

The Boardgame “Tocadille” (c. 1750)

Abstract

Board games became popular in court circles as a form of diversion and social interaction. The Spanish board game "Tocadille" was a more complicated version of the German "Puff." It was also related to backgammon and involved dice and *Damen* (ladies, or queen pieces). Although the image features both male and female players, the caption's *double entendre* speaks predominantly to the former: "Anyone playing Tocadille is eager to win. And anyone making a move with the ladies needs to keep all his wits about him." Copperplate engraving by Johann Esaias Nilson (1721-88), c. 1750.

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