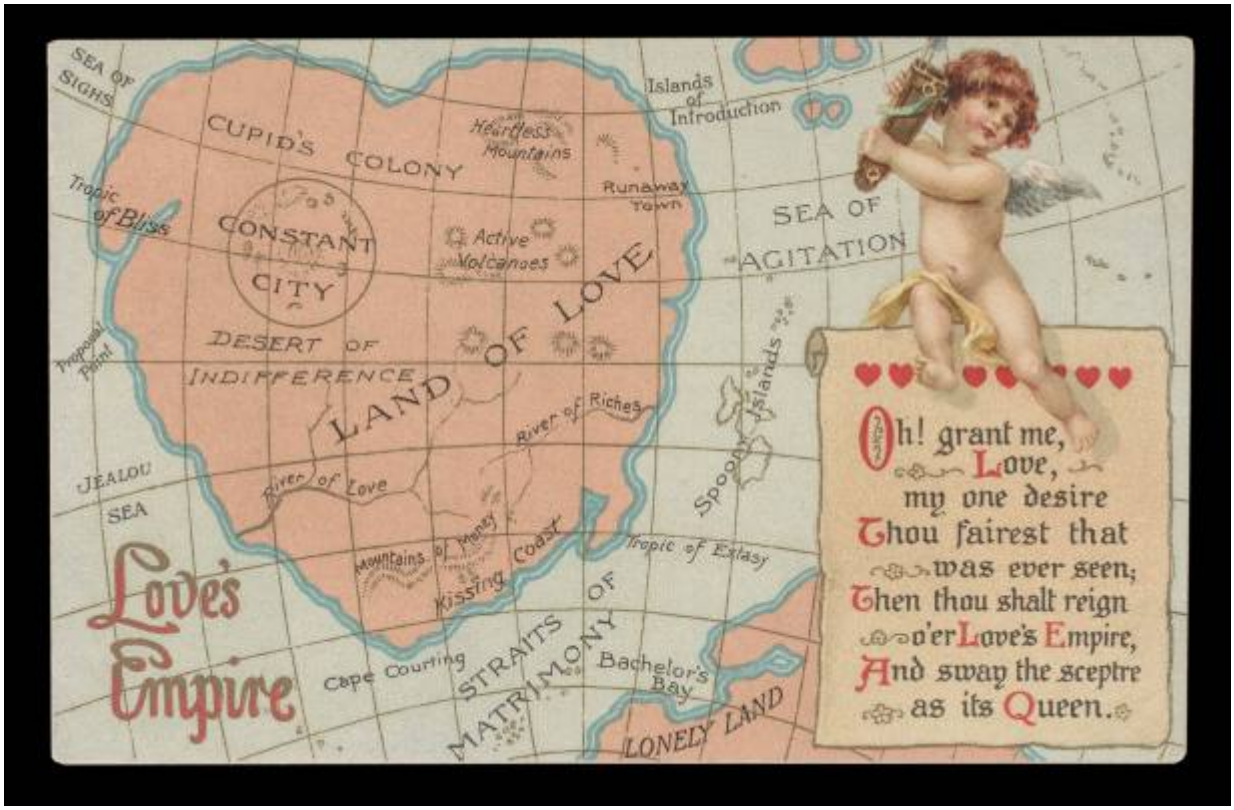



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## KISSING COAST

**Love's Empire**

**Author**
[ANONYMOUS]

**Publication date**
[c1900].

**Publisher**
Ernst Nister and E. P. Dutton & Co.,

**Publication place**
London and New York,

**Physical description**
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**Dimensions**
70 by 11mm. (2.75 by.5 inches).

**Notes**
A humorous postcard map depicting the Land of Love.

The Land of Love, to the left, is in the shape of a heart with 'Constant City' at its centre. To its south lie the rivers of 'Love' and 'Riches' and mountains of 'Money'. The lover should enjoy the 'kissing coast' and the tropics of 'Extasy' and 'Bliss', but try to avoid the 'Heartless Mountains' and

‘Runaway Town’. If one is luck you could reach ‘Proposal Point’ and the ‘Straits of Matrimony’, all the while making sure you are not wrecked on the coast of ‘Lonely Land’ and end up in ‘Bachelor’s Bay’.

To the right Cupid sits with quiver in hand on a love poem:

“Oh! grant me,
Love my one desire,
Thou fairest that was ever seen;
Then thou shalt reign o’er Lover’s Empire,
And swap the sceptre as its Queen”

Ernest Nister (1841–1906) was a publisher and printer of movable books for children and paper ephemera such as greeting cards, post cards, and calendars

**Bibliography**

**Provenance**

**Price:**

**Inventory reference:** 16454

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