Pentedatillo, Calabria

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Description

Edward Lear (1812-1888)
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Signed with monogram lower left
Watercolour
16.1 by 22 cm., 8 ¾ by 11 ¾ in.

Pentedatillo is a village visible on the steep slope of the peak at the centre, one of the five fingers, Pentedaktiloi in Greek. The town was originally founded by the Greeks in 640 BC and survived until 1783 when most of the inhabitants deserted it following an earthquake. From the mid-1960's until the 1980's it remained completely deserted, but in recent years volunteers have started to rebuild it.

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