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## HOLLAR'S PORTRAIT OF AN AFRICAN GIRL

[Print of an African girl with hair bonnet]

### Author

HOLLAR, W[enceslaus]

### Publication date

1645

### Publisher

### Publication place

Antwerp,

### Physical description

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### Dimensions

76 by 56mm. (3 by 2.25 inches).

### Notes

In 1645, after his escape from the Parliamentary forces that had captured him as part of the Royalist regiment and his return to Antwerp, Hollar published a number of portraits, the most remarkable of which show three diasporic African people. The present image shows an African girl wearing a laced bonnet and collar over neat dress, appearing to smile at the viewer. Unfortunately almost all the subjects of Hollar's portraits remain anonymous.

**Bibliography**

NHG Hollar 815; Pennington 2008.

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