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[Modern Map of the World] (likely a 20th century reproduction)

Stock#: 35672ll
Map Maker: Sylvanus
Date: 1511
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 16 inches
Price: Reference



Description:

Nice example of Bernardus Sylvanus' double cordiform map of the Modern World, published in Rome in 1511.

Sylvanus world map is one of the earliest obtainable modern maps of the World to include a portion of America, following the discovery of the New World by Columbus. Sylvanus's map is also the one of the earliest world maps printed in Venice and the first map printed in two colors.

Sylvanus's map is one of the first maps to show the newly discovered Americas, presenting a fascinating view of the post-Columbian world. South America is named "Terra Sanctae Crucis," with very large illustrations of the islands of Cuba and Hispanola. Further north is the island "terra laboratus" and a region named "regalis domus", resulting from the Portuguese explorations of the Corte Real brothers in 1501, among the earliest appearance of the coast of Northeastern North America on a printed map.

On the opposite side of the map the island of "Zampagv" (Japan), appears for only the second time on a printed map. The first appearance being on the Contarini/Rosselli map of 1506 of which there is only one known copy.

The land masses are vigorously engraved with mountain ranges, rivers and placenames, and the map is surrounded by decorative windheads and signs of the zodiac.

The sides of the map are embellished with information on the climates and several zodiacal signs on the left side of the map. The British Isles, the Indian Peninsula, and Africa all reflect the work of modern cartographers. No longer does a strip of land connect the southern part of Africa with Asia. However,



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Sylvanus does not include the New World, as he does in his cordiform map of the same date which appeared in the same work.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling. Image includes illustration of matting.