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Europae II Tab [Spain & Portugal]

Stock#: 18692
Map Maker: Mercator
Date: 1595
Place: Duisburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine old color example of Mercator's map of the Iberian Peninsula, from his Geographia.

Of all the editions of Ptolemy, Gerard Mercator's edition of 1578, is technically the finest (MapForum). Mercator's intention was to produce an atlas of the classical world, that would serve as a companion to his modern atlas, as one part of a description of the universe. Mercator attempted to return to the pure form of the original Ptolemaic atlas, discarding the modern information which was added during the prior 100 years to various printed editions of Ptolemy. As it happened, however, only the classical atlas appeared in Mercator's life-time. The atlas is, also, noteworthy for its longevity, the original printing plates were still in use in 1730, over one hundred and fifty years after they were first engraved.

Detailed Condition:

Original Color