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Stock#: 33286
Map Maker: Ruysch
Date: 1507
Place: Rome
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Attractively colored example of Johannes Ruysch's map of the World, the earliest obtainable map to illustrate any portion of America.

Engraved on a fan-shaped conical projection, Ruysch's map incorporates the discoveries of the Portugese, Spanish and English explorers in America. Ruysch adopts Amerigo Vespucci's name "Mundus Novus" (New World) in South America, while the explored regions of North America (Terra Nova, Venlant, etc) remain attached to the Asian continent, consistent with the theories esposed by Christopher Columbus.

Between the two landmasses, Spagñola and a large landmass to the west float unattached to either continent, suggesting a wide direct water course to the riches of the Orient. In fact, Rusch speculated Spagñola was in fact Marco Polo's Spangu (Japan). The second landmass is likely the partially explored coastline of Cuba.

The Polar regions shows 4 large land masses in the Polar Sea, the first serious attempt to depict these regions on a printed map. The treatment of India, Eastern Asia and Africa are all considerably modernized from the maps of Ptolemy.

Ruysch's map is preceded by the Contarini-Roselli map of 1506, known in only a single example.

Detailed Condition:

Two sheets, joined. Trimmed at top and sides, just affecting the printed image.