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Europa Prima Nova Tabula

Stock#: 40624
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1552
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Munster's first modern map of Europe, with south oriented at the top of the map and a large sailing ship in the Atlantic.

The map is unchanged from the 1540 edition, with the exception of the addition of a form of longitude and latitude numbers, which only appeared in the 1552 edition of the map.

Munster's *Geographia* was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century. Munster is generally regarded as one of the most important map makers of the 16th Century.

Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call for geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than expected, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for his *Geographia*, first issued in 1540. Minor discoloration, but a nice example of this rare early edition

Detailed Condition:

Minor paper chip at lower right corner.