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n.

1. A game of cards for two to four persons, played with a special deck of 48 cards, with points being scored by taking tricks and forming certain combinations.
2. The combination of the queen of spades and jack of diamonds in this game.

[Perhaps from German dialectal *Binokel*, beziquelike card game, from French dialectal *binocle*, spectacles, from New Latin *bīnocolus*, the two eyes : Latin *bīnī*, two each; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *oculus*, eye; see **ok^w**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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