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The famous fantasy map of Asia as Pegasus

BÜNTING, Heinrich.
Asia Secunda pars Terræ in Forma Pegasir.

Hanover, 1581-. Woodcut. Printed area 300 x 370mm.

£2,750

A fantasy map depicting Asia as Pegasus, the winged horse of Perseus. The head is Turkey and Armenia, the wings Scythia and Tartary, forelegs Arabia, hind legs India and the Malay Peninsula. This strange map appears in Bünting's Itinerarium, in which the author, a theologian, rewrote the Bible as a travel book, with other fantasy maps including the World as a cloverleaf and Europe as the Virgin Mary. Although the title and text under the map are in Latin, the text on verso is German.

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