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## A RARE PLAYING CARD OF BRUSSELS

£320.00

Die Niderlaender.

<b>Cartographer</b>	Anonymous.
<b>Date</b>	1680
<b>Stock #:</b>	25020
<b>Publication:</b>	German, c.1680. Printed border 80 x 60mm.
<b>Condition:</b>	Trimmed to printed border top and bottom, old ink numerals, re-margined with old paper for binding.

## DESCRIPTION:

A miniature view featuring stylised figures of a Belgian man and woman standing before a prospect of Brussels. A German text underneath describes them, explaining that they are like the Germans, except for those under Spanish rule.

This plate comes from an unidentified pack of educational playing cards, although this example has not been backed with card but bound in a volume. As each suit would be printed from one plate, it would have been trimmed close to the image, so needed new margins before binding.

Based on the cards we have seen we believe the pack followed the same format as the English pack by Henry Winstanley of c.1676, with the four suits being Europe, Africa, Asia and America.