

## AN APPEAL FOR A CHIEF JUSTICE

The editors of the original *Green Bag* inserted an alien item between the frontispiece (see page 99 above) and the first page (see page 100) of the December 1891 issue of their little magazine. The insert offered early-bird subscribers a big picture of Chief Justice John Marshall on a really big piece of paper. For the past 20-plus years we've been keeping our eyes peeled for one of those pictures. No luck. Our eyes are not enough. So, we seek to enlist yours. If you have, or know of, or spot clues about the old *Green Bag*'s premium portrait of Marshall, please do tell us. Thank you.

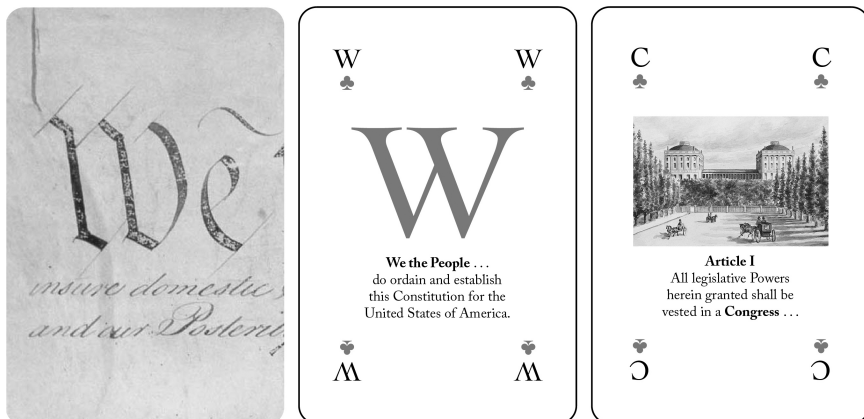
## FOUNDERS WHIST CARDS FOR SALE

The editors of the modern *Green Bag* had planned to insert an alien item (one of those "This Page Is Not Part of the *Green Bag*" things) into this issue of the *Bag*. It was to be a certificate good for a free deck of Founders Whist playing cards.

But recent experience has taught us caution. It seems that implants in the *Green Bag* trigger many mysterious disappearances. For example, in the months since we slipped bobblehead certificates into some copies of the Summer 2017 issue of the *Bag*, we've received hugely, unprecedentedly, amazingly large numbers of missing-issue claims for that issue. In the past, when we released an issue of the *Bag*, we would receive between zero and a handful of missing-issue claims. But for the Summer 2017 issue – well, let's just say it felt like some sort of mass abduction of the sort reported on "The X-Files." And when we combined a similar item with some copies of the Autumn 2017 issue, it had a similar effect.

So, we are becoming cautious about alien implants in the *Green Bag*. But we cannot afford to do separate, supplemental mass mailings (they are far from costless) every time we want to arbitrarily and capriciously shift some precious artifacts out of our secret offsite storage facility near Skyland Mountain and into the hands of our beloved subscribers. Thus this new middle-way experiment: If you would like a deck or two or more of our Founders Whist playing cards, please either (a) complete the form on the next page (or a copy of it) and mail it to us, along with a check for the appropriate amount, or (b) paypal the appropriate amount (and your name and mailing address) to us at [subscriptions@greenbag.org](mailto:subscriptions@greenbag.org).

## Ex Ante



### FOUNDERS WHIST PLAYING CARDS ORDER FORM

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ decks of Founders Whist cards. I've enclosed a check for \$10 times the number of decks I want. My address is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The Green Bag, 6600 Barnaby Street NW, Washington, DC 20015

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We hope this will make for a drop in mysterious disappearances of the *Bag*, without depriving interested subscribers of a fair chance at what might be, for some, something worthwhile. Cf. *The Blessing Way*, The X-Files, season 3, episode 1 (1995) (removal of implant from Scully's neck).

### A WORLD SERIES OF WHIST?

Most of our 2018 *Almanac & Reader* is devoted to exemplary legal writing from, and thoughtful reflections about, 2017. The rest is about the game of whist, a card game that – we thought – few people play today, but many more played in days gone by.