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An important 16th century plan of Moscow

BRAUN, Georg & HOGENBERG, Frans. Moscauw.

Cologne, c.1575, Latin text edition. Coloured. 355 x 490mm.

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A fine example of this 'map-view' of Moscow, published in the second volume of the 'Civitates Orbis Terrarum', the first systematic atlas of town plans. The major buildings are shown in profile, with no consideration for perspective. On the frozen river Mosca are skaters and horse-drawn sledges and in the foreground are soldiers on horseback. This is the first of the two plans of Moscow issued by Braun and Hogenberg. A second appeared in the last volume, published in 1618, necessitated by Ladislas of Poland, who rampaged through the city in 1611.

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