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A RARE PLAYING CARD OF CALIFORNIA

£500.00

Die Californier.

Cartographer	Anonymous.
Date	1680
Stock #:	25019
Publication:	German, c.1680. Printed border 80 x 60mm.
Condition:	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 native Californians standing before a town with European buildings. A German text underneath describes them, writing that they go naked and just cover up their shame, and live on rice and venison.

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.