



A Very Scarce Italian Playing Card Of Africa

£450

Additional Information

Dimensions	60 × 115 mm
Cartographer	Anonymous.
Date	1790
Extra Info	XIX Africa. Bologna: Tipografia de' Franceschi alla Colomba?, c.1790. Engraved playing card, sheet 115 x 60mm, with red woodcut design on reverse.
Publication	
Condition	A good example.
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Product Description

A miniature map of Africa, depicted on a tromp l'oeil scroll. It was one of 78 cards in a geographical game played following the same rules as tarocchi (tarot).

This was one of the 21 map trump cards; the suits were North, South, Central and Islands, each with ten letterpress descriptions of counties in those regions and four court cards with a woodcut armorial and a letterpress text.

The woodcut pattern on the back of the card is a red flower design with the address 'Alla Colomba' (At the Dove). This was the address of Tipografia de' Franceschi in Bologna from the 1790s until at least 1860.