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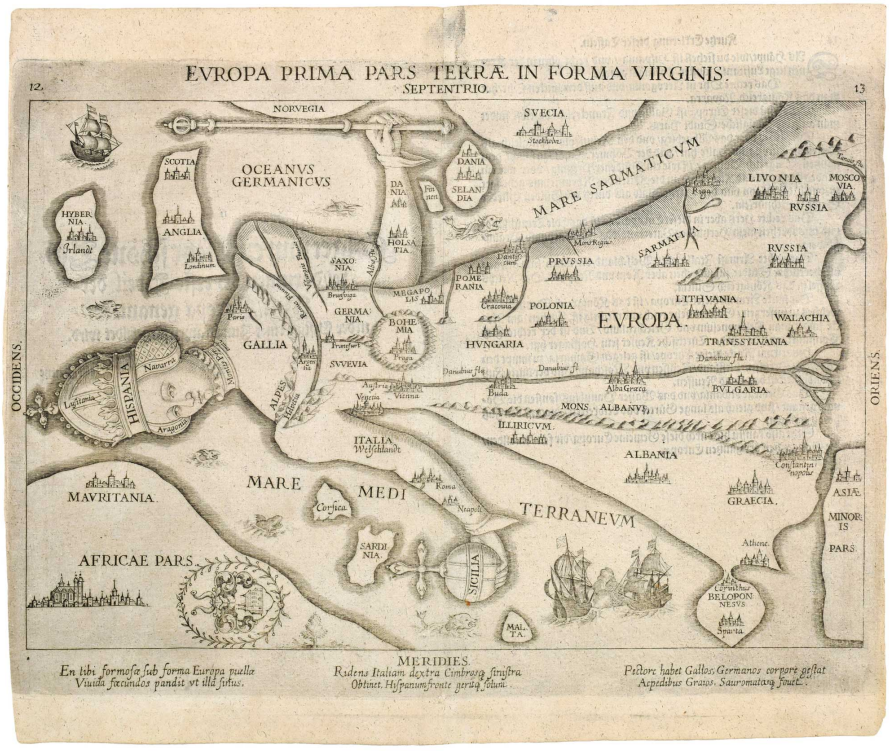

An engraved version of the famous map of Europe as a Virgin Queen

BÜNTING, Heinrich.
Europa Prima Pars Terræ in Forma Virginis.

Brunswick: Emmeran Kirchnern, 1646, German text edition. 260 x 360mm.

£2,900

A very uncommon copper-engraved version of Bünting's fantasy map depicting Europe as a Virgin Queen, with crown, orb and sceptre. Iberia forms her head and crown; Denmark her right arm; Italy her left arm with Sicily an orb in her hand; Greece, the Balkans and Russia her skirts; and Bohemia a medallion on a chain around her neck. The map was published in Bünting's 'Itinerarium Sacræ Scriptura', a commentary on the bible written as a travel book, first published 1581. The work also contains a map of the World as a cloverleaf and Asia as Pegasus the winged horse. Although the title and text under the map are in Latin, the text on verso is German.

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