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ON AN ORIGINAL SYSTEM**

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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.”



THE  
LAWS AND PRINCIPLES  
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BY MEANS OF HANDS PLAYED COMPLETELY THROUGH.

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DEDICATION TO THE NINTH EDITION.



TO

JAMES CLAY, Esq., M.P.

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

This Book

IS

CORDIALLY DEDICATED

BY

HIS SINCERE FRIEND,

THE AUTHOR.



DEDICATION TO THE TENTH EDITION,

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To the Memory  
OF  
JAMES CLAY

## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

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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.

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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.*