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Stock#: 16985
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1561
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Munster's map of America is the earliest map to show all of North and South America in a true continental form. The first edition of the map appeared in Munster's *Geographia*, first published in 1540. It was the map's inclusion in the 1544 edition of Munster's *Cosmographia* that forever caused America to be the name of the New World, perpetuating Waldseemuller's choice of names in a popular and widely disseminated work.

The map includes a host of firsts, too many to include in this description. Early appearance of the Straits of Magellan, along with his ship Victoria in the Pacific. First appearance of Mare Pacificum (Pacific Ocean) on a map. Earliest appearance of Japan on a map, predating European contact and based solely legends, such as Marco Polo. The Yucatan Peninsula is shown as an Island. Lake Temistan empties into the Caribbean. The mis-information provided by Verazanno along the east coast of North America, including the narrow channel of land separating the Atlantic and a western ocean with direct access to Asia is shown. The map depicts cannibals in South America and names Florida.

From the 1561 edition of Munster's *Cosmographia*.

Detailed Condition:

Older Color, although likely not original.