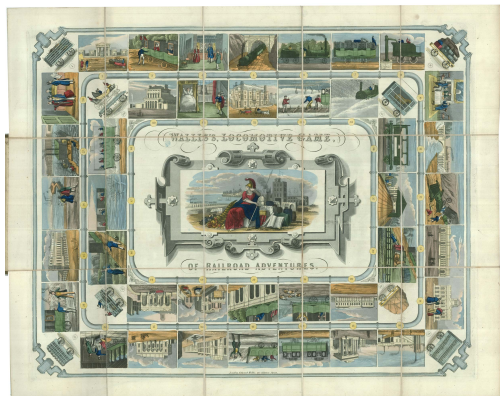




THE FIRST RAILWAY-THEMED BOARD GAME

£1,400.00

Wallis's Locomotive Game, of Railroad Adventures.

Cartographer [WALLIS, Edward.](#)

Date 1840

Stock #: 25499

Publication: London: Wallis, c.1840. Aquatint and engraving in fine original colour. Sheet 495 x 615mm, dissected, laid on linen and folded into the original cloth-gilt covers.

Condition: Without the rare instruction booklet. A very fine example.

DESCRIPTION:

An early Victorian 'goose-game', featuring 49 vignette 'squares' featuring locomotives and railway stations throughout England. These depict incidents like crashes, snowstorms and escaped pigs. The winner was the first to arrive at the large central square representing London Docks with an allegorical figure of Britannia surrounded by goods, including a cornucopia.

Edward Wallis (1787-1868) succeeded his father John Wallis as a publisher specialising in educational map-games of this type.

The National Railway Museum has a video of a demonstration game, explaining the rules and many of the forfeits (See <https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/objects-and-stories/what-was-worlds-first-railway-board-game>).