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An allegorical map of map of England

ALEPH [HARVEY, William]. England.

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

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Anthropomorphic map of England. The text below the image reads, "Beautiful England, - on her Island throne, - Grandly she rules, - with half the world her own; From her vast empire the sun ne'er departs: She reigns a Queen - Victoria, Queen of Hearts". 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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