum 70			
Lot 7	Australia Fortune Telling Deck	c1920	Australia			
52 VG+ NB	We have never seen this one before; we believe it is Australian. Each card has a different fortune phrase. Cards have edge wear and soil and several cards have stains and/or light soil on the borders and faces; two cards have a corner crease. Standard back design.					
			Minimum 40			

Lot 8	Thomas Crehor Deck	c1845	USA	  
49 VG/EX NB	Great early deck. See KH on front cover. Missing the KD, 3D, 4C but we almost never see a deck of this period in such nice condition. Light edge wear and soil. The deck has uniform vertical bending. Crehore's name misspelled! Blue snowflake back.			
Andrew Dougherty		Hochman U5	Minimum 140	
Lot 9	Jackson Robinson Gold Certificate Deck	c2015	USA	  
52+2J Mint OB1-	Early mint sealed deck in Jackson's Federal 52 series. The cello wrap has been removed at the top to allow Jackson to sign the box but the Kings Wild seal is unbroken. Card shown is from an opened deck.			
Kings Wild Project			Minimum 40	
Lot 10	Sportsman's #202 Deck	1881	USA	  
52 VG Inner Box	Very hard to find these early Sportsman's decks. One of Russell & Morgan's most attractive Aces; back has elaborate fishing design. Gold edges are very worn with moderate soil; 6D has paper scrape on one pip. Comes in the inner slip case box of a two piece box.			
Russell & Morgan Co.		Hochman US2	Minimum 75	
Lot 11	De La Rue Plums Deck	c1870	England	  
52 Mint- NB	This beautiful deck has no indices and the courts are flesh-colored. It would have originally had a wrapper, probably plain and would not have come with a Joker. Possibly designed by Owen Jones.			
De La Rue			Minimum 85	
Lot 12	Midwinter International Expo Deck	1894	USA	  
52+J EX NB	Nice pink back features the state seals of California, Oregon and Washington along with the seal for the exposition. Faces have color sketches of the fair. Housed in a period box with a card taped to one side.			
Winters Art Litho		Hochman SX15	Minimum 110	
Lot 13	Outing #17 Deck	c1895	USA	  
52+J NM Wrong Box	Brown Elk back with sparkling gold edges; very unusual to find this combination. Ace highlights the hunting and fishing theme of this series. Joker lacks gold edges and is lighter tone - came from a different deck. Housed in well worn No. 52 gold edge box.			
Andrew Dougherty		Hochman AD30	Minimum 60	
Lot 14	Sutherland Deck Art	c1976	USA	  
32 Page Sketchbook EX	Amazing one-of-a-kind sketchbook highlighting the evolution of the cards in the Sutherland Brown semi-transformation deck. Use this link to see all the pages in the book: https://online.fliphtml5.com/wvkl/ubhy/			
Laura Sutherland		Hochman T14	Minimum 180	

Lot 15	Aurum Laser Cut Special Deck 52/90	2012	USA			
52+2J As Issued OB1	Gorgeous deck (# 52/90) designed by Paul Carpenter with luxurious pearlescent shimmering white and gold. Elaborate gold foiling, multiple metallic inks and embossing. It has signed certificate card. Tuck box features an intricate laser cut. Sold out at \$999.					
Paul Carpenter (USPC)		Minimum 400				
Lot 16	Hayner Distilling Deck	1893	USA			
52+J EX/NM OB3-	This deck is exactly the same as SX8, the Columbian Expo Souvenir. It was reissued to promote the Hayner Distilling Co. with advertising on the QC and price list on the JD. Great condition but the Winters tuck box is incomplete and damaged.					
Winters Art Litho		Hochman SX11	Minimum 130			
Lot 17	St Louis Souvenir Deck	1901	USA			
52+J+Bklt EX OB3-	This beautiful souvenir deck has sparkling gold edges and looks to be unused but some of the black back borders have white nicks, including the Joker. Complete visitor guide booklet is creased with edge wear. Slip case is missing the end flaps.					
Meyer Bros. Drug Co.		Hochman S61	Minimum 40			
Lot 18	Christian Mischke DD Set	1998	Germany			
52+3J x2 Bklt Mint OB1	Limited edition of 2200. Court cards are spectacular. Large 8 page booklet describes the themes of all the cards. Each suit represents life in the 4 continents: Europe, Asia, Africa and America; jokers are dedicated to Australia.					
Nurnberger-Spielkarten-Verlag		Minimum 60				
Lot 19	Hart Faro Deck in Gaming Set	c1885	USA			
52 EX/NM NB	This Hart square corner Faro deck looks to be unused except for the dealer thumbprint on the 3S. 3D has stain along bottom edge. Housed in a small gaming box with mini poker chips; box is scuffed but structurally solid.					
Samuel Hart Co.		Hochman NY42	Minimum 60			
Lot 20	Maxfield Parrish Reveries Deck	c1926	USA			
52+J+2EC Near Mint OB1-	One of the last of the 10 decks painted by Maxfield Parrish and published yearly for Edison Mazda Lamp Works for the General Electric Company. The unused deck has a bridge card and a descriptive card. The Joker appears to be brighter, possibly added later.					
USPC		Hochman AB6	Minimum 85			
Lot 21	Roosters #100 Deck	c1885	USA			
52+J EX OB2	This Perfection Philadelphia Steamboats deck features a great Roosters joker and tough to find box. Backs are the standard steamboat snowflake in light blue. Cards have seen very light use but show uniform light edge yellowing.					
Perfection Playing Card Co.		Hochman PU5a	Minimum 160			

