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Italiae Novissima Descriptio Auctore Jacobo Cataldo Pedemontano

Stock#: 67369
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1573
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Ortelius's "Kissing Neptune" Map of Italy.

Decorative map of Italy from the 1573 Latin edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the World.

This Ortelius's first map of Italy, with the scandalous depiction of Neptune embracing and kissing his companion. This imagery was copied by later mapmakers such as Jan Jansson.

In Ortelius's later, more common, edition of the map, the lettering in the Adriatic and Mediterranean is changed to a more ornate script. And most importantly the Neptune and his female companion are altered into a less scandalous

According to Van Den Broecke Ortelius used Giacomo Gastaldi's 1543 Venice-published map of Italy as a source. Other Italy maps mentioned in the "Catalogus Auctorum" are those by Bordone and Johannes Andreas Valvasorius, presumably from 1516.

This edition was published regularly from the first Ortelius atlas in 1570 to the French edition of 1581, and very sporadically thereafter.

Detailed Condition:

1573L(B)41 (40 copies printed) (full stop after the title located just above the horizontal stroke of the final capital A of the title; last line, centred like 2 lines above it: terranus ; Sabellicus ; & Dom.Niger ;sed absolutissimè Leander.),