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(First Modern Map of the Continent of Europe). *Moderna Discrizzione Dell' Europa*

Stock#: 65760
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1542
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Printed Antique Map of Europe

Nice example of Munster's first modern map of Europe, with south oriented at the top of the map and a large sailing ship in the Atlantic.

The map is unchanged from the 1540 edition. Munster's *Geographia* was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century. Munster is generally regarded as one of the most important map makers of the 16th Century.

Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call geographical information about Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than expected, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for his *Geographia*, first issued in 1540. Minor discoloration, but a nice example of this rare early edition.

Detailed Condition: