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Nozwunder und Seltzame Thier/Wie Die In Den Nitnacßtigen Landern Gefunden Werden [Munster's Famous Chart of Sea Monsters]

Stock#: 6261
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1579
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice example of one of the most famous charts of mythical sea monsters. Munster's plate of monsters of both land and sea, taken from Olaus Magnus' "Carta Marina" of 1539, with abundant tusks, horns and twin-spouts. One vignette shows a galleon trying to outrun one monster by throwing their cargo overboard, while one sailor takes sight with a musket. Ortelius also adapted many of the monsters for use on his map of Iceland in 1587. One of the most sought-after of all 16th Century curiosities. This example has some repairs to the left margin, which just enter the lower left corner and some flattening and reinforcing at the centerfold. A visually outstanding example of the map. the repair work is outstanding and completely undetectable from the front of the image. The title has been shaved a bit at the top, far from the printed image.

Detailed Condition: