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A RARE PLAYING CARD OF ITALY WITH A VIEW OF ROME

£260.00

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Cartographer	Anonymous.
Date	1680
Stock #:	25513
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 of Rome, flanked by a man and woman to illustrate the local costume. A German text underneath describes Italians.

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.