

The manner of preparing your pack (which must be done previously) is by the following line, which you commit to memory: the words in italics forming the key:—

Eight Kings threa-ten'd to save nine fair Ladies for one sick Knave.

*Eight King three ten two seven nine five Queen four ace six Knave.*

You will perceive that this is a kind of artificial memory, formed by the circumstance of the initial letter of the words in the line and the names of the cards being indetical, as well as the near resemblance of some of the words. The word “threaten'd” is divided into two words, in order that it may answer for the three and ten; you should pay attention to this, or you will be very likely to forget the ten altogether, which would set you entirely wrong; you should likewise commit to memory the order in which the suites come, viz:—*hearts—spades—diamonds—clubs.*

You should now separate the different suites, and lay them on the table, face upwards, placing hearts first, spades next, diamonds next, and clubs last. Having done so, begin to sort, (to yourself,) according to your key; take up the eight of hearts, placing it in the left hand with its back to the palm; then the king of spades, which you lay over it, next, the three of diamonds, next the ten of clubs, then the two of hearts, and so on, until you finish your line, which will terminate with the knave of hearts. You then take up the eight of spades, and go on in the same way till you come to the knave of spades, when you begin again with the eight of diamonds, and go on until you come to the knave of diamonds, and beginning again with the eight of clubs, you go on until you come to the knave of clubs, which finishes the pack, and which is now ready for use; when you have made your exchange, and brought forward your prepared pack, hand it round to be cut.

You now want to know the first card, as a clue to the rest; and therefore take off the top card, and holding it up between you and