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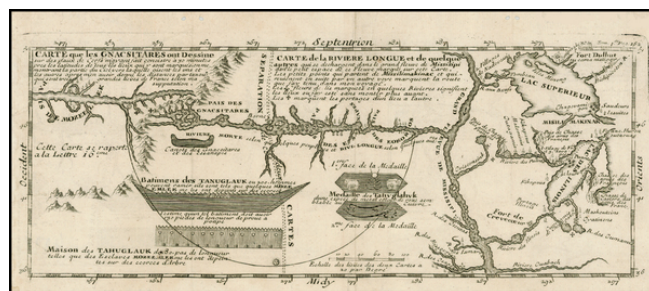
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Carte que les Gnacsitaires ont Dessine sur ... Carte de la Riviere Longue et de quelques Autres qui se Dechargent dans le Grand Fleuve Missisipi . . .

Stock#: 22571
Map Maker: Lahontan
Date: 1703
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of the map depicting Baron de Lahontan's imaginary west-east Long River (Riviere Longue), rising in distant western mountains and emptying into the upper Mississippi.

The map extends east to the Great Lakes to show Lac Supérieur, and Lac de Illinois (Michigan), along with a number of the early French forts and fur trading outposts. Extensive annotations and diagrams throughout.

Lahontan's map was one of the most influential of all mythical cartographic works, effecting the cartographic landscape of the upper Mississippi, Plains and Rocky Mountain Region=s for nearly 50 years. Issued in *Nouveaux Voyages de M. le Baron de Lahontan dans l'Amerique Septentrionale*, one of the most influential and fanciful works of its time. The map depicts the Longue flowing from the mountains in the west (Rocky Mountains), home to the Gnacsitaires Indians, and connecting to the Mississippi River. On the western side of the mountains is another river, presumably flowing into the Pacific.

Lahontan's concept was copied by virtually all 18th-century cartographers, including Moll, Senex, Popple, and Delisle, thus perpetuating the myth.

Detailed Condition: