



A variant edition of Hadol's serio-comic map of Europe

HADOL, Paul.

Nouvelle Carte d'Europe dressé pour 1870. Carte drôlatique d'Europe pour 1870.

Paris, 1870. Wood engraving, printed in colours. 330 x 520mm.

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A separate-issue caricature map of Europe, satirising the political situation at the time of the Franco-Prussian war by caricaturing the countries with stereotypes. England is a crone with Ireland a dog on a lead, angry at being ignored by the rest of Europe; France and Prussia square up, preparing for the war that started in July that year; Prussia has one hand on the Netherlands and kneels on Austria's chest; Denmark has artificial legs, having lost Holstein also to Prussia; however, as in all the variants of this caricature over 50 years, Russia is the 'croquemitaine' (bogeyman). This very close copy of Hadol's map lacks his name, has different decoration around the title and minute differences to the design.

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