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FRONTISPIECE.



RUFF and HONOURS (from the Compleat Gamester 1680)

“ Lastly, observe the Women with what grace
They sit, and look their Partners in the face,
Who from their eyes shoot Cupids fiery darts;
Thus make them lose at once their Game and Hearts.”

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DEDICATION TO THE NINTH EDITION.

TO

JAMES CLAY, Esq., M.P.

(Chairman of the Whist Laws Committee of the Arlington Club, 1864.)

This Book

IS

CORDIALLY DEDICATED

BY

HIS SINCERE FRIEND,

THE AUTHOR.

DEDICATION TO THE TENTH EDITION.

To the Memory
OF
JAMES CLAY

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

It has often occurred to the Author that there are two principal defects in the existing treatises on the game of Whist—the one that the principles of play are, in general, laid down as so many isolated and arbitrary conventions, the reasons upon which such principles are based being seldom, if at all, and scarcely ever fully, stated; the other, that suitable illustrations, by which alone the principles can be brought forcibly home and fixed in the memory, are almost entirely wanting. The present work is an attempt to supply these deficiencies. With regard to the latter, the Author feels that nothing, in point of illustration of principles, can be so instructive as a selection of hands played completely through, and accompanied by copious explanations. The idea, it is believed, as applied to Whist, is a new one, though a similar plan has long been in use in treatises on Chess.

It has not been deemed necessary to occupy space by detailing the mode of playing and of scoring, as this information can be readily acquired at the table. The reader is, therefore, credited with this elementary knowledge, and is conducted at once to the General Principles, which he is advised to consider carefully before proceeding to the Hands.

PREFACE TO THE EIGHTH EDITION.

SINCE the publication of the previous edition, the Laws of Whist have been revised by the Arlington and Portland Clubs, and the revised laws have been generally adopted. The Author acknowledges with thanks the permission granted him to print the Club Code *verbatim*.

Some cases and decisions are added. These being approved by "J. C." are submitted with confidence to the reader.

The whole of the Part included under the head of "General Principles" has been carefully revised.

The hands have been recast, and diagram cards substituted for the symbols formerly used.

PORTLAND CLUB,
January, 1868.

PREFACE TO THE TENTH EDITION.

THE stereotype plates of the ninth edition being worn out, the Author has once more submitted his work to careful revision. He has also made the following additions:—1. A Historical Sketch of the Game of Whist. 2. A fuller statement of the principles which should guide the discard. 3. Some illustrations of the best known *coups*. 4. A number of fresh Hands (the Hands also have been re-arranged). 5. An Appendix on a new method, suggested by the Author, of leading from suits of more than four cards. And 6. An Appendix on the Management of Trumps when led or called for by the partner.

PORTLAND CLUB,
June 1, 1874.