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## **Nova et Accuratissima Totius Terrarum Orbis Tabula Auctore Joanne Blaeu (Unknown Variant -- New Plate!)**

**Stock#:** 55112  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1662  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21.5 x 16 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### **Description:**

#### ***cUnrecord Variant Of Blaeu's Double Hemisphere Map of the World.***

Previously unknown variant example of Joannes Blaeu's double hemisphere map of the World, originally prepared by Joan Blaeu for his *Atlas Maior* in 1662. The map was also included in contemporary composite sea atlases of the period by Goos and others.

The present example is readily distinguishable from the normal Joannes Blaeu World maps by the inclusion of 2 sailing ships off the west coast of South America and 1 ship off the southeastern coastline of South America. The ship below Australia is not present on this edition. The 3 flying fish at the center of the map in the Atlantic are also missing in this version of the map. Moreover, a close comparison of the two maps shows many differences, too many to describe, but clearly the result of having been printed with two different plates, not simply revisions to the same plate.

Unlike Blaeu's first world map which appeared in the majority of his atlases and was done on the Mercator projection, for this map Joannes Blaeu utilized a double hemisphere format and depicts California as an island.

This double hemisphere map was prepared at the end of the firm's publishing history and is much rarer than its predecessor. The engraving, layout and elegance of decoration are all of the highest standard. The map depicts celestial figures seated among the clouds and representations of the four season below, with each figure seated in a chariot drawn by beasts and birds. Because of the relatively scarcity of this map



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and Blaeu's prominence as one of the most influential and decorative map makers of the Golden Age of Dutch Cartography, this map has become especially sought after by collectors and increasingly scarce on the market.

An extraordinary discovery--unknown to bibliographers and collectors until discovery of the variant edition in 2014.

**Detailed Condition:**

Repaired tears at lower centerfold and minor repaired tear at upper centerfold.