Lot 22	In Dixie-Land Game	1897	USA	
52+2EX Mint OB1-	Wonderful pictures and portraits of African Americans living and working in the South in late 1800s. There is also a crown card (see front cover) and a list of the games. The back features an alligator. Instructions on the inside of lid. Photographs by LD Baldwin.			
	The Fireside Game Co.		Minimum 130	
Lot 23	King Aluminum Deck	1920	USA	
52+J VG- OB3	Hard to find aluminum deck with pale blue image of lady playing tennis back design. Chipped paint on some cards, some slight dents but no severe creases. Aluminum box missing latch.			
	Charles L. King	Hochman O3	Minimum 75	
Lot 24	2006 Club Deck	2006	USA	
52+2J MS OB1	Mint-sealed club deck designed by Karla Mattson and given to club members attending 2006 convention. Images are from opened deck.			
	52 Plus Joker		Minimum 50	
Lot 25	De La Rue Continental Deck	c1870	England	
52 EX NB	This is one of two different designs using non-standard courts made for export to the Continent (Europe). Could be rare. AS slightly warped with water mark, 9S has light bend and several cards have small edge spot. Backs are plain light blue.			
	De La Rue		Minimum 40	
Lot 26	NYCC Squeezers Deck	c1880	USA	
52 EX/NM OB1-	Made for export to London for resale by Mudie & Sons. It has sparkling gold edges and is housed in a beautiful Hart's Whist box.			
	New York Consolidated Card Co.	Hochman NY49	Minimum 30	
Lot 27	Marguerite #130 Deck	c1925	USA	
52+J MS OB1	Nice mint sealed example of this long running series. Includes a sample card with the corner cut. Light scroll design in the center.			
	Andrew Dougherty	Hochman AD40	Minimum 15	
Lot 28	Boston Herald Deck	c1895	USA	
52+J EX OB3	Old Dougherty deck advertising the Boston Herald, blue newsboy back design. Cards in excellent condition, but only remnants of the original box remain.			
	Andrew Dougherty	Hochman AC11	Minimum 75	

Lot 29	Bicycle Red Singles Deck	c1900	USA	
52+J VG/EX Singles Box	Very tough to assemble in one color. Includes both variations of Cupid, League and Thistle. Also includes Western Plaid, Margin Star 2, Mobile 1 and 2, Motor 1 and 2; Joker is Motorcar, Ace is Model 1. Housed in a specially designed Singles Box by Joseph Pierson.			
USPC	Hochman US8-8c	Minimum 375		
Lot 30	American PCC Eagles Deck	1890	USA	
52+J Mint OB2+	This very early deck with its tiny indices was manufactured by APCC. The green back has an attractive floral design and the cards are in a green box. This beautiful mint deck with its fabulous eagle Joker has never been used.			
American Playing Card Co.	Hochman L55	Minimum 130		
Lot 31	2008 Club Deck	2008	USA	
52+2J MS OB1	This Rainforest deck was designed by a graphics arts student who won our 2007 convention contest. It is #216 of 300. Box is opened, deck still in cello wrap. 9C photo is from an opened deck.			
52 Plus Joker		Minimum 50		
Lot 32	Kansas City Southern Lines DD Set	c1975	USA	
52+2Jx2 Mint OB1	These are two nice railway decks in their original plastic double box which is inside a cardboard sleeve. The package is mint with one deck mint sealed and the other one opened to see the cards.			
Brown & Bigelow	Bollhagen KCS11	Minimum 20		
Lot 33	The Worshipful Company 2006-2007 Deck	2007	England	
52+2J As Issued OB1-	One sealed deck, one in open wrapper, with brilliant gold edged cards. In leatherette box with 6 page foldout describing this beautiful repro of the Hodges Astronomical deck c1828. Jokers are pioneers of The Greenwich Royal Observatory. James Madden Master.			
Worshipful Co. Makers of Playing Cards		Minimum 130		
Lot 34	Rambler #22 Deck	c1905	USA	
52+J EX OB1	Deck is essentially unused but the 5c has a major tear (back photo) and the joker has a very light crease.			
National Card Company	Hochman NU7c	Minimum 30		
Lot 35	Murphy Varnish Deck	1883	USA	
52 VG NB	This combination transformation and advertising deck is one of the most prized antique decks. No joker or box but each card is a beauty with comical slogans on many. Green backs; cards have light edge wear and soil, 9S has small cut off corner. See AH on front cover.			
Andrew Dougherty	Hochman T5/A1	Minimum 500		

