



Pirate and Platypus on a Leash

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Artist/Maker

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Medium

Offset lithograph

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TO ACCOMPLISH THE EVIL DESIGNS OF THEIR MASTER, THE DEVIL, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT WIZARDS MINGLE WITH PEOPLE. THUS WE FIND THEM IN THE ROLE OF MEDICINE MEN. THEY JOURNEYED OVER THE COUNTRY-SIDE LADEN WITH THE TRAPS OF THEIR TRADE - A KNAPSACK HUNG ON THEIR BACK & A POUCH AT THEIR SIDE. HEREIN THEY CARRIED CHARMS, HEX-SIGNS & HERBS & NOT INFREQUENTLY, NEEDLES, THREAD, PRETTIES & SUNDRY OTHER NOTIONS TO TEMPT THE PUBLIC. IN SPITE OF THEIR DEBASED CHARACTER WIZARDS HELD A CERTAIN CHARM ABOUT THEIR PERSONALITY WHICH LET THEM INTO THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE THEY SET OUT TO BEWITCH.