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A satirical map of Holland & Belgium

ALEPH [HARVEY, William]. Holland & Belgium.

London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1869. Original colour. 250 x 210mm.

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An anthropomorphic map of Holland & Belgium. The text below the image reads, "Dame Holland, trick'd out in her gala clothes, And Master Belgium, with a punchy nose; Seem on the map to represent a land., By patriot worth, and perfect art made grand". The map was drawn by Lilian Lancaster Tennant (1852-1939) for 'Geographical Fun', a charming atlas of caricature maps of European counties, drawn (according to the preface) by a fifteen-year-old girl to amuse her sick brother. The author of the text was William Harvey (1796-1873), a London doctor and journalist, best-known for his book 'London Scenes and London People', 1863. Her maps contain many references to the political changes sweeping through continental Europe, with representations of Garibaldi and Bismarck.

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