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## A RARE PLAYING CARD WITH A VIEW OF LONDON

£700.00

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**Cartographer** Anonymous.

**Date** 1680

**Stock #:** 25016

**Publication:** German, c.1680. Printed border 80 x 60mm.

**Condition:** Trimmed to printed border top and bottom, one small stain, old ink numerals, re-margined with old paper for binding.

## DESCRIPTION:

A miniature view of a man and woman in Stuart dress standing before a prospect of pre-fire London, with the Norman St Paul's Cathedral in the centre. A German text underneath describes the English, writing that they have light yellow hair and beautiful wives, and drink beer!

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.