



The constellation of Cepheus

LEIGH, Samuel.
 Cepheus.

London: Leigh, c.1830. Original colour. 200 x 140mm.

£150

One of a set of thirty-two cards designed by 'a young Lady,' to make the study of astronomy 'familiar and amusing'. It shows Cepheus as visible in the night skies of Britain, with an easily identifiable classical embodiment (king of Ethiopia and father of Andromeda). The card is pricked through with holes of different sizes so that the amateur astronomer can hold it up to a light and get an immediate impression of the apparent magnitude of each star. Engraved by Sidney Hall.

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