



An 18th century playing-card map of China

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Regno Dispotico. Imperio della China anticamente Sinæ sotto un Imperatore Tartaro.

Florence: Aniello Lamberti, 1779. Original colour. Sheet size 128 x 73mm.

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A rare miniature map of China engraved by Lamberti for the 'Minchiate', the Florentine version of the Tarot, which had each card marked with an arcane symbol. The full set was published in Augusto Da Rabatta and Jean Baptiste De Baillou's pocket atlas 'Nuovo Atlante Generale'. Information on the map is minimal, but an extensive key gives the names of the various regions.

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