



Caricature map of Italy

ALEPH [HARVEY, William].
 Italy.

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A satirical map of Italy, with the peninsula filled with a portrait of Garibaldi, one of the heroes of the wars for Italian independence. The text below the image reads, "Thou model chieftain - born in modern days - Well may thy gallant acts claim classic praise. Uncompromising friend of liberty! Thy Photograph ennobles Italy". The map was drawn by Lilian Lancaster Tennant (1852-1939) for '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 of the text was William Harvey (1796-1873), a London doctor and journalist, best-known for his book 'London Scenes and London People', 1863. Her maps contain many references to the political changes sweeping through continental Europe, with representations of Garibaldi and Bismarck.

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