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Haemisphaerium Stellatum Australe Antiquum

Stock#: 63918
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1660
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of this finely executed map of the Southern Sky, illustrating the constellations of the Southern Hemisphere superimposed over the earth's Southern Hemisphere, first published by Andreas Cellarius in 1660.

The map provides a fantastic image of the stars, as if seen from deeper in space, so that each of the constellations is facing in the opposite direction from the way that the same constellations would be seen from earth. This projection reflects a theory that originated with Petrus Plancius, that the stars remained in a sphere-like configuration above the earth, which moved in coordination with the earth. This theory is found in the title of his atlas, *Harmonia Macrocosmica*.

This chart gives an up-to-date mapping of the constellations of the southern hemisphere, most notable for its inclusion of the most recently observed constellations, i.e. those that could only have been seen on voyages to the deep southern latitudes.

Detailed Condition:

Old color. Repaired fold split at lower centerfold