Lot 36	French Costumes Deck	c1860 France	
52 EX- NB	Beautiful deck highlighting the dress of high society in France at the time. Cards show slight yellowing. Backs are plain pink. No box.		
Migeon Paris	Fournier 249v	Minimum 450	
Lot 37	Indicator #50 Deck	c1896 USA	
52+J NM OB2+	Deck is in great condition with sparkling gold edges. Jolly Joker has slightly different tone. Box has scuffing around coners and edges but still solid and attractive with inspector info on inside top flap. Green geometric back design.		
Andrew Dougherty	Hochman AD15a	Minimum 40	
Lot 38	2007 Club Deck	2007 USA	
52+2J MS OB1	Mint-sealed club deck designed by Tiara Lynn Banovez and given to club members attending 2007 convention, #150 of 300. Images are from opened deck.		
52 Plus Joker		Minimum 50	
Lot 39	It's All In The Draw Book	c1890 USA	
16 pages + covers G/VG	Gambling theme book with cards, poker chips, cigars and gamblers in amusing scenes. US8 Bicycle brand Ace featured on last page. Cardboard stock has edge wear and creases; cover has binding wear and large corner crease.		
Forbes Lithograph		Minimum 45	
Lot 40	Frontenac Export Ale Deck	c1930 Canada	
52+J Mint OB1	A neat narrow advertising deck with a great colorful back for Frontenac India Pale Ale. It has never been used. If you love the beer decks, this one is a goodie!		
Canadian Playing Card Co.		Minimum 25	
Lot 41	Pahlavi Deck	c1904 USA	
52+2J +2EC+Bklt VG/EX OB3	This deck was designed for "Instruction, Games and Cartomancy"; it is a cosmic looking fortune telling deck with unique suits. Includes extra cards "Diana" & "Apollo" and booklet of instructions. Original box coming apart and missing panels.		
Pahlavi Card Co.	Hochman NS27	Minimum 100	
Lot 42	Cabinet #707 Deck	c1890 USA	
52+J VG/EX NB	Scenic montone Old Mill back with sparkling gold edges. Deck is very lightly used but the AS has cigarette burn; edges have light yellowing and a few edges also have small burn stain. Joker back and 5D face have darker tone as if lying on top, exposed to light.		
Russell & Morgan Ptg. Co.	Hochman US12a	Minimum 110	

Lot 43	New Era #46 Deck	1896	USA				
52+J EX- OB3	One of USPC's most beautiful brands with magnificent courts and great Joker. Gold edges have some wear; box is torn.						
USPC		Hochman US20	Minimum 250				
Lot 44	Dougherty Patented Deck	c1885	USA				
52+J EX NB	Square corner deck with one way courts. Looks to be unplayed but cards have light edge toning and 3 have small spots. Steamboat style back. Housed in leather holder of the period.						
Andrew Dougherty		Hochman AD21a	Minimum 45				
Lot 45	Tasmania Souvenir Deck	c1920	Australia				
52+J+B EX Box	Deck is titled Tasmania The Wonderland. It includes a Tasmanian Devil joker and a blank card. Gold edges show some wear. Housed in what is likely the original wood box with a metal Tasmania seal.						
			Minimum 50				
Lot 46	Waddington Butterfly Deck	c1925	England				
52+J Mint OB2-	Beautiful narrow deck with sparkling gold edges. Slip case box is solid but with edge wear and scuffs.						
Waddington			Minimum 20				
Lot 47	The Stage 65x Deck	1896	USA				
52+J Mint OB2-	Beautiful unused example of this deck featuring actors of the period. It has sparkling gold edges. Deck name on box in gold is somewhat faded; front panel has a stain and there is wear on the corners and seams.						
USPC		Hochman SE4	Minimum 60				
Lot 48	Pyramid Special Deck	c1920	USA				
52+J NM OB1-	This small Brooklyn maker only operated for 5 years before being acquired by USPC. We don't see many Pyramid decks and this is a beauty with sparkling gold edges.						
Pyramid Playing Card Co.		Hochman PY2	Minimum 25				
Lot 49	Congress Geometric Lacquer Deck	c1881	USA				
52+J VG OB1	Scarce Congress #606 with early Dundreary joker. Blue & gold patterned backs. Cards soiled from use, approximately 50% of original gold edging remains. Generic Russell & Morgan slip box excellent, possibly original.						
Russell & Morgan Co.		Hochman US6	Minimum 250				

Lot 50	An. Busch Spanish American War Deck	1900	USA	  
52+J+2EC NM OB2+	Spectacular commemorative war deck with sparkling gold edges. Teddy Roosevelt is on the JC; Aces promote different beers of Anheuser Busch, and fours have a photo of a warship. See QS on front cover. You won't find a better W16. One seam of box partially split.			
USPC	Hochman W16	Minimum 300		
Lot 51	2010 Club Deck	2010	USA	  
52+2J MS OB1	Mint-sealed reproduction of New Orleans scenic deck given as club deck to club members attending 2010 convention, #122 of 200. Images are from opened deck.			
52 Plus Joker		Minimum 50		
Lot 52	Congress Chief Deck	c1918	USA	  
52+J As Issued OB1	Tough to find Congress wide named decks in as issued condition. This has an unbroken Canadian stamp. Example of US6g Ace from a different deck.			
USPC	Hochman US6g	Minimum 130		
Lot 53	Jockeys Insert Deck	c1910	England	  
52+J EX NB	The cards in this deck feature jockeys and owners (colors) and look like the cards inserted in cigarette packs. Only set we have seen for a playing card company, all others promote tobacco brands. Backs are plain, some with light stains. Likely rare.			
De La Rue		Minimum 100		
Lot 54	Beatles Deck	c1965	USA	  
52+2J MS OB1	Mint sealed deck issued in response to the very successful U.S. tour by this now famous group.			
		Minimum 20		
Lot 55	Cigar Makers Union Deck	c1912	USA	  
52+J EX OB1-	Very nice advertising deck. Not many decks promoting unions and this is very nice condition. One side of the box shows the back, the other side shows the cigar label union Joker.			
Cigar Makers International Union	Hochman Un4a	Minimum 60		
Lot 56	A. Ball & Bro. Squared Faro Deck	c1915	USA	  
52+J? As Issued OB1	This deck was likely made by NYCC for Ball who was a jobber of gambling equipment. Very special to find in As Issued condition. We do not believe the deck was issued with a joker but if it was, you will have it. A must for a faro collector. Tax stamp (at sale) dated 1926.			
NYCC	Hochman U28	Minimum 240		

Lot 57	Dondorf Musical Card Game Deck	c1862 Germany	
52 VG/EX NB	Extremely rare Dondorf "Musikalisches Kartenspiel" (Musical Card Game) complete and in excellent condition! Note Italian tax stamp on AH. Square corners, no box. Proud addition to any collection! See adjacent page for more images.		
Dondorf	Braun BD 1860/2	Minimum 1,200	
Lot 58	Samuel Hart NY45 Variation Deck	c1870 USA	
52+B EX NB	This rounded corner variation may be rare. It has seen very little use but the edges show a light euchre pattern. Blank and card faces are bright white but the AC may have sat on top and has darker tone.		
Samuel Hart Co.	Hochman NY45	Minimum 90	
Lot 59	Air Force One Richard Nixon Deck Set	c1970 USA	
52+2J x2 MS OB1-	Mint Congress double deck set issued during Richard Nixon's presidency. Given to dignitaries/VIPs traveling on the presidential jet; not cheap gift shop decks. Box has preidential seal on the back. We recently sold a Ronald Reagan set in auction.		
USPC		Minimum 70	
Lot 60	Picket #515 Deck	c1915 Canada	
52+J+EC Mint OB1	This is a rare version of a Canadian deck by the USPC as it was manufactured in Toronto and is the only one we have seen. Generally the Canadian versions were done in Windsor, Ontario. The red back features maple leaves and the Joker, a filigree design.		
USPC	Hochman CDN13	Minimum 25	
Lot 61	US Printing Letterhead	c1905 USA	
EX	Russell & Morgan's original business of printing labels, boxes, etc. continued under USPC using the U.S. Printing Co. name. Playing cards were issued under this name only from 1891 - 1894. This letter has been folded to fit an envelope.		
USPC		Minimum 50	
Lot 62	Bay State Judge Deck	c1910 USA	
52+J+B VG OB1-	Very attractive Ace and Joker for this uncommon brand. Except for the Joker and Blank card, the cards show edge soil from use. Date of manufacture could be as early as 1900 but clearly sold later with 1920s tax stamp.		
Bay State Card Co.	Hochman SU26	Minimum 30	
Lot 63	Club 10-Deck Anniversary Set	2014+ USA	
52+2J x10 As Issued OB1 x10	Featuring an extraordinary collection of all ten exclusive Club Decks designed by the greatest designers from this generation. Each deck tells a unique story. Set is displayed in a special club carat case. Don't let this golden opportunity slip through your fingers.		
52 Plus Joker		Minimum 750	