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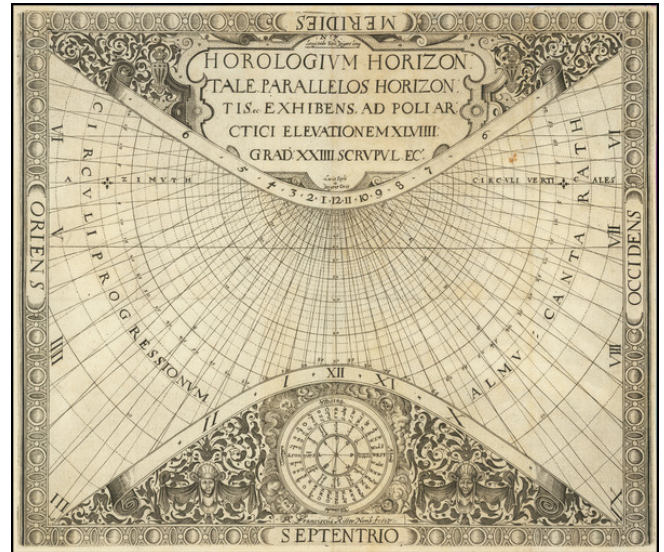
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Stock#: 77396
Map Maker: Ritter
Date: 1640 circa
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A 17th-Century Base Meant to be Used for a Sundial

Fantastic original antique copperplate engraving showing a base for a sundial. The engraving was produced by Franz Ritter in a treatise on sundials, which include the famous and incredibly bizarre "gnomonic" world projection, that is, a mathematically precise projection as if it were projected on a sundial.

By positioning a vertical object at the top end of the engraving, observing the location of the shadow at a certain time would allow for the time to be told. The Roman and Arabic numbers surrounding the map give the hour of the day. A number of additional lines emanate and divide the space into five-degree increments.

The map includes a number of decorative elements, including a compass at the bottom. The other decorative elements are distinctly baroque.

Detailed Condition:

Minor even toning and a single small stain.