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**Orbis Terrae Compendiosa Descriptio Quam ex Magna Universali Mercatoris . . .
MDLXXXVII**

Stock#: 30829
Map Maker: Mercator
Date: 1587 (1620 ca)
Place: Geneva/Duisberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Attractive example of the Mercator's map of the World, first printed in Geneva in 1587.

This is the only collectible world map by Gerard Mercator, the greatest geographer of his era. Both his 1538 and 1569 world maps are unobtainable rarities.

The present work is a reduced version of the 1569 wall map of the world, on which the revolutionary Mercator Projection was introduced. Oddly, this folio version recast the map into a double-hemisphere format and did not employ the Mercator Projection.

Gerhard Mercator died in 1594, the year before his first world atlas was published. It would be several decades before a world map on his Mercator's projection would appear in a commercial atlas. A fine example of one of the most important and influential world maps of the 16th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Map has been professionally cleaned and flattened, with colors refreshed.