LOT 97
PLAYING CARDS--EARLY GERMAN PLAYING CARDS
TWO UNCUT SHEETS OF CARDS, PLUS A SET OF FOUR EARLY "UNTER" AND "OBERS"
Augsburg: Schneider, Christoph, [c. 1570], 12 cards on an uncut sheet (210 x 330mm.), woodcut (with the artist's name down the centre), plain verso, mounted in a frame, slightly soiled, traces of another sheet previously pasted to this one, defective at edges, presumably recovered from an old binding
Vienna: [?Hans Bock, c. 1579], 21 cards on an uncut sheet (205 x 345mm.), wormed, the outer cards cropped
Three "Obers" and one "Unter". [Germany, c. 1580 or later], 4 cards, each approx. 75 x 50mm., mounted in a frame

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LITERATURE
Ortiz-Patiño 5, 6 and 7; cf. Fournier, Germanic countries 12 (by Hans Bock of Vienna dated 1575)

CATALOGUE NOTE
These sheets contain cards with the German suit markings of hawkbells, leaves, acorns and hearts. The "Ober" card was the German and Swiss equivalent of the queen, and differentiates from the "Unter" who holds the suit symbol upside down.