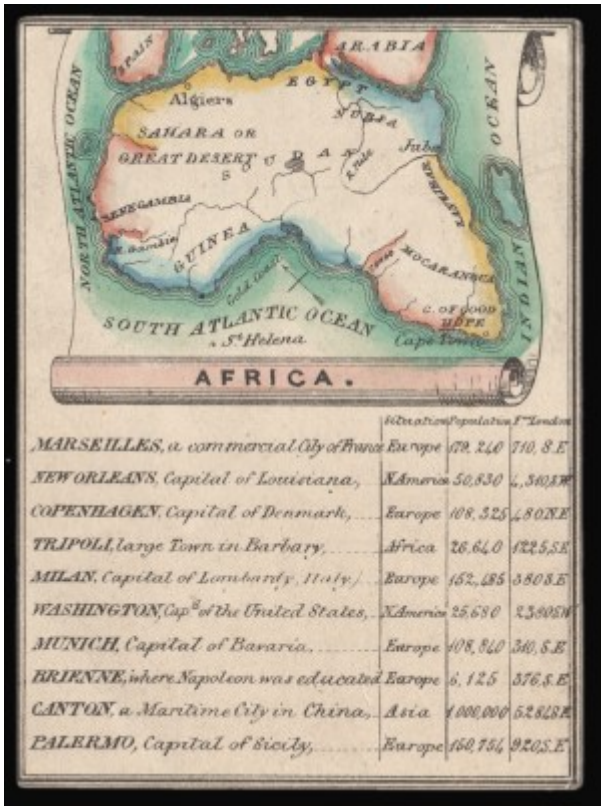

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AN UNRECORDED GEOGRAPHICAL PRIMER

[Set of nine card maps with views of cities to verso].

Author
[ANONYMOUS]

Publication date
c1840].

Publisher

Publication place
[London,

Physical description
Nine hand-coloured lithograph playing card maps, housed in original black morocco pull-off slipcase, gilt fillet borders.

Dimensions
(each card) 100 by 750mm. (4 by 29.5 inches).

Notes
An unrecorded set of nine card maps with city views to the verso.

The pack consists of the following cards:

1. Europe: verso View of Quebec, Canada.
2. Africa: verso View of Palermo, Sicily.
3. Asia: verso Rome, Italy.
4. North America: verso Athens, Greece.
5. South America: verso Nanking, China.
6. New-Holland: verso Cologne, Germany.
7. Great Britain: verso Cormayor, Switzerland.
8. Spain & Portugal: verso London, England.
9. Kingdoms in Europe: verso Paris, France.

Below the maps are tables listing major cities, towns, and geographical features with their geographical location, population size (where appropriate) and distance from London. The city views of the verso repeat the list of cities, towns, and geographical features (although not necessarily on the same card) together with their principal rivers.

It is unclear what purpose these cards served, other than that of a portable geographical primer. Although the set are not dated an approximate date of 1840 can be ascertained by the population of London recorded on the cards: 1,902,200, which is similar to the population recorded in the 1841 census.

Rare we are unable to trace another example of this set.

Bibliography

Provenance

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