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A 16th century town plan of Mexico City

VALEGIO, Francesco. Mexico

Venice: Donato Rascicotti, c.1598. 85 x 135mm.

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A rare miniature town plan of Mexico City, engraved by Valegio after the Braun & Hogenberg plan of 1572, and published in his pocket atlas of town plans, 'Raccolta di le piu illustri et famose Città di tutto il Mondo'. Of the 322 plans in this series, 112 are signed by Valegio, six were reissues of plates engraved by Martin Rota in 1572, and the rest were anonymous. This plate is more commonly seen in the later 1713 'Universus terrarum orbis' by Raphael Savonarola (also known as Alphonso Lasor a Varea).

KING: Miniature Maps, pp.76-7.

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