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"Pope Joan" Regency Game Counter Wheel.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA693513****Date of manufacture: Regency**

Description

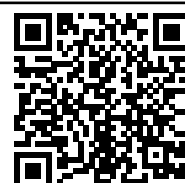
A paper maché and lacquered Pope Joan game counter wheel. The name "Pope Joan" is a corruption of "nain jaune" (yellow dwarf), the name of 9 of diamonds in France where the game originated. Pope Joan refers to the legend that Pope John VIII was actually a woman. As the Catholic Church denies a female pope, the legend was used as Protestant propaganda in the Victorian-Era, which also explains the popularity of the game in Scotland. The 9 of diamonds is sometimes called the Curse of Scotland. A staking board is required, with eight compartments labelled Ace, King, Queen, Jack, Game, Pope (9?), Matrimony (K Q of trumps) and Intrigue (Q J of trumps). Each player receives a number of counters, or chips, whose value is determined by the players involved in the game. The 8 is then removed from the pack to form a stop sequence, which classifies the game as a sub-group of the stop family of games. The aim of the game is to run out of cards before anyone else. The circumference measures 26cm. The condition is good. We can despatch internationally. payment by Paypal or bank transfer.

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