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Nueva Hispania Tabula Nova

Stock#: 43919
Map Maker: Gastaldi

Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 6.75 x 5.25 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Printed Map of Texas, Mexico and the Southwest.

Gastaldi's map of Mexico and the Southwest is the first printed map to focus on the Southern half of the United States and Mexico, including Florida and Texas.

Gastaldi's highly influential map is a composite of the latest discoveries in the region. The place names reflect the explorations of Pineda, Cabeza de Vaca, and Moscosso. R. Spiritu Santu appears (Mississippi River). California is showns as a Peninsula, one of the earliest depictions of California on a printed map (first shown by Cabot in 1544). The R. Tontonteanc is either the Gila or the Colorado River. Florida and Cuba are named. The Yucatan appears as an island, which would later be corrected in Ruscelli's map of 1561.

Perhaps the most influential map of the southwest during the 16th Century to appear in a commercial atlas. Not until Wyfliet's maps of 1597 would a better regional representation appear in a printed map.

Giacomo Gastaldi was the most imporant Italian mapmaker in the middle of the 16th Century, at a time when Italy was the most important of all European map printing centers. His maps published in the 1540s and 1550s were the most influential and widely copied maps in Europe until the publication of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum.*

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Detailed Condition:
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