



Britannia Lionizing our Modern Ulysses, from "Harper's Weekly"

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Primary Maker

Thomas Nast

Medium

Wood engraving on newsprint

Description

American Reconstruction Era. Woman and man with lion's head sitting in front of tree. Woman wears a helmet and ties wreath around lion's mane. Shield and trident to the right of woman propped up against tree. Captioned "'My heart burns for the prudent, ill-fated ULYSSES, who, in a sea-girt island, where is the centre of the sea, a woody island, and in her mansion a goddess dwells, the daughter of all-wise Atlas, who dens the depth of / the whole sea. But his daughter detains (ULYSSES) unhappy lamenting (?): and she continually soothes him with soft and winning words.'--THE ODYSSEY OF HOMER.'" typeset beneath title in black ink.

Dimensions

Composition: 20 in. × 13 1/2 in. (50.8 × 34.3 cm) Sheet (a): 15 3/4 × 10 11/16 in. (40 × 27.1 cm) Sheet (b): 15 3/4 × 10 11/16 in. (40 × 27.1 cm)