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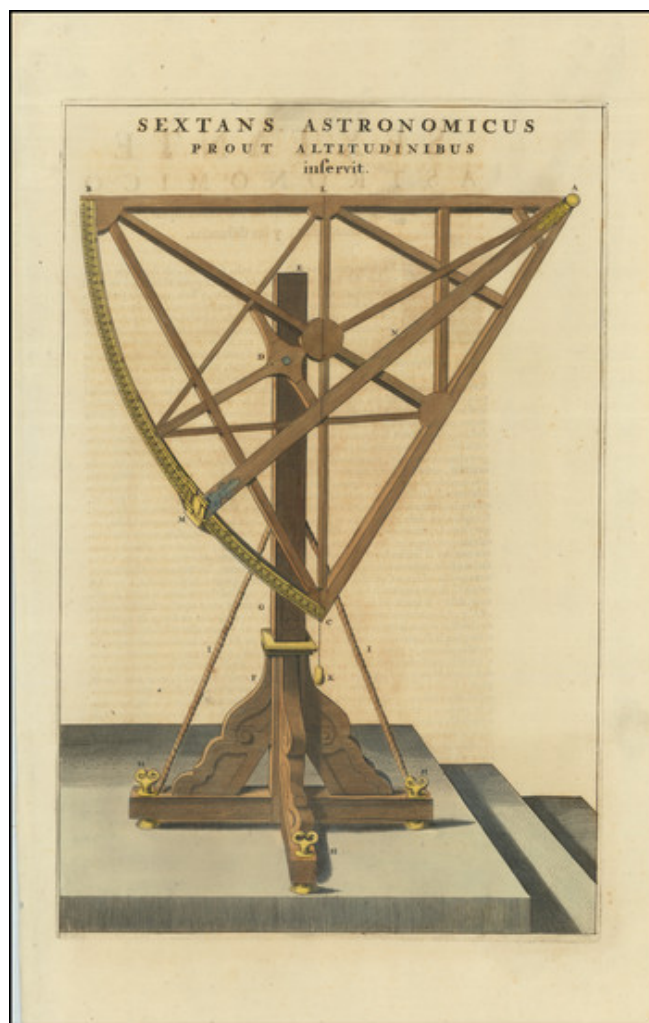
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Stock#: 85878
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1672
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 675.00



Description:

Tycho Brahe's sextant, from Blaeu's *Nuevo Atlas o Teatro del Mundo*, the Spanish edition of Blaeu's *Atlas Maior*.

Tycho Brahe (1546-1601) was widely considered the greatest astronomer of the second half of the 16th century. King Frederick II granted Tycho an estate on the island of Hven and the money to build Uraniborg, an early astronomical research institute, where he built his own large astronomical instruments and took many careful measurements of the orbits of planets and the moon. The telescope was not invented until seven years after his death.



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Blaeu's images of Tycho Brahe's instruments are drawn from Brahe's own woodcuts, first published in his *Astronomiae Instauratae Mechanicae* of 1598.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Minor show through of the text.