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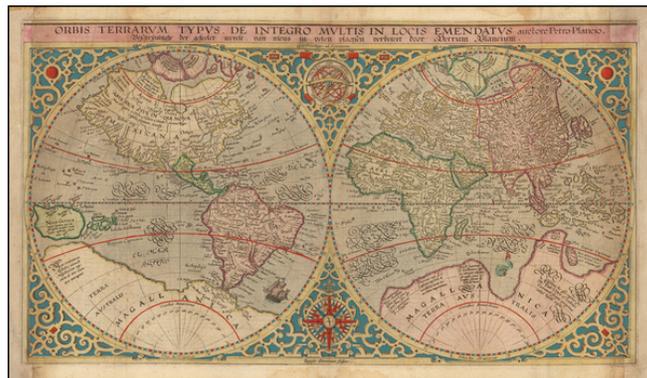
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Orbis Terrarum Typus De Integro Multis In Locis Emendatus auctore Petro Plancio

Stock#: 55179
Map Maker: Plancius / Van Deutecum
Date: 1590
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare First State of Plancius' 1590 World Map

Good example of the rare first state of Petrus Plancius's double hemisphere map of the World, engraved by Baptista Van Deutecum in Amsterdam in 1590.

As noted by Shirley, this is "one of [Plancius's] earliest productions," and is based upon Rumold Mercator's world map of 1587, but with corrections in South America and the inclusion of the Solomon Islands, derived from Ortelius. In addition to these changes, Plancius adds information derived from the latest Portuguese information regarding the west coast of America and the west coast of Asia. The depiction of Japan as one of three large islands is also unusual.

The depiction of the Arctic is consistent with Mercator's world map, as is the massive unknown southern continent, which includes references to Beach and other Marco Polo era names.

While at first glance, the map looks similar to Mercator's map of 1587, the two are easily distinguished from one another, including the Van Deutecum signature at the bottom of the map, the decorative flourish in the top right corner of the title and the variation in the titles (Mercator's map is entitled "*Orbis Terrarum Compendiosa Descriptio . . .*"). The map is also considerably rarer than Mercator's map. Shirley notes that "most of the maps prepared by Plancius are uncommon, if not rare, as they are not reprinted in standard atlas form."

Plancius's map first appeared in 1590, with Plancius' name in the title. Later editions appear in 1612 and 1621. The present example is Shirley's State 1, with Plancius's name in the title.

Detailed Condition:



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Restored at the left and right sides. Both neat lines added on left side and right side. Minor soiling. Few small wormholes filled near California.