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Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Geographica Ac Hydrographica Tabula

Stock#: 23879
Map Maker: Cavazza
Date: 1642
Place: Bologna
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare example of Cavazza's highly distinctive map of the world, which originally appeared in Battista Riccoli's *Geographicae Crucis Fabrica Et Usus Ad. Rep Mira Facilitate . . .* an extremely rare early treatise on chart construction.

Cavazza's map is an exceptionally intricate latticework of geographical detail and decorative vignettes depicting ships and sea monsters. The map is highly detailed and includes over 100 place names in North America, a narrow El Streto d'Anian, Magellanica Sive Terra Australis Incognita (which includes Marco Polo's Beach, several mythical islands in the Atlantic and a host of other interesting early details.

The ornate brachia which adorn either side of Cavazza's map were intended to be cut out and used to form an instrument for determining times of daylight or darkness on the earth's surface.

Although the map is based on the geography contained in C.J Visscher's map of 1639, Cavazza has added a number of scientific diagrams as well as his own unique style of border decoration. The present example is in flawless original condition, having apparently been joined prior to its original binding into the atlas. Cavazza's map is rare, with only a few examples appearing in dealer catalogues over the past 25 years, the last in 1997 (Old Print Shop, Vol. LVI, No. 7). We are unaware of any other examples of two copies of this or any other map being joined in this manner.

Detailed Condition:

Left decorative border and left brachia in facsimile.