



Pictorial map of France

ALEPH [HARVEY, William].  
 France.

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Anthropomorphic map of France. The text below the image reads, "A hook-nosed lady represents fair France, Empress of cooks, of fashions, and the dance. Her flatt'ring glass declares that vict'ry, power, Beauty, welth, arts are her imperial dower". It was published in 'Geographical Fun', a charming atlas of caricature maps of European counties, drawn, according to the preface, by a fifteen-year-old girl to amuse her sick brother. The author was, however, William Harvey (1796-1873), a London doctor and journalist, best-known for his book 'London Scenes and London People', 1863. The maps contain many references to the political changes sweeping through continental Europe, with representations of Garibaldi and Bismarck.

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