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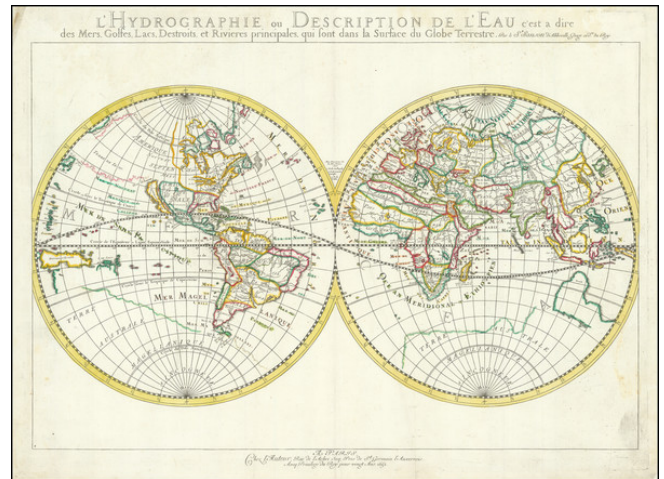
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Stock#: 43050
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1652
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest of Sanson's world maps and one of the earliest obtainable maps to show the 5 Great Lakes.

The map is based upon Sanson's 1651 map of the world (Shirley #390), but with more prominence given to marine and river features. California is shown as an island. Sanson has renamed Nouvelle Albion in the northwest part of North America as Terra de Iesso and the Detriot d'Anian has been moved to just north of California.

Australia is only partially shown, still marked Beach (after Marco Polo), and there is a faint outline of the southern continent labeled Terre Australe Magellanique & Incogneue. The curious massive land mass which nearly connected Asia and the NW Coast of America is also shown in a faint outline, which is very different than illustrated in Shirley #390.

There is no known explanation for this landmass, which extends to Nippon and would nearly double the size of the usual landmass shown in this area on Sanson's other World maps. A fascinating mystery!

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling