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AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

Wallis's Complete Voyage Round the World. A New Geographical Pastime.

Author

WALLIS, John

Publication date

1796 [1802].

Publisher

John Wallis,

Publication place

London,

Physical description

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Dimensions

480 by 615mm. (19 by 24.25 inches).

Notes

A re-issue of the first edition of Wallis's double-hemisphere map game. Players begin in Portsmouth and journey to London by way of Iceland, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, before returning home via New Zealand, traversing 100 stops in total, each with accompanying commentary on the

specific stop. Caution must be taken at particularly perilous points, such as the Magellan Straight where “the traveller is shipwrecked, and thereby loses his chance of the game”, while other stops offer a chance to see the sights, including the “famous pyramids” in Cairo and the grand Mosque in Mecca.

The game would prove to be incredibly popular and was published in later additions throughout the nineteenth century with updates made based on new discoveries – New Holland, for example, only features the city Port Jackson in the present edition while later examples include a slew of new cities and geographic features.

John Wallis (1745?-1818) was a British map and book maker, seller and publisher. After his first business Wallis & Stonehouse went bankrupt in 1778, he became well-known for producing games and puzzles for children. His business was based at 16 Ludgate Street, where the game map was published, from 1778-1805. From 1813 he worked in collaboration with his son Edward Wallis (1787?-1868), who continued the business after his death in 1818.

Bibliography

Whitehouse, fig. 2.

Provenance

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