



A Spanish Satire On The Channel Tunnel Attempt Of 1882

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Additional Information

Cartographer	Anonymous.
Date	1882
Extra Info	El Loro. ¡ yees! mi temer una invasion. [My fear is invasion!]
Publication	Barcelona: V. Perez, 1882. 4pp. Double page chromolithograph with wood-engraved heading on verso.
Condition	A good example.
References	-

Product Description

A scarce print of a caricatured British soldier, with a pillbox hat with its strap under his nose and mutton-chop whiskers, peering down the Channel Tunnel through a telescope, fearing an invasion. He overlooks the tricolore French rats that have reached the shells of his howitzer.

In 1875 an Act of Parliament authorised the Channel Tunnel Company to start trials and, using a rotary boring machine, a tunnel just over a mile long was dug from the bottom of Shakespeare Cliff. However public disapproval of this breach in England's natural defences caused political support to dry up. A month after this cartoon was published the project was abandoned.

'El Loro' (the Parrot) described itself as a 'Periodico Ilustrado Joco-Sério'.