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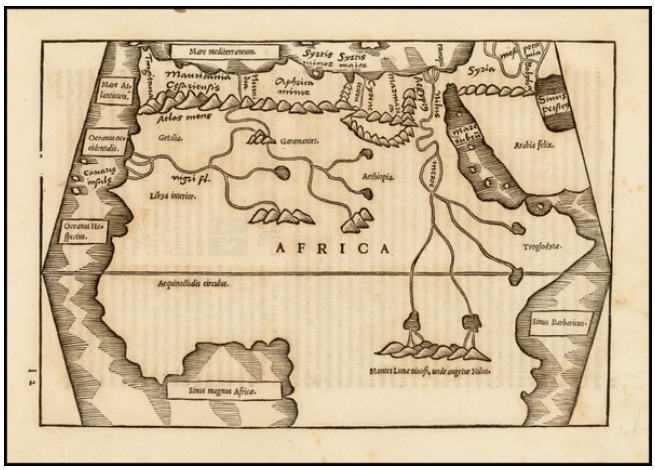
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[Africa]

Stock#: 41925
Map Maker: Solinus

Date: 1538
Place: Basle
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.5 x 6.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting early map of Africa, which appeared in the 1538 edition of Solinus' *Polyhistor, rerum toto orbe memorabilium thesaurus locupletissimus. Huic ob argumenti similitudinem Pomponii Melae de situ orbis libros tres adiunximus.*

The map provides an excellent early depiction of Africa for its time, based upon Ptolemy and some modern sources. The "Mountains of the Moon" (Montes Lunae), a mountain range in central Africa that is the source of the White Nile are prominently shown.

Solinus was a thid century Latin Scholar, who compiled a number of earlier ancient works in his *Polyhistor*, which contains a short description of the ancient world, with remarks on historical, social, religious and natural history questions. Much of the work is drawn from Pliny's work on Natural History and Pomponius Mela's work on Geography.

Detailed Condition: