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Mondo Nuovo (earliest obtainable map of North America)

Stock#: 66687
Map Maker: Porcacchi

Date: 1572 (1576)
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6 x 4 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the earliest obtainable map of North America, preceded only by Paolo Forlani's rare map of North America, published in Venice in 1565.

Until recently, the Forlani map had been attributed to Bolognino Zaltieri. The Forlani includes many firsts which were repeated in the Porcacchi map, including the first detailed depiction of the Straits of Anian.

The map reflects the second Cartier Voyage and early Spanish explorations in the Southwest, most notably Coronado's expedition. The treatment of the West Coast of North America, Baja California and the misdirected River flowing from the St. Lawrence area to the Atlantic are noteworthy. Porto de San Michel

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An essential map for North American Collectors.

Detailed Condition: