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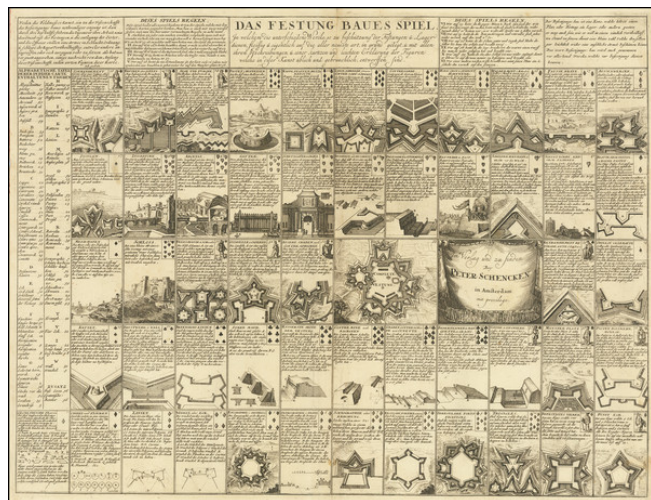
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**Stock#:** 72942  
**Map Maker:** Schenk  
**Date:** 1700 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 24 x 18 inches  
**Price:** \$ 2,500.00



## Description:

Rare 17th Century Military Fortifications Board Game

Fine example of Peter Schenk's rare "Military Fortifications Game," a set of playing cards describing the art of constructing defensive military fortifications.

The sheet comprises 52 playing card sized engraved panels, showing the French suits, each bearing an illustration of a military fortification element along with a brief explanatory text. The 53rd cards illustrate completed fortifications.

Along the top of the sheet additional panels list the game's rules, and a panel along the right edge contain an index of important terms. A central panel bear the Schenck imprint.

The sheet was intended either to be cut up for use as a traditional deck of cards or left intact for use as a board game, with the rules at the top. Players rolled dice to move around the board, with the first to arrive at panel 53 being the winner.

Johann Ulrich Stapf the Elder of Augsburg created a similar game board. There is also a French edition designed by Gilles de la Boissiere and published by J. Mariette and bearing the title *Jeu des Fortifications*.



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The British Museum, which holds all three editions, cites Boissiere as the original designer.

***Rarity***

The sheet is very rare on the market. This is the second example we have offered in over 20 years.

**Detailed Condition:**