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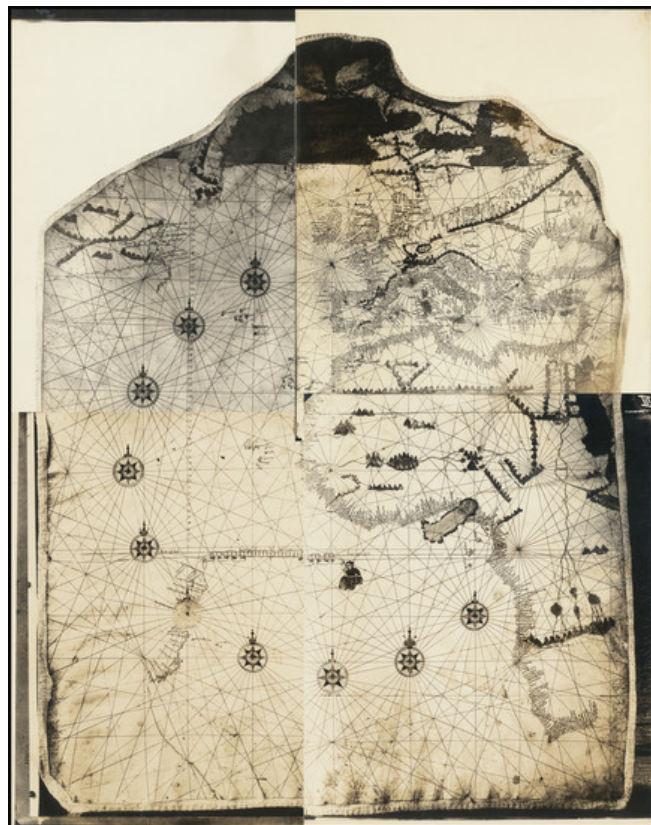
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[Early Photographic Facsimile of Kunstmann III]

Stock#: 66577
Map Maker: Anonymous
Date: 1506 circa (circa 1890)
Place: n.p. (Portugal?)
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

Photographic Facsimile of a Now-Lost Map of the New World, From the Collection of Edward Luther Stevenson.

An early photographic facsimile of the famed, and now-lost, Kunstmann III map of the New World.

Kunstmann III (Cod. 31-2) was one of at least three major maps that disappeared from the Armeebibliothek Munich in or around 1945. The other two maps were Kunstmann IV (Cod. 31-3) and the Munich Indian Ocean Portolan (Cod. 31-4).

This image of Kunstmann III is extremely important as it is likely the only good photograph of the map taken before its disappearance. As Kunstmann III was one of the earliest maps to show America (typically dated to circa 1506 or slightly later), this image is invaluable to scholars of the discovery of the New World.



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The map derives its name from Kunstmann's early facsimile atlas *Atlas zur Entdeckungsgeschichte Amerikas* (1859), in which several important manuscript maps were reproduced as lithographs.

Detailed Condition:

Photograph on four sheets unjoined. The above illustration shows the map as it would appear if joined.