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Mappe-Monde, ou Carte Generale Du Globe Terrestre Representee en deux Plan- Hemispheres Reveue et changee endroits Suivant les Relations les plus recentes . . .

Stock#: 68215
Map Maker: Anonymous / Sanson
Date: 1695
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 7 x 6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

This is a nice example of a double hemisphere map of the world based on the work published by one of the most important mapmakers of the second half of the 17th century. The map shows California as an island, the mythical Terre de Iesso, and a remnant of the land bridge that nearly connected North America and Asia in many 16th and early 17th century maps. Many other curious features can be found throughout the map.

New Zealand and Van Diemen's Land start to take shape, but many other guesses in the South Pacific are less accurate. Western Australia (New Holland) can be easily seen, though eastern Australia is a patchwork of large islands. Islands throughout the Pacific appear, and a massive "Island of Fire" appears off the coast of Chile. A massive Terra Incognita appears around the south pole; this would soon disappear from maps before reappearing with the discovery of Antarctica.

This edition of the map closes the Bay of Baffin and shows no hint of a Northwest Passage. Amerique Septentrional is extensive, crossing the north pole and nearly reaching "N Zemlya," in the Franz Josef archipelago.

The map is ascribed to Sanson, though we cannot be sure that he was the actual author of this edition. Sanson was the first modern mapmaker to eschew decorative embellishment in favor of a clean and accurate style of map presentation. This became the norm in the 18th century, although he did retain



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cartographic details which were unsupported by modern observations, such as the myth of California as an Island and the Unknown Southern Continent.

This map most closely resembles Jans Luyts's Mappe-Monde (Shirley 553), though some differences are visible. It is likely, though not certain, that he is the creator of this map.

Detailed Condition: