



The famous map of the river Thames

TOMBLESON, William.

Tombleson's Panoramic Map of the Thames and Medway.

London: G. W. Bacon & Co. Ltd., c.1880. Sheet 1290 x 275mm.

£1,000

Uncut version of this famous tall and narrow strip map of the Thames from its source near Cirencester to the Isle of Sheppy, with the Medway from Easton Bridge also to Sheppy. Many of the landmarks, for example St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, are illustrated in profile, making this a very decorative item. The map first appeared as a steel engraving in Tombleson and Fearnside's 'Eighty Picturesque Views on the Thames and Medway'. However only one in five books had the map inserted: they were sold sealed, so only a lucky minority of purchasers received the map. Because of its popularity further editions were published as a standalone booklet, this one by G. W. Bacon in the 1880s.

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