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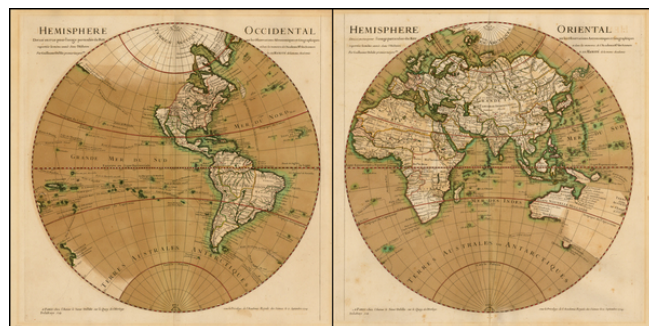
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Hemisphere Occidental Dresse en 1720 pour l'usage particulier du Roy sur les Observations Astronomiques et Geographiques . . . (and) Hemisphere Oriental Dresse en 1720 pour l'usage particulier du Roy sur les Observations Astronomiques et Geographiques

Stock#: 41966
Map Maker: De L'Isle
Date: 1724
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 20 inches (each)
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine old color examples of the state of De L'Isle's maps of the Western Hemisphere and Eastern Hemisphere, distinguishable from later states by the lack of any information regarding the Russian Discoveries after 1730.

The western hemisphere includes one of the earliest peninsular projections of California after Kino, in a configuration which became a standard for De L'Isle's and other maps.

The eastern hemisphere provides a marvelous look at the known coastline of Australia and suggests, but does not actually make a connection, between Australia and New Guinea, in what would become Queensland.

The Mer de Corea is shown.

The small piece of Cap Blanc and an inlet west of Quivira foretells the mythical depictions of De Font and D'Aguilar. There is a hint of the old land bridge from Compagnie's Land to the Northwest Coast of America.

The voyages of Vaisseau in 1710, Mendana, Gaetan, Magellan, Le Maire, Halley and Tasman through the Pacific are all depicted, as is the West Coast of New Zealand.

No sign of the Antarctic, other than a note of a discovery by Drake just above the polar circle. The Pacific is dotted with mythical islands. Some detail along the east coast of Australia. A nice example of the scarce



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first state of this map, bearing the date 15 Septiembre, 1724, and engraved by De la Haye.

Includes the mythical Juan de De Gama's Land, east of Yeso and Japan. De Gama land seems to be a part of the pre-history of the Northeast Coast of America, which would soon be laid to rest by the voyages of Bering, Cook and others in the region. In the early 17th century rumors began to circulate that a Spanish ship, traveling east from the Philippines to Mexico, had been blown off course and discovered a land in the north, rich in gold and silver as all unreachable lands were. In later versions, the ship became Portuguese with a captain named Juan de Gama. In some geographer's minds, de Gama's land and Ezo were one and the same. In others, Ezo was a part of the Asian mainland and de Gama's land was a separate land in the North Pacific.

From the 1720s to 1740s, De Gama Land was a source of intellectual debate, not as to its existence, but its exact location, with such important mapmakers and explorers as De L'Isle, de la Croyere and Tchirikow each opining as to its location.

Detailed Condition:

Full original color.