



Seven Scarce Italian Playing Cards Depicting Russia

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Dimensions 60 × 115 mm

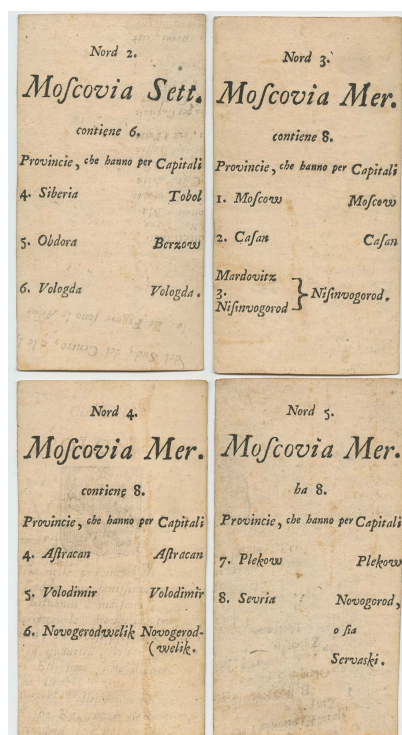
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Date 1790

Condition A good example.

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Product Description

Seven playing cards representing Russia, including a miniature map of the country on a tromp l'oeil scroll, a description with a woodblock armorial and five with lists of regional capital cities.

They are from a 78-card geographical game pack which was played with the same rules as tarocchi (tarot). The map is one of the 21 map trump cards; the three others are from the suit 'North' (the other suits being 'Central' & 'South' Europe & 'Islands'), the card with the armorial being a court card.

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.